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BEST AFTER-BAR SCENE

Mickey's Diner 36 7th St W St Paul (651) 222-5633

Other restaurants in town have better burgers. But nobody has a better exterior than this joint.

First Avenue & 7th Street Entry

701 1st Ave N Minneapolis (612) 332-1775

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Y'All Come Back Saloon 830 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 332-0835

No one uses the full name of this place. Call it the Boy Bar of the Twin Cities.

Little Tijuana Restaurant 17 E 26th St Minneapolis (612) 872-0578

Not all Twin Cities restaurants roll up the rugs at midnight.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Pizza Luce

119 N 4th St Minneapolis (612) 333-7359

Minneapolis' answer to the East Village is this Warehouse District eatery.

BEST AFTER-WORK BAR

Pazzaluna Urban Trattoria & Bar

360 St Peter St St Paul (651) 223-7000

This chic Italian restaurant is always packed like an olive jar with more hopefuls thronging the bar.

Liquor Lyle's 2021 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 870-8183

Yes, it's loud, smoky and crowded, but everybody loves Lyle's.

Bar Abilene 1300 Lagoon St Minneapolis (612) 825-2525

This Uptown eatery boasts 25 different kinds of margaritas. Oh, and it serves tasty Southwestern food, too.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant

800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis (612) 338-3300

This high-powered restaurant tries its best to impress, usually with success.

The Local 931 Nicollet Ave S Minneapolis (612) 904-1000

This downtown Minneapolis spot is a perfect place to tip back a Guinness and indulge on some good Irish pub grub.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Brit's Pub 1110 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 332-3908

Voted Best Best After-Work Bar by Citysearch users!

BEST ANTIQUE SHOPPING

Antiques Minnesota – Midway

1197 University Ave W St Paul (651) 646-0037

Hard-to-find treasures can be found here.

Country Schoolhouse Antiques

5300 Hwy 12 Maple Plain (763) 479-6353

This former small-town school houses one of the best antique selections in the Twin Cities.

Antiques Riverwalk 210 3rd Ave N Minneapolis (612) 339-9352

If you're expecting a bumbled, last-leg assortment, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Theatre Antiques 2934 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis (612) 822-4884

A delightful hodge-podge of artifacts for swingin' old souls.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Mill Antiques 410 Main St N Stillwater (651) 430-1816

This warehouse of an antiques shop has a bit of everything.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Stillwater Antiques 101 Main St S Stillwater (651) 439-6281

Voted Best Antique Shopping by Citysearch users!

BEST ATTRACTION FOR VISITORS

Guthrie Theater 725 Vineland Pl Minneapolis (612) 377-2224

America's regional theater movement was born when Sir Tyrone Guthrie founded this Minneapolis company.

Mystic Lake Casino 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd NW Prior Lake (952) 445-9000

Gambling, national entertainment and a great buffet all day, every day.

The Mary Tyler Moore Show Tour Minneapolis

Minneapolis' most famous resident moved away decades ago, but it's still fun to visit her old haunts.

Skyways Downtown Minneapolis and Downtown St Paul

High above the busy one-ways, the world's largest skyway system protects downtown denizens from frostbite.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Mall of America I-494 & Hwy 77 Bloomington (952) 883-8800

It's big. It's plastic. It's a shopping experience like no other.

BEST BARBECUE

Lee's & Dee's Barbeque 161 Victoria St N St Paul (651) 225-9454

A Southern couple offers Yankees soul food from the heart.

Pickled Parrot - Minneapolis 26 N 5th St Minneapolis (612) 332-0673

For all its zany touches—pink flamingoes, a red pontoon plane diving from the ceiling—it's no joke.

Ted Cook's 19th Hole Barbeque

2814 E 38th St Minneapolis (612) 721-2023

Ordering the ribs hot will leave you feeling like you're wearing nuclear lipstick.

Scott Ja-Mama's Barbeque

3 W Diamond Lake Rd Minneapolis (612) 823-4450

It's about as far from Famous Dave's as you can get.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Famous Dave's BBQ & Blues - Calhoun Square

3001 Hennepin Ave S Minneapolis (612) 822-9900

The blues are hot and sweet, and the ribs are tasty and tangy.

BEST BARGAIN HOTEL

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Embassy Suites Hotel - St. Paul

175 E 10th St St Paul (651) 224-5400

It's not just the price, it's all that you get for that price that makes this place a true bargain.

Staybridge Suites 4675 Rahnclyff Ct Eagan (651) 994-7810

Imagine the perfect hotel. Now open your eyes: It's all here.



Holiday Inn Express 225 S 11th St Minneapolis (612) 341-3300
Opulence rarely seen in a budget hotel, plus a nifty location.

Quality Inn & Suites 41 N 10th St Minneapolis (612) 339-9311
A freshly renovated property in a unique location.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Holiday Inn Express**
1010 Bandana Blvd W St Paul (651) 647-1637
The railroad theme thankfully doesn't extend to the charming rooms, so no soot or grease will interfere with a good night's sleep.

BEST BIG EVENT

St. Paul Winter Carnival 2002
An annual fete celebrates community warmth in the January chill.

Taste of Minnesota
Minnesota's largest free-admission festival serves up tasty musical nostalgia.

Minneapolis Aquatennial
Community-wide festival touted as "The 10 Best Days of Summer."

Metris Uptown Art Fair 2001
Fifteen blocks of art. Just try viewing that much art and not finding something you like.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Minnesota State Fair**
The granddaddy of our state's summer festivals—and the one your granddaddy attended every year.

BEST BOWLING ALLEY

Stardust Bowling Lanes 2520 26th Ave S Minneapolis (612) 721-6211
A retro-galactic venue near two colleges, where cosmic hipsters toss glow-in-the-dark bowling balls.

Elsie's Bowling Center 729 Marshall St NE Minneapolis (612) 378-9701
This Northeast Minneapolis hot spot turns into a bowlful of Jerrys each Thursday night.

Park Tavern 3401 Louisiana Ave St Louis Park (952) 929-6810
Once one of St. Louis Park's only working-class beer joints, the Park has become an after-work destination for collars of all colors.

Jillian's Mall of America (I-494 & Hwy 77) Bloomington (952) 854-0330
Twelve state-of-the-art bowling lanes are only the beginning.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Bryant-Lake Bowl**
810 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 825-3737
Culture and bowling-alley kitsch collide here.

BEST BREAKFAST

Louisiana Cafe 613 Selby Ave St Paul (651) 221-9140
A neighborhood breakfast spot, even if you're not from the neighborhood.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Keys Cafe** 767 Raymond Ave St Paul (651) 646-5756
If Paul Bunyan married Betty Crocker, they'd feed you lumberjack platters of home-style Midwestern food like this.

Bryant-Lake Bowl 810 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 825-3737
Culture and bowling-alley kitsch collide here.

Al's Breakfast 413 14th Ave SE Minneapolis (612) 331-9991
An offbeat institution with character to spare.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Z's Cafe** 518 Selby Ave St Paul (651) 225-8933
If you're patient enough to tolerate inconsistent service, you'll get one of the best breakfasts this side of the Mississippi.

BEST BREWPUB

Sherlock's Home 11000 Red Circle Dr Minnetonka (952) 931-0203
The avuncular old man of local brewpubs still sets the standard others strive to reach.

