

OPINION

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YOUR OPINION

Getting a Bite to Eat

East Texans fondly recall preferred meals from their favorite restaurants

Here are your responses to our Facebook question of the week, "If you could bring back any Lufkin restaurant from the past, what would it be and what would you order?" Because of the large number of responses we received for this question, we broke it into three parts. The first was published Thursday; here is the third:

Derek N Toni Bonner — Lost in the 50s. Chicken fried steak while listening to the jukebox!

Sandy Barile Nunn — Western Sizzlin', chopped steak.

Karen Lenderman — Jason's Deli — salad bar and ice cream!

Carrie Fite — The Cattle Company, fried dill pickles. Jason's Deli, salad bar or a muffaletta. Arby's, Beef and Cheddar.

Jason Nash — Mom's Diner on 103 east and order a bacon cheeseburger. I miss that place.

Kyle Cooke — Little Italy. Just gimme the buffet.

Amy Powers — Jason's Deli! Half club royal sandwich and bowl of fire-roasted tortilla soup.

Chasity Boatman — Fuller's. The best restaurant in Lufkin ever.

Vicki Myles — Thompson's Pharmacy. They had the best burgers! I could just take one right now!

Ramon Y Blanca Hernandez — Barnhill's. We go every now and then to Nacogdoches. Sure miss going every other Sunday after church. That's some great food. My personal best is the roast beef. Mmm!

Connie Wilson Howard — Taco USA ... taco burger!?

Dana Butler Massey — Roadhouse Cafe and their grilled chicken salad!

Sherry Levine — Ames and the rolls.

Ashley Liddle — K-Bob's Steakhouse and Lost in the 50s. Salad bar and chicken fingers with gravy.

Susan Littlefield — Read's! It was the teen hangout in the '60s. It's where you went to see and be seen. Lots of nice cars and cherry Cokes, and the best Frito pies ever ... lots of great memories.

Curtis Grigsby — Overland Express! Hands down. I would order their chicken fried steak. My wife would order their large butterfly shrimp.

Veronica Valdés — Texas Baking Company — low-carb mocha frió.

Alfreda Roberts-Jones — Luby's and I would order liver and onions, buttermilk pie and a cucumber salad.

LaShundra Vinson — Ames, chicken and rolls. Also I would love to have Luby's back — liver and onion LOL!

Helon Norton Johnson — Wyatt's Cafeteria, chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes!

Tamara Barringer — Godfather's Pizza. The supreme pizza minus onion and bell peppers. It was even good cold the next morning.

Janice Newberry Milstead — K-Bob's ... loved their steak and salad bar!

Beverly Finley Slough — Read's — a Lufkin icon! Steak finger basket or Frito pie!

Lori Lee Ray — Grandy's! I loved their fried chicken, tater 'n gravy and rolls!

Calvin Mabelyn — Grandy's baked beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, their rolls, country fried steak. Right across from McDonald's on Timberland.

Kay Willis-Bowers — Little Italy buffet, garlic bread and salad bar.

Kathryn Scott Townley — Shrimp Boat Manny's ... and I would order their seafood gumbo, boiled crawfish and fried oysters.

Malcolm Murray IV — China King, the entire buffet, and Cattle Company, everything.

Glenda Ellington — Jason's Deli, California Club Sandwich.

Lacey Winston Keath — Arby's: two medium roast beef sandwiches with extra Arby's sauce, Grandy's, Jason's Deli.

Daniel Justus — Charlie's, sausage biscuits gravy bacon eggs and three pancakes.

Rick Squyres — The Dutch Girl. Chicken fried steak.

Greg N' Sherine Boston — You mean the Dutch Lady at Fuller's! Awe-some food!

Khalesha Anderson — Taco USA and I would order a Conquistador ...

Brenda Collins Stanbery — Taco USA. Conquistador. O yeah!

Shirley Allison Reynolds — Sambo's had great breakfast food!

Jennifer Barge Herrington — Jason's Deli ... any sandwich and a salad ... mmmmmmm.

