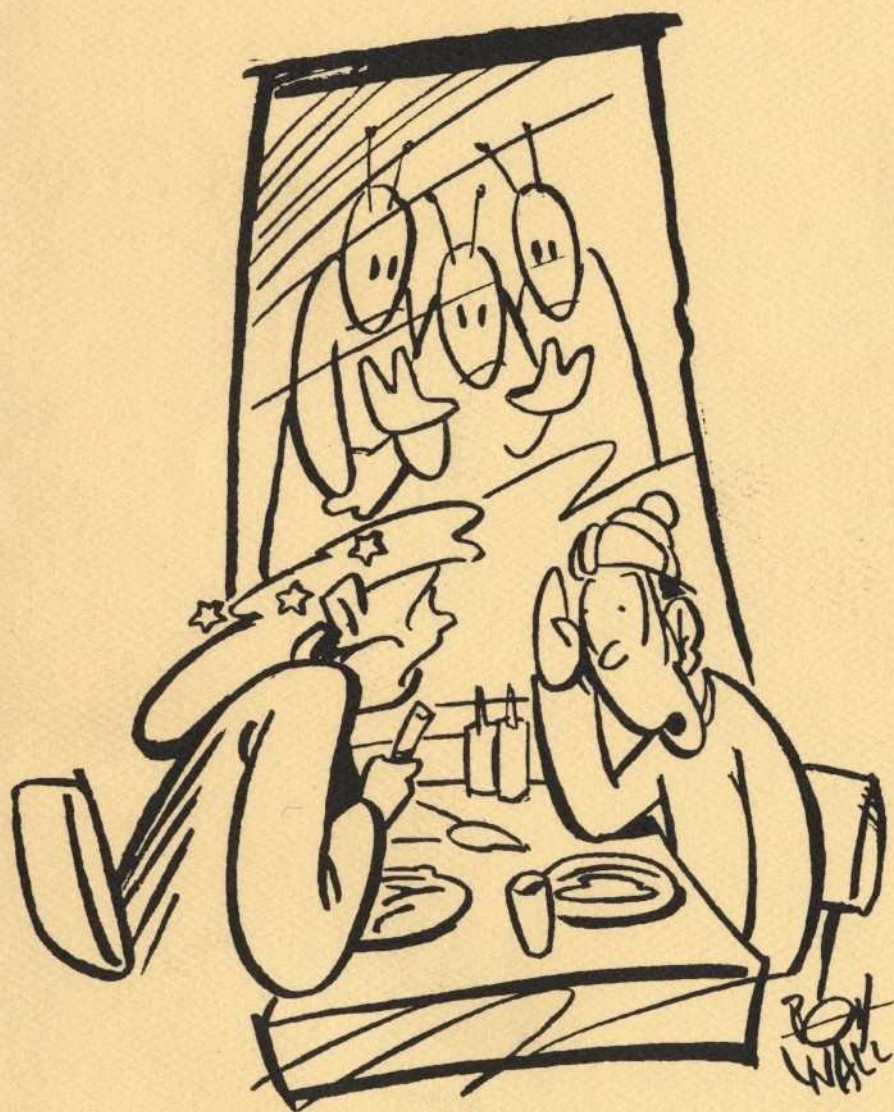


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Introduction

Welcome to WesterColt.45, the 45th Western Regional Science Fiction convention. I have some good news for those of you who have attended past Phoenix Conventions. There has been a big change! Phoenix now actually has a downtown that possesses life after the office workers go home. Just north and east of the Omni you will find the new ARIZONA CENTER, see their ad elsewhere in this guide. This center stays open into the evening hours seven days a week.

Transportation

The nearby restaurants and useful merchants are all within six blocks of the Omni. It is unfortunate that you will have to use walking to get around. Phoenix provides a shuttle bus service, called the DASH, that runs every 15 minutes during working hours. But with the July 4th holiday it will only run on July 2nd not on the 3rd, 4th nor 5th.

Restaurant Prefix Coding System (W/E/-/+/\$/!)

The heading line for each restaurant has a prefix that identifies its price range. The pricing indicator is my own subjective rating for the overall feel of the price for an entree and dessert with beverage.

W Only open during Normal Working Hours

The "W" Indicator implies that the restaurant caters to office workers and is open only for breakfast and/or lunch. Be warned they may only be open on Thursday since Friday is a holiday. This field is only used for Downtown within walking distance restaurants.

E Open Extended Hours

The "E" indicator implies at least some evening and/or Saturday service. It does not insure they will be open on Holidays nor Sunday. This field is only used for Downtown within walking distance restaurants.

- El Cheapo = McDonald's

Prices are less than or equivalent to McDonald's.

\$ Reasonable = Denny's

Prices are generally equivalent to a Denny's.

+ Moderate = Red Lobster

Prices are generally equivalent to Red Lobster's.

! Expensive = Upscale

Prices generally exceed Red Lobster's. (The more expensive, the more !!!s.)



Restaurants Within Walking Distance

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

E - Amalfi Espresso (257-0605)

Located on the street level of the Arizona Center. Espresso, Cappuccino and Italian desserts. Sun-Wed, 7am-10pm; Thur, 7am-11pm; Fri-Sat, 7am-12am. Luncheon salads and sandwiches from \$3.50-\$4.

W \$ ATOP (254-3475)

Actors Theater Of Phoenix, ATOP, provides a most interesting luncheon experience. Tue, Wed and Thur at 12:15pm you can bring or purchase a brown bag lunch and then sit down for a mini-play in the Rehearsal Hall at the NE corner of the Herberger Theater at 222 E. Monroe. July 1st & 2nd they will present the mini-play "Present Tense."

E - Bickoff's Deli (258-3069)

Fast Food breakfast and lunch sandwich shop located just across Central from the Omni at 108 North Central. They have been voted as "The Best of Phoenix" as a sandwich shop. Normal hours are 7am-3pm on working days. But for our convention, they will open up Saturday, July 4 for the same hours. If we keep them busy they may extend their hours. Their big "Egg Bic Bagel" for \$1.99 is enough for even my breakfast. Juice, coffee, and bagel all for only \$1.50 and the most expensive sandwich is only \$4.95.

W \$ Brown Bag Sandwich Shop

Located in the lower level of the Valley National Bank Center, open from 7am-4pm serving snacks, salads and sandwiches. Luncheon specials range from \$2.40 to \$5.25.

E + Cactus Cafe (257-1525)

The Omni Hotel's coffee shop. There are no surprises here: the normal Hotel Coffee Shop for both prices and menu. An adequate breakfast buffet is available for \$6.95.

E ! Cafe La Tasca (340-8797)

Located in the Mercado — one block north and six blocks east of the Omni. Open Mon-Sat, 11am-10pm; and Sunday, 12pm-5 pm. We really enjoy Cafe La Tasca. The food and service make dinner here an especially enjoyable experience. I am not a fan of Tex-Mex cuisine, so finding Castilian and central Mexican food in downtown Phoenix was a great treat. *They have made a special arrangement for all members of WesterColt.45. If you wear your Con Badge they will give you a FREE MARGARITA with each meal.*

E \$ Char's Thai Restaurant (252-6053)

Located directly across Central from the Omni. They have just opened this outlet. Their normal business hours are Mon-Sat, 11am-9pm. They offer over 45 entrees ranging in price from \$4.95 to \$12.95.

E \$ Chinese Cafe/Teriyaki Temple (252-0872)

Part of the Arizona Center's FOOD COURT. A selection of Chinese and Japanese foods (no sushi). Combination plates are \$3-\$5.

W \$ Coin Room Restaurant

Located in the lower level of the Valley National Bank Center, they provide upscale company cafeteria food for breakfast and lunch.

