

BEST LOCAL FOOD STORE

1. **The Kiva** 125 W. 11th Ave. 342-8666. kivagrocery.com.
2. **Market of Choice** 1060 Green Acres Rd., 344-1901; 1960 Franklin Blvd., 687-1188; 67 W. 29th Ave., 338-8455; 2580 Willakenzie Rd., 345-3349. marketofchoice.com.
3. **Sundance Natural Foods** 748 E. 24th Ave. 343-9142. sundancenaturalfoods.com.



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BEST RESTAURANT (SEE COCKTAILS)

1. **Izakaya Meiji** 345 Van Buren St. 505-8804. izakayameiji.com.
2. (tie) **Belly and Grit** 30 E. Broadway, 683-5896, eatbelly.com; 1080 W. 3rd Ave., 343-0501, gritkitchen.com.
3. **Party Downtown** 64 W. 8th Ave. 345-8228. partyeugene.com.

BEST INDIE BOOKSTORE

1. **Smith Family Bookstore** 525 Willamette St., 343-4717; 768 E. 13th Ave., 345-1651. smithfamilybookstore.com.
2. **Tsunami Books** 2585 Willamette St. 345-8986.
3. **J. Michaels Books** 160 E. Broadway. 342-2002.

BEST SECONDHAND SHOP

1. **St. Vincent de Paul** 555 High St., 344-2115; 100 E. 11th Ave., 868-0200. svdp.us.
 2. **Buffalo Exchange** 131 E. 5th Ave. 687-2805. buffaloexchange.com.
 3. **Goodwill** 435 E. Broadway, 344-1029; 855 Seneca Rd., 984-8812. goodwill-oregon.org.
- St. Vincent de Paul — Eugene loves you. And particularly, it loves your secondhand stores, those well-organized bastions of gently used items rejuvenated for a good cause. The well-stocked bookshelves kept by St. Vinnie's are legendary, but stroll the aisles of any of their stores and find CDs, furniture, clothing, kitchenware and more. It's a smooth operation, and best of all, the money goes towards helping people.

BEST PLACE TO GET FIT

1. **YMCA** 2055 Patterson St. 686-9622. eugeneymca.org.
2. (tie) **Oakway Fitness** and the **Downtown Athletic Club** 170 Oakway Rd., 343-3314, oakwayfit.com; 999 Willamette St., 484-4011, downtownac.net.
3. **Bike paths**

BEST BIKE STORE

1. **Paul's Bicycle Way of Life** 556 Charnelton St., 344-4105; 2480 Alder St., 342-6155. bicycleway.com.
2. **Arriving by Bike** 2705 Willamette St. 484-5410. arrivingbybike.com.
3. **Hutch's** 960 Charnelton St. 345-7521. hutchsbicycles.com.

BEST SALON

1. **Gervais** 248 E. 5th Ave. #18. 334-6533. gervaiseugene.com.
2. **Lussuria Salon** 160 Oakway Rd. #100. 505-9699. lussuriasalon.com.
3. **Moss Hair Studio** 233 W. 7th Ave. 636-0055. mosshairstudio.com.

BEST ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

1. **Acupuncture for the People** 2833 Willamette St. 521-6285. acupunctureforthepeople.org.
2. **A Healing Space** 171 Lawrence St. 343-1887. ourhealingspace.com.
3. **Well Balanced Center for Integrated Health** 1413 Charnelton St. 762-1755. eugenewellness.com.

Sliding-scale health care? Yes! You voted Acupuncture for the People as the best alt-health care provider with its \$15 to \$35 pay scale for treatments. "Our primary goal is to make Chinese medicine accessible by making it affordable," they say. "Affordable health care in a comfy chair." It sounds good to us, and it sounds good to our readers, who gave Acupuncture for the People and their little needles of good health a glowing thumbs up.

BEST GLASS/SMOKE SHOP

1. **Midtown Direct** 133 E. 13th Ave. 345-3337. midtowndirect.us.
2. **Hunky Dory** 271 W. 7th Ave. 345-1853.
3. **Cornerstone Glass** 1068 W. 2nd Ave., 341-1788; 446 E. 13th Ave., 844-1585. cornerstoneglass.com.

BEST ALTERNATIVE SPORTS TEAM

1. **Emerald City Roller Girls** emeraldcityrollergirls.net.
2. **Eugene Reign Women's Rugby** eugenewomensrugby.blogspot.com.
3. **Lane United FC** laneunitedfc.com.

The Emerald City Roller Girls almost always score high marks as Eugene's favorite alternative sports team. The Andromedolls, Church of Sk8in and Flat Track Furies make Eugene proud with their mad skating skills. Catch the latest bout 6 pm Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Lane County Events Center, where the roller girls face off against NW Pickup Artists.

BEST LOCAL NEWS PERSONALITY

1. **Matt Templeman**
2. **Al Peterson**
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BEST PLACE TO TAKE YOUR KIDS

1. **Skinner Butte Park** skinnerbutte.com.
2. **Old School Eugene** 207 E. 5th Ave. Ste. 120. 554-8669. oldschooleugene.weebly.com.
3. **Get Air** 4211 W. 11th Ave. 827-1016. getaireugene.com.

Hours spent counting Best of Eugene ballots lend the impression that most Eugeneans despise children and want them dead, if not trucked to another state. Cooler heads prevailed though, and most of you opted not to have Eugene's youngsters rounded up and "creamated" (sic) "sent to hell"/dropped off at the Silver Dollar strip club or penned in a vast clearing where they won't be a nuisance to you at brunch. Oh dear, it just hit me; perhaps that's exactly what our readers meant when they voted Skinner Butte Park the best place to take the kids. All things considered, I suppose there are worse places to erect a toddler penitentiary. Plenty of peace, quiet and fresh air. The RiverPlay Discovery Village playground will help them stay fit until they're ready