

Best of Eugene



Best TV Talking Head: John Fischer

Strangest job: I used to work for a guy with a garden when I was in high school in Spring (pronounced Sprang), Texas, and he grew 20 times more of everything than what he needed. I'd help him grow it, then harvest it all and I'd wander the neighborhood and give all the extra food away.

(Obviously, being a weatherman is the weirdest possible job: Wherever I go people recognize me — and I didn't do this to be famous).

Best paranormal experience: It's amazing how frequently, if I forget to knock on wood, the bad thing will happen. A couple of weeks ago at work (KEZI-TV), all the computers were down but mine. I said how glad I was, but I didn't knock on wood, and the next day mine went down.

Wildcard question: What do strangers always say to me? Thanks for the weather, or they blame it on me.

Best Yoga Instructor: Glen Tippin

Strangest job: When I was a college student and I went to a McDonald's orientation, because I was always a health-conscious per-

son. But I never showed up for work. I was working as a mechanic at the time and it seemed like a better move, but I never quite made the switch from greasy alternators to greasy hamburgers.

Best out of body experience: I went on an equinox excursion to Egypt. While there, I did this meditation and saw myself cruising over the temples in the heyday of ancient Egypt. I was out of body and as I traveled, I watched rituals and saw the details of the temples.

Wildcard: Who was the most influential

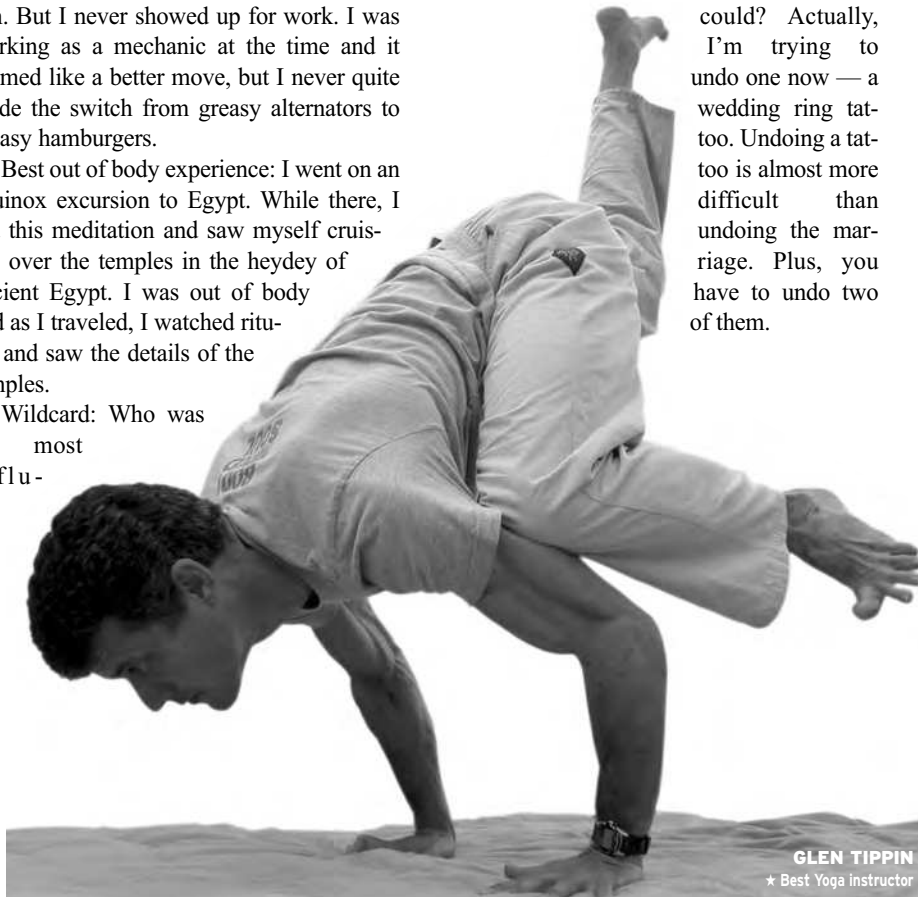
ential person in my life? The one who put me on this path is my mom, Lorilynn Imbler. She teaches yoga and gave me my spiritual background. The most important thing she's taught me is it's OK to be yourself. Also, it's OK to question authority.

Best Tattoo Artist: Dr. Julien

Strangest job: That's a tough one to answer. My favorite job was working as a pastry chef for a French restaurant. The strangest — and maybe scariest — tattoo job I've ever done was for a mob boss, henchmen standing by and everything.

Best out of body experience: Hmm, there have been so many. There's the alien abduction, and tattooing for hours at a time every day, sometimes I lose all feeling in the lower half of my body, which feels kind of out of body.

Wildcard: Do you have a tattoo that you would undo if you could? Actually, I'm trying to undo one now — a wedding ring tattoo. Undoing a tattoo is almost more difficult than undoing the marriage. Plus, you have to undo two of them.



GLEN TIPPIN
★ Best Yoga Instructor

Best place to see everyone you know

1. Eugene Celebration

2. Saturday Market

3. Oregon Country Fair

Best dog walking park

1. Amazon

2. Morse Ranch

3. Alton Baker

Best urban hike

1. Spencer Butte

2. Mt. Pisgah

3. Hendricks Park

Best skateboard park

1. Churchill

2. Amazon

3. Springfield

Best place to meditate

1. Home

2. Hendricks Park

3. River

Best place to copwatch

1. Any peaceful rally

2. I-5

3. Dunkin' Donuts

Best place for public nudity

1. Oregon Country Fair

2. Silver Dollar

3. Cougar Hot Springs

Best bike trail

Willamette River Bike Path

Best place to stargaze

1. Spencer Butte

2. Mt. Pisgah

3. Skinner's Butte

Best place to steal a kiss

1. Anywhere

2. Oregon Country Fair

3. In the car

What

Best festival

1. Oregon Country Fair

2. Eugene Celebration

3. Oregon Bach Festival

Best record/CD store

1. CD World

2. House of Records

3. CD/Game Exchange

Best bookstore

1. Smith Family

2. Tsunami Books

3. Book Mark

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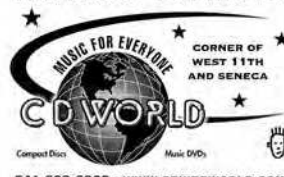
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