

everybody loves Toshi's — so much so that there's a Twitter-based Ramen Rush once a month.

best italian/greek/mediterranean

1. **Poppi's Anatolia** 992 Willamette St. 343-9661. www.poppisanatolia.com
2. **Beppe & Gianni's Trattoria** 1646 E. 19th Ave. 683-6661. www.beppeandgianis.net
3. **Mazzi's** 3377 E. Amazon Dr. 687-2252. www.mazzis.com

Look, we know it's not right that we mashed together all of these cuisines. For one thing, as any good Roman (or Athenian) could tell you, *Italy and Greece are not the same place*. On the other hand, just look at Odysseus: Traveling around the Mediterranean makes for a happy family! From the *Opa!* sizzle of hot saganaki to the gustatorial splendor of lamb-based special dinners, Poppi's brings on the yum in its unassuming downtown spot. For special occasions, we

love Beppe and Gianni's, and we recently heard that even parents from New Jersey find that establishment's Italian food acceptable. High praise for a restaurant in Eugene!

best happy hour or drink specials

1. **The Starlight Lounge** 830 Olive St. 343-3204. www.myspace.com/thestarlightlounge
2. **The Vintage** 837 Lincoln St. 349-9181. www.thevintageeugene.com
3. **McMenamins East 19th Street Café:** 1485 E. 19th Ave., 342-4025. **High Street Brewery & Café:** 1243 High St., 345-4905. **North Bank:** 22 Club Rd., 342-5622. www.mcmenamins.com

best food cart

1. **Cart de Frisco** Oakway Center; UO Bookstore.
2. **Off the Waffle** 525 E. 13th Ave. www.offthewaffle.com
3. **Alexander's Great Falafel**

13th & Kincaid.

Sometimes simplicity is best. Cart de Frisco's chicken sandwiches may be one of the few items on the menu, but that's because they got their menu right the first time. Stuffed with grilled chicken, cabbage and peanut sauce, the whole thing can make a real mess with all the drool mixed in. You've got a little something on your face there ... you gonna eat that?

best late-night dining (table service after 10 pm)

1. **Café Lucky Noodle** 207 E. 5th Ave. 484-4777. www.luckynoodle.com.
2. **Turtles Bar & Grill** 2690 Willamette St. 465-9038.
3. **Red Agave** 454 Willamette St. 683-2206. www.redagave.net

best recession special (under \$5)

1. **Burrito Boy** 943 River Rd., 689-7970; 30 W. 10th Ave., 344-5856; 510 E.

Broadway, 344-8070; 2511 W. 11th Ave., 338-4219. www.burritoboy.com
2. **Café Yumm!** 1801 Willamette St., 686-YUMM; 130 Oakway Center, 465-YUMM; 730 East Broadway, 344-YUMM; 1005 Green Acres Rd., 684-YUMM; *The Crossroads*, 3340 Gateway St., 747-YUMM; *Sacred Heart*, 3333 RiverBend Dr., 736-YUMM. www.cafeyumm.com
3. **Off the Waffle** 740 Van Buren St., 606-4348; 525 E. 13th Ave. www.offthewaffle.com

In the harsh, apocalyptic wasteland of the new economic world order, humans must forage for food like squirrels and store calories like camels. Winter is coming. Fortunately, Burrito Boy provides accessible and affordable food and hearty, hefty helpings that will stay with you for the next four or 10 hours of frantic survival. With just a handful of bills, it is possible to feed yourself and have a few beans and rice left over for the people who are living in your closet, or under your sink, trying to save money on rent. Also,

staff picks

best european licorice source

Regular black licorice pales in comparison to that from Australia, black and spicy. Even better for fans is the Northern European stuff, which can only be described as perverse: salty, medicinal, even sour with salmiak or powdered ammonium chloride. Sunrise Market

carries several varieties. *Sunrise Market*, 70 W. 29th Ave., 343-3295. www.sunriseasianfood.com

best place to find sober students on campus after the bars close

OK, it's been hit by the recession and general daily print woes. OK, other kids at the J-School make fun of it (especially when they don't make the staff). OK, they went on strike last year for more student

control (which, wait, was actually pretty interesting). But late night at the *Oregon Daily Emerald* offices at the tippy-top of the Erb Memorial Union, a hive of news production thrives — and if what we read on Twitter and Facebook is true, it's mostly fueled by caffeine and a burning desire to make the world safe for democracy. Especially if it's ASUO-style. Kudos, y'all.

best saturdays in eugene

Home football games. With all the

yahoo footballers bottled in the stadium or glued to the tube, it's amazing how nice, quiet, crowdless and considerate that leaves the rest of the city.

best place to hug trees

Please. This is Eugene. We've got street trees, BLM trees, private trees, big trees, little trees. We've even got palm trees. We're crawling with trees. Take your pick and go get your hug on.



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