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best american cuisine

1. **Cornucopia** 17th & Lincoln, 485-2300; 5th & Peal, 485-2676. www.eugenecatering.com
2. **Turtles Bar & Grill** 2690 Willamette St. 465-9038.
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

What does it mean to serve American food? Burgers? Fries? Or is it food served in the spirit of neighborhood camaraderie, after-work beer sharing and watching the kids grow up between club sandwich lunch dates? Either way, Cornucopia is a natural winner in this category. Even its voicemail greets you with a friendly, "Hello, friends and neighbors!" Whether there for date night, friends in town or some free entertainment with dinner, Cornie devotees have watched their favorite watering hole grow and change (and multiply!) over the years but never lose its rootsy spirit. How much more American can you get?

staff picks

best new coffeehouse we wish were open later

Vero has so much going for it, from the heavy, comfortable furniture to the coffee itself. But ... we always want more. We want to be able to go there after work to, um, work on stuff, curling into a comfy chair with a book or settling in with a laptop. It closes so early. We know not everyone wants coffee after 6 pm, but we want — we really want! — more cafés that are open late. Like, until 10 or 11 pm late. There are only so many seats at the Beanery and One Cup. **Vero Espresso House**, 205 E. 14th Ave.; 654-0504.

A Perfect Union With Tea

IF YOU ARE IN THE MOOD FOR SOMETHING REFRESHINGLY DIFFERENT, REFER TO THIS COMPATIBILITY CHART.



MANGO CEYLON - Those with dark inclinations and a lust for the mysterious will pair well with this aromatic cup. This perfumed, velvety brew enjoys a partner with a heavy palate, forceful nature, and a determined spirit. Those with delicate constitutions need not sip this enchanted tea.



FIREFLY CHAI - This inspired amber infusion is looking for someone who soars to great heights with zeal and ambition. Someone who is daring and never misses an opportunity to achieve big dreams! If you truly believe anything is possible, this charmed cup is destined for you.



CHAMOMILE - This peaceful tea is looking for a steady partner who enjoys the delights of domestic tranquility. If you enjoy an evening of classical music amongst the sputtering flames of a fireside, this tea would make the perfect companion.



JASMINE PEARLS - This graceful tea is best suited to those with an eye for elegance and a taste for grandeur. If your perfect day includes perusing art from the world's finest galleries, then certainly count on this exquisite cup to be a sophisticated partner.



HIBISCUS HIGH - If you embrace your inner child with open arms and find yourself climbing trees and making cardboard forts in the backyard, this tea will be your best friend. Sunny moments of carefree merriment will surely entice this cheery cup.



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