

# Eat & Drink

Nom-noms and big buzzes

EXPERT

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### BEST NEW PIZZA (ON THE STRIP)

#### ALLEGRO

This Wynn restaurant has always hosted excellent chefs doing their version of casual Italian food. Now, refashioned as Allegro, it has an excellent casual Italian chef — Enzo Febraro — cooking his food, including killer Neapolitan pizzas that rival any in town, cracker-crisp and finished with artful flair like the focaccia: crème fraîche, smoked salmon and chives. (*Wynn, 248-3463, wynnlasvegas.com*)



### ▲ BEST FRIED CHICKEN MEAT & THREE

This new neighborhood pleasure cafeteria is all about Southern-style satisfaction, simple meats with soulful sides, and the thick-crusted buttermilk fried chicken sets the tone. Hot and juicy on the inside, savory and crunchy on the outside, this is dream-come-true food. Try it with bacon-dill potato salad. (10940 Eastern Ave. #108, 473-5577)

### BEST NEW PIZZA (IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD)

#### THOSE GUYS PIES

Can you find great New York-style pie hiding in our tony 'burbs? Look in the Lakes and find Those Guys, who crank out pristine pizza perfection

with uncanny consistency. Go all-white (ricotta, mozzarella and garlic) or all-meat (sausage, meatballs, pepperoni and bacon) and stay happy. And try the cheesesteaks, too. (*2916 Lake East Drive, 629-2626, thoseguypies.com*)

grub and occasionally letting top chefs from the Strip borrow their wheeled kitchens for the rowdy Back of the House Brawl. Be ready for a party if you take this trip. (*Tommy Rocker's, 4275 Dean Martin Drive, 261-6688, saturdaynighttruckstop.tumblr.com*)

### ◀ BEST PUBLIC HOUSE

#### PUBLIC HOUSE AT THE VENETIAN

There are two different booze-and-grubs with the same name on the Strip, but it's no contest. The Luxor version is a glorified sports bar. The Venetian spot is the best gastropub Vegas has to offer, complete with a mind-blowing craft beer selection and imaginative cuisine that hammers the sweet spot. (*Venetian, 407-5310, publichouselv.com*)

### BEST UNDERGROUND FOODFEST

#### SATURDAY NIGHT TRUCK STOP

Think the food truck fad has dwindled? Not so fast. They huddle at industry dive Tommy Rocker's every Saturday at 8 p.m., serving up their wild and mobile

### BEST PLACE TO HIDE FROM CLUBHOPPERS AT ENCORE

#### SINATRA

Who let all these damn kids in here? Today's brand of Vegas nightlife can be jarring, but there are still beautiful spaces in our beautiful resorts away from all the oontz-oontz. Let the great chef Theo Schoenegger take care of you at the Chairman's garden-side restaurant, a delectable shelter. (*Encore, 248-3463, wynnlasvegas.com*)

### BEST PLACE TO REDISCOVER YOUR LOVE FOR VEGAS

#### PICASSO'S TERRACE

Remember the end of the remade "Ocean's Eleven," when Brad Pitt and Matt Damon and the guys are super happy and at peace at the Bellagio's foun-



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