Mary Lodini Stripling — Lost in the 50s. I would order the best hand-battered Texas-sized chicken fried steak. And a large order of fantastic onion rings. Then I would sit there dropping quarters into the juke box where I would get three songs for a quarter. And love every bit of it.

Kimberly Sanders — Mazzio's Pizza and I would order a big pizza with veggies!

Caryn Hopson Dupree — Cattle Company. They had the best steaks. Also, Jason's Deli or Quizno's. We need more sandwich shops in Lufkin.

Kelby Pérez — Brazos Steakhouse. The wrangler, medium rare.

Angie Rios — Taco USA, the combo nachos were the best. Good thing I found one in the Woodlands.

Paige Celeste Purvis — El Chico! Best salsa and green sauces.

Ashley Gauthier — UFO Pizza. The buffalo bot, no onions!

Matt Hanscom — Barnhill's! All-you-can-eat steak, shrimp etc ... (Not to mention cobbler!)

Teri Boling Moye — Lost in the 50s had killer biscuits and sausage gravy. The place was a dive in the mid-'80s when I frequented the place, but the hardworking folks weren't just trying to make a living. They made friends. The atmosphere was nostalgic. Loved it.

Brigitte Ross-Black — Hands down, Arby's. Every time we are in Houston or Dallas, we always eat at Arby's. I would order a Giant Roast Beef or Beef and Cheddar. They should bring it back as they have updated their menu and have the best sandwiches. The other place I ate at many times (and I've only lived here 16 years) Lost in the 50s. Hands down the best chicken fried steaks I've ever eaten in Texas and also breakfasts there were incredible.

Tammy Rainey Miller — Texas Baking Company — cranberry muffin, Little Italy Pizza — best thin crust pizza, Lone Star Charlie's — anything breakfast, Tinsley's — chicken leg and a roll, K-Bob's — chuck wagon salad bar, and Fuller's Buffet — chicken fried steak or fried chicken and their cream gravy.

Shiloh Strickland — Baskin-Robbins! Mint chocolate chip ice cream!

Rachael Adams — Jason's Deli — salad bar.

Vanessa Pantoja — Villa Pizza in the mall. I love that place and their calzones. Still haven't found a place that has amazing calzones.

Pamela Lovelady Street — Grandy's. Chicken fried steak. And the rolls ... ahhhhh.

Jay Jackson — Lemke's Wurst Haus, stuffed pork chop, red cabbage and potato salad, maybe a beer, oh and shared bananas Foster with your true love! Perfect first anniversary date 34 years ago.

Joe Meza — Boles Food Market, they had the best meatloaf and cornbread! Right across Albertson's known as HEB now.

Bettye Lawson — Bettye's Cafe! Loved my business and all my customers. I would order the Junior Bettye's special and onion rings.

Flemons Muneca — Ames Chick-en. I would get an order of two piece spicy chicken legs, french fries and two rolls LOL gotta love their rolls.

Shannon Tobias Ham — Tejas Cafe. I'd order the chicken chimichanga smothered in chili con queso with an extra scoop of guacamole!

Editor's note: If you would like to chime in on this topic (or any other issue affecting our community), you can still send us a letter to the editor via email at news@lufkindailynews.com, online at lufkindailynews.com/letters or by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Lufkin, TX 75902-1089. Please try to make it no longer than 350 words.

Living my life to make a difference

Do you ever think about what will go on your tombstone? I know it's a morbid thought, but as I grow older I find myself thinking about it more and more.

I would hope my family would say the normal things — "caring mother and loving wife." But what if it wasn't left up to my family? What kind of things would the people I didn't know all that well say?

My psychology professor in college had us write what we wanted on our tombstone if we had lived a long, full life. I know he was just trying to make us think ahead and wonder what our future holds, but being the smart-aleck college student I was, I wrote, "She looked damn good for 150."

He gave me an "A" for originality. Most people go through life not

knowing how many people they affect every day. Being in the newspaper business for as long as I have, I realize I have affected a lot of people. I've made more than a few folks mad in my lifetime.

Not everyone agrees with what is published in the paper. In fact, I have come to learn that most people think they know how to run a newspaper better than I do.

