

100 Favorite Dishes: Grilled Cheese and Chili At Highland Park Pharmacy

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As a countdown to the Dallas Observer's "Best of Dallas" 2010, City of Ate is serving up 100 of the favorite dishes we crave, savor and hope to scarf down again soon. These dishes are in no particular order. Some are little known, others celebrated. Some are pricey, others can be eaten on the cheap, but all are delicious to the extreme. Don't hesitate to share your own nominations in the comments. More of the dish's tasty details are after the jump.

No. 57: The Grilled Cheese and Chili at Highland Park Pharmacy

The Dallas restaurant scene is all about what's new and what's hot, which is why the old-fashioned soda fountain at Highland Park Pharmacy is such an anomaly. Since 1912, parents have handed down the HPP legacy to their kids, with each generation revealing the secrets of its sugary success (malts, shakes, ice cream sodas) and its crunchy grilled sandwiches (chicken salad, pimento cheese, even goose liver) to the next. With a penchant for creating family memories -- "I remember ol' Charlie, who worked the grill when I was a kid -- musta been there 50 years." The menu is not just time-tested, it's taste-tested, and nothing tastes as good as the grilled cheese and chili. To hell with the bean controversy, this chili is bean-loaded, subtly spiced and easily devoured, particularly when employed as a dipping sauce for the grilled cheese. It's a throwback to yesteryear that never seems to get old.

Highland Park Pharmacy

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