

20th Super Guide to Our Town

Atlanta

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Special People
and more!

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the consumer's
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discovers a
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Bennie's Shoes

Best of Atlanta

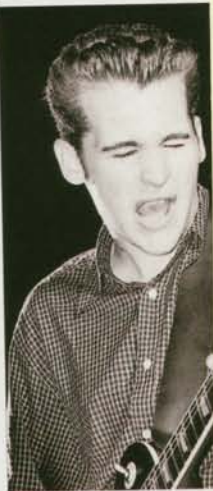
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sionally when he was just 14, Costello is now 21 and on the verge of breaking out. His second album, *Cuttin' In* (Landslide), was released in February, and his guitar playing is garnering national notice.



[Best Haberdashery for Musicians]

DISTANT REPLAYS, 310 East Paces Ferry Road, (404) 262-7741. The customer list of this purveyor of authentic replica athletic jerseys is a diverse "who's who" of recording-industry types, including Outkast, The Black Crowes, Indigo Girls, Jermaine Dupri, Goodie Mob, Dallas Austin, Kid Rock, Foo Fighters, Judy Collins, Snoop Doggy Dog, The 69 Boyz, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Sevendust.

Music Venues

[Best Club to Hear Live Music]

EDDIE'S ATTIC, 515 N. McDonough St., Decatur, (404) 377-4976. Signs that tell patrons not to talk during performances? God forbid, a music club that actually encourages people to listen! The next best thing to your living room.

[Best Concert Venue]

THE TABERNACLE, 152 Luckie St., (404) 659-9022. Now that the bitter taste of its House of Blues incarnation — where they charged extortion-level ticket prices during the Olympics — has washed away, it's time to appreciate this wonderful addition to Atlanta's live music scene.

[Best Blues Club That's Not Blind Willie's]

FAT MATT'S RIB SHACK, 1811 Piedmont Road, (404) 607-1622. While Blind Willie's is an Atlanta institution, it doesn't offer local bands beyond a select few. For up-

and-comers, there's no place like Fat Matt's. For 10 years now, Matt Harper has dished up mouth-watering ribs and a nurturing spot for rising blues musicians.

[Best Live Jazz]

DANTE'S DOWN THE HATCH, 3380 Peachtree Road, (404) 266-1600. Dante's has been around so long (30 years) that it's easy to take for granted. The Paul Mitchell Trio still swings nearly every night in this local institution for jazz.

[Best Country Music Club]

COWBOY'S CONCERT HALL, 1750 N. Roberts Road, Kennesaw, (770) 426-5006. It's always a hoot to see young farmers partying side by side with corporate CEOs. This is the place to go to see both up-and-coming acts and the legends of country music.

Drinks & Libations

[Best Bar Where Everyone Knows Your Name]

MIKE 'N' ANGELO'S, 312 E. Paces Ferry Road, (404) 237-0949. The most loyal regular crowd in Atlanta. You can still hear echoes of Buckhead icons Aunt Charlie's and The Place on Paces.

Best Place for a Beer
MAMPET'S TAPROOM, 3110
North Highland Ave., (404)
(404) 447-7000. The friendly all-
day beer garden features a
fine selection of local and
imported brews. The bar
is open until 11 p.m. and
features live music. The
place is a true Atlanta
institution. **MIKE 'N' ANGELO'S** was
ranked as the best bar in the city.

[Best Wine Bar]

SOHO CAFÉ, 4300 Paces Ferry Road, Vinings, (770) 801-0069. More than 100 wines by the glass. Wednesday's "Flight Night" is a popular wine-tasting odyssey for connoisseurs and beginners alike.

[Best Piano Bar]

BELUGA MARTINI BAR, 3115 Piedmont Road, (404) 869-1090. Great pianists +

liquors + art deco = perfect destination for after-dinner drinks

[James Bond Go for a Martini]

CARLTON, 181 Peachtree St., (404) 659-0400, for a not stirred, refresher.

[Where Sinatra Would Sit at the Bar]

LIDDY'S, 3401 Northside Parkway, (404) 237-1943. Just what the city needed, a new plush and elegant music room devoted to the everlasting art of cabaret.

[Where Billie Holiday Would Sing]

SAMBUCA JAZZ CAFÉ, 3102 Piedmont Road, (404) 237-5299. A jazz room that harkens back to the splendor of the old Cotton Club in New York.

[Best Mixed Drinks]

CHOPS, 70 West Paces Ferry Road, (404) 262-2675. It's known for food, but the bar is manned by top-of-the-line mixologists.

[Most Attentive Bartenders]

EUCLID AVENUE YACHT CLUB, 1136 Euclid Ave., (404) 688-2582. The service is thorough without being pushy, and the bartenders are friendly without being presumptuous.

[The Bar That Says "Atlanta"]

THE STEIN CLUB, 929 Peachtree St., Take a quaint neighborhood joint, tear it down and then develop the hell out of the property. R.I.P. >>>

