

# Mom's prepares homestyle food

By MARK SPICER  
Reporter

Mom's Diner in Bryan is by no means fancy, but it is a popular eating place for Texas A&M students and town folks. The friendly atmosphere, the home-cooked food and the all-you-can-eat offer for \$5 is hard for many to pass up.

Don Mahan, owner and manager of the restaurant said people don't come to Mom's Diner for the fancy looks. "They come here to eat," he said.

The diner has been around for 53 years and is one of the oldest eating establishments in Bryan-College Station. The diner moved to its present location on East 25th Street about 28 years ago, after the first house it was in burned down, he said.

Mahan and his wife, Betty, bought the diner three years ago from Mrs. R. E. Carlton who originally started the restaurant and operated it for the first 50 years.

Eating at Mom's Diner has become a tradition in some families,

Mahan said. Some former A&M students who ate at Mom's Diner when they were going to school some 20 years ago. Now when they come to town many of them take their sons or daughters who attend the University to the diner.

Mahan said he sometimes advertises in the newspapers and tried advertising on the radio once. However, he said, 85 percent of his business comes from faithful patrons and word-of-mouth. He said the diner has catered a wedding rehearsal party, numerous birthday parties and last year the evening meal to one of the fraternity houses.

The diner seats 40 and is open six days a week. Approximately 70 people are served each day, but the record number served is 132 in one hour and 55 minutes, he said.

Mahan said they receive a daily delivery of meat and serve only fresh vegetables. A menu on the wall shows the days of the week when steaks, meat loaf, fried chicken, enchiladas, pork chops and chicken fried steaks are available.



Carol Rucker and Willard Hammonds enjoy spaghetti at Mom's Diner in Bryan.

Photo by PETER ROCHA

# Hypnotist puts crowd to sleep, gives hypnotic delusions

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Billed as the world's leading hypnotist, Edwin L. Baron had students searching for their stolen belly buttons, laughing and then crying at the funniest and then saddest movie they had ever seen, and believing they were Liberace under post-hypnotic suggestion Monday night.

A short dark man, wearing a tuxedo, with a velvet bow tie crooked against his ruffled shirt, Baron looked more like a game show host than a hypnotist. But the audience was assured of his authenticity when they were told that Baron has had

articles published in Time, Life, Look and Newsweek magazines, as well as having appeared eight times on the Mike Douglas Show.

Baron told the Rudder Theater audience of about 200 that no one can be hypnotized against his will, and once hypnotized, no one can be made to do anything against his will. He was convincing, for as soon as Baron asked for volunteers to be hypnotized, people came running down the aisles to fill the 30 seats on the stage.

After an initial test to see which of the volunteers could be hypnotized most easily, Baron hypnotized a

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group of eight.

He had them extend their right arms, which he said were stiff and could feel nothing. Baron lit a match and held it under each person's hand. Baron had one man extend his left arm as well as his right, telling the man that he had no feeling in his right arm, but proper feeling in his left. When the match was held

under his right palm the man didn't flinch, but when held under his left hand, the man jerked it away.

After waking the participants up, Baron had two people from the group of eight stand, and he asked them to tell their left arm from their right. Neither could. Baron then asked a woman from the group to tell the two standing which was their

left arm and which their right. She didn't know either. Then a fourth person was asked — he pointed them out correctly, but said he really wasn't sure. Baron even told them which was which, but when he asked them to recite it back, they couldn't remember.

Finally, after much laughter from the audience and much confusion on the faces of the volunteers, Baron told them they were back to normal and immediately they knew their left from their right again.

Baron put two women to sleep by merely shaking their hands. He put a man to sleep by shaking the hand of the woman sitting next to him and

put her to sleep in the process.

Not all responded to Baron's suggestions, but those who did felt a swarm of ants crawling up their legs, saw the funniest movie they had ever seen and then the saddest, thought they were Liberace, thought they had their belly buttons stolen, and two men — told they were Ronald Regan and Walter Mondale — had a short debate.

Baron gave his volunteers, which had dwindled to 12, a gift. He told them, while asleep, that they would be fascinated by school and that their understanding, comprehension, reading speed and ability to recall would all increase greatly.

