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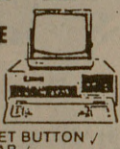
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Restaurant Report

By Curtis L. Culberson
Staff Writer

The College Station restaurants listed below were inspected from Mar. 2 to Mar. 6 by the Brazos County Health Department. The information is based on food service establishment reports. SCORED BETWEEN 95 AND 100:

Mazzio's Pizza at 1802 S. Texas Ave. was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 96. Two points were subtracted from the report because towels were needed at a handsink. Two more points were subtracted for minor violations. SCORED BETWEEN 85 AND 90:

Kettle Restaurant at 2502 S. Texas Ave. was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 89. A four-point violation was cited in the report because a kitchen handsink was inaccessible. Three two-point violations were cited in the report because an ice scoop was being kept on the dirty top of an ice machine, a reach-in cooler needed cleaning and towels were needed at a handsink. An additional point was subtracted from the report for a minor violation.

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 in the health report.

Scores can be misleading, Jefferson says, because restaurants can get the same score by having several minor violations or a few major violations. He says the minor violations can be corrected during the inspection. Point deductions or violations in the report range from one point (minor violation) to five points (major violations).

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

The department inspects each restaurant every six months. Jefferson says a follow-up inspection is sometimes required if a restaurant has a four- or five-point violation that cannot be corrected during the inspection, or if there are numerous small violations.

Inspectors at the department are registered sanitarians.

Schlotsky's Sandwich Shop at 100 S. Texas Ave. was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 88. Four points were deducted from the report because a vent needed a secure screen. The report noted that the screen violation had been reported several times and that a food service suspension was possible if it was repeated again. Three two-point violations also were cited in the report because some dishes were not properly rinsed and sanitized, some potato chips were stored on the floor, some food items were uncovered in a reach-in cooler and there was dust on some soda dispensers. Two points also were deducted from the report for minor violations.

J.T. McCord's Restaurant at 2232 Texas Ave. was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 87. A five-point violation was cited in the report because cleaning products were stored above some food items. Four points were subtracted because a handsink was inaccessible. Two more points were deducted from the report because a handsink needed soap and towels. An additional two points were subtracted from the report for minor violations.

New department proposed to help attract business

By Beverly Click
Reporter

The Texas Research League, an Austin-based public policy non-profit research organization, has recommended creating a Texas commerce department to attract new residents and businesses to the state.

Jared E. Hazleton, president of the research league, says economic development programs are spread throughout the state, leading to many uncoordinated and underfunded entities needing centralization.

Hazleton recommended the idea of a department to both Gov. Bill Clement's Task Force on Business Development and Jobs Creation and House Speaker Gib Lewis' economic advisory group.

The department would be headed by a three-member board to be appointed by the governor with the Senate's consent, Hazleton says.

A small board is more apt to work together on projects, he says.

Dr. Bryan Jones, professor and head of the Texas A&M political science department, agrees that a department is needed to centralize concerns of state businesses and coordinate an economic development policy.

In hopes of attracting new business, the commerce department will be in charge of areas currently not in a centralized department, Hazleton says, such as state marketing and advertising.

"For years Texas was not paying much attention to development, and it still had a growing economy," he says. "Now, since the state has been in a recession for most of the 1980s, we see the importance of a public policy program to attract people and industries to the state."

"We are trying to reorganize to be more competitive with the other states," Jones agrees with Hazleton but says the state must be able to attract the kind of high-tech business everyone wants.

"What our state is behind on is not specific economic development programs, but major investments in education," Jones says. "You have to have a good education system, and without it you're out of the ball game."

"When the state isn't sure whether or not it is going to support education, it is telling Mr. Businessman not to come to Texas because we're not going to provide him with the infrastructure needed to have an educated workforce."

The Texas commerce department also would be in charge of administering the Job Training Partnership Act program and the economic development portion of the Community Development Block Grant program.

The federally funded job training program intends to train people for jobs to get them off welfare and into the workforce, Jones says.

The block grant, he says, is a grant from the federal government to the state, with the state deciding how the money will be allocated.

Usually, the money goes toward developing local communities through loan packages and tax abatements for new businesses and industrial and research parks, he says.

"New businesses can get hit all over the place with regulations — some of which are legitimate and some of which are not," he says. "An important function of the commerce department will be to help these businesses through the maze of regulations."

Largest paper in Texas sold to Hearst Corp.

HOUSTON (AP) — The *Houston Chronicle*, Texas' largest daily newspaper, was sold Thursday to the Hearst Corp. for \$400 million, the *Chronicle* announced.

The *Chronicle* had been owned by the Houston Endowment Inc., a non-profit corporation, which, under federal law, must divest itself of controlling interest in the newspaper by 1989.

"We're disappointed it had to happen, but you go on," Richard J.V. Johnson, *Chronicle* president and publisher, said at a Thursday night news conference. "I'm not bitter. We're all big boys."

The newspaper, which publishes morning and afternoon editions, lists its paid circulation as 425,434 daily and 528,153 Sunday. The *Dallas Morning News* lists its daily circulation as 390,987 and its Sunday circulation as 531,417.

The newspaper failed to respond to a higher offer from William Dean Singleton, a native Texan who bought the *Dallas Times Herald* for \$110 million last year, said Christopher Shaw, chairman of Henry Ansbacher Inc., a New York investment firm.

"We offered \$415 million 48 hours ago," Shaw said Thursday. "We said that was a minimum. We had cited current financial data and said that we might increase it but not reduce it. We haven't heard a reply."

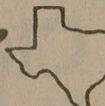
Singleton declined to comment on the offer.

Houston Endowment, which is selling the paper, was the charitable trust established by the late Jesse H. Jones and his wife, Mary Gibbs Jones. Jones was a Houston financier and publisher of the *Chronicle*, which was founded in 1901.

The sale came one week after the *Chronicle* eliminated 52 full-time positions.

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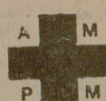
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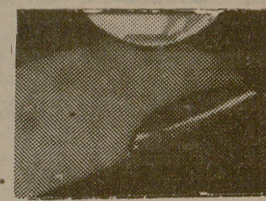
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