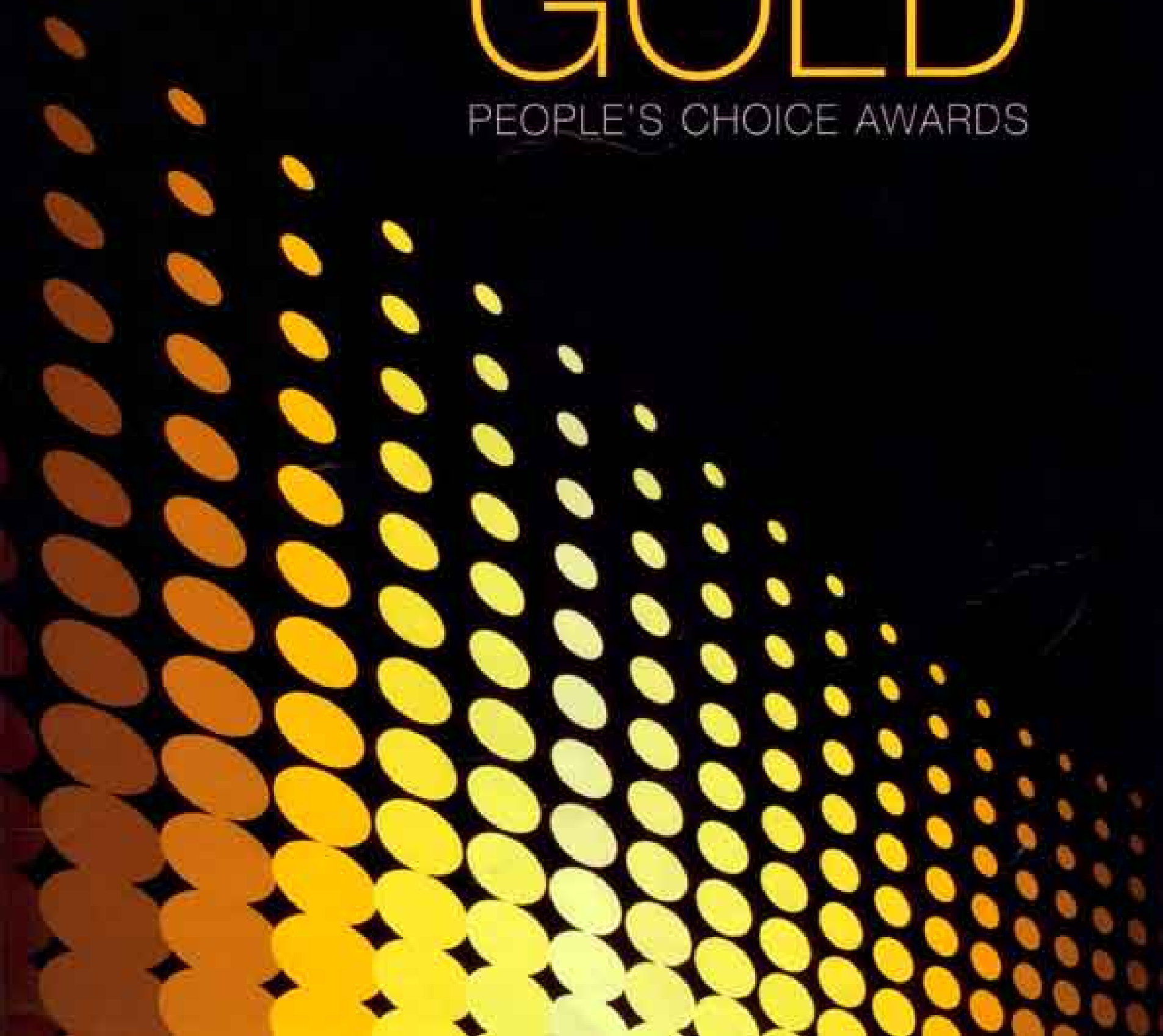


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## BEST GIFT SHOP (TIE)

### 1st **Jacque Michelle**

2670 Broadway, Boulder, 303.786.7628

Owner Jacque Michelle has assembled a first-rate collection of fashionable, casual women's clothing, gift items, greeting cards and art just perfect for gift-giving – if you can bear to part with your treasures. Customers return again and again, and with each visit, they find new items that tempt and enchant. From a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry to a signature sweater, expect to find unique gifts that you'll be excited to give, and even more excited to receive. Jacque Michelle makes gift-giving fun!

