

Series A



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Rocket-Ship Schedule			WEIGHT CHART (in lbs.)	
Leaving Earth for	Time Req. (1 way)	Distance Traveled (1 way)	If Your Earth Weight Is -	Your Moon Weight Would Be*
	Days	Miles		
MOON	5	250,000	90	14
			100	16
			110	18
			120	19
VENUS	146	251,000,000	130	21
			140	22
MARS	258	370,000,000	150	23
			160	25
			170	27
JUPITER	490	600,000,000	180	28
			190	30
SATURN	830	1,300,000,000	200	32

(*to nearest pound)

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From the days half a century ago when we confidently expected to be on our way by now.....

Midwestcon 56 – The Relaxacon
Doubletree Guest Suites, Cincinnati
June 23 – 26, 2005

Letter from the Editor

Welcome back to Cincinnati, and to the Doubletree Guest Suites. We thank all members who gave us feedback last year. Shifting the consuite adjacent to the patio and the new consuite menu book drew positive review and both return this year. The menu book and restaurant guide have been revised this year – some new restaurants have opened near the hotel, and one has closed. Some of the restaurants “A Little Further Afield” have changed – some old ones have given way to new entries. A copy of previous program books is available in the consuite for those who miss an old favorite. We have planned a special event this year - please “Convention Info” for further information. As always, a drop box for comments will be in the Consuite. Thanks, and enjoy relaxing with the Cincinnati Fantasy Group.

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Convention Info

The Dealer's Room is in the Ballroom(north), on the Lobby level, beyond the Bistro café.

Hours are 5 pm- 8 pm Friday, 11 am – 6 pm Saturday, and 11am – 2 pm Sunday.

The Art Show is also on the Lobby level, and shares quarters (and hours) with the Dealers Room. The Art Auction will be at 8 PM. on Saturday, on the patio outside the ballroom, if required. Any bid will send an item to Auction.

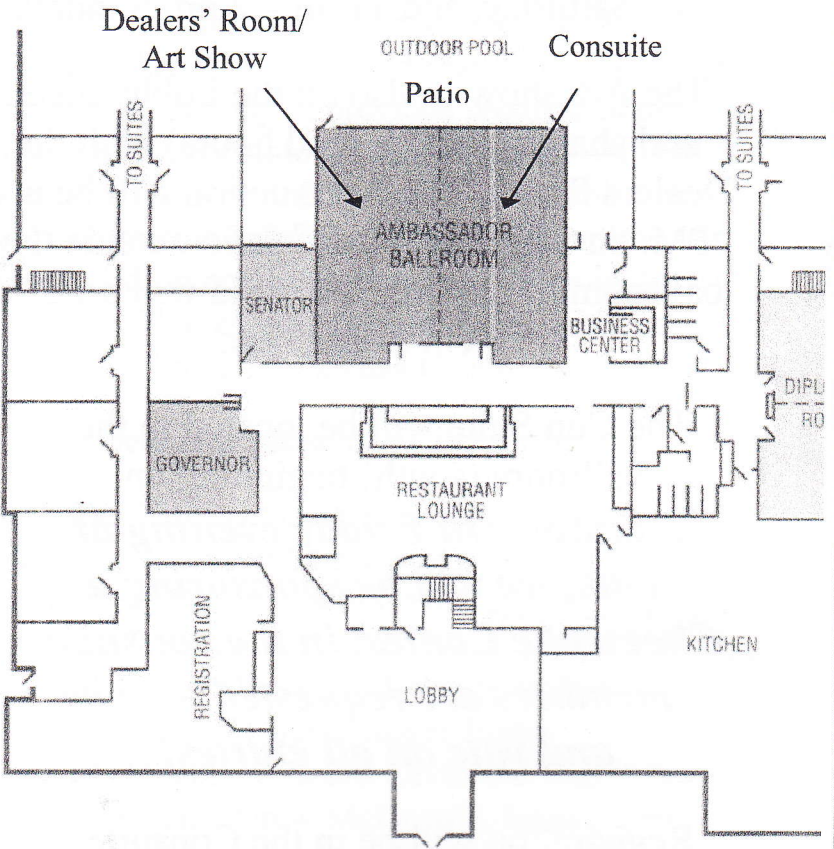
The Con Suite will be located in the ballroom (south) beginning on Thursday. *On Friday evening at 8 pm, we will be sponsoring a Cheesecake Contest in the consuite – members are requested to taste and vote on all entries!*

Registration will be in the Consuite. Registration hours are 8 pm -10 pm Thursday, 10 am – 6 pm Friday, and 10 am – noon Saturday. .



