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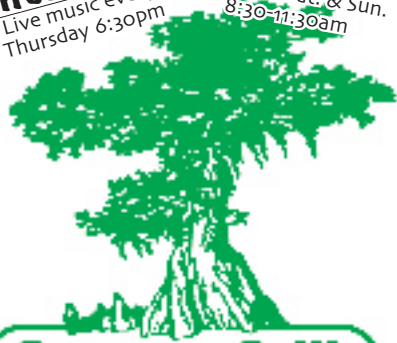
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### NORTH CENTRAL

#### DELI/SANDWICH SHOP: AVENUE B GROCERY

These days Austin's oldest surviving grocery offers a bountiful menu of hot and cold sandwiches, an array of fresh salads, and hearty soups in the fall and winter. 4403 Avenue B, 453-3921 \$

**BURGER JOINT: BURGER TEX** Build your own burger at this longtime, no-frills restaurant. 5420 Airport Blvd., 453-8772 \$

**BURGER JOINT: DAN'S HAMBURGERS** One of several burger outlets operated by Austin's Hamburger King, Dan Junk, whose trademark has always been good, fresh food and friendly service. 5602 N. Lamar, 459-3239 \$

**DELI/SANDWICH SHOP: DELIVERY: FOODHEADS** Mornings consist of cappuccino, espresso, pastries, and breakfast tacos. By lunchtime, you can choose from a staggering array of sandwiches, soups, salads, and side dishes. 616 W. 34th, 420-8400 \$

**TEX-MEX: JULIO'S CAFE** The vegetarian taco with perfectly grilled zucchini and summer squash is a favorite, along with the enchiladas, chalupas, and fajitas. 4230 Duval St., 452-1040 \$

**KOREAN: KOREA GARDEN** Fabulous-tasting lunch specials for around five bucks, and for dinner, large portions at excellent prices. A hip, homey spot with good, solid food at great prices. 6519 N. Lamar, 302-3149 \$\$

**VEGETARIAN/VEGAN: MOTHER'S CAFE** A welcoming vegetarian refuge since 1979, the completely vegetarian menu is a mix of Southern and Tex-Mex, and includes a selection of soups, salads, and heartier fare. 4215 Duval St., 451-3994 \$\$

**CHINESE, JAPANESE: PEI WEI** This newcomer to the Hancock Shopping Center features a sleek diner atmosphere and affordable favorites. Choose your own combinations for noodle and rice bowls. 1000 E. 41st (Hancock Center), 382-3860 \$

**BAKERY/COFFEEHOUSE: QUACK'S 43RD STREET BAKERY** Carrying on the tradition of slacker-era Austin, it is a great place to luxuriate over coffee and a muffin. 411 E. 43rd, 453-3399 \$

**THAI: THAI VILLAGE** Enjoy a classy but still affordable meal and very artful food presentation. 6406 N. I-35, 452-3888 \$\$

**SOUTHERN/DOWN-HOME: THREADGILL'S OLD NO. 1** Fried-catfish dinners at Threadgill's have been a popular menu item as long as the restaurants have been open in Austin. 6416 N. Lamar, 451-5440 \$\$

### SOUTH

**BAKERY/COFFEEHOUSE: THE BIG KOLACHE** This cheerfully painted shop offers 16 varieties with sweet fillings made from scratch and savory fillings like ham and cheese and Elgin sausage with jalapeño. 2407 S. Congress, 383-9050 \$

**SEAFOOD: CATFISH PARLOUR** When the gang's hungry, take a crowd to eat in, or arrange to have them cater your next outdoor fish-fry. 4705 E. Ben White, 443-1698 \$\$

**PIZZA: CONANS PIZZA** Thick, cheesy Chicago deep dish by the slice or pie. The lunch buffet will satisfy your appetite without emptying your wallet. 2018 W. Stassney Ln., 441-6754 \$\$

**TEX-MEX: EL MERCADO** A very happy hour and home of 99-cent appetizers, nestled in a neon rainforest. 1302 S. First, 447-7445 \$\$

**AMERICAN CAFE: GREEN MUSE CAFE** Drinks, pastries, gatherings, bands, Wi-Fi, and movies make this coffee shop a community hangout. 519 W. Oltorf, 912-7789 \$

**BAKERY/COFFEEHOUSE: LA MEXICANA BAKERY** Well-known for its wide selection of inexpensive pan dulces, empanadas, and galletas. If your sweet tooth needs a root canal, try something from the taqueria. 1924 S. First, 443-6369 \$

**CHINESE: MANDARIN CHINESE RESTAURANT** Beer and wine served amid quick but flavorful entrées gives the authentically Oriental decor an American twist. 212 E. Oltorf, 445-2225 \$\$

**BURGER JOINT: P TERRY'S BURGER STAND** Find burgers fashioned from hormone- and antibiotic-free Harris Ranch beef, grilled chicken (Buddy's), fresh-cut fries, and milk shakes. Sit at a picnic table on the patio. 404 S. Lamar, 473-2217 \$

**FINE DINING: PAGGI HOUSE** This restored and revamped favorite caters to the young and hip with unique cocktails, small portions of New American dishes, and a casual atmosphere. Check out the patio and decks. 200 Lee Barton Dr., 499-8835 \$\$\$

**TEX-MEX: TRUDY'S SOUTH** A wide range of Tex-Mex with a contemporary twist, and fans are crazy about the chipotle salsa and chips. The half-pound burgers are massive, and they also offer chicken-fried steaks. 4141 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 326-9899 \$\$