Herkimer Pub & Brewery
2922 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis (612) 821-0101
It's one of the few places in Wedge-Uptown to hang out, eat and drink in a casual atmosphere.

Minneapolis Town Hall Brewery
1430 Washington Ave S Minneapolis (612) 339-8696
Old Minneapolis lives on in this handsome brew pub and restaurant on historic Seven Corners.

O'Gara's 164 Snelling Ave N St Paul (651) 644-3333
This St. Paul landmark serves traditional food and hearty libations and packs in music fans like sardines.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Vine Park Brewing Co.**
242 W 7th St St Paul (651) 228-1358
Stop by for a beer but stay for the food at this St. Paul pub.

BEST BRUNCH

Lake Elmo Inn 3442 Lake Elmo Ave N Lake Elmo (651) 777-8495
Dining here is like attending a big family dinner: happily noisy, with courses that take their own sweet time in coming.

Pickled Parrot 26 N 5th St Minneapolis (612) 332-0673
For all its zany touches—pink flamingoes, a red pontoon plane diving from the ceiling—it's no joke.

Famous Dave's BBQ & Blues - Calhoun Square
3001 Hennepin Ave S Minneapolis (612) 822-9900
The blues are hot and sweet, and the ribs are tasty and tangy.

Nicollet Island Inn Restaurant
95 Merriam St Minneapolis (612) 331-3035
Romantic and serene, this historic restaurant captivates with its cozy atmosphere, view of the Mississippi River and creative heartland cuisine.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Jax Cafe** 1928 University Ave NE Minneapolis (612) 789-7297
The Kozlaks know how to take care of you—right down to black matchbooks carrying your name.

BEST BURRITO

El Burrito Mercado 175 Concord St St Paul (651) 227-2192
This cafeteria offers some of the most authentic and delicious Mexican food in the Cities.

Z-Teca Mexican Grill 1428 Yankee Doodle Rd Eagan (651) 454-2119
Serves fat burritos bulging with fresh ingredients in sunny, comfortable digs.

Pasqual's 2528 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 374-1415
Southwestern food as it was meant to be.

Baja Tortilla Grill 2300 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 374-9900
No freezers, no microwaves, no lard, no MSG, no Styrofoam, and no problem filling every seat in the place.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Chipotle**
Calhoun Commons, 3040 Excelsior Blvd Minneapolis (612) 922-6662
Everything from the tortillas to the guacamole is made from scratch.



BEST CHEAP EATS

Mickey's Diner 36 7th St W St Paul (651) 222-5633

Other restaurants in town have better burgers. But nobody has a better exterior than this joint.

Copper Dome Restaurant 1333 Randolph Ave St Paul (651) 690-0993

A quintessential neighborhood breakfast spot where almost everybody knows the waitresses' names.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Quang Restaurant**

2719 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 870-4739

The food is bona fide, the service is friendly, and the prices are rub-your-eyes low.

Emily's Lebanese Delicatessen

641 University Ave NE Minneapolis (612) 379-4069

Go for the Lebanese food, the cheap prices and the local flavor, not for luxury.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Cossetta** 211 W 7th St St Paul (651) 222-3476

So Italian that Frank Sinatra has left a mark on the place—in the form of an airbrushed, autographed photo.

BEST CHEAP SEATS/FREE ART

Guthrie Theater 725 Vineland Pl Minneapolis (612) 377-2224

America's regional theater movement was born when Sir Tyrone Guthrie founded this Minneapolis company.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Minneapolis Institute of Arts**

2400 3rd Ave S Minneapolis (612) 870-3131

A splendid, sprawling building that covers much ground... physically, chronologically and culturally.

Taste of Minnesota

Minnesota's largest free-admission festival serves up tasty musical nostalgia.

Alive After Five at Peavey Plaza

After-work tunes for overworked downtowners.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **TC Tix** City Center, 30 S 7th St Minneapolis (612) 288-2060

Discount tickets? Hit this outlet at City Center.

BEST CHINESE FOOD

Seafood Palace Chinese Restaurant

5253 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 874-7721

File this Chinese restaurant under hidden treasures—and pleasures.

Village Wok 610 Washington Ave SE Minneapolis (612) 331-9041

Small Chinese restaurant with large menu is a landmark for University of Minnesota students.

Shuang Cheng Restaurant 1320 4th St SE Minneapolis (612) 378-0208

This is where to take those folks who moan that no one in Minnesota serves real Chinese food.

Yangtze Restaurant 5625 Wayzata Blvd St Louis Park (952) 541-9469
Near the intersection of Highway 100 and I-394, this restaurant keeps the near west suburbs happy.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Rainbow Chinese Restaurant**

2739 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 870-7084

This eatery distinguishes itself from the pack of local Chinese restaurants by its value and quality.

BEST COLLEGE BAR/CLUB

Tiffany Bar & Grille 2051 Ford Pkwy St Paul (651) 690-4747

This smoky Highland Park bar and grill is one of the prime hangouts for college students from St. Thomas and St. Kate's.

Lone Tree Bar & Grill 528 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 338-1730

A friendly attitude and phenomenal drink specials pack the bar at night with the young professionals who dine at lunchtime.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Grandma's Saloon & Grill**

1810 Washington Ave S Minneapolis (612) 340-0516

College types have studied the beer and each other at this West Bank favorite for a quarter-century.

O'Gara's 164 Snelling Ave N St Paul (651) 644-3333

This St. Paul landmark serves traditional food and hearty libations and packs in music fans like sardines.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Stub & Herb's** 227 Oak St SE Minneapolis (612) 379-1880

The very picture of a college bar, this is the U's unofficial heart.

BEST COMFORT FOOD

St Clair Broiler 1580 St Clair Ave St Paul (651) 698-7055

Plenty of joints try to re-create the homey feel of a 1950s-era diner. This one doesn't have to pretend.

Pearson's Edina Restaurant 3808 W 50th St Edina (612) 927-4464

The next time you're invited to dinner at Grandma's, bring Grandma here instead.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Modern Cafe** 337 13th Ave NE Minneapolis (612) 378-9882

You want pot roast. He wants walleye egg rolls. You're strapped for cash, but you demand the best. Head here.

Machine Shed Restaurant

8515 Hudson Blvd Lake Elmo (651) 735-7436

Large portions, homespun cooking and no regard for fat grams. Be prepared to loosen your belt.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Chickadee Cottage Restaurant**

9900 Valley Creek Rd Woodbury (651) 578-8118

Nobody comes to eat like a bird—this is upscale down-home food, served in hearty portions at low prices.

BEST CUP OF COFFEE

Bean Counter 30 East 7th St St Paul (651) 227-8283

This cafe is popular with accountants and other number crunchers who work in the World Trade Center.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Caribou Coffee** 2922 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 824-2025

This chain is the Twin Cities' own coffee achiever.

Bob's Java Hut 2651 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis (612) 871-4485

If Cafe Latte is too frou-frou for you, this motorhead hangout may be your speed.

Steep & Brew 5441 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 827-8283

The beans rank among the freshest, most flavorfully roasted in town.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Dunn Bros** 1569 Grand Ave St Paul (651) 698-0618

A throwback to the '60s-era coffeehouse, the original Dunn's beckons with freshly roasted beans and live music.



