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The first annual **Stuff@night** Dining Awards

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Oh, the suspense. Mr. & Mrs. Bartley's wins Best Burger? You don't say! The Best Pizza prize goes to Pizzeria Regina? Flabbergasting! And Best Burrito . . . uh . . . zzzz . . .

On that note, welcome to **Stuff@night's** first-annual Dining Awards. We've jettisoned the tired, simple-minded old categories in favor of more-pressing, real-world concerns: where should we go between lunch and dinner? Which wine tasting should we attend? What surprises are in store for us around this or that corner? And so on. Because dining's about more than what's on the plate. It bespeaks time and place and the ways we live our lives: here, now, and as fully as we can.



Most varied menu: **Stephanie's on Newbury**

We Americans tend to equate freedom with choice: the more we've got, the better off we must be. True or not, you gotta love **Stephanie's on Newbury** (190 Newbury Street, Boston, 617.236.0990) for operating so wholeheartedly on the premise. There's hardly a taste, mood, or dietary concern its enormous menu can't meet. From wraps to Cubanos, quesadillas to bruschetta, steak frites to crispy duck, everything's executed with earnest attention to detail, if not exact authenticity: fish-and-chips arrive with jalapeño tartar sauce and radicchio aioli; an already abundant Cobb salad comes in a fried tortilla shell. Hell, the cocktail selection alone will warm the cockles of any freedom-feeder's heart.