

Restaurant Report

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The restaurants listed below were inspected Oct. 23 through Tuesday by the Brazos County Health Department. The information is based on food service establishment reports.

SCORED 95 OR ABOVE:
— **Corn Dog 7** at the Post Oak Mall in College Station was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — 98. Two points were deducted from the report because some hot dogs were being thawed improperly.

SCORED BETWEEN 90 AND 95:
— **Texas Burger** at 4345 Wellborn Road in Bryan was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 96. Two two-point violations were cited in the report because some soda fountain heads needed to be cleaned, some soap was needed in a ladies' room, and some paper towels were needed at a kitchen hand sink.

— **Prioriteas** in Post Oak Mall

was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — 92. Five points were subtracted from the report because a refrigerator was not cold enough. Two points were deducted from the report because some food was being stored under some exposed water pipes, and some food sitting on some shelves was not covered. A final point was subtracted because a thermometer was needed in a cooler.

SCORED BETWEEN 85 AND 90:

— **Potatoes Etc.** in Post Oak Mall was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — 88. A five-point violation was cited in the report because some toxic items were being stored near some food. Two two-point violations were deducted from the report because some potatoes were being stored on a floor, and some soap and paper towels were needed at a hand sink. Three one-point deductions were made in the report because some drawers needed cleaning, a bag of single-service items needed to be resealed, and some cloth towels were being used improperly.

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 the restaurant down while some minor violations can be corrected 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, on the report 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. 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 small violations.

Inspectors at the department are registered sanitarians.

Bankruptcies up by 50% this year in North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — The number of bankruptcies in North Texas mushroomed this year and is up 50 percent from last year, prompting federal authorities to appoint a new bankruptcy judge.

The district — with offices in Dallas, Fort Worth and Lubbock — reported a record 9,204 petitions for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30. The figure is up by more than half from the 6,085 petitions filed in fiscal 1985, which had been the district's record high.

In comparison, only 1,848 petitions were filed in fiscal 1980.

Michael Youdin, chief clerk for the

North District of Texas' U.S. Bankruptcy Court, said a new bankruptcy judge will be appointed to help ease the load.

Bankruptcy attorneys in Dallas said their offices have felt the crunch of new case filings.

"Everybody's swamped with bankruptcy work," said Sander Esserman, who two years ago was the only attorney in his office of Stutzman & Bromberg doing bankruptcy work. Now he is one of four.

Bill Brister, bankruptcy attorney at Winstead, McGuire, Sechrest & Minick and a former bankruptcy judge in Fort Worth, said that law practice there had changed, too.

U.S. Mint's gold coins selling well in B-CS area

A shipment of 90 golden eagle coins arrived in College Station Thursday, said John Huntley, Texas Coin Exchange president.

Huntley said the next shipment should arrive at Texas Coin Exchange early next week. He said both the University Drive store and the Texas Avenue store have received several hundred orders to date, and are still taking orders for the coins.

"We have been receiving on the average of 40 to 50 calls a day about the coins," Huntley said.

The coins, just released by the United States Mint about a week ago,

have been selling out around the country. The increased demand has driven the price of the coins far above the price of gold.

The coin exchange stores received 1/10, 1/4, 1/2 and one ounce sizes of the golden eagles, Huntley said. The prices are \$75, \$175, \$320 and \$490, respectively. He said the prices are subject to change at any time.

Huntley said anyone wanting to order a golden eagle for Christmas should do so now. It is at least two to three weeks before an ordered coin will arrive.

WTSU faces reimbursing the state for house

AUSTIN (AP) — In 1984, the state College Coordinating Board authorized West Texas State University to spend \$494,900 in taxpayers' money to build a home for its president.

But the Canyon school wound up spending \$991,000 on the 7,301-square-foot house, and state officials may want some of the money back.

"This is a very large overrun," said Kenneth Ashworth, the state's higher

education commissioner. "No question about it. When you come to double, that's a huge overrun."

To make matters worse, in Ashworth's eyes, the WTSU board did not return to the coordinating board to seek permission to cover the overruns. Apparently, the board just spent the money, according to Ashworth.

Ashworth's staff has recommended that WTSU pay \$211,000 back to the state. Under the recommendation, WTSU would get a break because the coordinating board staff said \$185,700 in overruns came on house-related projects that did not need coordinating board approval.

The \$211,000 represents the overrun that is above the 20 percent toler-

ance allowed by the coordinating board.

In July, WTSU Vice President Clarence Thompson said his misunderstanding and misinterpretation of coordinating board policies on overruns caused the problems.

Ashworth said if the board approves the recommendation, WTSU would have to use privately raised money to reimburse the state.



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