

FOOD & DINING

From humble origins to trendy restaurants

TABLE TALK

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Tuna Bar debuts

Ken Sze, who grew up in the family biz at Yokohama restaurant in Maple Shade, and his wife, Cortney Cohen-Sze, are in the soft-opening phase of Tuna Bar, a polished Japanese bistro in the new Bridge, at Second and Race Streets in Old City. (It's also around the corner from her boutique, Geisha House.)

Its well-stocked drinking bar segues into a sushi bar, and an oyster/raw counter is awaiting final installation.

Seating includes booths and intimate "deuces" facing the sushi bar. Menu is expanding beyond sushi/sashimi, steak, crudo, and a few cooked dishes, namely Sze's seafood specialties, to include robatayaki cooking and an omakase.

Boxwood Design opted for clean lines, reminiscent of Walnut Street Cafe at 29th and Walnut Streets.

It's open for dinner only; lunch is on the way.



Tuna Bar, 205 Race St.



Why Phi

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In the winter of 1872, the letters page of the Times was hijacked for weeks by talk of sc... topic jump-started by a Pennsylvania transp... bemoaned that he couldn't find any in New Y... Readers responded passionately, with some... ing it as a "poor man's meat" and others declar... love, such as one man who proclaimed it "a... luxury, throwing the Frenchman's pâté de foie gr... ly into the shade."

"It was a heated online message board before... wrote Philadelphia food writer Amy Strauss in... book, *Scrapple: A Delectable History* (The Histor... "It was a fiery comment section before the keyboa... ing millennial era."

It's been a while since scrapple overwhelmed t... but to many in this region, the Pennsylvania Du... loaf product remains as essential as it was to th... sick letter-writer.

In recent years, it has also been embraced by a... number of local chefs and companies who ha... formed it in ways that would have been unimag... the German settlers who first made it in the Mid... region: with pizza, vodka, beer, and ice cream... making it out of duck, fish, and — a vegan v... mushrooms.

Strauss, who for her book interviewed a range... from large-scale producers to tiny family-run... See **SCRAPPLE** on D4

scrapple



Scrapple from the Greensgrow Community Kitchen in Kensington, made from a pig's head, including the ears and



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