DOUBLE TREE GUEST SUITES™

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In Memoriam

This year, Midwestcon has lost
three of its long time members-

our good friend, George Flynn,

author Jack Chalker,

and

the CFG's own

Bill Bowers.

To Absent Friends.

Local Shopping and Incidentals

1. **Drugstore** – the nearest full service drugstores are the **CVS Pharmacy** and the **Walgreens**, one exit west (Highway 42) on I-275. Turn right after exiting the highway. **CVS** is one block north, **Walgreens** is two blocks beyond, next to Kroger's. **CVS** is open 24 hours. Hours at the **Walgreens** are 7 am-10 pm weekdays, 8 am – 10 pm weekends. Pharmacy 8 am – 10 pm Mon-Fri, 9 am – 6 pm Sat, 10 am – 6 pm Sun. In case of emergency, there is a 24 hour **Walgreens** at the Tylersville exit on I-75 north of I-275.
2. **Grocery Stores** - The nearest grocery store is the **Kroger**, one exit west (Highway 42) on I-275. Turn right at the exit, Kroger's is 3 blocks north. Hours 5 am – 1 am 7 days a week. For those wishing a discount party supply store, there are several large discount stores at the Fields-Ertel road exit of I – 71 north. Take I-275 east to I-71 north. Fields-Ertel is the first exit north of I-275. (Warning – High congestion area!) The nearest discount store is the **Biggs** superstore – turn left at the exit and proceed through the intersection and under the highway. The **Biggs** will be .25 mile ahead on your right. Both a **Meijers** and a **Costco** are also accessible from this exit – turn left at the exit and right on Fields-Ertel. For what is undeniably the most unique and varied grocery in Cincinnati, you must go a little farther afield. **Jungle Jim's** is a mecca of fresh produce a ethnic/imported specialties. **Jungle Jim's** originated as a produce market but now includes a grocery, a deli, a bank,, a bakery, a state licensed liquor store and a pharmacy with a first for Cincinnati – an “Oxygen Bar”. Finally a truly incredible selection

of ethnic foods from all over the world is available. Hours: 6 am – 10 pm, 7 days a week. Pharmacy 9am – 7 pm Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm Sat-Sun. Directions: Take I-275 west to Route 4 (Fairfield) north. Jungle Jim's is approximately 4 miles north of I-275 on the right. Look for the monorail cars above the front of the store (track still under construction!).

3. **Liquor Store** – hard liquor can be bought only from state licensed stores in Ohio, although wine and beer are available at many full service grocery and discount stores. The nearest liquor store is **Twig's Liquor Agency**, at 11018 Reading Rd in Sharonville Hours: 9 am – 8 pm Mon – Sat. Directions: Take I-275 west to exit 46 (Highway 42) Proceed south to Sharon Road and turn left. You are now on Reading Road. **Twigs** is on the left, in the first block.
4. **Shopping:** For those interested in a break, two shopping malls are in easy reach – **Tri-County Shopping Mall**, a two story modern mall with the usual complement of suburban stores, and the upscale **Kenwood Towne Center**. **Tri-County Mall** is reached via I-275 west to the Route 747 south exit. Turn right at the exit, the mall is on the left. **Kenwood Towne Center** is reached via I-275 east and I-71 south. Take the Montgomery Road exit, then right at the exit to the first light Those with an interest in antiques will also find an **Antique Mall** at the Route 747 north exit. Go straight at the exit 1.5 blocks to Cresentville Rd. Turn right, the mall is 1.5 blocks ahead on the left (hours 9am – 9pm, 7 days.)

