

Calico Jack's Cantina

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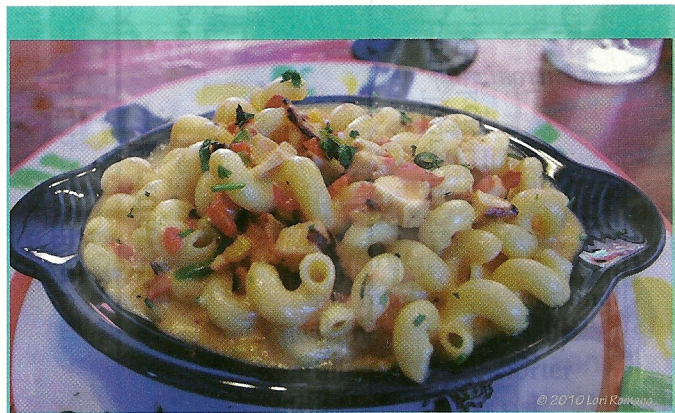
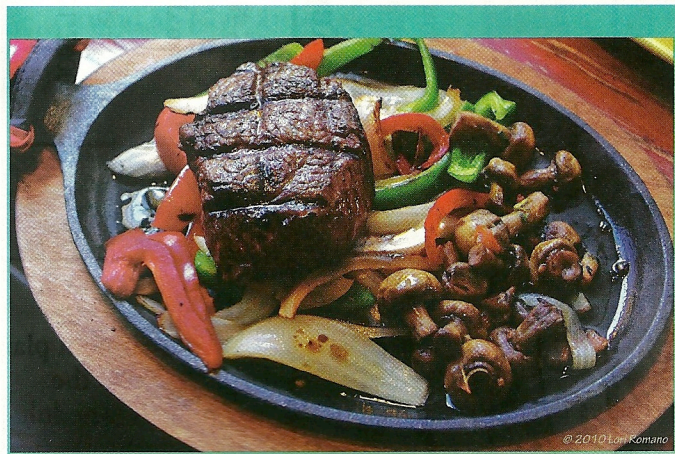
From the sumptuous Tex Mex inspired cuisine to the authentic, handmade dining furniture, Calico Jack's Cantina has all the makings of the next great West Valley restaurant. Already popular in New York City and Pittsburg, Calico Jack's opened April 29th at the Westgate City Center in Glendale. The eatery is located just steps from Jobing.com Arena, and is primed to become a local favorite.

Chef Emilio Kimble has been delighting customers for more than 20 years, and describes Phoenix as a culinary mecca. Coming to Phoenix has given him the opportunity to prove himself, and show West Valley residents what he has to offer, which is utterly delicious!

"We are not traditional Mexican food," explains Kimble. "We're Tex Mex. We are not trying to follow anyone else. Instead, we are trying to make our own mark with lots of flavor and fresh ingredients. We make all our own sauces, marinades, and salsas. We don't have a farm, or else we'd probably raise our own chickens!"

The menu at Calico Jack's has something for everyone, and Chef Kimble aims to please. Begin with the 14-layer dip and chips, which features refried beans, a blend of pepper jack and cheddar cheeses, seasoned beef, diced tomatoes, avocado, olives and sour cream. Or, try the fresh guacamole made to order tableside.

La Torta is a favorite— with thinly sliced and grilled chicken marinated in a special house blend, and topped with red and white cabbage, fresh avocado, spicy sour cream, garlic and jalapeno mayo, it's a definite win. Or, try the Don Flautas— two 12-inch flour tortillas filled with grilled marinated chicken, a blend of pepper jack and cheddar cheeses,



seasoned with a special blend of spices, and served with salsa roja. For those looking for a new twist on an old favorite, try the Fiesta Mac & Cheese—baked penne pasta in a three cheese cream sauce tossed with grilled chicken, roasted corn, diced red peppers and black beans, and topped with a blend of cotija and pepper jack cheeses. Each dish can be made to order with chicken, beef, pork, or shrimp.

Whatever dish you decide to try, be sure to leave room for one of Calico Jack's delectable desserts, like El Cheesecake Sopapilla—a hot cinnamon and sugar dusted pastry filled with cheesecake and painted with homemade Tres Leches and chocolate sauces, served over a strawberry honey glaze.

The restaurant boasts seating for 300, including two full-service bars, two spacious patios, three private party areas, more than 15 TV's, and even a booth made out of a 1971 Cadillac El Dorado. There are also daily lunch specials, an extensive Happy Hour menu, and an all-you-can-eat brunch served every Saturday, which includes traditional breakfast fare like eggs, pancakes, and French toast alongside assorted items from the regular menu.

Whether you are stopping in to sip on a margarita or looking to dazzle your tastebuds with some bold, fresh flavors, Calico Jack's has just what you are looking for.

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