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Although their reason for existence is to support the workers in the Valley Bank Center, they will serve anyone else as well. Prices range from \$2.50 to \$6.00 for lunches.

E !! Compass Room (252-1234)

Located in the Hyatt, this is Arizona's only revolving roof-top restaurant. The food and service is up to Hyatt's standards and the view provides a good overlook of the Valley of the Sun. Normal operating hours are Mon-Sun, 11am-12:30 am. The Compass hosts a very nice Sunday brunch from 10am-2pm.

W - Coney Island Sandwich Shop

Located at 16 West Adams, just across Central and down Adams from the Omni, this is definitely downtown Phoenix on the cheap. Hours are 7am-4:30pm, Mon-Fri. Normally they are open on Saturday but since it's the 4th of July they plan to close. Breakfasts from \$1.79, sandwiches from \$1.35-\$3.30.

E ! Copper Creek Steak house (253-7100)

Located on the street level of the Arizona Center. They serve grilled steak, chops, and seafood. Personally recommended. Hours Mon-Thur, 11am-10:30pm; Fri-Sat, 11am-11:30pm; Sun 12pm-10pm. Lunches are \$5-\$7. Dinners are \$12.50-\$17.

E - Dusty's Cookies

Part of the Arizona Center's FOOD COURT. Fresh cookies, soda, milk.

E ! El Bistro San Carlos (253-4121)

This is the San Carlos dining room. The menu is basically continental cuisine with a dash of Spanish. Lunches are \$6-\$9 and dinners are \$11.50 to \$18.50. Hours are Mon-Sat, 11am-10pm.

E - Fajita Willy's (252-2112)

Part of the Arizona Center's FOOD COURT. Mexican food (Tex-Mex), lunch and dinner plates \$1.95 to \$4.

E \$ Fat Tuesday (256-2444)

Located on the street level of the Arizona Center. A little taste of New Orleans. Gumbo, salads, Cajun sandwiches, and a premixed frozen daiquiri bar. Salads are \$2.50 to \$6; sandwiches include PoBoys and run from \$4.95 to \$5.50; New Orleans-style entrees from

\$5.25 (red beans & rice) to \$7.25 (sampler platter). The daiquiri can be quite potent (small \$3.50 to large \$5.25).

E - Foul Play (252-9115)

Part of the Arizona Center's FOOD COURT. Sandwiches \$3.60 to \$4.00, salads \$1.75 to \$4.00, chicken from \$3.50 to \$7.75. Open Sun-Thur, 10am-9:30pm; Fri & Sat 10am-10:30pm.

E !! Goldie's 1895 House (254-0338)

Goldie's is a fine gourmet dining room in Phoenix's oldest Victorian house. They are located three blocks north and two blocks west of the Omni at 362 N. 2nd Ave. We personally recommend this restaurant — it's one of our long-time favorites. Reservations are required.

Goldie's plays host the "Big Kill Gourmet Murder Mystery Dinner Theater." You must call them at 423-8737 for dates and times.

W \$ Greenhouse Restaurant (252-2742)

This delightful Yuppie class sandwich and salad house is located just one block east on Adams. They are open from 7am for breakfast and also for lunch on normal business days. Salads and sandwiches run from \$2.50 to \$5.50.

E - Gyros 'n' Grill (252-5220)

Part of the Arizona Center's FOOD COURT. Burgers \$2.25 to \$3.25, gyros \$3.75, salads \$1.95 to \$3.25. Breakfast specials (\$2-\$3) are available Mon-Fri, 8am-10am; and Sat, 9am-10am.

E \$ Heart In Hand Tea Room (256-7572)

Open Tue.-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 12pm-5pm. Tea room is a misnomer — they provide gourmet meals in a period setting in one of the original Victorian houses chock full of period antiques. They are located in Heritage Square at 622 East Adams. The food is delightful and the menu changes daily.

They offer a full Victorian High Tea, by reservation only, starting at 2pm. This tea should hold you until breakfast the next day. For \$9.50 they serve fresh-brewed teas, no tea bags, scones, citrus butter and jams, an assortment of tea sandwiches, appetizers and then a dessert tray (miniature pastries and chocolate-covered strawberries).

E - Hello Deli (252-9115)

Part of the Arizona Center's FOOD COURT. Deli sandwiches from \$2.50 to \$4.50.

- E S Hooters (257-0000)**
 Located on the street level of the Arizona Center. Specializes in wings, clams, oysters, shrimp, burgers and attractive waitresses in short-shorts and t-shirts. Normal loud bar environment. They have outside cool-misted seating. Lunch and dinner entrees from \$4-\$13, with the gourmet chicken wing dinner (20 wings and a bottle of Dom Perignon) for only \$100.01. Unfortunately my experience was not very good. A Philly cheese steak sandwich was piled high with tasteless ingredients. The following quote is not original, but I fully agree with it: "You do not go to Hooters for the food."
- E - Hot Dog On a Stick (253-3422)**
 Part of the Arizona Center's FOOD COURT. Hot dogs are only \$1.50 and the lemonade is some of the best available.
- W S The Hub Second Floor Cafe (254-1811)**
 The Hub is on the second floor directly across Central from the Omni at 130 N. Central. Sandwiches, seafood, burgers, salads and a gourmet Latino menu. Their hours are 7:30 am-3pm, Mon-Fri.
- E S Jack & Jenny's (255-0213)**
 Their full name is "Jack & Jenny's Barn & Grill." It is by no means a Barn, and the Grill won't be open in time for the Con. This is not a negative review: the sandwiches and salads are of the highest quality and satisfying for healthy appetites. They are run by the owners of the Heart in Hand Tea Room, and located just north of them in Heritage Square. **Jack & Jenny's is offering \$1.00 off any sandwich or salad if you present your Con badge when ordering.**
- W S Jacque's Espresso (252-0000)**
 They are located at One Renaissance Square. Open Mon-Fri, 6:30am-4pm; Sat, 9am-1pm. Gourmet coffee & teas. Continental breakfast \$2.25. Lunch sandwiches and salads from \$2.40 to \$5.25.
- E - Kelly's Coffee & Bakery (254-0328)**
 Part of the Arizona Center's FOOD COURT. Gourmet Coffee (by cup, 1/2 lb, lb) and fancy bakery snack items. Coffee & roll combination \$2.50, best coffee in Phoenix (not my expertise but overheard from many customers), and the Cappuccino is delightful. **They will be open from 8am-9:30pm and will honor a 10% discount if you show your badge.**



E ! L'Assaggio (252-7245)

Located just kitty-corner across from the Omni, at 50 N. Central Ave. This is the newest fine Italian dining establishment in downtown. They just opened the week before press time for this review. We have not yet tried their food. This is the second location for L'Assaggio — the original is in Los Angeles in Beverly Hills.

E + Lombardi's (257-8323)

Located on the street level of the Arizona Center. I personally recommend this Italian restaurant. Moderately high prices, but very good and creative food. The entrees are available for \$8-\$15. This is a small chain — if you like them here look them up in Orlando.

E + Matador Restaurant (254-7563)

Tex-Mex Mexican food. Voted "Best of Phoenix" since 1979. Their normal hours are Mon-Sun, 7am-11pm. This is a moderately

priced, large quantity, high quality establishment, found on the corner southeast of the Omni at 125 E. Adams. Their breakfasts run from \$2 to \$7.45, lunch from \$5-\$7, and dinners \$4.75 to \$9.75.

E \$ Michael's Restaurant/Tavern (253-9580)

Michael's is a traditional coffee shop located at 25 W. Van Buren St., on the north side of the same block with the San Carlos. Normal hours are Mon-Fri, 6am-7pm; Sat, 6am-2pm. Closed holidays and Sundays.