5. **Book Stores** – The nearest and best place to look for books is of course our own **Dealer's Room**, both for current science fiction/fantasy and for older material. If, however, you cannot find what you are looking for or have a significant other along with different tastes, the nearest bookstore is the **Barnes and Nobles** at the Fields-Ertel exit off I-71. Hours: 9 am – 10 pm, 7 days a week. Directions: I-275 east to I-71 north to the Fields-Ertel exit, turn left at the exit and right on Field-Ertel Rd. The bookstore will be 4 lights ahead on the left. For older material, Cincinnati has two specialty bookstores: **Ohio Bookstore**, 726 Main, Hours 9 am – 4:45 pm, Mon-Sat, Directions: Take I-275 east to I-71 south to the Gilbert Ave exit. Going west Gilbert becomes 8th street. The **Ohio Bookstore** is near 8th and Main. The other specialty bookstore is **Duttenhofer's Books**, at 214 W. McMillan. Hours: 10 am – 6 pm Mon – Sat, Directions: Take I-275 east to I-71 south to the Taft Rd exit. Follow Taft until it dead ends at Clifton. Turn left at Clifton and then left one block later onto McMillan. **Duttenhofer's** is on the left in the first block. To return to the hotel follow McMillan east to the ramp to I-71 north.
6. **Cinema** For those interested in seeing any of the recent science fiction/fantasy films, an 18 screen cinema (one an IMAX) with stadium style seating is available nearby. Directions: Take I-275 west to the Route 4 exit. Stay in the right hand lane for entrance to the cinema. A listing of current shows and times will be available in the consuite menu book.

We Are Here, Where Are You?

An Open Letter to Oprah Winfrey By Chris M. Barkley

In late April 2005, I read, with some amusement, the open letter posted in the internet from Word of Mouth , an association of women writers who were asking for you to return to choosing contemporary novels for your Book Club selections instead of the classic "Great Books" you are currently pursuing.

You are to be congratulated; viewers of your show and hundreds of thousands of other readers value and respect your opinions on books and are currently devouring a trilogy of William Faulkner novels.

I on the other hand want to ask; Why haven't you picked a science fiction (or fantasy) novel? Between the inception of the Book Club in 1996 and the end of the contemporary fiction picks in 2002, there were ample opportunities to choose sterling and highly regarded novels such as Gregory Benford's *Cosm*, Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Talents*, Greg Bear's *Darwin's Radio* or Vonda McIntyre's *The Sun and The Moon* for example.

The very era you live in today is shoulder deep in the influence of science fiction. Undoubtedly, you've used microwave ovens, digital equipment, portable computers, and traveled in aircraft that can place you anywhere in the world within a day or so. You probably use a cell phone - an innovative instrument the equal of anything Captain Kirk had on the original *Star Trek* of the 1960's.

The very idea of communication satellites was invented by an sf writer, Sir Arthur C. Clarke in 1945.

Even as the sales of fiction books have fallen over the years, there remains an enthusiasm for graphic novels and other works of the fantastic such as J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*, C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* and Isaac Asimov's *Foundation Series*. It cannot be denied that THE most anticipated book of 2005 is J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.

Do not believe critics and academics such as Harold Bloom who insist that very little of fantasy and science fiction (or any genre fiction for that matter) has any intrinsic value. Only the narrow minded would think that ALL fiction begins and end with works of Ernest Hemmingway, Vladimir Nabakov and Virginia Wolfe.

As for myself, I began reading comics and other genre fiction in my youth . For a while, I was deluded with the idea that reading science fiction was the only literature worth reading. Had I kept this childish and narrow minded view, I would have never discovered the joys of reading Rex Stout, Barbara Tuchman, Jeannette Winterson or Jim Bouton.

It must be noted that the young people buying Harry Potter books today are the future readers of the decades to come. Clearly a majority of young people today have multiple distractions, such as video games and the internet, that have contributed to the erosion of book sales. If we do not cultivate an atmosphere where reading is not only acceptable but desirable, reading as an viable, healthy activity among the young may actually die out in our culture within two or three generations.

Fortunately there is a cornucopia of great science fiction novels of the 20th century that stand on their own as brilliant fictions and do not depend on an overabundance of spaceships, strange aliens or technological gobbledygook. May I suggest the following books for your consideration for future Book Club picks:

Alfred Bester's *The Demolished Man* (1953) proposed an intriguing premise; can a wealthy, power mad industrialist successfully plan and execute a murder in a society where telepaths enforce the law?