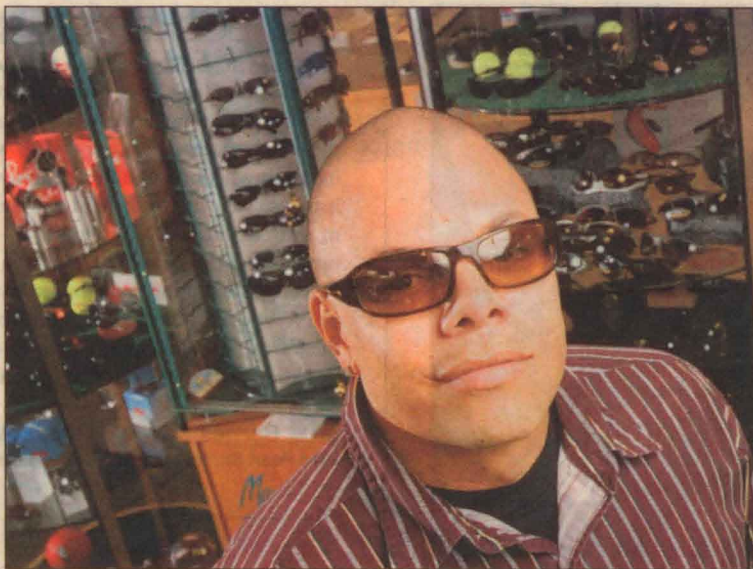
### 1st **Paper Doll**

1141 Pearl St., Boulder, 303.449.1661

Is gift-giving giving you the fits? It's time to visit Paper Doll, where you will find an amazing variety of imaginative gifts, from retro collectibles and jewelry to artful items for the home that will make even your hard-to-pleasers smile. "The perfect gift," says owner Troy Rivington, "is one that brings joy, makes you laugh or feel sentimental." There's a great selection of stuff for kids (of all ages) here, too. Need a card to go with that perfect gift? There's a wall full, for every special person and event. Wrapping paper? Paper Doll has you covered.

### RU **Blue Skies Gifts**

1110 Pearl St., Boulder, 303.440.3304,  
www.blueskiesboulder.com



## BEST EYE CARE STORE

### 1st **Aspen Eyewear**

2525 Arapahoe Ave., Suite E-23, Boulder, 303.447.0210  
www.aspeneyewear.com

It's easy to see why we like Aspen Eyewear so much. Active, outdoor lifestyles can be tough on your eyes – and they deserve some TLC. It starts with a professional eye exam, of course. Then perhaps a pair of prescription sunglasses or prescription ski goggles. If you're the indoors type, don't miss the huge selection of frames in all of the popular styles. "People are looking for more stylish eyewear," says manager Jen Ebner. "Retro styles from the '50s and '60s are really popular, and anything with a bit of flash." What's behind the success at family-owned Aspen Eyewear? "We have the best customers and the best employees," Ebner says.

### RU **Wink Optical**

3301 30th St., Boulder, 303.443.4311, www.winkoptical.net



## BEST GROCERY STORE

### 1st **Whole Foods**

2905 Pearl St., Boulder, 303.545.6611  
www.wholefoodsmarket.com

We have a passion for food, and we want the best. That's why Whole Foods is our favorite store for quality produce, free-range meats, organic foods and specialty items you won't find anywhere else. "We have strong relationships with local producers, which guarantees the freshest foods and helps reduce our carbon footprint," says Laura Larson, marketing specialist. The astonishing varieties of artisan specialty foods – like teas, coffee, cheeses and chocolates – make each visit a treat. Look for the Whole Trade guarantee on our products, your assurance that the selections in your basket have been harvested and created following strict standards.

### RU **Sunflower**

2525 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, 303.449.0177  
www.sfmarkets.com

**HW  
HOME**

## BEST HOME FURNISHINGS STORE

### 1st **HW Home**

1941 Pearl St., Boulder, 303.545.0320  
Flatiron Crossing Mall, Broomfield, 720.887.1223  
www.hwhome.com

Boulder County shoppers love feathering their nests with fine home furnishings from HW Home. Every employee has a design background and has been through HW Home's exclusive training program. "We offer a free, complete in-home design consultation," manager Bev Werner Needham says. "We will help you find the bedding, art, window coverings, furnishings and accessories to make a home truly yours." Platform beds and sectionals are popular right now, and you'll find quite a selection of these as well as an exciting line of creative lighting, to show off your new furnishings in the best light.

### RU **Bartlett Interiors**

2020 Pearl St., Boulder, 303.442.5194

