



IN THE HOUSE

BY ARTHUR LIFFMANN

Been There, Bought the Breakfast Special

Recently, I spent a week away in Chicago (after all, a guy can only handle a certain amount of dual-promotional activities before he needs some rejuvenation). While I was contented to simply check out the beautiful architecture, the incredible stores and just enjoy the pulse of the city, my host was frantically busy making sure that my week included visits to every 'must-see' Chicago landmark we could cram in. That's not to say that we hit all the typical tourist traps; rather, the tour revolved around all the places we needed to go eat.

Brunches at Toast. Dinner at Firefly. Take-out deep-dish pizza from Lou Malnati's. When a friend suggested we visit the observation deck of the Sears Tower, we instead ended up enjoying \$13 martinis on the 96th floor of the John Hancock building (I wasn't complaining). On my final evening in town before returning home, my host was horrified to realize that we'd not made it to Margie's Candies for ice cream. It took me an hour to convince him that life would go on without a hot caramel sundae.

All of it made me think about the magic of legendary local restaurants, and it was reinforced last week as people from across Canada descended on Winnipeg for the Grey Cup. We felt it in every Salisbury House restaurant throughout the city, which were full of guests who, like me, were being given the all-important Sals experience by their hosts.



We felt it on Saturday from locals and out-of-towners alike as we handed out thousands of Sals donuts and hot chocolates at the Grey Cup/Santa Claus parade, both to the crowds and in boxes handed up to the floats of visiting fans. The Sals "WE ARE WINNIPEG!" mindset was truly evident all across the city... and nobody had to brave the 96th floor to experience it.

As for Margie's... I'm sending them a sample of our new 'Take Home' menu. Maybe they'll get the hint and I won't miss out next time.

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Here are some I have heard of that work – at least the houses were never burglarized. It could also mean, of course, that there were no burglars in the neighbourhood.

(1) Park a couple of pairs of large rubber boots outside the back door to give the impression that Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone live here.

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(2) If you don't have a dog, get a tape recording of dogs barking. Bass woofs are preferable to soprano yips. As well, put an oversized doghouse in your backyard and

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attach a length of chain strong enough to tow a car. The absence of a dog at the other end will lead to the assumption that the slavering beast has been taken inside for the night.

(3) Here's one I've dreamed up myself which, though untested, should work. Antlers nailed to a garage or shed will suggest that hunters, with guns, are in residence. A fire pit instead of a gas barbecue will further enhance the outdoor he-man image.

(4) Along the same lines, I can't think of anything more likely to give an impression of young, macho guys on the premises than a collection of junked cars and spare parts in the backyard.

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