

**Stocking Avenue, N.W.**

401 Stocking N.W. The Little Mexico Cafe was opened by Martin Morales in 1968. Notables such as Gerald R. Ford and Willie Nelson dined here. At the age of 67, Morales decided to close and sell the business on October 31, 1995, after pleading guilty to two charges of delivering marijuana to a police informant. The restaurant was noted for its artwork and murals, painted by artist Bill Bouwsema to represent the Aztec Indian civilization.

406            08/05/68    2805            John W. Potter, Inc.

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430            11/01/61    589            Chester Schott

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440            08/24/62    1352            *Julius Post*

500            03/19/45    ----            Capitol  
Photos in GRPL Robinson / Capitol collection 125-C005188  
(March 19, 1945) and 125-C035553 (August 21, 1950).

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524            05/28/75    4810            *Joseph Vitale*

525            11/28/84    7336            Courtade

526            01/05/77    5223            Ed Klein

529            11/28/84    7335            Courtade

534            03/08/63    1542            *Pitsch*

535            09/02/81    7061            Courtade  
No cutoff.

537-39        03/20/63    1540            *Capitol*  
08/31/66    2244            *Capitol*

543	State Theatre. Photos in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 18617-18620.		
544	09/27/62	1423	<i>Capitol</i>
551	09/27/62	1426	Capitol
561	06/12/62	1187	OK Wrecking
562	07/11/62	1254	<i>Loren Pitsch</i>
563	06/12/62	1186	OK Wrecking
565	07/11/62	928	Capitol
570-72-74	01/10/63	1427	<i>Capitol</i>
571	04/03/62	1026	<i>Capitol</i>
573	05/27/62	1117	<i>OK Wrecking</i>
576-78	10/19/62	1428	<i>Capitol</i>
577	10/19/62	1425	<i>Capitol</i>
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585-rear	09/07/67	2494	E. DeVries & Sons Rear garage. No sewer or water.

600	09/09/63	1641	<i>Loren Pitsch</i>
601	05/13/97	8725	Pitsch
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607	08/26/65	2011	<i>E. DeVries &amp; Sons</i>
610	10/12/62	1424	<i>Capitol</i>
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612-14	05/27/62	1157	OK Wrecking
613	07/31/63	1626	<i>DeVries &amp; Sons</i>
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638 Stocking N.W. Built about 1898, this 2-story brick commercial structure on the southeast corner of Stocking and Fourth has been home to a grocery store, a saloon, a Grand Rapids National Bank branch, and a hangout called Frank's Beer Garden. Since 1972, it has been The Kopper Top, with trademark copper tables. New owners as of December, 2001, were Douglas Kelly and Marc Bohland. They repainted the exterior in a tasteful black with gold trim.

643	06/28/62	1247	<i>Pitsch</i>
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662            09/15/2003 9259            Courtade  
Partial demolition of building.

670            02/24/61    231            *Southwest Excavating Co.*

674-76        02/24/61    233            *Southwest Excavating Co.*

677            05/04/64    1776            Staggs

681-83        06/12/62    1169            P & S

704            04/24/84    7281            Pitsch  
No cutoff.

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