# CSISD approves 1984-85 'constraint' budget, adds, modifies bus routes

By Doug Vorwerk  
Reporter

The Board of Trustees of the College Station Independent School District had a special meeting Monday night to approve the 1984-85 budget.

Joe Templeton, a member of the budget committee, said more money will be put into instructional programs.

The new budget will operate under more of a constraint than ones in the past. This means all purchases or obligations must be authorized according to the budget. An employee must have authorization in advance by purchase order. If spending is not authorized, an employee must assume personal responsibility for it.

Another item approved by the

board was the adoption of the tax rate for the 1984 tax roll. In accordance with the funding requirements of the 1984-85 budget, a rate of 95 cents per \$100 is required. The 95 cents is divided into 66.3 cents for the operating fund and 28.7 cents for the debt service fund.

The 1984-85 salary schedule was amended in order to include two part-time jobs not specifically identi-

fied. The two positions added to the schedule are a bus driver for extra-curricular trips and a driver's assistant to help on special education handicap buses. The hourly rates for these positions are the same as those adopted earlier this year, \$4 to \$5.50 an hour.

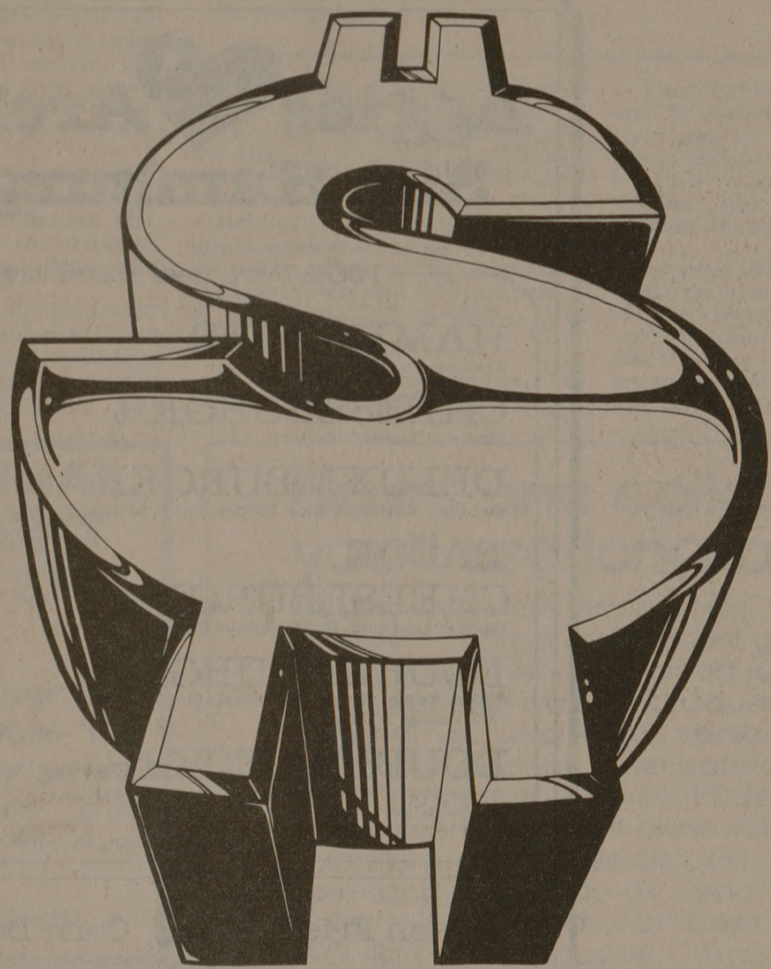
Additional bus routes and route modification was also discussed. It became necessary to add these

routes because people have had to stand on the buses. Two additional routes were added east of Texas Avenue for eligible riders. It was moved that the two additional regular routes and an additional paid route be authorized for operation during the 1984-85 year. The motion was passed.

A local leave policy for para-professional personnel employed in the

CSISD was also passed. This allows earnings for leaves such as sick leave for para-professionals to be equal with leaves of professional personnel.

Some old business was taken care of in addition to the action items. Bids for string instruments for the district were solicited. The lowest bid was \$5,114.90.



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