



tion of ingredients and suppliers to ensure that each dish tastes fresh and looks magical. "Our best advantage is that we have very skilled Japanese chefs who know about the ingredients and how they can turn those ingredients into something that is unique without losing much of the flavor," says Kikuchi. Shiki does offer 20 different kinds of sake and many completely traditional Japanese dishes as well.

### BEST THAI: CHAO PRA YA THAI CUISINE

2nd: Sweet Basil Thai Cuisine  
3rd: Ring of Fire

### BEST VEGGIE-FRIENDLY: LAUGHING PLANET CAFÉ

2nd: Morning Glory Café  
3rd: Keystone Café

Laughing Planet's name comes from the idea that eating healthy foods will make the planet feel better as a whole. The menu backs

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it up with plenty of vegetarian and vegan options and a colorful seating area decorated with offbeat art. "We're definitely different than any other place in town," says General Manager Steve Mertz. Mertz also promises great service to go along with the comfortable atmosphere. "We just try to get food out quickly and it's whole foods too," he says. "Whole foods served quickly."

Hole InThe Wall BBQ  
Best BBQ



# Kitchen Sink

### BEST PLACE FOR a FIRST DATE: CAFÉ LUCKY NOODLE

2nd: Saturday Market  
3rd: Café Soriah

Joshua Keim, owner of Lucky Noodle and Ring of Fire, has worked in restaurants all of his life. These days, his hobbies include running Eugene's favorite place for a first date and trying to avoid EW reporters wielding cameras. He's better at the former. Lucky Noodle's broad, creative mix of Asian and Italian pasta dishes helps answer that important question posed by couples new and old: "So, what do you want to eat tonight?"

### BEST CATEGORY TO ADD TO BEST OF EUGENE in 2006: BEST SUMMER FESTIVAL

2nd: Best Server  
3rd: Best Park



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