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The Statesman welcomes and encourages letters and e-mails from readers.

Letters must include the name, address and telephone numbers for verification purposes only. Just your name and city will be published.

All letters are subject to editing and must be limited to 400 words or less. No letter can be published without the above information.

Letters must not be false or misleading, the paper reserves the right to check on any information in the letters submitted. If misleading information is printed we will submit a retraction as the information is called to our attention.

It is not the goal of this paper to harm anyone by the letters to the editor, but it is our goal to give those in the community a place to voice their opinion.

Deadline:

The deadline for all news, display advertising and the "What's Happening" in The Statesman is 5 pm Monday.

Attention: The classified ad deadline is Mondays at noon for the same week's paper.

Family News Policy:

Family news such as wedding or engagement announcements must be submitted by 5:00pm Monday for publication on a space available basis in the same week's newspaper. Please include a telephone number to call if questions arise about spelling, etc.

Engagement announcements must be signed by both the prospective bride and groom, or other satisfactory arrangements made by which the newspaper may verify authenticity.

Birth announcements should be signed by both parents and the child.

There is NO CHARGE for timely engagement or wedding announcements and a photo may be included at no cost.

Anniversary announcements with photos are also published free for couples celebrating 20 years or more of marriage, with subsequent free announcements limited to increments of five years.

Free anniversary announcements may not include an invitation to a reception or party where gifts are expected.

Oh happy day, because of space constraints, free birthday announcements are not published. However friends and relatives may purchase advertising space to congratulate a person on their birthday.

Area Obituaries

Emma 'Marlene' Hallmark Hosch

Services for Mrs. Emma "Marlene" Hallmark Hosch, 87, Tyler, Texas are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at Chandler Memorial Funeral Home chapel.

Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery, Houston, Texas, under the direction of Chandler Memorial Funeral Home. Mrs. Hosch passed away August 31, 2008 in Tyler.

She was born August 4, 1921 in Larue, Texas. She had lived in the Tyler area for 28 years, moving from Houston, Texas. She was of Baptist faith and worked as a food service manager.

Preceding Mrs. Hosch in death were her husband, Clifford Eugene Hosch; son, Ronnie Lynn Hosch; and daughter, Wanda Eugene Holland.

Her survivors include daughters, Shirley Ann Gore of Horatio, Arkansas, Diana Kay Gilbert and Candi Sue Wilson, both of Tyler, and Tammy Jo Cox of Chandler; 18 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Please review Letter to the Editor policy before submitting letter. The policy is found in the information column on the left hand side of this

Re: Insurance Coverage

Recently there have been several storms that have passed over our homes and some have done damage to one extent or another. But there are some damages that have brought to light some troubling issues about home insurance coverage.

In Chandler recently, a storm passed through with rain and pretty high winds. During this storm a limb from a neighboring tree was blown across the road and hit a transformer. However it happened the transformer burnt out, damaging several houses with various levels of power outages and damage to electrical systems. The house closest to the transformer was hardest hit with major and minor appliances rendered useless because of the power outage. It also knocked out the central heat and air units to at least three houses. All of the homeowners carried home owner's insurance. All of these home owners had various levels of damage done to their homes because of this transformer going out, but only one, that I am aware, was compensated for the damage done to their home.

The insurance company for the other two homes was the same carrier, and they said a power surge caused the damage to the respective homes and therefore was not covered by their policies. An electrician was called by one home owner; due to her a/c unit's age and the fact other items had to be addressed before a new unit could be installed, and this licensed electrician said it was no power surge

that caused this type of damage. However, the insurance company has still refused to pay anything to help in this matter. The home owners, both of whom are retired and have fixed incomes have had to save up and make arrangements to fix at their own expense things which you would think would be covered by your home owner's policy. Why pay hundreds of dollars and get no coverage, no help, no understanding from people who look you in the eye and say they are there to help protect what you have worked so hard to earn, YOUR HOME?