E - Mister Hot Dog

Here we present one of the most inexpensive places to eat in our review. Mister Hot Dogs are pushcarts selling hot dogs (\$1.50-\$2.50) and polish sausages (\$2.50) with chips (50¢) and sodas (50¢). I have made special arrangements with them to have carts available just outside the Omni on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. These prices are subject to change with a policy of **no checks** and **no credit**. We aren't sure just what hours they will be available, but they talked about opening late in the morning and staying into the evening.

E - Mrs. White's Golden Rule Cafe (262-9265)

808 E. Jefferson, "Best of Phoenix Soul Food." Totally non-smoking neighborhood Soul Food restaurant. It's not fancy, in fact the furnishings are well-used, but clean. A good place for those on a tight budget and who are willing to walk a ways. The most expensive lunch is only \$6.30 and the breakfast special is \$2.79.

E - One Stop Shop Deli (252-6600)

They are located at 31 E. Monroe, right in the middle of the north side of the same block as the Omni. This is very inexpensive (79¢ for a hot dog, hamburger or burrito). They are open Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:30pm; Sat, 9am-5pm; and Sunday, 9am-3pm. They only make sandwiches to order from 10am-2pm — for other hours there is a selection of pre-packaged items. This is a small convenience store with drinks, smokes (ugh!) and film. They have free downtown delivery.

W - Oriental Gourmet (253-6968)

Located at 18 W. Adams, this "gourmet" (not!) restaurant is only open Mon-Fri, 11am-3pm. They serve complete oriental dinners/lunches from \$3.50 to \$6.00. I have not yet actually eaten here but others have told me it is OK.

- W - Philly's Finest** (495-9212)
 Located on the south side of the San Carlos, this deli serves foods associated with Philadelphia: hoagies & cheese steak sandwiches. Open Mon-Fri, 7am-5pm; Sat, 7am-3pm. Breakfast specials served starting at 7am.
- E + Player's** (252-6222)
 Located on the street level of the Arizona Center. Part of the Phoenix Live Complex. Steak, fish, chicken entrees \$8-\$13, burgers and sandwiches from \$5.25 to \$6.25, Mexican meals \$6.50 to \$12, pastas \$6-\$9, salads \$4.25 to \$7. Don't go here unless you want to watch sports on TV from your table... 10 screens so you can't escape it.
- E - The Purple Cow** (253-0861)
 New York kosher-style delicatessen located in the east side of the San Carlos Hotel. They are normally only open for breakfast and lunch on weekdays from 7am-4pm, but for us they will also be open on Saturday, July 4 from 9am-5pm. Sandwiches run from \$2.25 to \$5.00, hot dogs from 1.25 to \$2.00.
- E \$ Sbarro** (254-5006)
 Located on the outside of Renaissance Square, this national chain is expanding from the East. They support an Italian fast food menu with pizza by the slice, or whole from \$11-\$13.55. Stuffed pizza for \$23, pasta from \$3-\$4.89, calzones, heroes and salads.
- W \$ Salads & More** (253-2531)
 Located at 112 N. Central Ave., they provide breakfast and lunch for downtown office workers. Hours are 7am-3pm, Mon-Fri.
- E + Sam's Cafe** (252-3545)
 Located on the street level of the Arizona Center. This is a full service restaurant with a creative southwest flavor. They have extensive outside cool-misted covered seating. I have enjoyed every meal here. Lunches from \$4-\$10, and dinner entrees in the \$10-\$17 range.
- E !! Sandpainter Restaurant** (257-1525)
 Omni Hotel's fine dining room. This is one of our favorites — we have enjoyed many meals with them. They advertise Continental cuisine with a Southwestern flair. The Sandpainter is moderate to high-priced, but not out of line with hotels comparable to the Omni.

- E \$ Scotto's Pizza (252-2755)**
Part of the Arizona Center's FOOD COURT. They have the most creative and robust pizza (Spinach & Tomatoes, Broccoli & Tomatoes, Hot pepper & Black Olive with Onion & Tomatoes, Steak & Sausage). Don't let these weird ones scare you off — they have all the "normal" types of pizza as well. An individual slice of their pizza is a full meal for most, and two slices should even satisfy fen. Pizza (slices \$1.50—\$2.25, whole \$11–\$20) and Italian style sandwiches for \$3.50–\$4.
- E ? Seamus McCaffrey's Irish Pub**
This Irish pub is not rated since as of publishing date they are not yet ready for full service. They are on the south side of the San Carlos. When open they will feature live Irish entertainment and Guinness on tap. Note for the non-Irish reading this: to avoid embarrassment, Seamus is pronounced, approximately, *shame-us*.
- E ! Sesame Inn (252-0111)**
Located in the Mercado, one block north and six blocks east of the Omni. Normal upper middle class Chinese restaurant. Open Mon–Sun, 11am–10pm. Combination dinners are priced from \$7–\$15.
- E + Sing High Chop Suey House (253-7848)**
Known for high standards since 1928. Mon–Thur, 11am–9pm; Fri, 11am–11pm; Sat, 12n–11pm; Sun, 12n–9pm. Located south and east of the Omni at 27 W. Madison. **For attendees they will provide a free non-alcoholic beverage with any full meal.**
- W \$ The Sweet Shop**
Located in the lower level of the Valley National Bank Center, they serve Dreyer's ice cream, Miss Karen's frozen yogurt, popcorn and pretzels.
- E \$ Swensen's**
Located just east of the Omni, on Adams between 1st and 2nd Ave. They are normally open the same hours as the Arizona Museum of Science and Technology since they are integrated with one exit to the museum. This Swensen's only serves ice cream, no solid food.
- E ! Theater Terrace Cafe (252-1234)**
Located on the terrace level of the Hyatt, this is an expensive Hyatt-class coffee shop.

W \$ Tom's BBQ Express (258-9770)

Located just across Central from the Omni, but only open during weekdays from 10:30am -3pm. If you want BBQ, get there on Thursday. Sandwiches from \$3-\$5 and full rib dinners from \$6.50 to \$15.

E \$ Under Three (258-1046)

This is a bar downstairs at 3 W. Monroe, just south of the San Carlos. They advertise "The Best Hamburger in Town." They plan to be open for food from 9am-6pm, Mon-Sun. Burgers are \$4.25 to \$5.25, sandwiches \$3.50 to \$4.50, and large pizza from \$9-\$13. This is a bar and is open for drinks from 7am-8pm.

Restaurants Within Walking Distance

SORTED BY LOCATION

At the Omni

E + Cactus Cafe (257-1525)

E ! Sandpainter Restaurant (257-1525)

**E - Mister Hot Dog
(Not inside the Omni, but look right outside the doors)**

At the San Carlos

E ! El Bistro San Carlos (253-4121)

W - Philly's Finest (495-9212)

E - The Purple Cow (253-0861)

E ? Seamus McCaffrey's Irish Pub

At the Hyatt Regency Phoenix

The Hyatt is just across the street to the East of the Omni. Many fans should be familiar with the Hyatt as they have hosted many conventions in the past.