BEST DANCE CLUB

Y'All Come Back Saloon 830 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 332-0835
No one uses the full name of this place. Call it the Boy Bar of the Twin Cities.

The Quest 110 N 5th St Minneapolis (612) 338-3383
Prince failed to make this space work as a nightclub, but its current owners have a hit.

Ground Zero and the Front 15 NE 4th St Minneapolis (612) 378-5115
This smart spot is a pioneer of the burgeoning Northeast Minneapolis nightlife.

Gay 90's 408 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 333-7755
The megamall of Twin Cities gay clubs.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **First Avenue & 7th Street Entry**
701 1st Ave N Minneapolis (612) 332-1775
Made famous by the 1984 Prince flick "Purple Rain," the premier music club north of Chicago.

BEST DAY SPA

Simonson's Salon & Day Spa
13744 83rd Way N Maple Grove (763) 494-4863
This spa chain brings elegance—and gentle perms!—to the suburbs.

Tom Schmidt's Urban Retreat
1609 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 827-5595
This 7,000-square-foot spa and salon in the heart of Uptown is a beauty metropolis unto itself.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Spalon Montage** 3909 W 49 1/2 St Edina (612) 915-2900
The services at this upscale combination spa and salon ("Spalon," get it?) are first-rate.

Sanctuary Salon & Spa
995 Prairie Center Dr Eden Prairie (952) 949-1313
The elusive Fountain of Youth has been uncovered at this posh and industrious spa.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Juut SalonSpa - Uptown**
2945 Hennepin Ave S Minneapolis (612) 823-0977
See and be seen at Uptown's Temple of Glam.

BEST DAYTRIP

Stillwater, Minnesota Main Street
Ample antiques, fab restaurants and the chance to catch Jessica Lange in her sweats.

Brainerd (800) 450-2838 or (218) 829-2838
Land of sky-blue waters and huge blue oxen.

Duluth A cosmopolitan gateway to northwoods wilderness.

Taylor's Falls (651) 465-6661
Learn geology, ride the river or sample the small-town scenery.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Red Wing** (651) 385-5934 or (800) 498-3444
Views, shoes and famous salt-glazed stoneware.

BEST DESSERT

Savories 108 Main St N Stillwater (651) 430-0702
This bistro gets it right—right down to the sturdy froth on its cappuccino and its own high-quality desserts.

Christina's Cafe 121 4th St N Minneapolis (612) 375-0791
Breads and desserts look terrific and taste even better.

Mpls Cafe 1110 Hennepin Ave S Minneapolis (612) 672-9100
The menu is inspired, the long hours are hospitable, and service is friendly and attentive.

Afton House Inn Restaurant 3291 St Croix Tr S Afton (651) 436-8883
Rivertown romance and culinary history make this charming old restaurant and inn on the St. Croix River a dining destination.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Cafe Latte** 850 Grand Ave St Paul (651) 224-5687
After years of doing things right, this restaurant remains the grande dame of Grand Ave.

BEST DINING WITH MUSIC

Dakota Bar & Grill 1021 E Bandana Blvd St Paul (651) 642-1442
Long considered the grand dame of the jazz scene—respectable and unassailable, but not given to risky flights of fancy.

Sophia 65 Main St SE Minneapolis (612) 379-1111
Elegance is nearly a lost art in the Cities, but it waltzes on at this version of the Rainbow Room.

The Times Bar & Cafe 201 E Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 617-8098
Crowds flock to big bands and jazz belters at what's arguably the Twin Cities' loudest jazz club.

Jazzmine's 123 N 3rd St Minneapolis (612) 630-5299
Go for live jazz (local and national acts) and creative dishes influenced by Asia, France and the Louisiana Delta.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Famous Dave's BBQ & Blues - Calhoun Square**
3001 Hennepin Ave S Minneapolis (612) 822-9900
The blues are hot and sweet, and the ribs are tasty and tangy.

BEST FAMILY OUTING

Minnesota Children's Museum 10 W 7th St St Paul (651) 225-6001
A colorful, five-story indoor playground that educates as it entertains.

Minnesota Zoological Gardens
13000 Zoo Blvd Apple Valley (952) 431-9500
Siberian tigers, Imax movies and cloned cows—oh, my!

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Science Museum of Minnesota**
120 W Kellogg Blvd St Paul (651) 221-9444
Dazzling riverfront digs that house thumbs-up fun and hands-on learning.

Mall of America I-494 & Hwy 77 Bloomington (952) 883-8800
It's big. It's plastic. It's a shopping experience like no other.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Como Park** 1360 N Lexington Pkwy St Paul (651) 487-8200
With golf, flowers and a free zoo, it's a winner.

BEST FREE ATTRACTION

Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
Vineland Pl and Lyndale Ave Minneapolis (612) 375-7577
The Walker Art Center houses a world-class collection of contemporary art, and 40 of its most memorable works are outside.

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Chain of Lakes Minneapolis

The paths around Minneapolis' best known lakes are great for bike rides, and boast the Twin Cities' best human scenery.

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BEST FRIES

Matt's Bar 3500 Cedar Ave S Minneapolis (612) 722-7072

Despite getting plenty of media attention and best-burger awards, this place is still low-key and comfortable.

Annie's Parlour 313 14th Ave SE Minneapolis (612) 379-0744

This Dinkytown malt shop is as much a part of the University of Minnesota as Goldy Gopher himself.

The Malt Shop 809 W 50th St Minneapolis (612) 824-1352

A magnet for the young and the young-at-heart, who savor thick, scrumptious malts and shakes made the old-fashioned way.

Champps 790 W 66th St Richfield (612) 861-3333

It's a suburban chain restaurant with a sports-bar theme, but everything is done divinely well.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Buffalo Wild Wings

2100 Snelling Ave N Roseville (651) 636-9464

Chicken wings any way you want them and more TVs than you can count.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

McDonald's 2260 Rice St Saint Paul (651) 483-8197

Voted Best Fries by Citysearch users!

BEST GAY BAR

Club Metro 733 Pierce Butler Rd St Paul (651) 489-0002

St. Paul's biggest lesbian club, although the ratio of men and women is evening out.

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AUDIENCE
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Gay 90's 408 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 333-7755

The megamall of Twin Cities gay clubs.

Boom 401 E Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 378-3188

This gay bar is hopping, cool and packed with well-dressed men.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Town House 1415 University Ave W St Paul (651) 646-7087

You could be standing in any neighborhood bar, and then it hits you—all the couples are same-sex.

BEST GOURMET STORE

Penzey's Spices 674 Grand Ave St Paul (651) 224-8448

When your cooking needs just a pinch of something, you'll find that something here.

Cooks of Crocus Hill

877 Grand Ave St Paul (651) 228-1333

All the supplies a gourmet chef or gourmet chef at heart could dream of.

Bill's Imported Foods 721 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 827-2891

Not all olives are created equal. Learn to scorn the lowly pizza olive here.

Kitchen Window 3001 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 824-4417

Be a great cook. Or just look like one.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Byerly's 3777 Park Center Blvd St Louis Park (952) 929-2100

If you are sick of cooking pasta and burritos every night, walk these aisles for some new ideas.