Flowers For Algernon (1966) by Daniel Keys is a highly regarded and timeless novel about the plight of Charlie Gordon, a retarded man who is given a second chance at life and love when an experimental treatment makes him extraordinarily intelligent - but only for a tragically brief period of time.

Kate Wilhelm's, *Where Late The Sweet Birds Sang* (1977) is a moving and serious exploration of the societal and personal consequences of cloning – one of the best treatments of the subject ever written.

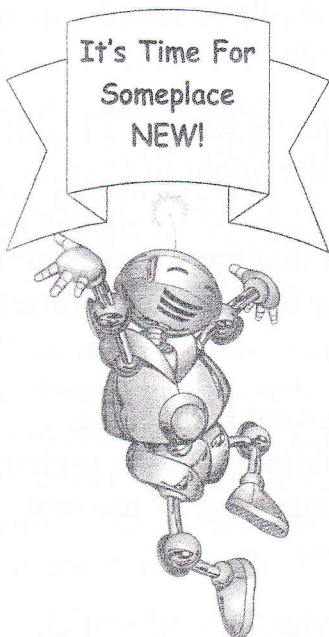
Oprah you are one of the most popular and influential women in the world. You have not only the power but the responsibility as well to keep people reading. Without readers there will be no writers. And a world without writers is a true bellwether of the end of civilization as we know it. We must do everything to try to avoid this fate. Reading science fiction, fantasy and other genre fictions can only help further this cause, not hurt it.

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Main Tourist Attractions

1. **Cincinnati Art Museum, Eden Park**, Hours: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Sun except until 9 pm Weds, Free. Directions: Take I-275 East to I-71 South. Exit at Gilbert Ave/Reading Rd. Turn left at exit, continue straight into Eden Park and follow the signs.
2. **Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal, (Cincinnati History Museum, Cincinnati Natural History Museum, Cincinnati Children's Museum, Omnimax Theatre)**, Hours 10 am-5 pm Mon - Sat, 11 am - 6 pm Sun. Admission to any one museum/theatre \$7.25, seniors \$6.25, children ages 3-12 \$5.25. Multiple museum/theatre admission discounts. Parking \$4.50. Anyone planning to see the Omnimax movie is advised to purchase tickets on arrival before touring the museum (s). Directions: Take I-275 West to I-75 South. Exit I-75 South at Ezzard Charles Drive. The museum is on the right at the first light. When you leave the museum go straight, the entrance to I 75 North is across the highway on the left. .
3. **Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, 3400 Vine Street**, Hours 9 am - 6 pm Sun- Fri, 9 am -- 8 pm Sat.. Admission \$12.95, seniors \$10.95, children 2-12 \$7.95, under 2 free. Parking \$6.50. Directions: Take I-275 West to I-75 South. Exit at Mitchell Ave. Turn left at the exit and then right on Vine Street (the second light). Turn left on Forest Ave and right on Drury to reach the vehicle gate. (Signs for the zoo begin on Vine St.).
4. **Paramount Kings Island**. Hours 10 am - 9 pm. Admission \$42.99, seniors and children 3-6 \$25.99.

You can save up to \$10 per adult admission by ordering tickets online.) Parking \$9. Directions: Take I-275 East to I-71 North, exit at Western Row Road and follow the signs.

