

#### House Cleaning Service FIRST Place (tie): Cleaned to Perfection

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Service specializes in real estate listings, rental properties, offices and restaurants. As one Facebook reviewer gushed: "I was shocked by the work this girl did! When she says Cleaned to [P]erfection, it was above and beyond."

THIRD Place: Helping Hands Cleaning Services 354–9630

### House Painter

# FIRST Place: Hawkes Painting 521–5237

John Hawkes' work must speak for itself: Beyond a sign on the side of his truck, he doesn't go out of his way to promote his business, yet he's made an impression on customers who've voted him Chico's best.

SECOND Place: SM Painting 321–1592

THIRD Place: Bestway Painters Inc. 343-0430

#### **Insurance** Agent

#### FIRST Place: Heritage Insurance

Agency

290 Airpark Blvd., 894-3276 In business since 1978, Heritage Insurance has operated as an independent agency with a Northern California base but has clients in Southern California, Idaho and Nevada as well. Steve and Kelly Mora head a team with expertise spanning agribusiness, commercial accounts, personal insurance, employee benefits and workers' compensation.

SECOND Place: Eddy Rodriguez, State Farm 45 Jan Court, Ste. 165, 899-0100

THIRD Place: Brad Jacobsen, Farmers Insurance 25 Jan Court, Ste. 120, 891-7900

# Jeweler

#### FIRST Place: Kirk's Jewelry 246 W. Third St., 891-0880

Jeweler/metalsmith Kirk Bengtson opened shop downtown in 1973 in a small second-story space. He soon expanded, moving down Third Street to a corner store at Salem, where Kirk's Jewelry became a fixture—acclaimed especially for custommade engagement and wedding rings. Dazzling earring, pendants and rings make the cases like a museum display.

SECOND Place: Olde Gold Estate Jewelry 225 Main St., Ste. 0, 891-4610

THIRD Place: Julianne's 1925 Market Place, Ste. 120, 342-3117

# Liquor Store

#### FIRST Place: Spike's Bottle Shop 1270 E. First Ave., 893–8410

Spike's is the source for new, hard-to-find craft beers, ciders, whiskeys and more. That's because owner Kevin Jaradah, who co-founded the lively online beer-geek group Chico Beer Enthusiasts, is committed to keeping his shelves stocked with interesting finds.

SECOND Place: Star Liquor 933 Nord Ave., 891-4842

THIRD Place: Mangrove Bottle Shop 1350 Mangrove Ave., Ste. 160, 342-7575

# Local Pet Store

#### FIRST Place: TrailBlazer Pet Supply 752 Mangrove Ave., 892–1848

At Trailblater, pets are the stars of the show. With shelves stocked with a wide selection of foods, treats and toys, plus grooming services where staff ensure each pup is properly pampered, this is a place where Chicoans return time and again. Add workshops focused on better understanding and caring for our fur babies, and you have a true onestop local pet shop.

SECOND Place: Chico Pet Works & Pet Salon 2201 Pillsbury Road, Ste. 186, 345-0934

THIRD Place: Northern Star Mills 510 Esplanade, 342-7661

### New Business (non-food service, open in last year)

FIRST Place: SkyLab Nails & Spa 611 Walnut St., 518-6908

Thousands of pairs of hands in Chico could use a little—or a lot of—flair, so it's no wonder that locals are already supporting another nail shop in a town with so many. SkyLab provides manicures, pedicures and massage chairs, all in a clean, new space.

SECOND Place: Plant Love 2267 Springfield Drive, Ste. 110, 330-5100 THIRD Place: Vang's Plants and Succulents Hub

116 Broadway, 487-8125

### Hursery

# FIRST Place: The Plant Barn & Gifts 406 Entler Ave., 345–3121

Open since 1980, the Plant Barn is the longestrunning nursery in Chico. Denise Kelly and Rolf Weidhofer have owned it since 2006 and have expanded the operation into a veritable nursery theme park, with sprawling grounds of plants and trees of all types plus an indoor/outdoor gift shop filled with eclectic items for the garden.

SECOND Place: Magnolia Gift & Garden 1367 East Ave., 894-5410

THIRD Place: Little Red Hen Nursery 189 E. 8th St., 891–9100

# Outdoor Living (patios, pergolas, pools, etc.)

FIRST Place: Patio Pros 11128 Midway, Ste. 3, 924-6400 For those who've wanted to make the outside of their home as comfortable as the inside, the Patio Pros have been the winning construction company. That's their specialty—building everything from pergolas to sun rooms to bring Chicoans closer to the outdoors.

SECOND Place: Lowe's Home Improvement 2350 Forest Ave., 895-5130

THIRD Place: Perfection Pools & Spas 172 E. 20th St., 895-0437

# Pet Groomer

### FIRST Place: Carol's Dog Grooming

975 East Ave., Ste. 160, 343–1554 Sixty years of grooming Chico's pooches?! That kind of staying power is earned with decades of professionalism and patience and a large base of repeat customers, some of whom have been bringing dogs to Carol's their whole lives.

SECOND Place: Mutt Cuts 2991 Esplanade, Ste. 130, 592-3156 THIRD Place: Coature Pet Spa

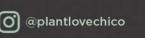
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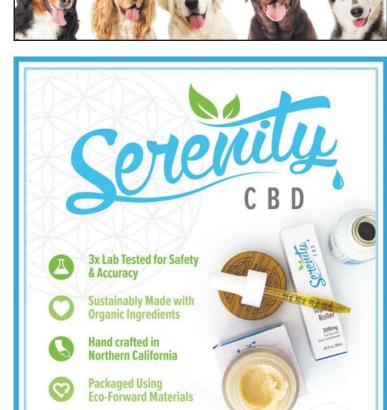
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