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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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## Hottest coffee shops



AT THE Someday Café, people just chill. It's like your place, except you don't have to clean up.


## from the street

 I go to the Starbucks on Newbury. I like it better than the one on Mass. Ave. It's classy on Newbury Street, a little upperclass.


-Lauren Sapienta, 19, Boston Conservatory

 Where else do we go? What's that place on Newbury — Trident! Because they sell the books that we need for school, so we'll go there and hang out and have coffee.

-Abby Feinberg, 19, Boston Conservatory

 When I want to read, I pretty much go to any park. Not cafés. The pond in Jamaica Plain. It's quiet and relaxing.

-Luke Johnson, 23, Berklee

 I always went to Kasaba Lounge. But it's closed. I think their only customers were students and we're not that rich.

-Jay Cameron, 22, MIT

## ... to work, read, study, sleep or play 'Star Wars' board games in

**THE WHIR** of espresso machines, the freshly-baked pastries, the fat guy with the laptop who keeps staring at you, rubbing his hairy legs together while rocking back and forth. It's not easy to find a coffee shop that has everything. Here are five of the hottest spots in Boston, excluding Dunkin' Donuts and Starbucks (which is also a great place to hang, if only because most spots have free wi-fi access).

**Darwin's Limited**  
Where else can you find a turkey sandwich, lapsang souchong tea, a root beer float and a sixer of IPA (if you're 21+) all in one place? Nowhere, and that's probably for the best. Modest Mouse, Bowie and Low steam from the speakers at this Harvard Square spot, as unusually-hot patrons edge each other out for one of 25 seats.

★148 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. Cash only. Mon-Sat 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-9 p.m. 617-354-5235. No Web site.  
★1629 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. Cash only. Mon-Sat 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-9 p.m. 617-491-2999.

**Espresso Royale**  
Vegan desserts, a Peppermint Patty mocha and customized table-top pop-culture collages — all reasons

to go to this small chain. It's hip enough so that you know you're in college, but classy enough to take your parents — the Newbury location boasts brick patio outdoor seating.

★736 Comm. Ave., Boston. MBTA: Green Line B to BU Central. Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, Sun 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 617-277-8737. [www.espressoroyale.com](http://www.espressoroyale.com).  
★286 Newbury St., Boston. MBTA: Green Line to Hynes/ICA. Mon-Thu 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat, Sun 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. 617-859-9515.  
★44 Galtsborough St., Boston. MBTA: Green Line to Symphony. Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sat, Sun 8 a.m.-11 p.m. 617-859-7080.

**Herrell's Renaissance Café**  
Who would have thought an ice cream joint could be ... gritty? With its waves of magnetic poetry and a steady current of hipsters, this Allston stop is like a glorified beachside snack shack. Herrell's prides itself on its homemade brownies, homemade bon bons, homemade ice cream, homemade breakfast burritos and a staff with a down-home attitude.

★155 Brighton Ave., Allston. MBTA: Green Line to Harvard Ave. Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-midnight; Sat, Sun 8 a.m.-midnight. 617-782-9599. [www.allstonvillage.com/herrells](http://www.allstonvillage.com/herrells).

**Someday Café**  
With its rag-tag collection of well-worn chairs, Davis Square's oldest java joint looks like it was furnished on trash day, and the clientele look similarly unshowered (go ahead, make fun — they probably have PhDs). The selection of loose leaf teas is rivaled only by the ice cream flavors. Who cares if everyone looks half-asleep.

★51 Davis Sq., Somerville. MBTA: Red Line to Davis. Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sat, Sun 7 a.m.-midnight. 617-623-3323. No Web site.

**True Grounds**  
At this Ball Square hide-away, you'll find friendly owners, sandwiches named after streets and a monthly board game tournament, which features whatever you bring, from Parcheesi to that "Star Wars" one that never made sense. The whole vibe feels like "Sesame Street." Except with piercings.

★717 Broadway, Somerville. MBTA: Red Line to Davis. Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat, Sun, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. (617) 591-9559. No Web site.

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## take a stand

Table for one. Nothing to read. Awkward. Chewing. Don't be that guy. For hard-to-find magazines and international newspapers, head first to the obvious **OUT OF TOWN NEWS** (right in Harvard Square, 617-354-7777), which, besides mags like Time Out and No Depression, features papers from way out of town — like Germany. Also seek out **TRIDENT BOOKSELLERS** (338 Newbury St., Boston, 617-267-8688) for your quarterly McSweeney's fix, or our sentimental favorite, **GATEWAY** (127 Harvard Ave., Allston, 617-254-2455), which sells niche mags (like Black Belt and ReadyMade) and school supplies in the back. Grab a copy of Juxtapoz and head to nearby Herrell's for a breakfast burrito with veggie chili — a perfect Saturday morning. **METRO**