- 5 **Newport Aquarium, Newport Levee**, Hours 9 am – 7 pm, Sun- Fri, 9am – 9 pm Sat. Admission \$17.95, seniors \$15.95, children 2-12 \$10.95, Parking \$3-5. Directions: Take I-275 East to I-71 South to I-471 South. Take exit 5 - Newport Bellevue Route 8. Turn left at the bottom of the exit ramp. Proceed straight into the Newport on the Levee Parking Garage.
- 6 **Argosy Casino, Lawrenceburg, Indiana**. Now open 24 hours. Admission \$3 Sun – Thurs., \$5 Fri-Sat. Directions: I -275 West to the Route 50 West exit at Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Take Route 50 west to Argosy Parkway. Turn Left on Argosy Parkway and follow the signs.
- 7 **Contemporary Arts Center, 44 E. 6th St., Cincinnati**. Hours for paid admission: 11 am – 6 pm Sun-Fri, noon – 6 pm Sun. Adults \$6.50, Seniors \$5.50, Students \$4.50, Children 3-13 \$3.50
Directions: Take I-275 east to I-71 south to the Gilbert Ave. exit. Go west on Gilbert, it will turn into 8th St. Turn left on Walnut. The Center is on the right at 6th and Walnut. Parking is available at Fountain Square garage, with access from Walnut or Vine streets.
8. **National Underground Railroad Museum, 50 E. Freedom Way**, Hours 11 am – 5 pm Sun-Tues, Closed Mon. Directions: Take I-275 west to I-75 South to the Second Street exit. You will drive straight past the Museum (on the right) and turn right on Main. Turn right on Mehring Way, Right on Central, then right on Pete Rose Way to reach the Central Riverfront Garage.

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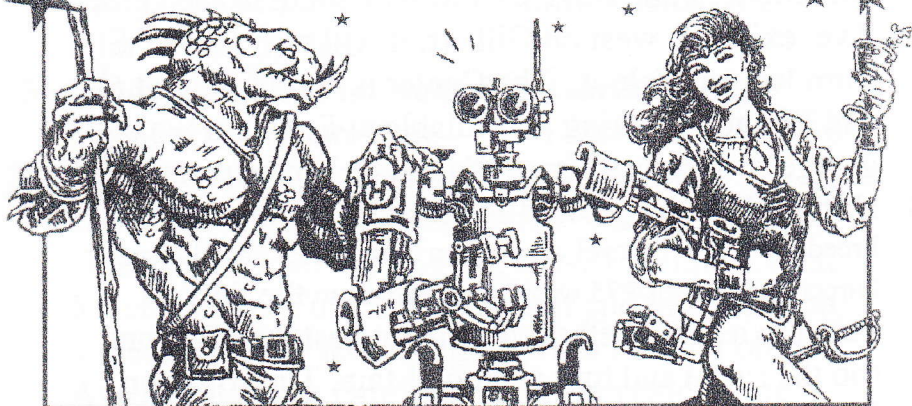
Tom Smith

Featured Artist

Dale Ziemanski *

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Northern Cincinnati Restaurant Guide

The hotel has a very nice café/lounge called the Bistro on the Lobby level. The Bistro serves a breakfast buffet 7 days a week, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Mon-Fri, and from 7 a.m. to 11 am on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch is available from 11 am – 1 pm and Dinner from 5 pm to 10:30 pm.

There are no other restaurants within walking distance, however there are two clusters of restaurants a short drive away. The first is one exit west of the hotel (exit 46, Highway 42 on I-275).

South of the highway:

1. **Waffle House**, 24 Hours.
2. **Rally's** Hamburgers.
3. **El Rancho Grande**, Mexican, Hours: 11 am – 10 pm Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 11 pm Fri, 12 pm – 11 am Sat, 12 pm – 10 pm Sun.
4. **Szechuan House Chinese Restaurant**, Hours 11 am-9 pm Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 11 pm Fri, noon – 11 pm Sat, and noon – 9 pm Sun.
5. **Arby's**, Hours 10 am – 9 pm Sun-Thurs, 10 am – 9:30 pm Fri-Sat
6. **LaRosa's Pizzeria**, Italian, delivery 347-1111. Hours. Dining Room :10:30am – 10 pm Mon- Thurs, 10:30 am – 12 am Fri-Sat, 12 pm-11pm Sun, Delivery available for an additional hour after the dining room closes.

North of the highway:

7. **McDonald's**. 24 Hour Drive thru.
8. **Kentucky Fried Chicken**. Hours: 10:30 am – 11 pm
9. **White Castle**, 24 hours.
10. **Perkins Family Restaurant**, Hours 6 am – 11 pm Sun – Thurs, 24 hours Fri-Sat.

North of the Highway(cont.)