E !! Compass Room (252-1234)

E + Theater Terrace Cafe (252-1234)

At the Valley National Bank Center

In the block just north of the Omni. In the lower level you will find three restaurants designed to service local office workers. The food at all three is managed by Marriott Food Service. They are only

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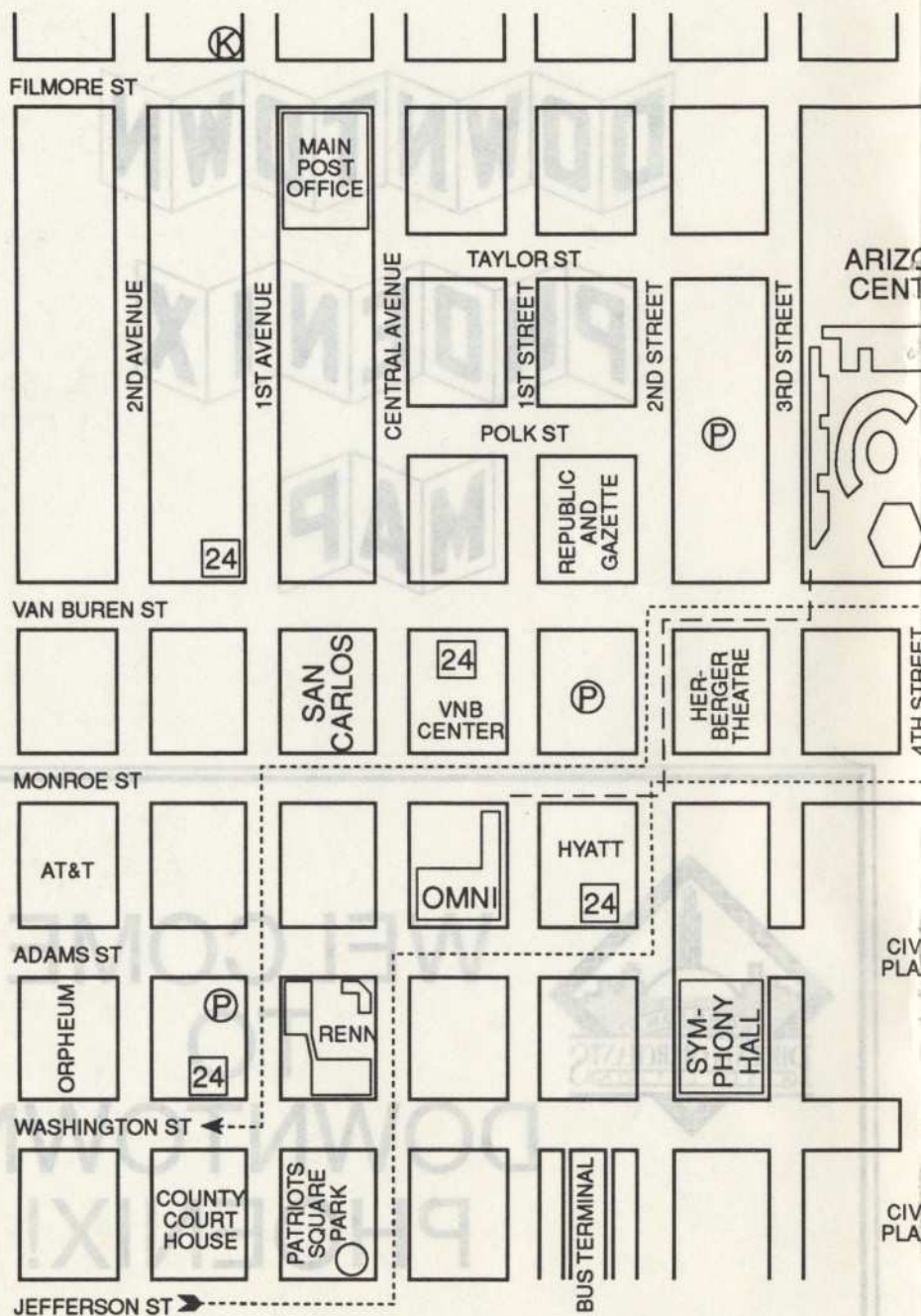
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MAP



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DOWNTOWN PHOENIX MAP



➔ DASH Route

— Shortest shaded route to/from Arizona Center

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open normal working days. This means closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the July 4th holiday.

- W \$ Coin Room Restaurant**
- W \$ Brown Bag Sandwich Shop**
- W \$ The Sweet Shop**

At The Arizona Center, Van Buren & 3rd

Most, but not all, merchants at the Arizona Center will be providing a 10% discount for members of WesterColt.45 when they are wearing their badges. Since not all will cooperate make sure to ask for your discount and be nice if they say it does not apply in this establishment.

While the Arizona Center is four blocks away from the Omni, at Van Buren & 3rd St., the walk can be done mostly in the shade and

in easy stages. We timed the walk to be about 4 minutes and 45 seconds at an easy saunter.

They have succeeded in creating a true Desert Oasis. All central outside areas are misted. They have lush gardens with plenty of shaded walks, and many ponds and fountains. Basic shopping hours are Mon-Sat, 10am-9:30pm; Sun, 11am-6pm. Some restaurants and entertainment centers stay open longer.

For general Arizona tourist information the state has opened an Arizona Highways "shop" on the second floor of the Arizona Center. Many free handouts are available about our state and its many tourist attractions. They also sell books and souvenirs from and about Arizona.

Arizona Center FOOD COURT

Summer hours are Mon-Thur, 10am-9pm; Fri, 10am-10:30pm; and Sun, 11am-6pm. Fast service and relatively inexpensive meals in an open, though air-conditioned, environment.

E \$	Chinese Cafe/Teriyaki Temple	(252-0872)
E -	Dusty's Cookies	
E -	Fajita Willy's	(252-2112)
E -	Foul Play	(252-9115)
E -	Gyros 'n' Grill	(252-5220)
E -	Hello Deli	(252-9115)
E -	Hot Dog On a Stick	
E -	Kelly's Coffee and Bakery	(254-0328)
E \$	Scotto's Pizza	(252-2755)

Arizona Center Individual Restaurants

E -	Amalfi Espresso	(257-0605)
E !	Copper Creek Steak House	(253-7100)
E \$	Fat Tuesday	(256-2444)
E \$	Hooters	(257-0000)
E !	Lombardi's	(257-8323)
E +	Player's	(252-6222)
E +	Sam's Cafe	(252-3545)

Arizona Center Entertainment

	Knuckle Heads	(256-2307)
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Located on the first floor, near the southwest end of the Arizona Center, you will find this live Stand Up comedy night club. They do provide meals but since their main claim to fame is entertainment

they are not reviewed as a restaurant. The normal cover charge is \$5 on weekdays and \$8.50 on weekends. **For our convention they will allow a flat cover charge of only \$3.00 if you are wearing your WesterColt.45 Con badge.**

Phoenix Live

(252-6222)

This is a large sports bar entertainment complex with outside misted mini-mini golf, sand volleyball court and loud music. Inside you will find all the normal sports bar type entertainment but on a grand scale.

At The Phoenix Mercado

Located just five blocks east of the hotel you find a Mexican-style center with shops, restaurants, the WesterColt.45 babysitting service (at Sunrise Preschool), and a Mexican museum (Museo Chicano). We can recommend the restaurants and the whole center does have the feel of Mexico. Many shops are vacant and though fairly new and clean, look like they need more upkeep, just like Mexico itself.

E ! Cafe La Tasca

(340-8797)

E + Sesame Inn

(252-0111)

At One Renaissance Square

This is the office complex and shops in the city block just to the south and west of the Omni.

W - Dusty's Cookies

W \$ Jacque's Espresso

(252-0000)

E ! L'Assaggio

(252-7245)

E \$ Sbarro

(254-5006)

At Heritage Square 262-5071

This historical area is just six blocks east of the Omni.

E + Jack & Jenny's Barn & Grill

(255-9115)

E \$ Heart and Hand Tea Room

(256-7572)

Restaurants Within Walking Distance

SORTED BY TYPE

Full Service Restaurants, Coffee Shops

This implies tables and waiter or waitress service.

