

LET'S GO!

Your guide to suburban entertainment

Let's go to the Theater



Let's go Dining



Let's go to the Movies



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Let's go listen to Music



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ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYONIK

Help us spread holiday cheer

We're whistling "Jingle Bell" and collecting information about upcoming holiday concerts, "the Nutcracker" and suggestions for things to do on New Year's Eve.

Don't be left out in the cold. Send "Holiday Happenings" information as soon as possible to: Keely Wygonik, editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

■ There's still time to place your order for a gourmet Thanksgiving Dinner from Schoolcraft College's Professor's Pantry. For only \$69, your family and friends can feast on 14-16 pounds of fresh turkey, 4 pounds of savory stuffing, 4 pounds of fresh vegetables medley, 4 pounds of candied yams, 1 pound of brandied cranberry-orange relish, and 1 quart of giblet gravy. Fresh baked pies, breads, cakes, extra stuffing and relish are also available to purchase. Orders must be placed by Nov. 18. Call (313) 462-4491.

■ Plymouth Theatre Guild continues its season Friday, Nov. 18 with Larry Shue's "The Foreigner." Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through Dec. 3. There will also be a 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27 performance. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$7 for senior citizens and students. Call (810) 349-7110 to reserve your ticket.

■ Measure for Measure — a Men's Choral Society, presents an evening of seasonal favorites to usher in the holiday season, and men's choral arrangements, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth.

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Studying: University of Michigan student Dion Madrilejo of Canton studies in front of a window at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company.

Coffeehouses

ARE PERKING UP ALL OVER

It's easy to get a good cup of coffee these days. In fact, so many java houses have opened that it can be tough to choose which one to visit. There's one in nearly every town and each has its own style.

BY MARK FINE
SPECIAL WRITER

An explosion of new coffeehouses is transforming the cultural geography of metro Detroit.

Boasting non-alcoholic menus and spacious, friendly atmospheres, java houses provide a creative and affordable alternative to bars.

Many are modeled after similar establishments in New York and Seattle, where European-style cafes are an important part of cultural life.

Historically, the coffeehouse has served as a forum for social transformation and artistic expression. Accordingly, most coffeehouses in metro Detroit offer poetry readings, live jazz, acoustic guitar performances and classical music concerts. In addition, some display paintings and photography by local artists.

Yet far from being the exclusive haunts of Bohemians and sophisticated, local coffeehouses offer something to people of all ages and interests: a place to chat, read, talk business, play chess or backgammon, or do homework.

A coffeehouse can also be a cool place to just hang out and do nothing. Only half a cup? Caffeine makes you nervous? You need not be a garrulous caffeine freak to enjoy a coffeehouse. You don't even need to like coffee. If caffeine is the problem, most every hot and cold coffee drink is available in a decaffeinated version.

If the taste of coffee is the problem, you're still in luck. Many coffeehouses provide a variety of delectable treats and bakery delights, yogurt, fruit, nut butter, and French coffee, and freshly squeezed fruit juices.

With the number of coffeehouses

increasing each year, competition has become cutthroat. Many people in the business have stories about how their "original formula" for a coffee drink was stolen or imitated by a competitor.

There are some excellent coffeehouses around, and here are some of the highlights:

■ **Outback Cappuccino Bar**, 370 S. Main St., Plymouth, (313) 465-0448. Aptly named by owner Dennis Englehart, this cozy little coffeehouse is located "out back" of the Little Professor book store and the Chameleon Art Gallery in downtown Plymouth. Using their custom-made "chameleon blend," Outback serves a variety of tasty hot and cold coffee drinks. The Cafe Renolt is a delicious blend of espresso, steamed milk, raspberry syrup and whipped cream. Plymouth's first coffeehouse has two tables reserved for smokers.

■ **Plymouth Coffee Bean**, 684 Penniman, Plymouth, (313) 454-0178. The more original of Plymouth's two coffeehouses in terms of decor, the Coffee Bean conjures up rustic images of country stores and bait shops. In what used to be a furniture warehouse, Coffee Bean owner Pam Haase combines modern technology and rural charm for an attractive, unfinished quality. The Coffee Bean is set up like an antique house with sofas, pillows, old chairs and bookshelves. The "Bean-of-the-Day" rotates daily, so you can try your favorite coffee drink in a variety of different blends ranging from Sumatran to Hawaiian. There are poetry readings, and acoustic guitar concerts on weekends. No smoking.

■ **Cafe Bravo**, 110 Main Centre St., Northville, (810) 344-0230. For a



Sweets: A variety of freshly baked, heavenly muffins and pastries are offered for sale at Plymouth Coffee Bean Co.

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Barnes and Noble Bookstore- Starbucks Cafe
43075 Telegraph, Bloomfield Township
(810) 540-4209

Borders Espresso Bar
43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi
(810) 347-0780
5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn
(313) 271-4441
45290 Utica Park Blvd., Utica
(810) 726-8555

Brazil
305 S. Main St., Royal Oak
(810) 399-7200

Cafe Bravo
110 Main Center, Northville
(810) 344-0230

Cafe Espresso
44521 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights
(810) 254-2987

Coffee Bean
684 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
(313) 454-0178

Coffee Beanery Cafe
307 Main St., Rochester
(810) 650-3344

Coffee Exchange
112 S. Woodward, Birmingham
(810) 642-5500
6915 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield
(810) 737-1600
3224 Walton Blvd., Rochester
(810) 375-2360

Costa Rica Cafe
90 Macomb, Mt. Clemens
(810) 854-3933

Cup & Cino Coffee House
15104 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park
(313) 822-3888

Deebee's Coffee Bar
29200 Hoover, Warren
(810) 558-3290

Gloria Jean's Coffee Beanery
Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn
(313) 271-4955
Somerset Mall, Troy
(810) 649-5203

Gotham City Cafe
22848 Woodward, Ferndale
(810) 398-7430

Grand Cafe
33316 Grand River, Farmington
(810) 615-9181

Gratz
Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi
(810) 347-6889

222 S. State, Ann Arbor
(313) 741-4445

Grounds Coffeehouse
4001 W. McNichols, Detroit
(313) 993-1167

Java Coffeehouse
517 S. Washington Ave., Royal Oak
(810) 547-9530

Lonestar Cafe
207 S. Woodward, Birmingham
(810) 642-CAFE

The Mad Hatter
1024 Monroe, Dearborn
(313) 274-0000

Outback Cappuccino Bar
370 S. Main St., Plymouth
(313) 455-0445

Planet Art
2357 Canfield, Hamtramck
(313) 365-4948

Rabbit's Coffeehouse
22010 Harper, St. Clair Shores
(810) 779-0707

Shadow Box Cafe
2017 Towbridge, Hamtramck
(313) 873-2233

Zest's Coffee
4470 Second Ave., Detroit
(313) 832-6621

Now showing

Dining
Botsford Inn and Mayflower Hotel offer cozy and traditional Thanksgiving Day feasts.

Theater
Theatre Guild's season opener, "What I Did Last Summer," is splendid.

Movies
Kenneth Branagh has fashioned the screen's most faithful adaptation yet of Mary Shelley's classic horror novel, "Frankenstein."

Travel
Take your Christmas shopping list to Mall of America.

Music
Although slowly working their way to the big time, the d's have no plans on leaving East Lansing.

Looking ahead

East Side Mario's is heading west to Livonia.

Find out who won our "Swan Princess" contest.