

Eye On Entertainment

Kickin' It Old School: METAL GEAR

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If there was one man people could count on to save the day, it would definitely have to be Solid Snake. He is a one man army with honor and charisma and is the main character of the popular gaming series Metal Gear Solid. With Snake's next game in the series Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots nearing release sometime this year, we take a look back at the game that began the franchise, Metal Gear.

Metal Gear was released in 1987 for the MSX2 home computer by Konami in Japan.

The game was designed by Hideo Kojima, who is still heading the major Metal Gear projects today. Metal Gear is a game of stealth. The premise is not to go out and kill every soldier in sight, but instead to avoid conflict and devise paths around the enemies or to eliminate them without alerting surrounding enemies. Being spotted calls the attention of the guards to engage in alert mode forcing to player to retreat and hide. Sometimes, the enemies call for reinforcements, so fighting is not always a great option. However, as the player advances through the game, new weapons can be obtained to fight off enemies and boss encounters. Health is replenished through rations found throughout the game, and max health can be increased through promotion. To be promoted, the player must keep on rescuing hostages. Information can be obtained through rescuing hostages. Also, information is given through a transceiver from Big Boss (commanding officer of the mission) and other members helping Snake complete his objective.

The main focus of the game is to take down a weapon of mass destruction in the Outer Heaven stronghold. Earlier, FOXHOUND member Gray Fox infiltrated the Outer Heaven, but contact with the operative was lost. Big Boss then sent in Solid Snake to rescue Gray Fox and finish his mission. The weapon of mass destruction is later revealed to be Metal Gear. Metal Gear is a bipedal-walking tank equipped with nuclear missiles of which can be launched from any location. Though Metal Gear is a very old game, the story has its share of interesting and even surprising events and twists. Not to give away any spoilers to those new to the series, but expect trust and betrayal to play a big part in Metal Gear.

Many versions of the game exist today, including the dramatically altered U.S. release of Metal Gear on the NES. One of the closest to the MSX2 copy can be found today in the special release package of Metal Gear Solid 3: Subsistence. This version offers added features and a retranslated script for the English version. So, go out today and begin your tactical espionage action adventures with Metal Gear. Hurry now and you may even be able to go through the whole series to catch up on the story to engage in Metal Gear Solid 4 for the PS3. Experience the phenomenon now that is Metal Gear.

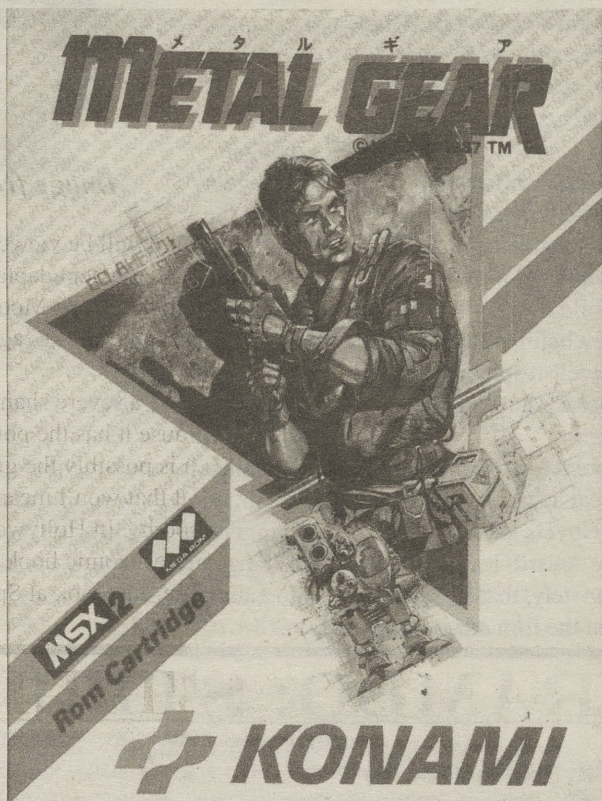


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Restaurant Review: Little Anthony's

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For over 30 years Little Anthony's has been a staple on State Street in Media. The street side shop gazes over the historic trolley and welcomes hungry customers. Known for their made-to-order slices, this small pizzeria is full of big personality. Customers walk in and feel like they have stumbled on a reality television show set. Every show has classic characters; the ring-leader, the cynic, the heartthrob, the clown and Mike, Steve, Don and Squirrel bring these characters to life respectively. Mike is not only the owner, but also a great friend to all of the customers. This native of Italy learns regular's names, and enjoys conversing with frequent clients. Steve is blunt and sarcastic with a love him or hate him kind of attitude. He argues with regulars about sports and never backs down. Don brings charm to the shop. Referring to the customers as "boss" or "miss", he is never without a flirtatious grin. He usually waves out the window as people pass by and dances to the music. And the butt of all the jokes is Squirrel. With his goofy persona he is often spewing out retaliation towards the other boy's sarcasm.

He is always telling stories of his days in Vegas and his broken-down car. On busy days, these boys turn out pizza's left and right. They create favorites like a white pizza with tomatoes or a Sicilian tomato pie. They have dozens of topping choices from traditional pepperoni and mushroom to more unique choices like eggplant and artichoke. Making pizza is an artwork. These boys always seem proud of their creations and try to cook them to perfection.

The menu also ranges from appetizers like mozzarella sticks and buffalo wings, to spaghetti platters and chicken cheesesteaks. For the healthy eater they offer multiple salad choices including a classic Caesar and an olive filled Greek salad. Everyone can find something they enjoy, and all at reasonable prices. Located at 8 West State Street, this pizzeria is a favorite lunch spot for many professionals. Only steps away from the Media Court House, Little Anthony's seats over 40 customers, although many prefer to grab a slice and go. Little Anthony's brings life to a small town. With good people and a great location, the combination can't be beat.

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