E + Cactus Cafe

(257-1525)

E !	Cafe La Tasca	(340-8797)
E \$	Char's Thai Restaurant	(252-6053)
E !!	Compass Room	(252-1234)
E !	Copper Creek Steak House	(253-7100)
E !	El Bistro San Carlos	(253-4121)
E \$	Fat Tuesday	(256-2444)
E !!	Goldie's 1895 House	(254-0338)
W \$	Greenhouse Restaurant	(252-2742)
E \$	Heart In Hand Tea Room	(256-7572)
E \$	Hooters	(257-0000)
E !	L'Assaggio	(252-7245)
E +	Lombardi's	(257-8323)
E +	Matador Restaurant	(254-7563)
E \$	Michael's Restaurant/Tavern	(253-9580)
E -	Mrs. White's Golden Rule Cafe	(262-9265)
E +	Player's	(252-6222)
E \$	Sbarro	(254-5006)
E +	Sam's Cafe	(252-3545)
E !!	Sandpainter Restaurant	(257-1525)
E !	Sesame Inn	(252-0111)
E +	Sing High Chop Suey House	(253-7848)
E +	Theater Terrace Cafe	(252-1234)
E \$	Under Three	(258-1046)

Italian\Pizza

E !	L'Assaggio	(252-7245)
E +	Lombardi's	(257-8323)
E \$	Sbarro	(254-5006)
E \$	Scotto's Pizza	(252-2755)
E \$	Under Three	(258-1046)

Mexican/Spanish/Southwestern

E +	Cactus Cafe	(257-1525)
E !	Cafe La Tasca	(340-8797)
E !	El Bistro San Carlos	(253-4121)

ORIENTAL RESTAURANTS, SANDWICHES & DELIS

- E - Fajita Willy's** (252-2112)
- E - Kelly's Coffee & Bakery** (254-0328)
- E + Matador Restaurant** (254-7563)
- E + Sam's Cafe** (252-3545)

Oriental

- E \$ Char's Thai Restaurant** (252-6053)
- E \$ Chinese Cafe/Teriyaki Temple** (252-0872)
- E - Gyros 'n' Grill** (252-5220)
- W - Oriental Gourmet** (253-6968)
- E + Sing High Chop Suey House** (253-7848)

Sandwiches/Deli/Salads

- E - Amalfi Espresso** (257-0605)
- W \$ ATOP** (254-3475)
- E - Bickoff's Deli** (258-3069)
- W \$ Brown Bag Sandwich shop**
- W - Coney Island Sandwich Shop**
- E - Fajita Willy's** (252-2112)
- E \$ Fat Tuesday** (256-2444)
- E - Foul Play** (252-9115)
- W \$ Greenhouse Restaurant** (252-2742)
- E - Gyros 'n' Grill** (252-5220)
- E - Hello Deli** (252-9115)
- E \$ Jack & Jenny's** (255-0213)
- E \$ Hooters** (257-0000)
- E - Hot Dog On a Stick** (253-3422)
- W \$ The Hub Second Floor Cafe** (254-1811)
- W \$ Jacques Espresso** (252-0000)
- E - Mister Hot Dog**
- E - One Stop Shop Deli** (252-6600)
- W - Philly's Finest** (495-9212)
- E - The Purple Cow** (253-0861)
- E \$ Sbarro** (254-5006)
- W \$ Salads & More** (253-2531)

E	\$	Scotto's Pizza	(252-2755)
E	?	Seamus McCaffrey's Irish Pub	
W	\$	Tom's BBQ Express	(258-9770)
E	\$	Under Three	(258-1046)

Snacks

E	-	Amalfi Espresso	(257-0605)
E	-	Bickoff's Deli	(258-3069)
W	\$	Brown Bag Sandwich Shop	
W	-	Coney Island Sandwich Shop	
E	-	Dusty's Cookies	
E	-	Foul Play	(252-9115)
E	\$	Jack & Jenny's	(255-0213)
E	-	Hot Dog On a Stick	(253-3422)
W	\$	Jacque's Espresso	(252-0000)
E	-	Kelly's Coffee & Bakery	(254-0328)
E	-	Mister Hot Dog	
E	-	One Stop Shop Deli	(252-6600)
E	-	The Purple Cow	(253-0861)
E	?	Seamus McCaffrey's Irish Pub	
W	\$	The Sweet Shop	
E	\$	Swensen's	

Food Delivery Directly to Your Hotel Room

Domino's Pizza (266-4666)

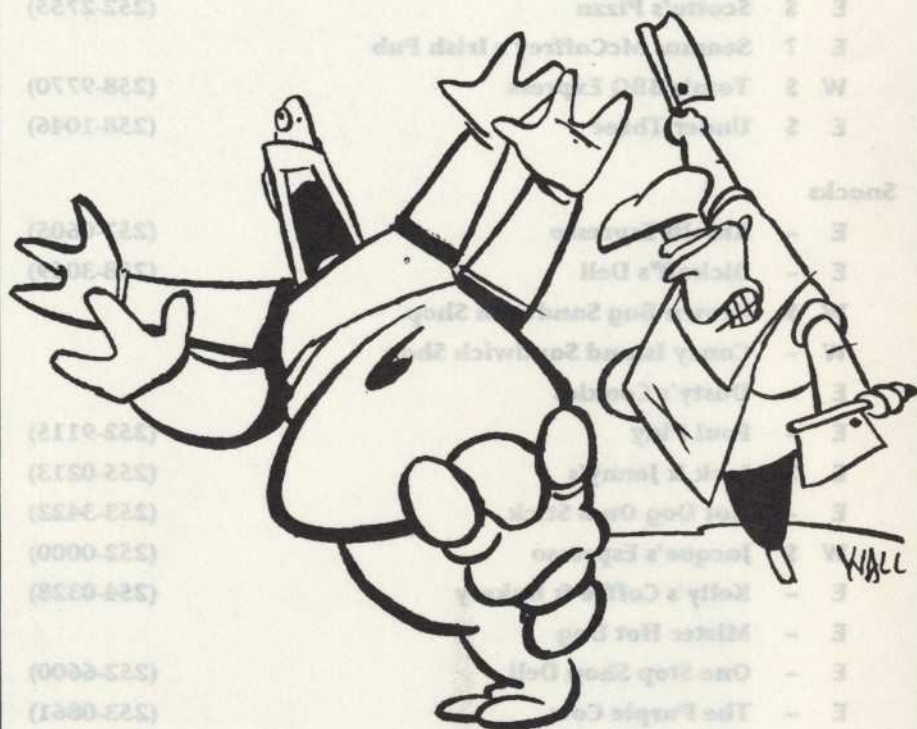
Delivery store is located at 2819 N. Central Ave.

Pizza Hut (220-4444)

From this central location they will route your order to an available outlet.

Kentucky Fried Chicken Delivery (955-4410)

Hours are 4pm-9pm, Sun-Thur; 4pm-10pm, Fri-Sat.



Notable But Outside of Downtown

The Valley of the Sun has a plethora of truly fine dining establishments. In this section I have chosen to list some of my personal favorites. It is by no means a thorough listing of even the best restaurants of Phoenix. We host two of the Mobil five star resorts and a large number of four star resorts. Each of them have restaurants of at least 3 star rating, unfortunately none are yet rated as five star.

+ **China Doll**

(264-0538)

Phoenix's best Dim Sum, available for lunch 7 days a week. This Cantonese restaurant is a favorite with the local Chinese community. They are located at 3336 N. 7th Ave.

!! **The French Corner**

(234-0245)

Voted one of Phoenix's 10 best restaurants in 1991. French cuisine at Central and Camelback.

