

the café. Planet Goloka also offers resources, such as the journal of the *Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies* and *The Entheogen Review*, containing research on visionary plants and drugs. Gifts, literature and videos about Vedic teachings are also available for customers. "I think it's important to provide people with an altered-state of consciousness, whether offered through high-vibration foods or mind exploration," said Thompson. Planet Goloka will host a community lecture series in August focusing on exploring consciousness Friday evenings at 7pm. Speakers will include herbalists, astrologists and writers.

675 Lincoln St. 465-4555. 5 pm-8 pm M-Th, dinner; 5 pm-9 pm F; 11 am-4 pm Sa, brunch.

LAUGHING PLANET

The newest addition to Eugene's family of organic restaurants opens its doors quietly next week at 760 Blair Blvd. at what used to be BabyCake's Café. **Laughing Planet Café** will hold a grand opening in late August once they settle into the area. Owner Richard Satnick of Portland originally started Laughing Planet in Bloomington, Ind. and decided that the Northwest was the best place to continue his vision of alternative, healthy and quick cafes. "Eugene is clearly progressive and well ahead of the curve in these things," he said of his

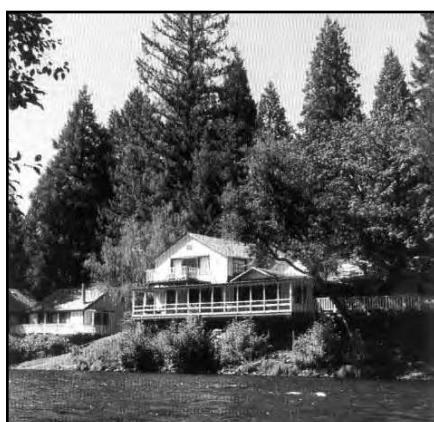
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RICHARD SATNICK
Owner - Laughing Planet

newest location. Satnick also runs a café on Belmont in Portland.

Laughing Planet will offer "burritos, bowls and beyond," including international wraps coined "portable nutrition devices," rice bowls, soups, salads, vegan and vegetarian options, as well as raw juices and smoothies. "Our intent is to close the circle of supply by going more local, healthful and organic when possible," said Satnick. "Our underlying mission is built around nutrition." Laughing Planet will also offer poetry slam evenings and film showings. "We try to create a space for people to describe alternatives to the corporate industrial food realm," he said. The Eugene Laughing Planet Café is co-owned by Steve Mertz, a local cyclist and former Laughing Planet employee. The menu was originally built around nutrition for cyclists, being whole, unprocessed and available on the go.

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