

State and Local

Restaurant report

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The restaurants listed below were inspected Mar. 10-21 by the Brazos County Health Department. The information is based in 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. Jefferson 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 personnel has infectious diseases, the restaurant lacks adequate refrigeration, a sewage backup exists in the building, the restaurant has a complete lack of sanitization for the food equipment.

Point deductions, or violations, in the report form range from a 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 30 days. Jefferson says 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 minor violations.

Inspectors are registered sanitarians at the department.

SCORED 95 OR ABOVE:
• Arby's at 3501 E. 29th St. in Bryan was inspected by David Platt. Score — 99. The report showed a one-point violation for boxes of cups being stored on a counter.

• Chinese Fast Food at 805B Wellborn Road in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 95. A two-point violation was given in the report for uncovered food in a refrigerator. Three one-point violations were given in the report for dirty doors, walls and shelves in a walk-in cooler.

• Dairy Queen at 205 N. Texas Ave. in Bryan was inspected by David Platt. Score — 95. Four points were subtracted in the report for mayonnaise being kept at the wrong temperature. The report said a one-point violation was given for some surfaces that needed cleaning.

SCORED BETWEEN 90 AND

• Charlie's Grocery at 321 University Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 94. A four-point violation was given in the report because an outside rear door needed to be closed and a rear screen door needed to be repaired. The report said a one-point violation was given because tongs were being washed in standing water. The report showed another one-point violation because of exposed insulation in a store room and ceiling tiles that needed to be replaced.

• Deluxe Burger Bar at 203 University Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 94. A two-point violation in the report was given for fungus in an ice machine. The report said another two-point violation was given because a door on a walk-in freezer needed to be repaired or replaced. Two points also were subtracted for a dirty dumpster.

• Sunset Grill at 319 University Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 92. The report said a four-point violation was given because an exterior door was open. Three points in the report were subtracted for dirty equipment and a dirty floor. A one-point violation in the report was given because grease needed to be cleaned from a vent hood.

• Gizmo's at 109 Boyett in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 92. A five-point violation in the report was given because cheese dip was being stored at room temperature. David Jefferson says food must be stored either above 140 F or below 45 F. The report said a two-point violation was given because some dishes and utensils needed to be sanitized. The report showed a one-point violation for dirty shelves.

• Dixie Chicken at 307 University Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 91. The report showed a four-point violation because a bathroom door needed a self-closing device and another bathroom door needed to be repaired. A two-point violation in the report was given because water and beer needed to be cleaned out of keg refrigerator boxes. Another two-point violation in the report was given because of a lack of soap and paper towels at two hand sinks and a hand sink at the front bar needed a mixing valve. A one-point violation in the report was given for a hole in a wall.

• McDonald's at Texas Avenue and Southwest Parkway in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 91. The report said a four-point violation was given because a rear door needed weatherstripping and repairing. Two points were sub-

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Analysts: Oil prices should level out at \$10-\$12 a barrel

Associated Press

HOUSTON — State oil analysts said Monday they aren't surprised OPEC oil ministers broke off a nine-day attempt to come to terms on a stabilized price of oil, and that the non-agreement creates further problems for oil companies and oil-dependent Texas.

Oil prices went into a tailspin after the OPEC meeting closed, and analysts said they expected prices to hover around \$10 to \$12 a barrel until the cartel finds a way to limit output. The analysts said they did not foresee prices going much lower than that because demand would pick up.

Houston independent oil analyst Dale Steffes said, "I think that something expected happened — after the inaction — that they made no decision."

"They just can't come together with their set of morality and their set of individual needs."

The 13 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries oil ministers are set to meet again April 15 to try to agree on cutting back on oil production.

Jack Carney, project manager for short-range forecasts at Houston's Pace Consultants Inc., also was not

surprised with OPEC's inability to make a decision.

Carney said, "It's hard to believe that OPEC would react in such a time frame."

He predicted the earliest OPEC would agree on a stabilized price of oil would be in about three months.

York Mercantile Exchange the May delivery price of West Texas Intermediate, the main U.S. crude and an important market indicator, dropped to \$11.20 a barrel, down \$2.74 from Friday's closing price, before recovering to just over \$12.

Further drops in oil create more headaches for Texas government since it depends on oil revenues to run the state.

Officials said every time the price of oil drops \$1 the state loses \$100 million and 14,000 to 23,000 jobs — about two to three jobs per 1,000 workers.

Steffes said the industry has to have some help to keep afloat.

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Officials: Tax reform may hurt water plan

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Legislators studying federal tax-reform proposals were told Monday that Texas' new statewide water plan and the Veterans Land program could be hurt by Congressional proposals.

Reg Arnold told the House Committee on State, Federal and International Relations, "This could wreak havoc to the statewide water plan approved by voters in 1985."

Arnold, fund manager of the Texas Water Development Board, said the approved \$200 million bond issue to help farmers and ranchers use more efficient irrigations methods apparently was "totally out."

Attorney General Jim Mattox said latest Congressional efforts to remove the tax-exempt status of many state and municipal bond issues would adversely affect the Veterans Land Board loans, as well as numerous other state bonds issues involving public housing, industrial development, and state building bonds.

Mattox said, "There is going to be a very heavy squeeze placed on the cities, counties, school districts, along with operations of private corporations under these regulations."

Texas officials have been informed that pending tax-reform legislation in Congress apparently will be effective Sept. 1, 1986, if finally approved by both-houses. Under the new regulations, many municipal bond issues will be declared taxable until they can prove they are essential to state or local government.

Arnold said there is a question whether bonds for flood relief will be tax exempt under present proposals. Bonds that include sales of water to non-profit private corporations would be taxable.

Arnold said the difference in the interest rate between taxable and non-taxable bonds would be about 3 percent.

"I don't think we can pay for taxable bonds," Arnold said. "It will cost too much."

Arnold said he understood it was the aim of Congressional leaders to save about \$3 billion dollars by making certain municipal bonds taxable.

"I'm sure that over the next five years this will cost Texas and its governmental subdivisions much more than \$3 billion the federal government will save," he said.

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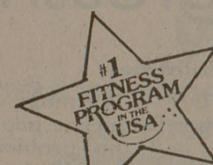
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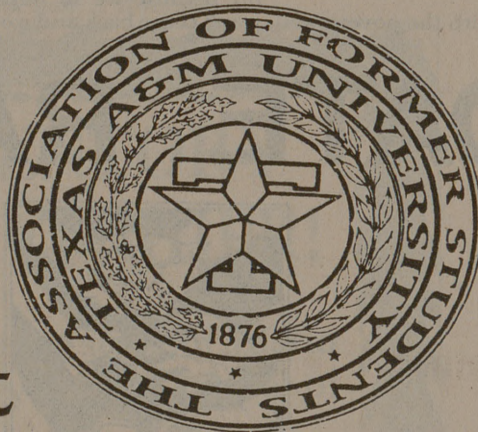
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