One other item was also discovered during this time, the lady whose insurance would pay nothing discovered that when she told the insurance company after her husband passed away, she could not continue to pay the high premiums she had, they said they would work with her so she could remain a customer. They upped her deductible, which she was aware they were going to do, but looking over her policy during this recent damage to her home, she discovered they had also dropped all coverage of her furnishings which she and her husband had been paying for for years and this they did not tell her.

WARNING: Look over your insurance policies, make sure of what is covered and what is not. These insurance companies are not your friends, they are in it for the money. Buyer Beware ... Watch out for yourselves ... No one else is going to do this for you.

Bruce Lightfoot
Brownsboro, Texas



Cook of the Week



Dennis Mack

Dennis Mack is a retired lawman out of Lakeland, Florida. He now spends much of his time working for East Texas Medical Center flying Air One.

"I've been flying 41 years," he said.

He moved to Chandler about the time he began flying for ETMC. He and his wife Ute love living here, and also love the change of seasons East Texas brings.

In November, he and Ute will have been married 10 years.

When he's not flying, Dennis enjoys running his ranch, the "Me Too Ranch", hunting and generally being outdoors.

Dennis is also heavily involved with the Henderson County Cattle Baron's Ball; he's the chair of the public relations committee for the event.

Also an accomplished cook, he's made meals for various dignitaries, a few senators and even a mayor in Nevada.

"I enjoy entertaining," Dennis said, "and I enjoy cooking what I like."

He's cooked so many things, Dennis said he doesn't know if there's one specific thing he would call his favorite. What he makes is usually dependent on how much time he's got to make it, his audience for the evening and the season.

"I like to find out what people can and can't eat," Dennis said, "but I also like to introduce people to new things."

Here are a few of Dennis' popular recipes that go well together.

Cucumber Salad

1 large cucumber (1 for two people, peeled and sliced very thin with a banjo cutting device)

- Salt
- Water
- 2 tbsp sour cream
- 2 tbsp white vinegar
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- Paprika
- Half onion rings

Once sliced, salt the cucumber and put in a bowl filled with water. Refrigerate for two hours, then drain well. Make a mix of sour cream, white vinegar and

garlic powder, then pour over the cucumbers. Put in the fridge. Put the onion on and garnish with paprika.

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
1 medium onion, diced and browned in butter or olive oil
1 lb of extra lean ground beef, browned

1 small can tomato paste
1 can of water (the same can from the tomato paste)
1 small can tomato sauce
1 tsp worcestershire sauce (poured over the meat while browning)

- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 tsp powdered oregano
- 3 tbsp parsley
- A dash of rosemary leaves
- Pinch of dill seed
- 1/4 tsp thyme
- 1 can sliced mushrooms

1 round of maple syrup (a round is when you pour the syrup in a circular fashion over the dish, one time around the container.)

1 tsp flour/cornstarch for thickening
Spaghetti noodles, thin and cooked
Parsley flakes
Parmesan cheese

Brown the onions first, then brown the meat with the sauce added halfway. Add salt, then the herbs and spices. Mix, then add the tomato sauce and paste, as well as one can of water. Put it on the stove, then add the mushrooms and reduce to medium heat. Stir, then add the syrup and flour and reduce to a simmer. Serve over thin noodles and garnish with parsley flakes and parmesan cheese.

Thank You!

I wish to thank everyone for coming and making my 90th birthday celebration one of the most wonderful things in my life.

I have more days behind me than I do in front of me. But I will have the sweet memories of that day and the love that was shown to me.

I also want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and flowers.

Again, thanks and God bless.

Edith (Owens) Mayfield

Meals on Wheels Menu

Sept. 8 - 12

(Milk served with meals)
Orange juice served in centers

MON: Steakfinger, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, pear cups

TUES: Fish burger, baked tator tots, Coleslaw, peach cobbler

WED: Spaghetti/meat sauce, spaghetti noodles, Italian green beans, tossed salad, French bread, fruit

THUR: Herbed baked chicken, field peas w/snaps, stewed cabbage, cornbread, pineapple cups

FRI: Ham & cheese pasta salad, 3-bean salad, carrot raisin salad, wheat bread, peach cups.

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