+ Greekfest (265-2990)

Generally rated as the best Greek restaurant in Phoenix they are found at 1940 E. Camelback Rd. Feta cheese salads, exohiko, rack of lamb surprisingly moderate priced. It is a little hard to find as it is behind another building, but worth looking for.

!! Havana Cafe (952-1991)

This restaurant has been receiving rave reviews in the local press. As the name implies it serves true Cuban and Spanish food. I feel it should be mentioned but I have not yet personally tried them out., although friends I trust have. They are a small restaurant located at 4225 E. Camelback Rd. Come early as they do not take reservations.

!! Le Rhone (933-0151)

This Sun City restaurant, at 9401 W. Thunderbird, has always delivered fine food with a European (Swiss) flavor. The food and service are remarkable. Their homemade rolls are delicious. Since most of their clientele are from Sun City (retirement community) you get slightly smaller servings, but as a unique touch they offer free second helpings of the Starch (potatoes or rice) and Vegetables.

! The Moroccan Restaurant (947-9590)

Here is a little piece of the Mideast — just south of Camelback and Scottsdale Roads at 4228 N. Scottsdale Rd. in Scottsdale. Enjoy belly dancers in an authentic setting. Complete dinners range in price from \$12.50 to \$23.

!!! Uptown Dine Around (468-0700)

For those staying over or on your next visit to Phoenix we must mention the most romantic evening in town. This evening starts off by checking into the Phoenix Ritz Carlton, located at 24th Street and Camelback. This is a very high class hotel with all the amenities. The lobby, restaurants, and halls are filled with beautiful antiques. After enjoying the pool and Health Spa you and your "significant other" take a leisurely stroll across Camelback to the Biltmore Shopping Center. There at RoxSand's restaurant you will enjoy appetizers with wine. Then a second stroll over to the northwest corner of Camelback and 24th St. for your main course at Christopher's Bistro. Of course this includes vegetables and more wine. Then it's back to the Ritz Carlton where a iced bucket of champagne and a platter of the Ritz's desserts is waiting in your room. The rest of the night is up to you. This is how we have celebrated my birthday for the past three years.

Not included in the package, but well worth the extra money, is breakfast at The Restaurant at Ritz Carlton. The Ritz Carlton, Rox-Sand's, and Christopher's Bistro are each individually worth a trip clear across the Valley of the Sun. Being together in one package makes this worth every penny.

!!! The Restaurant @ Ritz Carlton (468-0700)

Here you feel as if you were dining with royalty. The food, service, wines and ambiance are among the best. The chef changes the menu but always exhibits enjoyable creativity. For us this is a must for breakfast after the Uptown Dine Around. Revel in the finest breakfast we have ever experienced. Prepare to pay \$30-\$50 for breakfast but you will find menu items to tickle the fancy of even the most jaded gourmets.

!!! The Grill @ Ritz Carlton (468-0700)

Slightly less pretentious than its sister restaurant but still a creative menu, superb service and delightful wine list. Just to tempt your appetite think of lobster and pumpkin chowder. The setting here is as if you were in a gentleman's club; polished brass lighting fixtures and stuffed armchairs enhance the atmosphere.

!! RoxSand's (381-0444)

New American/Californian cuisine on the 2nd floor at 2594 E. Camelback in the Biltmore Fashion Square shopping center.

!!! Christopher's (957-3214)

The Uptown Dine Around is in the Bistro portion of Christopher's. They serve "new American cuisine with a French flair" at 2398 E. Camelback Rd. We celebrated our anniversary in their upscale dining room. In addition to a top-of-the-line menu they offer all-inclusive gourmet feasts; ours had seven different wines, each chosen to complement its own course.

+ Indian Delhi Palace (244-8181)

This is a local favorite of the authentic India nationals. Located next door is an India-style bakery with a selection of other authentic prepared food. 5050 E. McDowell Rd. in Phoenix.

\$ The Spaghetti Company (257-0380)

Located just 1.5 miles north of the Omni at 1418 N. Central Ave. Open Mon-Fri, 11am-11pm; Sat (4th), 3pm-12m; Sun, 11:30am-10:30pm. This is one of our family's favorites. Very reasonable complete Italian dinners from \$5.60-\$8.15. These include bread, salad, entree, choice of beverage, and dessert.

\$ The Sugar Bowl Ice Cream Parlor (946-0051)

Here are the best ice cream parlors in the Valley of the Sun. They have ice cream custom-made to their own high butter-fat recipe. They serve great sandwiches and fantastic ice cream creations, and now have two outlets. The first, and still the best, Sugar Bowl is in Scottsdale at 4005 N. Scottsdale Rd. (946-0051). Their second and only slightly secondary outlet is at the northeast corner of Central and Camelback in Phoenix (277-4704).

!!!! Vincent's on Camelback (224-0225)

3930 E. Camelback Rd. in Phoenix. This is one of the very best and most expensive restaurants in all of Arizona. Suave, sophisticated service and haute cuisine. The wine list matches the rest of Vincent's in both price and quality. If you feel that superb food and service are worth high cost this is the place for you. Dinner for two with wine could easily top \$100.

Japanese

Both of these restaurants offer Sushi, as good as it gets in Phoenix, and fine Japanese food. Ayako is more formal and Shogun is more reasonably priced. Ayako also has a tepanyaki room.

! Ayako of Tokyo (955-7007)

2564 E. Camelback Rd. in the Biltmore Fashion Park. Visiting Japanese engineers take us out here for business dinners.

+ Shogun (953-32604)

Located at 12615 N. Tatum Blvd. in Paradise Valley.

Seafood**! Fish Market (277-3474)**

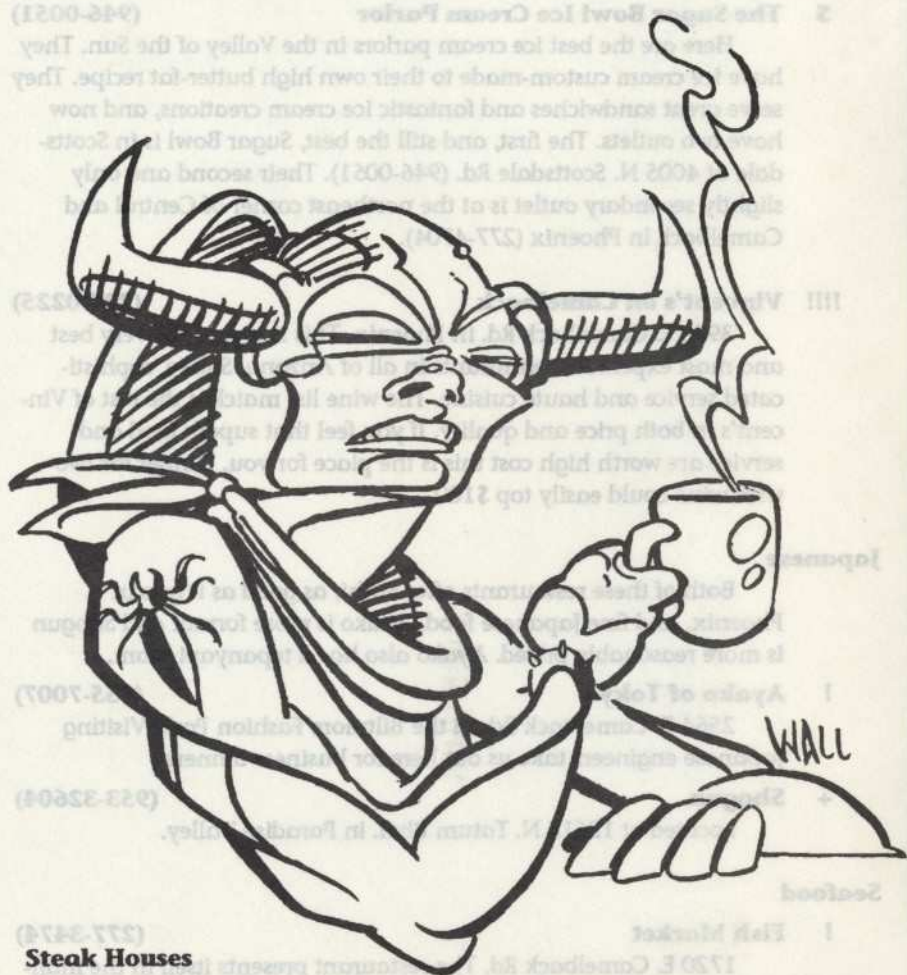
1720 E. Camelback Rd. The restaurant presents itself in the manner of an ocean fish market with attached restaurant.

