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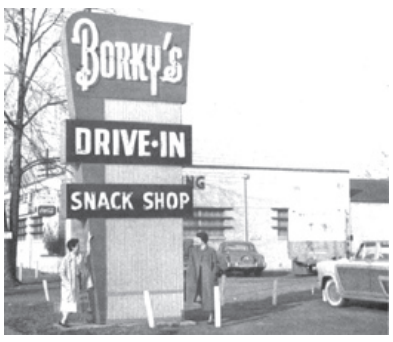

Historic Ad

This ad for Chicken Delight appeared in 1954. In the 70s, Four Bs Pizza was at the 916 Westfield Blvd location, known as the Dawson Building. Today it is Broad Ripple Refinishing.

Crossword solution

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by Mark Rumreich

Paco's has been in business since 1992, and has seen many changes over the years. The original restaurant, Paco's Express, opened at 737 Broad Ripple Avenue to satisfy the craving for late-night munchies in Broad Ripple.

In October 1998, Jeff Colter, along with friends Joe and Pam Haig, opened a second restaurant, Paco's Cantina, right down the street at 723 Broad Ripple Avenue (now the home of Dick's Bodacious Bar-B-Q). Paco's Cantina was a much larger establishment, with a bar, extended menu, and expanded seating.

When the larger establishment closed, the Paco's Cantina name and signs were transferred to the Paco's Express restaurant.

One of the trademarks of Paco's is the huge collection of customer photos covering the walls. This started when Colter noticed how many people enjoyed looking at a Polaroid photo of an employee taped to the Coke machine. Colter decided to use his photography skills to attract and entertain his customers. He began taking simple photographs of customers in the restaurant or while standing in line, but then decided to try something a little more fun - he began distributing hula-hoops to his customers waiting in line. The rest is history, and can be seen covering the walls.

Paco's Cantina
737 Broad Ripple Ave

Mon-Sat 11am - 5am
Sun 6pm - 2 AM

Paco's Cantina is open until 5 am - two hours after the bars close. It still caters to the late night crowd in search of munchies, but also provides a quick stop for lunch. It provides immediate gratification with pizza by the slice, breadsticks, tacos and burritos. No fancy pizza toppings to contemplate here - just a hot slice of cheesy, chewy goodness.

In spite of its humble abode, Paco's makes their own dough with extra virgin olive oil - no prefab cardboard crusts here. The sauce is tangy and generously applied. There's lots of mozzarella, and the sausage and pepperoni are tasty. This is just what you need after surveying the Broad Ripple pub scene!

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Mark Rumreich has been vigilantly surveying the pizza scene in the Indianapolis area for over two decades. He is an avid home brewer, has written for several magazines, and is the author of the Car Stereo Cookbook.

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