

Restaurant report

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The restaurants listed below were inspected last week by the Brazos County Health Department. The information is based on food service establishment inspection reports.

David Jefferson, a registered sanitarian at the department, says restaurants with scores of 95 or above generally have excellent operations and facilities. He says restaurants with scores in the 70s or low 80s usually have serious violations on the health report.

Scores can be misleading, Jefferson says, because restaurants can achieve the same score by having several major violations or an abundance of minor violations. He says the major violations might close an establishment down while some minor violations can be corrected while the health inspector is still in the building during the inspection.

Jefferson says the department might close a restaurant if the score is below 60, the employees have infectious diseases, the restaurant lacks adequate refrigeration, a sewage backup exists in the building, or the restaurant has a complete lack of sanitation for the food equipment.

Point deductions, or violations, on the report form range from one point (minor violation) to five points (major violation). The department inspects each restaurant about every six months.

Sometimes a follow-up inspection must be made, usually within 10 days. A restaurant might require a follow-up inspection if it has a four- or five-point violation that cannot be corrected while the inspector is still there or there are numerous small violations.

Inspectors are registered sanitarians at the department.

SCORED 95 OR ABOVE:

• Taco Bell at 920 Texas Ave. S. in Bryan was inspected by David Plett. Score — 100. No reportable violations.

• Martin's Place at 3403 South College Ave. in Bryan was inspected by David Plett. Score — 95. The report showed a two-point violation because soap and paper towels were needed in some bathrooms. Three one-point violations were given in the report for the following: Some equipment was "showing its age." Grease was on smokehouse walls. Some floors with cracked tiles needed repair.

• Kettle at 2502 Texas Ave. S. in College Station was inspected by David Plett. Score — 97. A two-point violation was given in the report for not having a paper towel dispenser at the hand sink in the dishwasher area. One point was subtracted because a ceiling tile in the store room needed to be replaced. The report said a follow-up inspection will be made in 10 days.

• Kettle at 1403 University Dr. in College Station was inspected by David Plett. Score — 95. The report showed a two-point violation for no soap or paper towels for the hand sink at the dishwashing area. The report said three one-point violations were given for an ice scoop in an

ice bin with the handle touching the ice, utensils in a drawer that needed to be organized and ceiling tiles in a store room that needed to be replaced. The report said a follow-up inspection will be made in 10 days.

SCORED FROM 90 TO 94:

• International House of Pancakes at 103 North College Ave. in College Station was inspected by David Plett. Score — 92. The report showed a four-point violation for cockroach feces on a shelf in the kitchen prep area. One-point violations in the report were given for the following: Utensils in a drawer needed to be organized. A covering board under the bus tray shelves needed to be repaired. The floor drain in the mop area needed a drain cover. The locker room needed to be cleaned.

McDonald's at 825 Villa Maria in Bryan was inspected by David Plett. Score — 90. The report showed a five-point violation because a hose was found in the sink. Five one-point violations were given in the report for the following reasons: A shake machine was leaking the product into the back of the machine. A bucket for wiping cloths didn't have bleach. Boxes of paper cups were stored on the floor. Some ceiling tiles needed repair. A pre-flush hose was leaking.

SCORED FROM 85 TO 89:

• Pepe's Mexican Food Restaurant at 3312 South College Ave. in Bryan was inspected by David Plett. Score — 87. A four-point violation was given in the report because the hand sink in the kitchen area was full of insulation and tools. The report showed another four-point violation because an outer door needed proper weatherstripping. A two-point violation was given in the report because soap, paper towels and a trashcan were needed in a hand sink area. Three one-point violations were given in the report for the following: A refrigerator needed an easy-to-see thermometer. Some lights needed shields on them. Some equipment needed proper maintenance. The report said a follow-up inspection will be made.

• Grandy's at 1002 E. Harvey Road was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — 86. The report showed a five-point violation because a hose attached to a faucet was lying in the mop sink. Lester said that if water pressure dropped and the hose was lying in a puddle of contaminated, the water could be sucked up into the hose and possibly contaminate the water system. The report said a four-point violation was given because the rear door needed proper sealing and a self-closing door in a storage area needed to be repaired. A two-point violation in the report was given because some trash wasn't sealed in plastic bags. The report said three one-point violations were given for the following: A reach-in cooler needed a thermometer. Handles of scoops in the front and rear ice bins were touching the ice. A light shield in the kitchen area needed to be repaired.

Big Event leader hopes for turnout of 8,000 Saturday

By MARGARET ARTZ
Reporter

For the fourth year in a row, an army of Aggies armed with rakes, mowers, garbage bags and good will is going to descend on Brazos County and give it a thorough cleaning.

It's the fourth annual Big Event — a community service project sponsored by Student Government in which all Texas A&M students are encouraged to donate four hours of time one Saturday to area residents and businesses. This year the Big Event will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mark Maniha, Big Event chairman, said, "I think about 5,000 students are signed up to participate now, but we're still waiting to hear from a few more organizations."

