



James Lewis of [Bettola](#), a popular restaurant located at [Pepper Place](#), is currently in first place, but the voting's getting tight so he needs your help to keep him there.

He's leading [an impressive field of ten Gulf Coast chefs](#) in [Food & Wine's The People's Best New Chef](#) online poll for that region.

Voting ends this evening (we're assuming at midnight local time) so [you probably want to head over there right now](#) and make sure yours is counted. The official rules state that they're only counting one vote per computer so you may need to tell a few of your friends about this. so James can make it to the next round - that's when he'll be going up against the winners from the other nine regional winners.

The overall winner of the poll will be featured in the July issue of *Food & Wine*.

Photo: Bettola's James Lewis. Courtesy of the restaurant's website.