11. **Wendy's**, Hours 10 am – 10 pm, Drive thru til 1 am
12. **House of Sun**, Chinese, Hours: 11 am – 9:30 pm Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 10 pm Fri-Sat, 10 am – 9pm Sun.
13. **The Red Squirrel**, large deli sandwiches, Hours 7 am – 8 pm Mon-Thurs, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Fri-Sat., 7 am 8pm.,Sun.
14. **Chase Grill**, American.
15. **Skyline Chili**, Hours 10:30 am – 10 pm Sun-Thurs, 10:30 am– 11 pm Fri-Sat. Drive thru open until 11 pm Sun-Thurs, 12 am Fri-Sat.
16. **Taco Bell**, 10 am – 10 pm , 7 days, drive thru to 1 am Sun-Thurs, 2 am Fri-Sat
17. **Dunkin Donuts**, 24 hours
18. **Quiznos Subs**, gourmet subs, Hours 10 am – 9 pm Mon-Sat, 11 am – 8 pm Sun.
19. **New Krishna**, Indian Food, Lunch Buffet \$6.99 11:30-2:30 Mon-Fri, Dinner 5 pm-10 pm Mon-Fri, Lunch 11:30 - 4 pm, Dinner 4 pm – 10 pm Sat, Lunch 12 pm - 4 pm, Dinner 4 pm – 9 pm Sun.

The second cluster of restaurants is located south of the hotel near the junction of Cornell and Reed Hartman Hwy.

Going east on Cornell:

20. **Decent Deli**, Hours: 9:30 am – 8 pm, Mon – Fri, 10 am – 4 pm Sat, Closed Sun.
21. **Arby's**, 10 am – 9 pm Sun-Thurs, 10 am-9:30 pm Fri-Sat.
22. **White Swan Chinese Restaurant**, 10:30 am – 9 :30 pm Mon-Thurs, 10:30-10:30 Sat., 4 pm- 9 pm Sunday.
23. **Skyline**, hours:10:30 am – 9 pm, Mon-Fri, 11 am – 7 pm Sat, 1130 am – 4 pm Sun
24. **Subway**, Hours:8:30 am – 10:30 pm 7 days.

On the Northeast corner of Cornell and Reed Hartman

25. **Starbuck's Coffee**, Hours 6 am – 10 pm Mon-Fri, 7 am – 10 am Sat, 8 am – 8 pm Sun
26. **Johnny Chan Buffet**, Chinese, Delivery, Hours: 11 am – 10 pm, Sun-Thurs, 11 am – 10:30 pm Fri-Sat.
27. **Jersey Mike's Submarines**, Hours 10 am-8 pm, Mon- Thurs, 10 am – 9 pm Fri, 11 am – 3:30 pm Sat, closed Sun.

Going west on Cornell:

28. **McDonald's**. Hours 5 am – 10 pm Mon-Fri, 6 am – 8 pm Sat, 7 am – 8 pm Sun
29. **Gold Star Chili**, Hours 10 am – 9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am – 3 pm Sat, Closed Sun.
30. **Bonnie Lynn Bakery and Restaurant.**, Hours: Restaurant 6 am -2:30 pm Mon-Fri, 6 am-1:30 pm Sat, 7 am- 2 pm Sun. Bakery 4:30 am – 6 pm Mon-Fri, 4:30 am – 3 pm Sat, 7am – 2 pm Sun.
31. **McAllister's Deli**, Hours: 10:30 am – 8 pm, Sun-Thurs, 10:30am-8 pm Fri-Sat.

On the northwest corner of Cornell and Reed Hartman:

32. **Chipotle**, Hours 11 am – 10 pm.
33. **Ruby Tuesday**, Hours 11 am – 11 pm Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 12 am Fri-Sat, 11 am – 10 pm Sun.

South of Cornell on Reed Hartman:

- 34 **Wendy's**, 10 am – 10 pm Sun-Thur, 10 am – 11 pm Fri-Sat, Drive –thru until 1 am.
35. **Panera Bread Co.**, soups, panini, deli, bakery, Hours 6 am – 8 pm Mon – Sat, 7:30 am – 5 pm Sun.
36. **Roly Poly**, rolled sandwiches, Hours 10 am – 6 pm Mon – Fri, 11 am – 4 pm Sat, closed Sun.