BEST HAMBURGER

Snuffly's Malt Shop 1125 Larpenteur Ave W St Paul (651) 488-0241

The kind of lunch-counter charm that's often imitated but never quite re-created.

Joe's Garage 1610 Harmon Pl Minneapolis (612) 904-1163

A short walk from the Guthrie Theater-Walker Art Center complex, this restaurant elevates the lowly burger to new heights.

Matt's Bar 3500 Cedar Ave S Minneapolis (612) 722-7072

Despite getting plenty of media attention and best-burger awards, this place is still low-key and comfortable.

Convention Grill & Fountain 3912 Sunnyside Rd Edina (952) 920-6881

From the neon outside to the modern, teal-accented decor inside, this diner has heart.

EDITORIAL
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AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Lions Tap Family Restaurant

16180 Flying Cloud Dr Eden Prairie (952) 934-5299

True burgermeisters are drawn to places like this one, where their favorite food gets the best treatment.

BEST HOME DECOR STORE

Target 1515 Cty Rd B W Roseville (651) 631-0330

You'll spend more than you intend because everything in the store is so necessary. And neat.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Crate & Barrel 915 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis (612) 338-4000

Yuppie-ish? Yep. But it's no crime to want nice things.

5 Day Furniture 9056 Penn Ave S Bloomington (952) 884-5555

Short on atmosphere, tall on selection, low on prices, open only five days a week.

Room & Board 7010 France Ave S Edina (952) 927-8835

You may never resurface from a soft couch at this store.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Pottery Barn Galleria 3675 France Ave Edina (952) 925-0224

Despite being modelled after folk art and flea market finds, its furnishings never look shabby or old.

BEST ICE CREAM

Sebastian Joe's Ice Cream Cafe

1007 W Franklin Ave Minneapolis (612) 870-0065

Great desserts, a prime location and friendly service make this place the ultimate ice cream shop.

Crema Cafe 3403 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis (612) 824-3868

This Old World-style cafe delights customers with live music and some of the best ice cream in town.

Edina Creamery 5055 France Ave S Edina (612) 920-2169

You'll find a malted-milk ball at the bottom of your cone to plug any drips.

Izzy's Ice Cream Cafe 2034 Marshall Ave St Paul (651) 603-1458

You get an extra tiny scoop on top of your ice cream—like your cone has an "outie" belly button.



EDITORIAL
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AUDIENCE
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Grand Ole Creamery 750 Grand Ave St Paul (651) 293-1655
A sweet-smelling spot that servers up 32 flavors from a master list of more than 100.

BEST IRISH BAR

Half Time Rec 1013 Front Ave St Paul (651) 488-8245
Irish music five nights a week since the 1980s.

Kieran's Irish Pub Towle Building Minneapolis (612) 339-4499
You wouldn't expect to find a nice, old-fashioned Irish pub in the glass-and-granite confines of the Towle Building in downtown Minneapolis.

O'Donovan's 700 1st Ave N Minneapolis (612) 317-8896
Right across from Target Center and First Avenue nightclub, a friendly bit of Gaelic charm.

O'Gara's 164 Snelling Ave N St Paul (651) 644-3333
This St Paul landmark serves traditional food and hearty libations and packs in music fans like sardines.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Dubliner Pub 2162 University Ave W St Paul (651) 646-5551
No gimmicks, nothing fancy, just a simple, unpretentious neighborhood bar, just like they have back in Ireland.

BEST ITALIAN FOOD

Ristorante Luci 470 Cleveland Ave S St Paul (651) 699-8258
This is the Kirby Puckett of local restaurants: unassuming in appearance but almost universally beloved.

D'Amico Cucina Butler Square, 100 N 6th St Minneapolis (612) 338-2401
Flawless food and service, an incredible wine list and a designer setting don't come cheap at this top table.

Campiello - Uptown 1320 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 825-2222
There's something in the air here that suggests a real evening out.

Ciao Bella 3501 Minnesota Dr Bloomington (952) 841-1000
This is what armchair travelers would like Italy to be: sophisticated, welcoming and delicious—but not too different from home.

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360 St Peter St St Paul (651) 223-7000
This chic Italian restaurant is always packed like an olive jar with more hopefuls thronging the bar.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Buca di Beppo 2728 Gannon Rd St Paul (651) 772-4388
Voted Best Italian Food by Citysearch users!

BEST JUKEBOX

Turf Club 1601 University Ave W St Paul (651) 647-0486
St. Paul's divey last remnant of the '40s boasts cheap drinks, live music and a jumping jukebox.

Leaning Tower of Pizza 2324 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis (612) 377-3532
Piled-high pies, cheap beer and a jukebox spewing local music—that's Minnesotan!

Grumpy's 1111 Washington Ave S Minneapolis (612) 340-9738
You won't stay grumpy for long once you've visited this place.

Chatterbox 2229 E 35th St Minneapolis (612) 728-9871
A retro living-room vibe and tasty food make this former dive a destination.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

CC Club 2600 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis (612) 874-7226
Unassuming, comfortable and unpretentiously hip, this is a neighborhood favorite.

BEST KID-FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

Noodles & Company
Calhoun Commons, 3040 Excelsior Blvd Minneapolis (612) 915-6440
This "swift-serve" eatery offers crowd-pleasing, comforting carbs from around the world.

Sidney's 2120 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 870-7000
A relaxed atmosphere and perhaps the best gourmet pizza in town.

Old Spaghetti Factory 233 Park Ave Minneapolis (612) 341-0949
A family of four conceivably could escape for about twenty dollars, including tip.

Old Country Buffet 9 E 66th St Richfield (612) 869-1240
If buffet dining has long been the subject of jokes about Minnesotans, then surely this restaurant is somewhat responsible.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Fuddruckers 2740 Snelling Ave N Roseville (651) 636-3833
When it comes to building a burger, this restaurant starts at ground zero with fresh beef and buns.

BEST LATE-NIGHT DINING

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Pizza Luce 119 N 4th St Minneapolis (612) 333-7359
Minneapolis' answer to the East Village is this Warehouse District eatery.

Little Tijuana Restaurant 17 E 26th St Minneapolis (612) 872-0578
Not all Twin Cities restaurants roll up the rugs at midnight.

Cafe Barbette 1600 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 827-5710
This place doesn't much look like a French bistro, but for a meal that makes some magic, entrez ici.

Borealis 418 13th Ave SE Minneapolis (612) 623-9541
A come-as-you-are scene and home cooking for college folks—whether their moms are vegan, vegetarian or meat-and-potatoes.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Rubies 1614 Harmon Pl Minneapolis (612) 338-2089
Sassy servers, cute digs and unbeatable breakfast dishes served into the wee hours of the morning.

BEST LOCAL MUSIC ACT

Sounds of Blackness
Lifting their voices and listeners' spirits for 30 years.

Jayhawks
Bumpy roads throughout a decade-plus career haven't stopped these roots-rock heroes, celebrating their glorious fifth release.

Semisonic
Still feeling strangely fine after leveling audiences near and far with its lovely harmonies and irresistible hooks.

Mason Jennings
Rock fans find their folkie.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Prince
You can give Michael Jackson the title of King of Pop, but here's some true music royalty.



BEST LUXURY HOTEL

Hyatt Whitney 150 Portland Ave Minneapolis (612) 375-1234
Located in an immaculately restored flour mill in the heart of historic Minneapolis.

