



THE BEST
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SAN ANTONIO

This is it. The ultimate compendium of all things truly worthwhile in our wonderful, wacked-out city. These are the people, goods and services that make our town such a groovy place to live. Of course, we had to leave out a few categories for expediency's sake. Some ideas that didn't make the cut: fastest armadillo, best arm wrestler, best funeral home, craftiest politician, most stupid local commercial, best high school football team, best frozen yogurt, cheesiest bowling alley, most endearing television personality, best street bum, most courteous parking lot attendant, best leg waxing salon. To these and all other categories we may have neglected: our most humble apologies.

To assemble our data, we conducted an unscientific sampling of opinion in The Light newsroom. We did it that way because, as most people agree, journalists are uniformly refined, thoroughly informed, scrupulously discriminating people. It's also the cheapest way to do a survey.

This is not meant to be a guide for tourists. They can have the Alamo and the missions. This is a survey of all that's above-board, low-slung, high-brow, off-the-wall, over-the-edge, off-the-beaten-track, below-the-belt, on-the-mark and out-to-lunch, and as such, is reserved for those fortunate souls who call San Antonio home. And, to quote a famous little girl from Kansas, there's no place like home.

Best criminal lawyer:

We're not sure why this category elicited so many responses from The Light newsroom. But it appears the golden boy of local criminal law is Gerald Goldstein. His celebrated judicial triumphs include the Piedras Negras jailbreak case, the Brilab case and the Abcam case, in which he represented U.S. Rep. Richard Kely. When we called Goldstein, he had just won a \$27 million for future case. May you never have to shake his hand.