

BEST EUGENEAN

- 1. Kitty Piercy
- 2. Frog
- 3. Wayde Love

Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, now in her early 70s, isn’t running for reelection after 12 years on the job. Her election as mayor in 2004 marked a period of liberal dominance on the City Council, and she’s since been re-elected twice. She saw us through a deep recession, helped bring downtown back to life, fixed more roads than anyone, expanded access to libraries, implemented a paid sick-leave ordinance and tried to deal with the complex issue of homelessness and vagrancy. Her tenure will be second-longest among Eugene mayors; you have to go back to Elisha Large, who served from 1932–1945, to find a mayor who served longer.

BEST THING ABOUT EUGENE

- 1. The people
- 2. Rain/the weather
- 3. Diversity

BEST EUGENE VISTA

- 1. Spencer Butte 85385 S. Willamette St.
- 2. Skinner Butte 248 Cheshire Ave.
- 3. Mount Pisgah 34901 Frank Parrish Rd.

Following a short, 20- or 30-minute hike through a forest that’s right in town, you get to the top and the whole valley opens up before you. The rewarding vista only greets you if you make that push to get to its craggy top. Once there, you’ll enjoy 360-degree views of Eugene and Springfield, and the Three Sisters on a clear day. The last part of the hike is hardscrabbling over a rocky outcrop, but it’s not as rugged as it once was with the addition of natural basalt stairs that were put in last year. What’s not to love? Watch out for the dog poop landmines. Other than that, you’re golden.

BEST THING ABOUT EUGENE WEEKLY

- 1. Free
- 2. What’s Happening calendar
- 3. (tie) Free Will Astrology and Savage Love

WORST THING ABOUT EUGENE WEEKLY

- 1. Dispensary and pot ads
- 2. Nothing
- 3. Liberal bias

BEST ACTOR/ACTRESS

- 1. Storm Kennedy stormkennedy.com.
- 2. Rebecca Nachison
- 3. Evynne Hollens youtube.com/user/EvynneHollensMusic.

Eugene doesn’t have many household names but Storm Kennedy is one — and could there be a better name for a local actor, model and all-around performer in this rain-drenched valley? Born Lisa Wilken in Vancouver, Washington, Kennedy has been entertaining Oregon audiences on screens, airwaves and stages for decades, from filling in as a “weather girl” on KMGE-FM radio in the late ’80s to critically acclaimed performances in *Love, Loss and What I Wore* (2013) at Corvallis’ Majestic Theatre, as well as *Becky’s New Car* (2014) and *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* (2016) at Oregon Contemporary Theatre. Brava, Kennedy — here’s to all the performances to come.



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