**JAPANESE: UCHI** The sushi ranges from fresh scallops, tuna, and seafood to negitoro rolls, seaweed, and chicken salad, and all is highly rated. 801 S. Lamar, 916-4808 \$\$\$\$

**CHINESE: WANFU TOO** The 1950s diner setting is as comforting as the usual Chinese menu choices like eggdrop soup, eggrolls, and lots of choices for main dishes. 1806 Barton Springs Rd., 478-3535 \$\$

### UT

**BURGER JOINT: DIRTY MARTIN'S KUM-BAK PLACE** Open since 1926, hamburgers, chicken-fried steaks, and pork chops are still done on the griddle. 2808 Guadalupe, 477-3173 \$\$

**MIDDLE EASTERN: GYRO KING** They carve your spiced meat from one of those rotating triangles. A take on the sandwich beyond the ordinary. 2021 Guadalupe (Dobie Mall, second floor), 479-6222 \$

**CHINESE: JADE CHINESE CUISINE** Primarily a Chinese restaurant, but they do have a sushi bar with a limited selection. Best choice: the Eel Hand Roll. 3704 N. I-35, 459-6001 \$\$

**MIDDLE EASTERN: KISMET CAFE** Serving Mediterranean/American cuisine, Philly subs, gyros, and salads. 411 W. 24th, 236-1811 \$\$\$

**PIZZA: MANGIA CHICAGO STUFFED PIZZA** Delectable and deceptively filling stuffed pizza at a reasonable cost. Now going cross-cultural with breakfast tacos. 3500-B Guadalupe, 302-5200 \$\$

**AMERICAN CAFE: O'S CAMPUS CAFE** Serving healthy, unique, and delicious food at fair prices. They offer simple breakfasts of assorted tacos, French toast, and pastries, as well as a nice lunch selection. 24th & Speedway (A.C.E.S. Building on the UT campus), 232-9060 \$

**BURGER JOINT: ROCKETS** Burgers, chicken sandwiches, and "planet-sized spuds." They claim it's their burgers you see in fast-food commercials. 118 W Fifth, 482-0621 \$

**CHINESE: SUN HING CHINESE RESTAURANT** Kung Pao, General Tso, and other Chinese standbys served up fresh and inexpensively. 2801 Guadalupe, 478-6504 \$\$

**TEX-MEX: TACO SHACK** Good, substantial, and cheap Tex-Mex. 2825 Guadalupe, 320-8998 \$

**MIDDLE EASTERN: TOM'S TABOOLEY** The kitchen offers tabbouleh, dolmas, baklava, gourmet coffee, and lots of surprising tidbits for lunch and dinner. Pick up some brined grape leaves to cook with at home. 2928 Guadalupe, 479-7337 \$

### WEST

**AMERICAN CAFE, FINE DINING: CASTLE HILL CAFE** After two decades in business, this eatery has a fresh, new look, with a recently redecorated interior and updated menu items. 1101 W. Fifth, 476-0728 \$\$\$

**DESSERTS, FINE DINING: CHEZ ZEE AMERICAN BISTRO** Voluptuous, decadent brunch items are served with signature croissants and strawberry butter. Dinner options span a wide range, from pastas to chicken dishes to a variety of salads. 5406 Balcones, 454-2666 \$\$\$

**TEX-MEX: ENCHILADAS Y MAS** Hundreds of satisfied customers will testify that the chorizo migas are worth a drive across town. 1911 W. Anderson, 467-7100 \$

**AMERICAN CAFE: EZ'S** Although the hamburgers are very good, they also serve up a plethora of chicken dishes, from battered and fried tenders to oven-roasted rosemary chicken plates. 3918 N. Lamar, 302-1800 \$

**DELI/SANDWICH SHOP: FOOD! FOOD!** With more than 20 varieties of sandwiches to choose from, lunch at this friendly neighborhood deli will always turn up something new and interesting. 2727 Exposition #112, 474-8515 \$\$

**CAJUN/CREOLE: FREDA'S SEAFOOD GRILLE** A challenging menu with often rewarding results. Start with the fried pickles and a cocktail or two from the superior spirits list. Live music and catering. 10903 Pecan Park, 506-8700 \$\$

**TEX-MEX: HULA HUT SURE**, it's got water and the hills too, but the best view at this Polynesian-styled paradise is on everyone else. Try the Tubular Tacos. 3825 Lake Austin Blvd., 476-4852 \$\$\$

**PIZZA: ROUNDERS PIZZERIA** Their pies are hand-tossed into a thin crust and baked until crispy. Fresh salads, made-to-order calzones, and an abundance of available ingredients are sure to please. 1203 W. Sixth, 477-0404 \$

**AMERICAN CAFE: SATELLITE CAFE** You'll find a delicious and ambitious menu including grilled dishes, salads, and wraps served up in an unassuming strip mall location that belies its sophistication. 7101 Hwy. 71 W. Ste. E1, 301-1883 \$\$

**THAI: THAI SPICE CAFE** Owned and operated by female chefs Vicki Vicha and Orasinee Ratana-Apron, both locations have similar menus, offering fresh, fast, reliable versions of traditional Thai dishes. 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 330-0203 \$\$

**CHINESE: TIEN HONG** One of Austin's older Chinese strongholds, Tien Hong rules with the weekend dim sum crowd. For dinner go for the specialties. 8301 Burnet Rd., 458-2263 \$\$\$

**FINE DINING: ZIN AMERICAN BISTRO & BAR** This chic Brykerwoods eatery specializes in new American cuisine and American wines. 1601 W. 38th #1, 377-5252 \$\$\$

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