A Little (or a Lot) Farther Afield –

For the more adventurous, this is a small sampling of the many good restaurants in Cincinnati. They were chosen to provide a variety of cuisine and dining experiences, as well as for relative proximity to the hotel. Menus for most of these restaurants are available in the Menu Book in the Consuite.

1. **Grand Finale**, Excellent food with a French accent, located in a Victorian tavern with additional courtyard seating. Hours: Lunch 11:15 am – 4 pm Tues – Sat, Dinner 4 pm – 9:30 pm Tues – Thurs, 4 pm – 10:30 pm Fri -Sat, 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm Sun, Brunch 10:30 am – 2:30 pm on Sunday. Closed Monday. Directions: Take I-275 West to Route 747 south. Grande Finale is at the junction of 747 and Sharon Road in Glendale.
2. **Baxter's Fresh Grille**, 11305 Princeton Pike, Hours 11 am – 10 pm Sun - Thurs, 11 am – 11 pm Fri-Sat. Brunch Buffet Sunday 10:30pm – 2 pm. Directions: I-275 West to Route 747 south, Baxter's is approximate 1 mile ahead on the right, south of Tri County Parkway.
3. **Graeter's**, Cincinnati's Gourmet French crock ice cream, bakery, seating, Route 747, Hours 7 am – 10:45 pm Mon - Thurs, 7 am - 11 pm Fri-Sat., 9 am – 10:45 pm Sun. Directions: I-275 West to Route 747 south, Graeter's is on the right, south of Kemper Road
4. **Bahama Breeze**, Caribbean food, Hours 11 am – 11 pm Sun - Thurs, 11 am – 12 am Fri-Sat. Directions: I 275 west to the Route 4 (Springfield Pike), stay in the right lane, turn right in front of the cinema onto Pictoria Rd, Bahama Breeze is between the cinema and I275.
5. **Karlo's Bistro Italiano**, Italian food, for groups ask for Karlo's corner, a glassed-in room off the main dining room. Hours: 11 am-10 pm, Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 11 pm Fri-Sat, 12 pm – 10 pm Sun. Directions: I 275 west to Route 4 Springfield Pike, stay in the right lane, turn right in front of the cinema onto Pictoria Rd,

Karlo's is between the cinema and I275, beyond Bahama Breeze.

6. **Anand India**, Indian Food, 10890 Reading Rd., Hours: \$5.99 Lunch Buffet 11 am – 2 pm, Dinner 5 pm – 10 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am – 10 pm, Sat, 12 pm – 9 pm Sun, Directions: I-275 west to exit 56, Highway 42. Follow Highway 42 south approximately 2.5 miles, Anand India will be on the left.
7. **Blue Goose Sports Cafe**, 11060 Reading Rd., Kitchen Hours: 11 am – 11 pm, Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 12 pm, Fri-Sat, 11 am – 10 pm Sun, Bar open til midnight Sun-Thurs, 2:30 am Fri-Sat, Directions: I-275 west to exit 56, Highway 42. Follow Highway 42 south approximately 2. miles, Blue Goose will be on the left.
8. **DeSha's American Tavern**, Hours: 11 am – 10 pm Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 11 pm Fri-Sat, live music 7 pm – 10 pm Thurs and 8 pm-11 pm Fri., Breakfast Buffet 11 am – 4 pm Sun, Dinner 11 am – 9 pm Sun. Directions: I-275 East to Montgomery Road north to the Harper's Point Shopping Center, DeSha's is on an outlot .
9. **Copeland's of New Orleans**, Cajun specialties, (Note:Major menu/price revisions) Hours: 11 am – 10 pm, Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 11 pm, Fri-Sat, 10 am – 10 pm Sun, Brunch with live Jazz band 10 am -3 pm Sun. Directions: I-275 east to I71 north to the Fields Ertel exit, Turn left at the exit, Copeland's is .25 mile ahead on the left.
10. **Carrabba's Italian Grill**, Hours: 4 pm – 10 pm, Mon-Thurs, 4 pm – 11 pm Fri, 3:30 pm – 11 pm Sat, noon – 9:30 pm Sun. Directions: I-275 east to I71 north to the Fields Ertel exit, Turn left at the exit, Carrabba's is .25 mile ahead on the left
11. **Mimi's Cafe**, Hours: 7 am – 11 pm, Daily Directions: I-275 east to I71 north to the Fields Ertel exit, Turn left at the exit, Mimi's Cafe is 1.25 miles ahead on the left, on an outlot of the Deerfield Shopping Center.
12. **Nothing But Noodles**, Hours: 11 am – 10 pm Mon-Sat, 11 am – 9 pm Sun. Directions: I-275 east to I71 north to the Fields Ertel exit, Turn left at the exit, Nothing But Noodles is 1.25 miles ahead on the left, on an outlot of the Deerfield Shopping Center.