Radisson Plaza Hotel 35 S 7th St Minneapolis (612) 339-4900
Sleek, swanky and central. Perhaps that's why all the glitterati and captains of industry stay here.

Marquette Hotel 710 Marquette Ave Minneapolis (612) 288-2190
Elegant but not stuffy, brimming with extra perks, adjacent to the beautiful Crystal Court.

Minneapolis Grand Hotel 615 2nd Ave S Minneapolis (612) 339-3655
If you're a grand pooh-bah, you may want to stay here.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Saint Paul Hotel** 350 Market St St Paul (651) 292-9292
Landmark isn't a cliché here, the temporary address of the visiting elite since 1910.

BEST MARGARITA

Boca Chica Restaurante 11 Concord St St Paul (651) 222-8499
Owned by the Frias family since 1964, this restaurant (loosely, "little mouth of the river") is a St Paul favorite.

Pickled Parrot 26 N 5th St Minneapolis (612) 332-0673
For all its zany touches—pink flamingoes, a red pontoon plane diving from the ceiling—it's no joke.

Don Pablo's - Richfield 980 W 78th St Richfield (612) 861-9686
Like a Hollywood movie, Don Pablo's Mexican cuisine isn't quite authentic, but it's satisfying nonetheless.

Alamo Bar and Grill Mall of America Bloomington (952) 854-7456
The servings at this Texas-style meatery are sized with hungry ranch hands in mind, so work up an appetite before you go.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Bar Abilene** 1300 Lagoon St Minneapolis (612) 825-2525
This Uptown eatery boasts 25 different kinds of margaritas. Oh, and it serves tasty Southwestern food, too.

BEST MARTINI

Monte Carlo Bar & Cafe 219 N 2nd St Minneapolis (612) 333-5900
This venerable Warehouse District establishment offers rich yet simple fare in a setting rich with quiet history.

The Capital Grille 801 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 692-9000
If you prefer a traditional menu to a creative one, this restaurant is about as good as you can get.

Table of Contents 1310 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 339-1133
At this restaurant, ideas are spun, theater is analyzed, business is done, and the menu is poetic.

Campiello - Uptown 1320 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 825-2222
There's something in the air here that suggests a real evening out.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Morton's of Chicago**
555 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis (612) 673-9700
Martinis and steak fairly reek of the 1950s. Do people still indulge? They do every night at Morton's.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Dish** 1310 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 339-1133
Voted Best Martini by Citysearch users!

BEST MEN'S CLOTHING

Nate's Clothing Company 27 N 4th St Minneapolis (612) 333-1401
If good service sells, you're bound to walk away from this Minneapolis institution with a whole new wardrobe.

Hubert W White
Crystal Court, IDS Center, 747 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis (612) 339-9200
This coolly elegant men's outfitter offers old-world style and service.

Banana Republic - Mall of America
166 South Ave Bloomington (952) 854-1818
Consider yourself a bit of a clothes horse? This store carries stylish yet classic threads for men.

Gap Men's Store
Mall of America, I-494 and Hwy 77 Bloomington (952) 854-0880
This equal-opportunity fashion giant gives men the bountiful selection women take for granted.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Marshall Field's (Dayton's)**
700 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis (612) 375-2200
Minnesota's definitive retail emporium for nearly a century.

BEST MEXICAN FOOD

Boca Chica Restaurante 11 Concord St St Paul (651) 222-8499
Owned by the Frias family since 1964, this restaurant (loosely, "little mouth of the river") is a St. Paul favorite.

Taco Morelos 14 W 26th St Minneapolis (612) 728-5437
Gaspar Perez is extremely proud of his family-owned-and-operated restaurant—and with good reason.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Pepito's Tex-Mex Bar and Grill**
4820 Chicago Ave Minneapolis (612) 822-2104
A devoted clientele regularly waits in line to devour enchiladas that are as big as a rolled-up newspaper.

Viva Mexico 1900 University Ave NE Minneapolis (612) 781-3890
If you're looking for Americanized fare and 43 varieties of margaritas, look elsewhere.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **El Burrito Mercado** 175 Concord St St Paul (651) 227-2192
This cafeteria offers some of the most authentic and delicious Mexican food in the Cities.

BEST MUSEUM

Minnesota History Center 345 W Kellogg Blvd St Paul (651) 296-6126
Glorious architecture and expansive exhibits are fitting tribute to the past and present.

Minnesota Children's Museum 10 W 7th St St Paul (651) 225-6001
A colorful, five-story indoor playground that educates as it entertains.

Walker Art Center 725 Vineland Pl Minneapolis (612) 375-7622
A thought-provoking reflection of the uncertain world beyond its doors.

Minneapolis Institute of Arts
2400 3rd Ave S Minneapolis (612) 870-3131
A splendid, sprawling building that covers much ground... physically, chronologically and culturally.



EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Science Museum of Minnesota

120 W Kellogg Blvd St Paul (651) 221-9444

Dazzling riverfront digs that house thumbs-up fun and hands-on learning.

BEST OFFBEAT FINDS

Paris Flea Market and Belle Epoque

5005 France Ave S Edina (612) 928-9923

A little Left Bank chic at Edina's 50th & France.

City Salvage and Antiques

505 1st Ave NE Minneapolis (612) 627-9107

Archways, buffets, stained glass and other high-end items salvaged from old buildings, or from people's basements.

PPL Shop 850 15th Ave NE Minneapolis (612) 789-3322

Put your dollars to work within the community by shopping at this digger's delight.

Sister Fun 1604 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 672-0263

Cheap, tacky and wonderful trinkets from your long-lost youth.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Ax-Man Surplus

1639 University Ave W St Paul (651) 646-8653

Behind the smiling-executioner mascot is a wacky supply of surplus goods.

BEST OUTDOOR DINING

Maynard's 685 Excelsior Blvd Excelsior (952) 470-1800

The newest incarnation of the Excelsior Park Tavern sits mere inches from the gorgeous shores of Lake Minnetonka.

Loring Cafe and Bar 1624 Harmon Pl Minneapolis (612) 332-1617

A hip, artsy and urban hangout attracting aficionados as diversely interesting as its cuisine and decor.

Brit's Pub 1110 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 332-3908

All things British, whether you fancy soccer on the bar telly or a good hot plate of fish and chips.

Black Forest Inn 1 E 26th St Minneapolis (612) 872-0812

A venerable south Minneapolis eatery with solid German cuisine and a classy beer garden.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

W.A. Frost & Company 374 Selby Ave St Paul (651) 224-5715

An elegant setting for inventive and adventurous foods, plus one of the poshest patios in town.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Jax Cafe 1928 University Ave NE Minneapolis (612) 789-7297

Voted Best Outdoor Dining by Citysearch users!

BEST PARK

Baker Park Reserve 3800 Cty Rd 19 Maple Plain (612) 476-4666

A 2,700-acre oasis on Lake Independence, with a golf course, tons of trails and a neat playground for kids.

Hyland Lake Park Reserve

10145 Bush Lake Rd Bloomington (952) 941-4362

Prized by serious birdwatchers, beginning snowboarders and discriminating jungle gym aficionados.