!! The Salt Cellar (947-1963)

Voted the "Best Seafood Restaurant 1991" by the readers of the *New Times*. They are located at 550 N. Hayden Rd. in Scottsdale.

!! Steamer's (956-3631)

Located in the east end second floor of the Biltmore Fashion Square. Wide variety of fresh fish at moderate to high prices. Occasionally they have *Conan*-sized lobsters of twenty or more pounds. If you order one of these bring a gold card since they can run over \$400. Don't let this frighten you off the cost of other meals — they are in the range of the mid-teens to low twenties.



Steak Houses

+ Monti's La Casa Vieja (967-7594)

3 W. 1st Street in Tempe. Just over the Salt River Bridge then turn right into Monti's. This is a very busy restaurant. We recommend you come early or make reservations. They are housed in the old Mill Ave Ferry Building, one of the oldest in Tempe. The steaks are large, tender, reasonably priced, and cooked to perfection. This is one of the best buys in the Valley.

+ Pinnacle Peak Steak House (563-5133)

Located in the extreme northeast of the Valley of the Sun, this is the place for Cowboy steaks (2 pounds), 'ok' baked beans, and simple

lettuce salad. Potatoes, as if you could have room, are extra. They cut off and display ties so put on your jeans and boots and come on out. Ask directions before you head out to find them at 10426 E. Jomax Rd. in Scottsdale.

!!! Ruth's Chris Steak House (957-9600)

Most reviewers rate this as the best steakhouse in the Valley of the Sun. Our experience tends to support this but with a strong caveat. The difference in quality between Ruth's and Monti's is not worth the price doubling or even tripling at Ruth's.

Mobil Five Star

Here are two resorts and one restaurant that have received this prestigious award.

!!! The Tack Room (602-722-2800)

This is the only restaurant I will mention outside of the Valley of the Sun. The Tack Room is the **only** Mobil Five Star restaurant in Arizona. And as the definition of Five Star implies, they are worth a trip to Tucson just for the meal. You will find them at 2800 N. Sabino Canyon Rd. in northeast Tucson.

!! The Wigwam Resort (935-3811)

Located at 4344 Litchfield Rd. in Litchfield, Arizona, they were created as an executive retreat for the Goodyear Corporation. The "rooms" are actually individual bungalows with every service and device I have ever seen. Their dining room, "The Terrace," provides unusual meals in the new Southwestern style. The final preparations and some cooking are performed in front of the dining room. We enjoyed the show this provides.

I must mention their Summer Family Weekend package. This is a great deal — the price is just \$65 for each adult per night, and up to two children are included in the same bungalow for no extra charge. This low price does not include food but will cover the room and full daytime activities for both the adults and the children at their own Camp Pow-Wow. Horseback riding, hay rides, tennis, bike-riding, the best golf course in the valley, beautiful grounds, and a mammoth pool only scratch the surface for what the Wigwam offers.

!! Marriott's Camelback Inn (948-1700)

"In all the World there is only one." This is their motto and they live up to it. Their Sunday poolside buffet, nominally in the Navajo room, is a family favorite. The "rooms" are actually small bungalow complexes scattered across their spacious grounds.

Useful Merchants

ABC Theatricals (258-5204)

This is the largest and most reasonable shop in Phoenix for costumes, costume supplies and stage makeup. They are not open on the weekends so if you need anything make sure you get there on Thursday or Friday. They are almost within walking distance at 825 N. 7th St. In cooler weather you could walk this in about 15 minutes.

Bus Terminal (253-5000)

The main Phoenix City Bus Terminal is located two blocks south and one block west of the Omni, south of Washington between 1st Ave. and 2nd Ave. Unfortunately our city busses provide poor service on weekends and **none** on holidays.

Circle K, 1st Ave. and Fillmore (253-8674)

This convenience store is do-able walk away even in our heat.

24-Hour Teller Machines

City Bank

On the northwest corner of 1st Ave. and Van Buren you will find the Citibank. Their machine is located within a 24-hour locked glass room; your card will provide access to the machines within this room. They support the following systems: STAR, CIRRUS, VISA, MasterCard.

Arizona Center

There is a 24 hour teller machine located on the far east side of the Arizona Center. It services: PLUS System, VISA, American Express, STAR, Master Card, CIRRUS, Discover.

First Interstate

Their 24-hour teller is located within the north entrance of the lobby for the First Interstate building off 1st Ave. north of Washington. After 9pm the lobby is locked, but you can use the "buzzer" to summon the guard and then use the machine. Accesses: First Interstate, CIRRUS, PLUS, American Express, MasterCard.

South Entrance Hyatt

Located within the first set of doors on the south entrance of the Hyatt, just one block east of the Omni. Providing access to: PLUS System, VISA, STAR, American Express, Discover, CIRRUS.

Valley National Bank Center

Their machine is located in the lower level of the building in the block to the north of the Omni. Afterhours you will have to use the west entrance. It supports: PLUS System, STAR, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.

Kinko's copy shop

Located on the southeast corner of 1st Ave. and Van Buren. They plan to be open all days of the Con, but Sunday will be only very limited hours.

Laundromat

Sorry, there is no laundromat located in downtown Phoenix. The Downtown Laundry and Dry Cleaners at 308 N. 2nd Ave. are very reasonable, compared to the hotel. Unfortunately they will not be open either Saturday or Sunday. You can call them at (253-7245). Normally they expect in by 9am out by 4pm, but they say if you have an emergency they can cut hours off this time.

Post Office

The main Phoenix Post Office is less than one mile north of the Omni on the west side of Central Ave.

Sunrise Preschool**(253-0381)**

Located in the Mercado, just six blocks east of the Omni, this is the official WesterColt .45 babysitting service. See your Program Book for details if you wish to use their services.

Local Attractions

Now it's time to play tourist!

Zoos**Desert Botanical Garden****(941-1225)**

This fine display of over 10,000 cacti and other desert plants is located near the Phoenix Zoo. Bus access is available. It is included here since it is a 'zoo'd for plants.

The Phoenix Zoo**(273-7771)**

Locate at 5810 E. Van Buren St. Direct city bus routes provide easy access to the zoo. It has been rated among the top 10 zoos in the US and boasts many large habitats.

Out of Africa**(837-7677)**

Access to this wild life park is by automobile only, about a 45 min. trip from downtown. It is located just outside Fountain Hills just this side of the Verde River on the Beeline Highway. Open 10:30am—5pm daily, but closed Mondays. If you love big cats this is the place for you. This private park shows many large cats in direct contact with their human friends. They have an amazing collection of animals and put on an entertaining show. There's a good chance you'll even get to pet a lion cub (but call first to make certain they have new cubs). It is one of our family's favorites.

