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NEW RESTAURANTS:
TIM MCKEE'S MASU
& WISE ACRE

**WHO WILL SAVE
THE UPTOWN THEATRE?**



Best ^{OF THE} Best

**OUR CRITICS
SETTLE THE GREAT
RESTAURANT
DEBATES**

**THE
FOOD
FIGHT
ISSUE**

Trophy-caliber
fries from
Yum! Kitchen.
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- FRIES • SUSHI • RIBS •
- STEAK • BURGERS •
- PHO • PIZZA • WINGS
- DONUTS • ROAST BEEF
- SZECHUAN • PULLED
- PORK • FRIED CHICKEN
- ICE CREAM

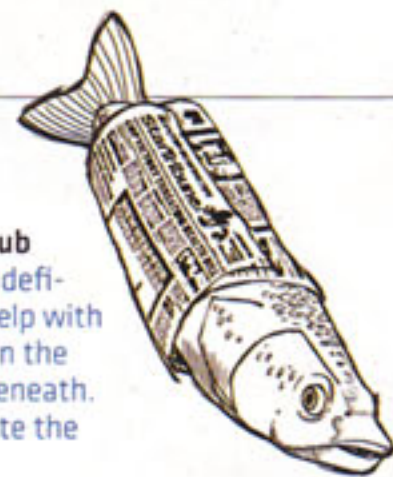
and More!



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POW!
FOOD FIGHT!
WINNER

Fish & Chips: Mac's Fish and Chips (macsfishchipsstrips.com) has been slingin' fish for 20 years, and while the fish is listed as hand battered, you really want to love the place because of its divey quality. Kieran's Pub (kierans.com) seems as though it has been the fish and chips go-to for years, and it definitely sells a huge amount. Ordering the curry sauce goes a long way to gussy it up and help with the grease. Anchor Fish & Chips (theanchorfishandchips.com) is the new barometer for fish and chips in the cities, with its hand-battered, to-order Alaskan cod with a crisp and light batter and super-moist fish beneath. The chips are cut correctly and fried right—not too crispy, not too greasy. Get a side of gravy and complete the flavor cycle by sprinkling your filet with vinegar and then forking your fish in the gravy train. —P. D.



WINNER: ANCHOR



BLACK SHEEP IS THE HOT new pizzeria on the block in these twin towns, so much so that it has already expanded to two locations. The pizzas are crisp and chewy with just a kiss of char on the outer edges of the pie. The anthracite coal over which they are cooked lends a nice New York touch. The sauce is tangy and smooth, made with great ingredients. Construction of the pie is deliberate, with the sauce-to-cheese ratio on the lighter side, while not feeling skimpy. Price is on the high end for pizza, but it's a great pie worthy of any table. blacksheeppizza.com

BLACK SHEEP PIZZA

PIZZA

LIGHTNING ROUND

PHILIP DORWART'S
Quick Picks

Egg, cheddar, bacon
biscuit

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COLOSSAL CAFÉ

Steak tartare

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VINCENT

Appetizers

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MASU

Beer list

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BUSTER'S ON 28TH

Green papaya salad

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