Minnehaha Park and Falls

4801 Minnehaha Ave S Minneapolis (612) 370-4939

A 171-acre regional park best known for its massive (and impressive) falls.

Theodore Wirth Park

1339 Theodore Wirth Pkwy Minneapolis (763) 522-4584

A 500-acre park with great lake views, close to colorful wildflowers and green fairways.

Como Park

1360 N Lexington Pkwy St Paul (651) 487-8200

With golf, flowers and a free zoo, it's a winner.

BEST PERFORMING ARTS GROUP OR VENUE

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra

408 Saint Peter St, Ste 500 St Paul (651) 291-1144

Expect the unexpected from this stellar group.

Jungle Theater 2951 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis (612) 822-7063

Superb design, intelligent acting and exceptional interpretation come together here.

Prairie Home Companion With Garrison Keillor at the Fitzgerald Theater

Songs, skits, laughs and nostalgia, always above average.

Minnesota Orchestra

1111 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis (612) 371-5656, (800) 292-4141

An ever-changing but always remarkable showcase for music old and new.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Guthrie Theater 725 Vineland Pl Minneapolis (612) 377-2224

America's regional theater movement was born when Sir Tyrone Guthrie founded this Minneapolis company.

BEST PIZZA

Cossetta 211 W 7th St St Paul (651) 222-3476

So Italian that Frank Sinatra has left a mark on the place—in the form of an airbrushed, autographed photo.

Green Mill Brewing Company

57 Hamline Ave S St Paul (651) 698-0353

This local pizzeria manages to stand out year after year and bite after bite.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Pizza Luce 119 N 4th St Minneapolis (612) 333-7359

Minneapolis' answer to the East Village is this Warehouse District eatery.

D'Amico & Sons 2210 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 374-1858

The D'Amicos bring alta cucina down to earth in affordable salads, sandwiches, pizzas and pastas.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Davanni's Pizza & Hot Hoagies

2500 Riverside Ave Minneapolis (612) 332-5551

Everything you want in a hometown pizzeria.

BEST PLACE TO BIKE

Willard Munger State Trail St Paul to Carlton

One of the longest trails in Minnesota; soon you'll be able to bike from St Paul to Duluth.

Chain of Lakes Minneapolis

The paths around Minneapolis' best known lakes are great for bike rides, and boast the Twin Cities' best human scenery.

Mississippi River Blvd Parallel to the Mississippi River

More than 72 miles of silky-smooth trails, with scenic views of the mighty river.



Southwest Regional LRT Trail Corridors

Hopkins to Victoria and Hopkins to Chanhassen
Until the light rail debate is settled, enjoy these two scenic metro-area trails.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Luce Line Trail From Plymouth to Thompson Lake (320) 485-2535
Bike from Plymouth to west-central Minnesota on an abandoned railroad line.

BEST PLACE TO EXPERIENCE MINNESOTA

Lee's Liquor Bar 101 Glenwood Ave Minneapolis (612) 338-9491
A wood-paneled watering hole for the locals, and a world-class music venue for the kids.

Brave New Workshop

Calhoun Square 3001 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 332-6620
Improvisational comedy and topical satire have made this Dudley Riggs legacy legendary.

How to Talk Minnesotan

Like "Fargo," without the carnage and with music.

Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor at the Fitzgerald Theater

Songs, skits, laughs and nostalgia, always above average.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Minnesota State Fair
The granddaddy of our state's summer festivals—and the one your granddaddy attended every year.

BEST PLACE TO HEAR LIVE MUSIC

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Fine Line Music Cafe

318 1st Ave N Minneapolis (612) 338-8100
Popular downtown Minneapolis haunt where you're apt to hear a slightly more sophisticated mix of national and local acts.

The Quest 110 N 5th St Minneapolis (612) 338-3383

Prince failed to make this space work as a nightclub, but its current owners have a hit.

Bryant-Lake Bowl Cabaret Theater

810 West Lake St Minneapolis (612) 825-8949
Catch zany entertainment in this cute little tiered-seating room.

400 Bar 400 Cedar Ave S Minneapolis (612) 332-2903

Head honcho Bill Sullivan's shrewd booking has turned this West Bank haunt into one of the more exciting venues in town.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

First Avenue & 7th Street Entry

701 1st Ave N Minneapolis (612) 332-1775
Made famous by the 1984 Prince flick "Purple Rain," the premier music club north of Chicago.

BEST PLACE TO HIKE

Afton State Park 6959 Peller Ave S Hastings (651) 436-5391
This near-the-Cities gem offers great hiking, fishing and birding along the St. Croix.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Minnehaha Park and Falls

4801 Minnehaha Ave S Minneapolis (612) 370-4939
A 171-acre regional park best known for its massive (and impressive) falls.

Battle Creek Regional Park Lower Afton Rd St Paul (651) 297-2357
With something for everyone, this is one big park that's divided into three distinct areas.

Fort Snelling State Park Post Rd & Hwy 5 St Paul (612) 725-2389
Picturesque marshland near the airport.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Interstate State Park

PO Box 254 Taylors Falls (651) 465-5711
Sheer cliffs plunge to a roiling river only an hour's drive from the Cities.

BEST PLACE TO SEE AND BE SEEN

Pazzaluna Urban Trattoria & Bar

360 St Peter St St Paul (651) 223-7000
This chic Italian restaurant is always packed like an olive jar with more hopefuls thronging the bar.

Loring Cafe and Bar 1624 Harmon Pl Minneapolis (612) 332-1617

A hip, artsy and urban hangout attracting aficionados as diversely interesting as its cuisine and decor.

Brit's Pub 1110 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 332-3908

All things British, whether you fancy soccer on the bar telly or a good hot plate of fish and chips.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Chino Latino 2916 Hennepin Ave S Minneapolis (612) 824-7878

This is a big-group, loud-talking, leisurely eating-and-drinking kind of place.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

The Lounge 411 2nd Ave N Minneapolis (612) 333-8800

A tony Warehouse District night spot with European flair and loads of personality.

BEST PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

Chaska Town Course 3000 Town Course Dr Chaska (952) 443-3748
A pretty 18-hole course that knows how to keep a game moving.

Bunker Hills Golf Course

12800 NW Bunker Prairie Rd Coon Rapids (763) 755-4141
Popular metro-area course that hosts golf's living legends each summer.

Troy Burne Golf Club 295 Lindsay Rd Hudson (715) 381-9800

Designed by Minnesota native and PGA Tour player Tom Lehman and offering championship-caliber golf.

Ridges at Sand Creek 21775 Ridges Dr Jordan (952) 492-2644

Beauty and danger. This lovely course can be rough even for the experienced; but then, golf is a harsh mistress.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

The Wilds Golf Club

3151 Wilds Ridge Prior Lake (952) 445-4455
It may be expensive, but it's one of the most plush courses around.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Rush Creek Golf Club

7801 N Troy Ln Maple Grove (763) 494-8844
Voted Best Public Golf Course by Citysearch users!

BEST RADIO DJ

Tom Barnard

The 900-pound gorilla of Twin Cities radio.

Ruth Koscielak

A regular gal who discusses regular things with regular folks.

Katherine Lanpher

Brash, articulate and well-informed—a world-class talk-show talent.

