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A few blurbs from Eugene's premier barkeep:

First bartending gig: "I was 20 ... and the bartender had to study for an accounting final and asked me to get behind the bar to help him out. I had no idea what I was doing, but the customers seemed to like that, and I made a bunch of money. And that was that."

Best conversation: "A customer asked my coworker if the alligator we use for our gatorburger is kosher. The image of a Rabbi blessing an alligator is still stuck in my head."

Best tip: "This past summer I saw an older homeless woman sit at an outside table and I went outside to ask her if she was OK and she said that she just wanted a beer. She gave me her \$1.25 and I went and got her a beer and she said 'Oh, thank you so much — you're like a son to me.' So, best tip ever — a new mom!"

Describe the Ty Connor cocktail (available at Horsehead and Jameson's): "In a pint glass, squeeze in fresh lime juice, add a generous amount of potato vodka (Monopolova, preferably), shake and top with soda water. I also invented a drink called a Dick Cheney; it's a shot of Wild Turkey that I throw in your face, and *you* apologize to *me*."

BEST HANGOVER BREAKFAST

1. **Brail's**
2. **The Glenwood**
3. **Keystone Café**

BEST HAPPY HOUR OR DRINK SPECIALS

1. **The Horsehead**
2. **TIE: Bel Ami Lounge / Sam Bond's Garage**
3. **McMenamins**

BEST LOCALLY BREWED BEER

1. **Total Domination IPA**, Ninkasi Brewing Company
2. **Believer**, Ninkasi Brewing Company
3. **Terminator Stout**, McMenamins High Street Brewery & Café

Could there be a more appropriately named winner for this brand new category? We created it in response to the opening of two new breweries in the last few years, and one of those newbies took home the prize: Ninkasi's Total Domination IPA. (For those of you who didn't follow instructions and just voted for a brewery,

not a specific style? Ninkasi would have won in your poll also.) Ninkasi cofounder Nikos Ridge says, "Total Domination is a force in nature that manifested itself as a beer through Ninkasi. We wanted people to be aware of its intention, so the name is really a warning more than anything else." Of the brewery's second-place beer, he adds, "Believer, on the other hand, was created and named to thank our supporters, and give them something back in the form of a deliciously complex and drinkable beer." Cheers!

BEST HOUSE DRINK

1. **Chili Margarita**, Lava Lounge
2. **PVK**, Café Soriah
3. **TIE: Richmond Gimlet**, El Vaquero / **Lucifer's Lemonade**, Diablo's Downtown Lounge

Another repeat winner here; the chili margarita simply can't be beat. But what's this? Soriah's luscious PVK, a no-show last year, is creeping up in the polls, and Diablo's devilishly named lemonade has cropped up to share third with last year's third place finisher, the tart and tangy Richmond gimlet. Such a yummy-looking variety of drinks came in for this category that we might have to broaden our horizons a little in terms of where we step out for cocktails ...

BEST WINERY

1. **King Estate Winery**
2. **Sweet Cheeks Winery**
3. **Secret House Vineyards**

BEST SELECTION OF BEER ON TAP

1. **The Bier Stein**
2. **Good Times Café and Bar**
3. **Highlands Brew Pub**

BEST PLACE TO GET A GLASS OF WINE

1. **The Broadway**
2. **TIE: Lavelle Wine Bar & Bistro / Midtown Wine Bar & Bottle Shop**
3. **King Estate Winery**

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