

# TURKEY

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the Somerset Collection in Troy earlier this month. "I have very fond memories of our times there."

The Dearborn Inn is set to have both served and buffet-style dinners. In the Early American Room from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., there will be a Thanksgiving buffet brunch for \$39 for adults and \$18.50 for children 6-12. The Ten Eyck Tavern will serve a special holiday menu from noon until 9 p.m., and in the ballroom, a grand buffet will tempt guests with three roasting stations of ham, turkey and prime rib, a dozen desserts and all the fixings from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The price is also \$39 for adults, \$18.50 children 6-12 years.

Buffet will also be the order of the day at Ernesto's in Plymouth, which will serve from noon until 6 p.m. For \$29.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children 6-10, guests can choose from an array of items including prime rib, seafood bouillabaisse, pork with a horseradish sauce, nova lox, turkey (of course) and an assortment of vegetables, fruits and desserts.

Lots of repeat customers come to this old roadside decorated like an Italian Country Inn, so the mantra here—as well as any restaurant you plan on attending this Thanksgiving—is, make reservations. Woody Allen may have made the frozen T.V. dinner at Thanksgiving look endearingly peculiar in Broadway Danny Rose, but, unlike our cinematic hero, you may find yourself dining alone.



Ernesto's in Plymouth puts out all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving feast. Above, server Stacey Niece of Westland (left) and Chef Bradley Durr of Ann Arbor and staff present a roasted turkey, peasant pasta, tortelloni gorgonzola, cranberry orange relish, bread dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean almondine and homemade bread.

TOM HAWLEY | OBSERVER

## CITY BITES

In the near future, the area near the intersection of 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway in Southfield may acquire the moniker "Italian Village."

Located there now is the upscale Il Posto, 29110 Franklin Road, at Northwestern Highway, (248) 827-8070, with its Milanese-influenced dishes. Il Posto, which recently celebrated its fifth anniversary, was joined early this year by the posh, Manhattan-style Bucco, 29410 Northwestern Highway, east side, north of 12 Mile, (248) 356-6600, where chef/owner Luciano Del Signore's cooking represents the many regional styles of Italian cuisine.

Now, Il Posto's owner Gianni Belito is purchasing Excalibur and its banquet center, 23875 Franklin Road, corner of 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway (248) 358-3355. Excalibur restaurant will remain open until the sale is complete. Belito is under a management contract with Excalibur's owner Marty Wilk to operate the banquet center. All banquets that have been scheduled under contract will be honored.

Upon completion of the sale, Belito will renovate Excalibur restaurant to Café Milano Italian Bistro, which he hopes to open in late winter 2003, as a typical Italian trattoria, serving casual Italian food complete with brick-oven baked pizzas. Il Posto will continue as upscale, white tablecloth, fine Italian dining.

Excalibur has been open just short of 25 years with Wilk as owner since 1988.

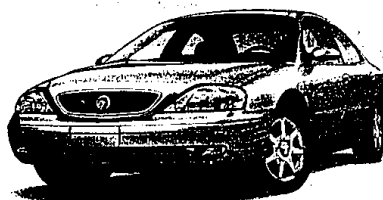
"I'm proud of Excalibur's accomplishments," he said. "We've stayed the test of time but now it's time to move on to the rebirth of something new and different."

Wilk plans to evaluate his future position in the restaurant industry. "But," he noted, "I may try something completely different because at 45 years old, I can."

—Eleanor Heald  
Correspondent



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