World Wildlife Zoo**(935-9453)**

Access is by automobile only, about a 1/2 hour trip from downtown Phoenix. 16501 W. Northern Ave. in Litchfield Park. This private zoo has some creative displays for over 500 animals. A must for any kid is the Parrot Feeding. Many visitors are allowed into an aviary with bits of fruit. The flock of parrots will come down and will take food from your hands.

Museums**Arizona Military Museum****(267-2676)**

This is a must for the military history buff. It is a small free museum provided by the National Guard at their facility at 5636 E. McDowell. There are exhibits from all the military periods of Arizona from the Conquistadors to Desert Storm. Children are allowed to climb on armored vehicles from World Wars I & II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. This includes a captured Iraqi tank and APC. The most fascinating exhibit shows a 1930-era Arizona National Guard uniform sporting what looks like a red swastika.

AZ Mining & Mineral Museum**(255-3791)**

This fine mineral exhibit is available from the Free DASH service on weekdays.

AZ Museum of Science & Technology**(256-2676)**

Located just one block from the Omni, a field trip to this hands-on science center is part of the planned activities of children's programming. (Although it is fine for a visit from an adult, as well.)

Arizona State University Museums

All these museums are located on the campus of Arizona State University in Tempe. ASU can be reached by Phoenix bus service. None of

these are worth a trip by themselves. You could see them all in half a day.

Art Museum (965-ARTS)

Archives Gallery (965-7645)

Anthropology Museum (965-6213)

Museum of Geology (965-5081)

Memorial Union Fine Arts Lounge (965-6649)

Champlin Fighter Museum (830-4540)

Located at 4636 Fighter Aces Dr. in Mesa. Access is by automobile only, about a 1/2 hour trip from downtown. If you love "Wings" you will love this museum. They are home to the American Fighter Aces Association. They are open daily from 10am-5pm. Exhibits include over 200 machine guns from 1895 to modern times. Also many flyable fighter planes from World War I to Korea. Including :

Korea — MiG-15, MiG-17, F86 Saber Jet

World War I — Sopwith Camel, Spad, Nieuport, Fokker (E-III, Dr. I, D-VII, D-VIII)

World War II — ME-109E, Focke-Wulf-190, Spitfire, Corsair, Hellcat, Wildcat, P-51

Hall of Flame (275-3473) ("ASK-FIRE")

This museum is just across Washington St. from the Phoenix Zoo.

It is reachable by city bus lines. If you are a fire-fighting buff this is a must. Over 100 restored fire fighting pieces/engines from 1725 to 1955.

The Heard Museum (252-8840)

Just off Central at 22 E. Monte Vista Dr. Easy access by city bus or taxi. Exhibits showing the history, culture and life styles of Native Americans.

Heritage Square (262-5071)

This historical area is just six blocks east of the Omni. A collection of turn-of-the-century Phoenix historic buildings converted to museums and restaurants.

Arizona Doll and Toy Museum (253-9337)

Bouvier-Teeter House 1899 (256-7572)

Teeter Carriage House (252-1634)

Burgess Carriage House

Rossen House 1895 (262-5071)

Silva House 1900's (236-5451)

Jack & Jenny's (255-9115)

Heart and Hand Tea Room (256-7572)

MARS Art Space (253-3541)

Movimiento Artístico Del Rio Salado (MARS). The MARS Artspace is located at 126 S. Central, in the Luhrs building. This is a non-profit Art Gallery which promotes visual performances, and literary arts by Arizona and Chicano artists.

Mesa Southwest Museum (644-2230)

They showcase the history of the Southwest from the Dinosaurs to the Cowboys. You can find them at 53 N. MacDonald Dr. in Mesa. They are closed on Monday, and open Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1pm-5pm.

Museo Chicano (257-5536)

Arizona's first Hispanic museum with local and touring exhibits. They have a fixed exhibit of Hispanic rodeo outfits. They are located six blocks east of the Omni, in the Mercado Village.

Phoenix Art Museum (257-1222)

Just a mile-and-a-half up Central Ave. at 1625 N. Central you will find the largest Art Museum in the Southwest. They host visiting exhibits and continuing exhibits for everything from Ancient Chinese to Modern Street Art. Two areas of special interest are the Thorne Miniature Room gallery for rooms from many periods of time and the ArtAttack Gallery providing hands-on activities for children.

Pioneer Living History (993-0212)

The Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum is located north of the Valley of the Sun on I-17 at the Pioneer Rd. exit. They are open Wed-Sun, 9am-5pm. This is a recreation of a small pioneer town with costumed participants. In addition to the static displays there is a working blacksmith shop and melodramas in the Opera House. Western history buffs should enjoy this.

Pueblo Grande Museum (495-0901)

This is an active archeological site from the Hohokam Indian period over 600 years ago. This site is located in east-central Phoenix at 4615 E. Washington St. Open 9am-4:45pm, Mon-Sat; and 1pm-4:45pm on Sun.

Amusements, Parks and Attractions

Encanto Park

Found 1/2 mile north of McDowell Rd. on 15th Ave. This large city park with Kiddie-land, lagoons, boat rentals, golf course and picnic areas is a city treasure and kids can run and play for many hours.

McCormick Railroad Park**(994-2312)**

A train buff's city park — great for kids. They are located in north Scottsdale at 7303 E. Indian Bend. Every day there are rides on a model railroad, oil-fired engine that skirts the park. On most Sundays the Arizona Live Steamers association provides rides on their Live Steam miniature railroad. For picnics and just to let kids run this is the place.

Patriots Square Park

This downtown city park is just two blocks south and one block west of the Omni. It takes up the entire block from 1st Ave. to Central and Washington to Jefferson. Our boys have enjoyed running around on the contoured and raised grass and planting areas. There is a large center stage covered with a futuristic-looking steel structure festooned with lighted globes. A large, powerful laser, mounted in the structure, displays various moving patterns and animations on flat panels above (on most Friday and Saturday nights). When the laser is in use, the beam finally shoots across the Phoenix sky and can be seen from miles away. If your kids need a wiggle-break or place to run, or if you'd like to see the impressive laser, this is the place. Now for the bad news: it is a favorite hangout for the downtown homeless. I advise keeping a close eye on your kids. Don't send them there alone!

Rawhide

Located just south of Pinnacle Peak Rd. on Scottsdale Rd. this Phoenix mundane tourist attraction provides a stunt and comedy gunfight show in a Wild West town. Our children love this place. The best of Rawhide is found in the evening hayride and cook-outs on the desert. Also if your tastes run to large steaks, rattlesnake, or Rocky Mountain oysters try their restaurant.

The Island at Big Surf**(280-9073)**

1500 N. McClintock Rd. in Tempe. Very large sandy beach and man-made ocean wave park. This is my pick for the best waterpark in the valley. This was the original wave park that spawned all the others. National surfing championships were once held here in the Arizona desert.

Golfland/Sunsplash**(834-8318)**

155 W. Hampton Ave. in Mesa. In my estimation the second best water park in the valley. They also support at least four fine miniature golf courses, with a separate entry fee.

Water World USA**(230-4300)**

Located in the far north of Phoenix at 4243 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd. In my estimation this is only the third best waterpark in the valley.

Shooter's World**(266-0170)**

Rated as the best gun store in the southwest. I have used it to entertain businessmen from Japan. They provide full service gun sales, service, and shooting at their indoor range. For me the high point is the ability to rent guns and use them in their range. Renting and shooting a Thompson .45 caliber submachine gun is a real trip. I have not used their indoor paintball arena but others have given it a definite recommendation.

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CUT IN FRONT OF ME, I'LL BE FORCED
TO GIVE YOU A VULCAN WHAMMY
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