Joe Soucheray

The Mayor delivers Garage Logic daily to the local yokels.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Mischke

One-of-a-kind, brilliant, and bizarre—proof positive of the magic of radio.



BEST RADIO MORNING SHOW

KQRS Morning Show

The "popular kids" of the Twin Cities morning radio schoolyard, toadies and bullying included.

KDWB's Dave Ryan in the Morning

This high-energy top-40 morning event is the Nickelodeon of local radio airwaves.

KSJN's Morning Show with Dale Connelly & Jim Ed Poole

The classical station's morning offering—low-impact, music-heavy, and rather precious.

Radio K's Rock and Roll Over

The only place in town to hear real alternative rock—plus a dizzying mix of other genres.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Cities 97 Morning Show

Heavy on the music, with style and smarts.

BEST RECORD/CD STORE

Let It Be Records 1001 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 339-7439

Bursting with so much Brit-pop, you can nearly smell the kidney pie.

Fifth Element Records 2411 Hennepin Ave S Minneapolis (612) 377-0044

Hip-hop, it won't stop, and it's booming from every corner of this fly Uptown emporium.

Cheapo - Uptown 1300 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 591-0909

A chain that boasts an indie aesthetic and an amazing selection of used and local titles.

Hymie's Vintage Records 3318 E Lake St Minneapolis (612) 729-8890

Serious music collectors and listeners pledge high fidelity to this outpost of outdated formats.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Electric Fetus

2000 4th Ave S Minneapolis (612) 870-9300

A well-heeled version of the '60s-era head and record shop.

BEST ROMANTIC BAR

Vintage Restaurant & Wine Bar

579 Selby Ave St Paul (651) 222-7000

Find romance and wine at this artfully restored Victorian mansion in St. Paul's historic Cathedral Hill neighborhood.

Bev's Wine Bar 250 3rd Ave N Minneapolis (612) 337-0102

At this comfortable, elegant Warehouse District spot, the focus is on the fruit of the vine.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Loring Cafe and Bar

1624 Harmon Pl Minneapolis (612) 332-1617

A hip, artsy and urban hangout attracting aficionados as diversely interesting as its cuisine and decor.

Bobino Cafe and Wine Bar

222 E Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 623-3301

The first serious, sophisticated restaurant in a commercial district long known for car dealerships and Polish sausage.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Lucia's Wine Bar 1432 W 31st St Minneapolis (612) 823-7125

Enliven all five senses through atmosphere, food and, most important, wine.

BEST ROMANTIC HOTEL

Afton House Inn 3291 Saint Croix Trail S Afton (651) 436-8883

A historic country inn just a block from the St. Croix River.

Lumber Baron 101 S Water St Stillwater (651) 439-6000

All the stylish excesses of the Victorian era wrap guests in splendor.

Saint Paul Hotel 350 Market St St Paul (651) 292-9292

Landmark isn't a cliché; here, the temporary address of the visiting elite since 1910.

Hotel Sofitel 5601 W 78th St Bloomington (952) 835-1900

If your tastes run toward the Gallic, this is your hotel. Even if you're a Francophobe, you'll still love the luxurious stay.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Nicollet Island Inn Hotel

95 Merriam St Minneapolis (612) 331-3035

Peaceful, cozy hotel with an intimate dining room—right on the river.

BEST ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

Vintage Restaurant & Wine Bar

579 Selby Ave St Paul (651) 222-7000

Find romance and wine at this artfully restored Victorian mansion in St. Paul's historic Cathedral Hill neighborhood.

Forepaugh's 276 Exchange St S St Paul (651) 224-5606

Romance is in the air at this elegant three-story home in St Paul's quaint Irvine Park neighborhood.

Loring Cafe and Bar 1624 Harmon Pl Minneapolis (612) 332-1617

A hip, artsy and urban hangout attracting aficionados as diversely interesting as its cuisine and decor.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Nicollet Island Inn Restaurant

95 Merriam St Minneapolis (612) 331-3035

Romantic and serene, this historic restaurant captivates with its cozy atmosphere, view of the Mississippi River and creative heartland cuisine.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

W.A. Frost & Company

374 Selby Ave St Paul (651) 224-5715

An elegant setting for inventive and adventurous foods, plus one of the poshest patios in town.

BEST SHOE STORE

Bay Street Shoes 3001 Hennepin Ave W Minneapolis (612) 824-5574

Shoes so cool people will think you didn't buy them in Minneapolis.

Nokomis Shoe Shop 4950 34th Ave S Minneapolis (612) 724-1406

You aren't going to get very far without a good pair of shoes.

Nordstrom Mall of America, I-494 & Hwy 77 Bloomington (952) 854-3131

Legendary service, shoes to die for and fashion-forward merchandise keep shoppers returning.

Schuler Shoes 7971 Penn Ave S Bloomington (952) 884-0242

This shoe store wants you to be a little nicer to your feet.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

DSW Shoe Warehouse

8236 Highway 7 St Louis Park (952) 931-9077

This footwear paradise lets you satisfy your shoe fetish at such bargain prices you'll wish you had more feet.

BEST SHOPPING AREA

Southdale Center 6601 France Ave S Edina (952) 925-7885

Behold the nation's first enclosed shopping mall, where that American institution had its humble beginnings way back in 1958.

Galleria 3510 W 70th St Edina (952) 925-9534

Posh Edina mall is packed with fab boutiques and an eclectic array of eateries.



Grand Avenue St Paul

Been mauled by malls? Take a refreshing step back in time and stroll down this 26-block-long St Paul thoroughfare.

Uptown Minneapolis Minneapolis

Young, hip and thoroughly gentrified, this city neighborhood offers great shopping along lively sidewalks.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER!

Mall of America I-494 & Hwy 77 Bloomington (952) 883-8800
It's big. It's plastic. It's a shopping experience like no other.

BEST SINGLES SCENE

South Beach 325 1st Ave N Minneapolis (612) 204-0790

Suits, cigars and a smoothed-out R&B attitude—a club for what Morris Day called the “Pretty People.”

AUDIENCE WINNER!

William's Pub & Peanut Bar

2911 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 823-6271

You can't go wrong with a menu of nearly 400 different brews, free peanuts and a basement overflowing with popcorn.

Brothers Bar & Grill 430 1st Ave N Minneapolis (612) 339-4240

Packer backers will find a touch of the Motherland in this downtown cheesehead hangout.

Banana Joe's 15 S 5th St Minneapolis (612) 333-6500

There's food on the menu, drinks at the bar and plenty of new friends to meet on the dance floor at this downtown entertainment Mecca.

EDITORIAL WINNER!

Tropix Beach Club 400 3rd Ave N Minneapolis (612) 333-1006

If you're young, chiseled and uninhibited, Tropix is a dance party meet-and-greet dream come true.

BEST SPORTS BAR

Gabe's by the Park 991 N Lexington Pkwy St Paul (651) 646-3066

Saints fans and Packer Backers make tracks for this St Paul haven.

America's Original Sports Bar

8100 24th Ave S Bloomington (952) 854-5483

A magnet for sports junkies. If the game you want to see is being televised, it's probably on here.

Joe Senser's Sports Grill 4217 W 80th St Bloomington (952) 835-1191

Like its former Viking owner, this sports bar is a solid player, offering good food in a jock-friendly atmosphere.