It's especially hard when you have to report on a friend or family member who has done something wrong. I have had to do that on several occasions.

Sure, I could have left it out of the paper, but that wouldn't be the fair thing to do.

I get bombarded daily by people who want certain things in the paper that they think are newsworthy. I also get lots of calls from people who want things left out of the paper, or who are very upset that we put something they didn't like in the paper.

I kindly remind them that we don't create the news; we just report on it.



NEICE BELL



Texas' real estate process safe, simple

For most Texans, buying a home will be a family's biggest purchase.

Purchasing a new home is stressful enough, and the last thing a new homeowner needs to worry about is an unknown heir claiming their new home, a bill for outstanding property taxes or another unknown title defect that could put the home sale at risk.

To protect against these dangers, Texas has developed a simple and secure title insurance process. Across the state, consumers can choose title insurance policies at prices that are 15 percent less than they were 25 years ago. Over the same time, Texas title insurance has remained among the safest,

most stable and transparent protections in the country.

Recently, certain interest groups have proposed radical changes to Texas' title insurance market, which would turn a system that is clearly working today into a risky "file-and-use" model. This departure from Texas' long-standing tradition of providing the toughest safeguards around private property rights is misguided and would lead us down a dangerous path.

Adopting a "file-and-use" model would cause many local title agencies to close, reducing local choices. This would result in less competition and expose homebuyers to higher prices. Texans would also face substantially higher title claims. States with "file-and-use" models have claims as high as 27 times the low claims rate Texas has today.

Unfortunately, this "file-and-use" model proposed by these special interests would reward large corporations

and well-heeled individuals, at the expense of small businesses and average homebuyers. It would also pick winners and losers, with many rural areas losing the most experienced title agents who know their areas or in some cases losing local access entirely.

To make their case, the proponents of these drastic changes have been tossing around rates in other states, claiming that they are lower. However, it's not that simple and apples-to-apples comparisons are hard to make. Prices for "title insurance" in some states may appear lower, but in fact what is covered for that price is much less than what Texans receive — leaving those interested in purchasing property to pay extra add-on fees. That means a larger final bill for consumers.

Today, Texas' title insurance system offers more choices of title insurance agents than almost any other state. More than 13,000 experienced title insurance professionals live and work in 251 Texas counties. These local title agents know their communities and maintain up-to-date property histories, which helps make Texas one of the safest states for conducting real estate transactions in the country.

Changing the system now would limit access for many homebuyers outside of the larger cities, denying them the chance to work with these experienced agents; not to mention it will ship thousands of high-quality jobs out of state or even out of the country.

Texas has one of the most reliable title insurance markets in the country. If you've never worried about the quality of your property's title, it's because our system works.

The changes being proposed are a radical departure for Texas — out of step with core values of protecting private property rights, keeping insurance affordable and giving customers local options.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 10, the 101st day of 2016. There are 265 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 10, 1916, the Professional Golfers' Association of America was

founded in New York.

On this date: In 1790, President George Washington signed the first United States Patent Act.

In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated.

HEADLINES IN Local HISTORY

APRIL 10

One year ago
Community civic leader and former longtime Ward 1 Lufkin City Councilman Percy Simon Jr. passes away at 97.

Ten years ago
Angelina County weighs permit system. Commissioners try to limit wear and tear on roads from heavy vehicles.

Angelina County Historical Commission meets to hear presentation on the history of Angelina County Mounted Patrol by Denton McCoy.

Twenty years ago
Brian Babin wins 16 of 19 boxes in Angelina County in runoff election to win Republican nomination for 2nd Congressional District seat against Donna Peterson of Orange. Babin will face Jim Turner (D-Crockett) in the November general election.

Nacogdoches has its day against Lufkin as Panthers can't overcome 5 errors in 4-1 loss. Lufkin is now 14-8 for season and 4-1 in district. From the pages of The Lufkin Daily News, compiled by The History Center, TheHistoryCenterOnline.com.

MALLARD FILLMORE

By Bruce Tinsley

