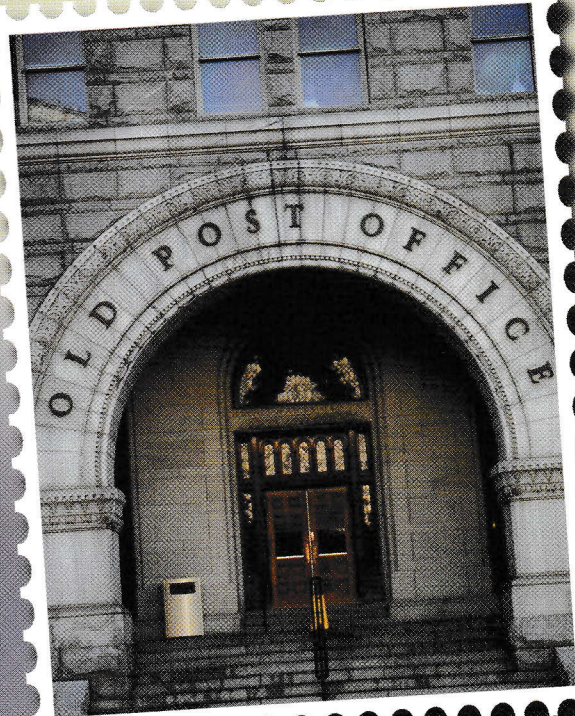
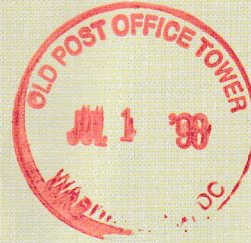


## *The Tower Tour: Washington's Fastest Climb To The Top*

The handsome granite Clock Tower is the captivating center of The Old Post Office Pavilion. At 315-feet, the Clock Tower boasts the second highest point in the city next to the Washington Monument. Its observation deck offers a 360 degree picturesque view of the city.

The Clock Tower is also home to the Congressional Bells, a bicentennial gift from Great Britain to the United States Congress. Modeled after the bells of Westminster Abbey, the Congressional Bells were cast at the famous Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London. They are rung on special occasions, as well as Thursday evenings during practice sessions by the Washington Ringing Society. The National Park Service offers free daily tours of the Clock Tower. For more information, call (202) 606-8691.

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THE OLD POST OFFICE PAVILION





## Welcome to The Old Post Office Pavilion.

It's a place to visit, a place to eat, a place to shop, and a place to relax. Just a block away from the National Mall and its world-class museums, The Old Post Office Pavilion is a surviving piece of Washington's past as well as a lively part of its present. Behind the building's striking Romanesque façade and Clock Tower, is a stunning ten-story glass atrium containing specialty shops and an International Food Court.

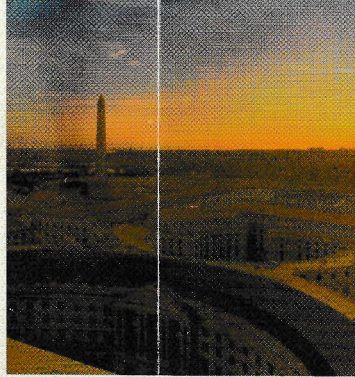
The Old Post Office Pavilion is located on Pennsylvania Avenue and 12th Street, midway between the White House and the U.S. Capitol in downtown Washington, D.C.. To visit The Old Post Office Pavilion, you can ride the Metrorail, another Washington original, to either Federal Triangle or Metro Center.

## Take a Stroll Back Through Time.

1899 was an exciting time to be alive. In 1899, America stood on the edge of a new century; the country was filled with a spirit of optimism and innovation. The Old Post Office is a perfect embodiment of that creative energy.

The Old Post Office is Washington's first modern skyscraper; a building whose steel frame and thick granite skin allowed it to stand an impressive 12 stories tall. Built to house both the United States Post Office Department and the Washington, D.C.

Post Office, it was both largest government building and the tallest building in the city. The Old Post Office was the first government building to have its own electrical power plant, with engines to drive 3,900 lights. Time marched on and only 15 years after its completion The Old Post Office was considered architecturally dated. By the 1930s, designers and planners were



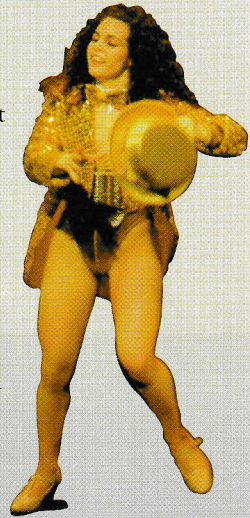
View from Old Post Office Clocktower

calling for its demolition, but lack of federal funds during the Depression era put those plans on hold. When the demolition idea was revived in the sixties, there was a growing appreciation of Washington's architectural history. A group later known as the D.C. Preservation League spearheaded the movement to save The Old Post Office, with the help of Nancy Hanks, the head of the National Endowment of the Arts. Thanks to these forward-thinking people, we can stroll through The Old Post Office and relive its glorious past as we await the turn of the century.

## Your Ticket To Dine

The International Food Court at The Old Post Office Pavilion is a popular place to eat for people working in the area, including the occasional Congressman looking for a place to hold a quiet power lunch. The variety of specialty stores surrounding the atrium provides fun places to browse and shop.

The International Food Court is also an ideal place for visitors looking for a break from the activity of the nearby mall and museums. That is why The Old Post Office Pavilion offers a convenient dining coupon program for groups of twenty or more. The coupons are good for a selection of entrees, and you get an extra one with every twenty purchased. Coupons are also free to guides, tour group professionals and bus operators. To arrange for dining coupons, call (202) 289-4224.



## A Lively Location For Live Entertainment

The grand atrium and festive atmosphere provide The Old Post Office Pavilion as an ideal location for live entertainment. Special events and concert series are scheduled throughout the year, along with educational exhibits by such organizations as the National Endowment for the Humanities. International Food Court patrons can enjoy jazz juggling, folk dancing, or holiday choral music. Best of all, the performances are open and free of charge to the public.