Jillian's Mall of America (I-494 & Hwy 77) Bloomington (952) 854-0330

Twelve state-of-the-art bowling lanes are only the beginning.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER!

Champpps 100 N 6th St Minneapolis (612) 335-5050

It's a chain restaurant with a sports-bar theme, but it does everything divinely well.

BEST SPORTS VENUE

Midway Stadium 1771 Energy Park Dr St Paul (651) 644-6512

Not much to look at, but the home of the St Paul Saints has a great personality.

Target Center 600 1st Ave N Minneapolis (612) 673-3865

Big-box arena that hosts the T-wolves, Lynx, big-name touring concerts and events from the circus to “Muppets on Ice.”

Hubert H Humphrey Metrodome

900 S 5th St Minneapolis (612) 338-4537 or (612) 375-1366

Whatever the weather, it's always time to play ball inside the Dome.

Williams Arena 1925 University Ave SE Minneapolis (612) 624-8080

Where the Golden Gophers shoot hoops.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Xcel Energy Center**

199 W Kellogg Blvd St Paul (651) 726-8240

A spectacular, sweeping glass facade greets visitors to this snazzy hockey arena.

BEST STEAK

Morton's of Chicago 555 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis (612) 673-9700

Martini and steak fairly reek of the 1950s. Do people still indulge? They do every night at Morton's.

The Capital Grille 801 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 692-9000

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Ruth's Chris Steak House 920 2nd Ave S Minneapolis (612) 672-9000

If simple, unadorned, good beef is what you're after, your steak has a first name—it's R-U-T-H.

Murray's 26 S 6th St Minneapolis (612) 339-0909

Little has changed since the legendary steaks first sizzled here in 1946, and everyone's grateful for that.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Manny's Steakhouse**

1300 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 339-9900

This restaurant is like a strip joint for beef—and a Mecca for steak lovers.

BEST SUSHI

Sakura Restaurant 350 St Peter St St Paul (651) 224-0185

This restaurant has hopped around, but the food remains top-notch.

Saji-Ya 695 Grand Ave St Paul (651) 292-0444

The servers are gregarious and the sushi impeccable at this Grand Avenue restaurant.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Origami** 30 N 1st St Minneapolis (612) 333-8430

Served with elegance and attention to detail, the food here doesn't disappoint.

Cafe della Vita 615 2nd Ave S Minneapolis (612) 752-9595

You'll find good taste amid these luxurious surroundings—where Italian, Asian and Caribbean influences fill the menu.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Yumi's Sushi Bar** 28 Water St Excelsior (952) 474-1720

Kick back and savor the simple pleasures of fresh and flawless sushi.

BEST TAKEOUT FOOD

Cossetta 211 W 7th St St Paul (651) 222-3476

So Italian that Frank Sinatra has left a mark on the place—in the form of an airbrushed, autographed photo.

Taste of Thailand 1671 Selby Ave St Paul (651) 644-3997

Its boxy storefront has all the charm of an office supply store, but the food will bring you back.

Chino Latino 2916 Hennepin Ave S Minneapolis (612) 824-7878

This is a big-group, loud-talking, leisurely eating-and-drinking kind of place.

Shorty & Wags Chicken Wings and Ribs

3753 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 822-0619

Famous wings make people brake, run in and run out with a hot bag.



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**EDITORIAL
WINNER!**

D'Amico & Sons

2210 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 374-1858
The D'Amicos bring alta cucina down to earth in affordable salads, sandwiches, pizzas and pastas.

**AUDIENCE
WINNER!**

Quang Restaurant

2719 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 870-4739
Voted Best Takeout Food by Citysearch users!

BEST THAI FOOD

Ruam Mit Thai Cafe 475 St Peter St St Paul (651) 290-0067
Consistently impressive Thai restaurant with a remarkable lunch buffet.

Taste of Thailand 1671 Selby Ave St Paul (651) 644-3997
Its boxy storefront has all the charm of an office supply store, but the food will bring you back.

**AUDIENCE
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Sawatdee 607 Washington Ave S Minneapolis (612) 338-6451
The Twin Cities' first Thai restaurant... and one of the best.

Royal Orchid 2401 Fairview Ave Roseville (651) 639-9999
A friendly brother-sister pair serve authentic, delicious Thai food in a strip mall near Rosedale.

**EDITORIAL
WINNER!**

King & I Thai 1346 LaSalle Ave Minneapolis (612) 332-6928
Reincarnation improves what was already one of the best spots in town for authentic Thai cuisine.

BEST VEGETARIAN FOOD

Pizza Luce 119 N 4th St Minneapolis (612) 333-7359
Minneapolis' answer to the East Village is this Warehouse District eatery.

French Meadow Bakery 2610 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis (612) 870-7855
A calming haven from fast food, smoky grills and loud eateries.

Good Earth 3460 Galleria Edina (952) 925-1001
Food that's so good, so natural, so close to the earth that it doesn't need much augmentation.

Borealis 418 13th Ave SE Minneapolis (612) 623-9541
A come-as-you-are scene and home cooking for college folks—whether their moms are vegan, vegetarian or meat-and-potatoes.

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WINNER!**

Cafe Brenda 300 1st Ave N Minneapolis (612) 342-9230
The serene cuisine at this natural-foods oasis does for a jaded palate what a massage does for weary muscles.

**AUDIENCE
WINNER!**

Quang Restaurant

2719 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis (612) 870-4739
Voted Best Vegetarian Food by Citysearch users!

BEST VINTAGE CLOTHING

Lula 1587 Selby Ave St Paul (651) 644-4110
This skinny shop is like your coolest friend's closet, ready to raid.

Gabriela's 1404 W Lake St Minneapolis (612) 822-1512
Racks of vintage clothing with real stories to tell.

Tatters Clothing 2928 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis (612) 823-5285
A key stop on the Twin Cities rock and roll lifestyle tour since the dawn of punk.

Ragstock - Warehouse Store
830 N 7th St Minneapolis (612) 333-6576
Hip new stuff and tons of vintage-wear.

**EDITORIAL
WINNER!**

Via's Vintage Wear

2405 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis (612) 374-3649
Uptown vintage clothing shop that'll never go out of style.

BEST WOMEN'S CLOTHING

Dana's Apparel 3946 W 50th St Minneapolis (612) 927-5052
Powersuits need not be stiff and scratchy. This store proves it with soft fabrics and relaxed styles.

Gap Women's Store

Mall of America, I-494 and Hwy 77 Bloomington (952) 854-1011
All your basic clothing needs, as well as new needs you didn't know you had, can be met by this classic mall clothier.

Nordstrom Mall of America, I-494 and Hwy 77 Bloomington (952) 854-3131
Legendary service, shoes to die for and fashion-forward merchandise keep shoppers returning.

Epitome Galleria, France Ave & 69th St Edina (952) 920-2978
A store that feels more like a big closet, with small selections of many collections and something for every occasion.

**EDITORIAL
WINNER!**

Marshall Field's (Dayton's)

700 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis (612) 375-2200
Minnesota's definitive retail emporium for nearly a century.

**AUDIENCE
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Ragstock - Warehouse Store

830 N 7th St Minneapolis (612) 333-6576
Voted Best Women's Clothing by Citysearch users!



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