Last year almost 6,000 Aggies got involved, he said, and this year the goal is to have 8,000 students help out.

"All of the Corps is participating as well as many fraternities, sororities, dorms and other student organizations," he said.

But this year, he said, he is really stressing that individual students are welcome.

"I want to reach those people," he said. "If they want to work, we'll be very glad to have them. That's what it's all about."

Some of the projects being undertaken this year are washing city vehicles, cleaning up the Northgate area and cleaning up local cemeteries as well as helping private citizens, Maniha said.

He said the Big Event committee has made a special effort this year to obtain work requests from a large number of private citizens. But many of the student organizations choose to find their own jobs, he said.

"We've been in contact with a lot of churches, trying to spread the word," he said.

KBTX-TV (Channel 3) has do-

nated advertising spots to the cause and KKYS-FM is making periodic announcements, he said.

But he said the main obstacle is that many students don't know what it is.

He said the advertisements and the logo for the project were changed this year to impress upon people that the Big Event is a new Aggie tradition.

"The Big Event has so much potential," he said. "It's still new enough that every year it's a different game."

He said some other universities are following A&M's lead.

"We've been trying to get other schools to do the Big Event," he said.

Both Baylor University and Pennsylvania State University have started similar projects, Maniha said.

"Baylor makes it into a three-day extravaganza complete with a parade," he said.

Planning for this year's project began in the fall semester, he said, but the search for jobs in the community did not get into full swing until after Christmas.

"Most people don't know in November if they'll need us to do some work for them in March," he said.

A change in the organization of the Big Event Committee this year is that members were chosen by application and interview through Student Government for the first time, Maniha said.

"It's worked out really well," he said. "Everyone is very committed. I've been very pleased."

He said the concept of the Big Event was dreamed up by Evan Sicore and Joe Nussbaum as they worked on bonfire one fall.

Nussbaum got the ball rolling when he presented a resolution suggesting such a project to the Student Senate, Maniha said.

Pen pals plan first meeting after friendship of 46 years

Associated Press

PLANO, Texas — The fact they have never met and didn't talk to each other on the telephone until last Christmas hasn't interfered with a 46-year friendship between two women.

Jean Bethke Harty of Plano and English-born Joan Gordon Burrell, who now lives in Scotland, have been pen pals since 1940. They will finally meet this May in Glasgow, Scotland, about 10 miles from Burrell's home in Erskine.

Harty and her 26-year-old daughter, Susan, have planned an 11-day European trip that includes stops in France, England and Scotland, where they will stay with Burrell.

Harty, 58, said, "Even though we've never met, I think we will be comfortable with each other. I'm really anxious to see her children, their children, and their home."

"I've often wondered aloud to myself and to my daughter how it is going to be living with a family we've never seen before."

Harty, a legal assistant at Rockwell International Corp. in Richardson, said she received her first pen pal letter from Burrell in 1940 when her friend lived in Sheffield, England.

At that time, Harty was in the seventh grade and lived in Pittsburgh, Pa. Burrell learned of Harty when an English classmate placed an ad in a Pittsburgh newspaper seeking a pen pal.

The English classmate received so many replies she gave the names of some letter-writers to her friends — including 11-year-old Joan Gordon.

Since that day, Harty and Burrell have written regularly, never missing a Christmas or birthday in the last 46 years.

Harty, who has five children and six grandchildren, said she probably will cry and hug her friend when she sees her for the first time in Glasgow.

Burrell, 56, who manages a government day-care center, said she phoned Harty last week to discuss her friend's upcoming trip.

Driver killed, at least 16 students injured in head-on collision

Associated Press

EAST BERNARD — A school bus driver was killed and at least 16 students injured Monday when the bus collided head-on with a truck, authorities said.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Emil Soderquist said,

"There was some type of distraction aboard the bus and possibly this is what caused the driver to lose control."

None of the schoolchildren were seriously hurt, officials said.

The driver of the truck, Kyle Prewitz, 25, of Dallas, was listed in stable

but serious condition at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Troopers said the accident occurred about 7:35 a.m. when the two vehicles collided on Texas Highway 60 about 50 miles southwest of Houston.

"The school bus veered over into

the southbound lane," Soderquist said.

Dolores Cox, a hospital spokeswoman said, that of the 16 students treated at the hospital, all were released. Another 14 were treated in a doctor's office in East Bernard, she said.

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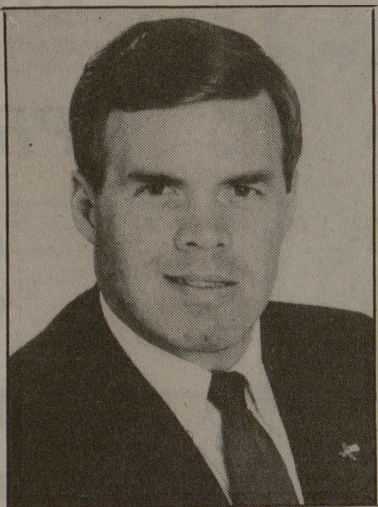
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