13. **The Original Pancake House**, 9977 Montgomery Rd., great specialty pancakes and breakfast foods, Hours: 7 am – 2 pm Mon – Fri, 7 am – 3 pm Sat – Sun, Directions: I-275 East to Montgomery Rd south. The Pancake House will be ~1.25 miles down on the right, next to Kroger
14. **Montgomery Inn**, 9440 Montgomery Rd., Barbecue, ribs, Valet Parking in rear. Hours: 11 am – 10 pm Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 12 am Fri, 11 am – 11 pm Fri, 11 am – 12 am Sat, 3 pm - 10 pm Sun. Directions: I-275 East to Montgomery Rd south, the inn will be on the left, in the historic district.
15. **Watson's Bistro and Brewery**, 4785 Lake Forest, micro pub brewery and restaurant, Hours: Kitchen 11 am – 10 pm, Mon-Thurs, 11 am – 11 pm Fri, 12 pm – 11 pm Sat, 12 pm – 10 pm Sun, Bar open until 1 am except Sunday 11 pm, Directions: Reed Hartman Highway south to Glendale Milford Rd, Turn left, Watson's is on the left.
16. **P.F. Chang's China Bistro**, upscale Chinese, Hours: 11 am - 10 pm Sun – Weds, 11 am – 11 pm Thurs, 11 am – 12 am Fri-Sat. Directions: I-275 east to I 71 south to the Edwards Rd exit. Turn left at the exit, then right onto Edwards road. Turn right at the next light and then left into the Rookwood Commons shopping center. P.F.Chang's is on an outlot near the highway, you will know it by the giant Chinese horses beside the doors.
17. **Cheesecake Factory**, Kenwood Towne Center, specializes in cheesecakes, Hours: 11:30 am – 11 pm Mon-Thurs, 11:30 am – 12:30 am Fri-Sat, 10 am – 11 pm Sun, Directions: Take I-275 East to I-71 South to the Montgomery Road exit. Turn right at the exit and then right again into the Kenwood Towne center at the next traffic light. You will be facing the Cheesecake Factory.
18. **Mitchell's Fish Market**, Newport Levee, Newport, Seafood, steaks. Hours: 11am-10 pm Mon-Thurs, 11am-11 pm Fri-Sat, 11 am-9 pm Sun. Directions: Take I-275 East to I-71 South to I-471 South. Take exit 5 - Newport Bellevue Route 8. Turn left at the bottom of the exit ramp. Proceed straight into the Newport on the Levee Parking Garage

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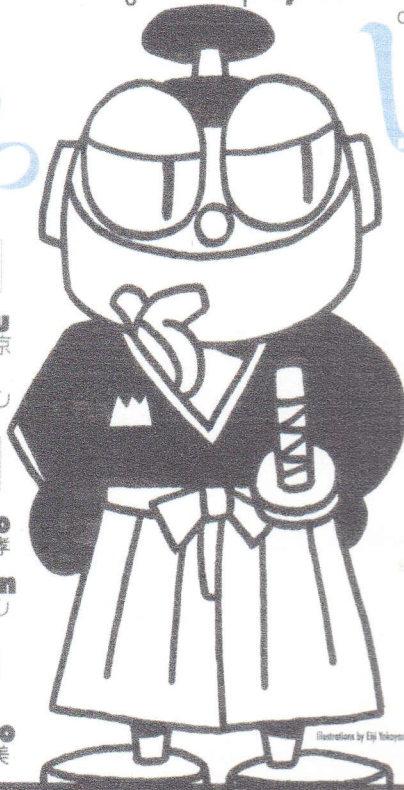


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