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Laughing Planet
Best Veggie Friendly &
Best Meal Under \$7



BEST Asian: RING OF FIRE

2nd: Sweet Basil Thai Cuisine
3rd: Maple Garden

BEST Bakery: SWEET LIFE PÂTISSERIE

2nd: Eugene City Bakery
3rd: Metropolis Bakery

BEST BBQ: HOLE IN THE WALL BBQ

2nd: Papa's Soul Food Kitchen & BBQ
3rd: BBQ King

Never mind all the vegetarianism going on in this town, Hole in the Wall is the place for those of us who sometimes crave a nice barbecued hunk of meat. This place offers some killer pulled pork along with the usual BBQ delicacies like ribs, chicken and briskets of beef. They also claim to have wonderful salads for your animal loving friends.

BEST Coffee: FULL CITY COFFEE ROASTERS, 13TH ST. LOCATION

2nd: The Beanery
3rd: Dutch Bros.

EW talked to Lisa Truelove, manager of Full City-13th Street.

Coffee or espresso? Coffee, because I can take longer to drink it.

With cream or black? Black.

Muffin or scone? Umm... scone.

Regular or decaf? REGULAR.

Would you rather be a cowboy or a pirate?

(Laughs) Cowboy! You get to be out on the open range.

Why do you think Full City deserves to win?

We serve quality coffee unmatched by anyone in town.

BEST Italian: BEPPE & GIANNI'S TRATTORIA

2nd: Ambrosia
3rd: Mazzi's

BEST meal under \$7: LAUGHING PLANET CAFÉ

2nd: Burrito Boy
3rd: Keystone Café

Eugene must love this restaurant because they won in more than one category. But they only get one darn write-up. See "Best Veggie-Friendly."

BEST Mexican / Latin american RESTAURANT: RED AGAVE

2nd: Taco Loco
3rd: Los Jarritos

The chicken enchilada at Red Agave is addicting. The red sauce is laced with top secret ingredients, but General Manager Brian Hebb swears, "It's all legal and over-the-counter." The restaurant sets itself apart from other Latin American fare by using Northwest-grown produce in its dishes. The meats, vegetables and fruits are fresh and the style is original.

BEST Middle eastern: CAFÉ SORIALH

2nd: Poppi's Anatolia
3rd: Taste of India

BEST new RESTAURANT: SWEET BASIL THAI CUISINE

2nd: Laughing Planet Café
3rd: Mezza Luna Pizzeria

It's not surprising that Sweet Basil won this award during its first year of existence on Pearl Street. Owner Kuraya Chulacharit has been popping up authentic Thai restaurants all over Oregon, including her Springfield establishment Kuraya. "We have been doing very well since its opening," she said. The staff claims to offer the most beautiful presentation of food in town. One manager claims that the food itself is almost art. The chefs are all from Thailand and offer monthly specials to keep the menu fresh. This month's specials include halibut, hot spring rolls, pumpkin tempura and vegetable bean sauce.

BEST NORTHWEST: MARCHÉ

2nd: Koho Bistro
3rd: McMenamins North Bank

BEST OUTDOOR Seating: McMENAMINS NORTH BANK McMENAMINS HIGH STREET

2nd: Café Sorialh
3rd: Cornucopia

BEST Pizza: PIZZA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

2nd: Pegasus Pizza
3rd: Bene Gourmet Pizza

BEST SUSHI: SHIKI JAPANESE CUISINE

2nd: Sushi Station
3rd: Misako

The chefs at Shiki take special care when creating dishes for their Eugenean patrons. The cuisine is a fusion of traditional Japanese dishes with a Western style that helps those unfamiliar with sushi to gain an appreciation. "We try to make the majority of the items more welcoming to those people who are not familiarized or are not really enjoying traditional Japanese cuisine," says manager Yoshi Kikuchi. The chefs concern themselves with the selec-



Red Agave
Best Mexican/Latin American

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