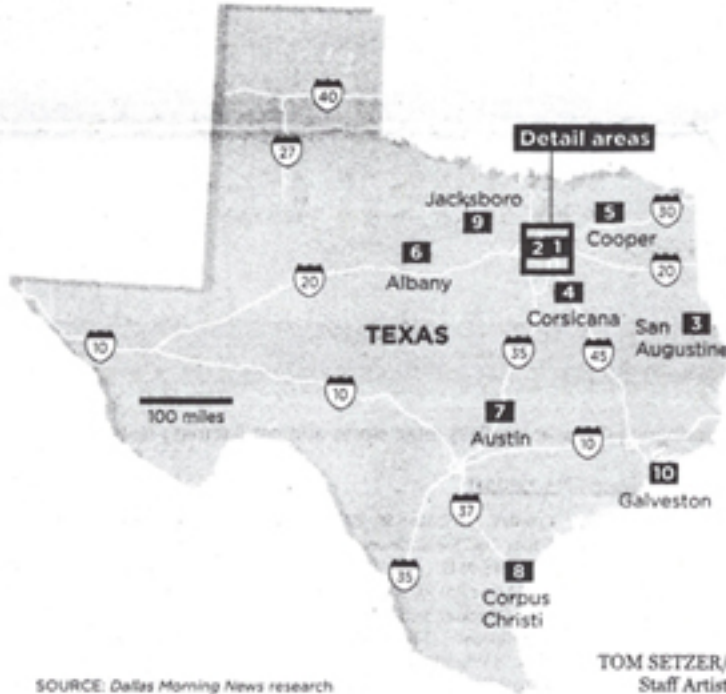




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Where history goes down easy



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1 HIGHLAND PARK PHARMACY
 3229 Knox, Dallas
 Opened in 1912 and is now owned by Sonny and Gretchen Minyard Williams, of grocery store fame, because Mr. Williams has been a customer since childhood, said manager Mary Mora. "This is where he got his 'scrips just because he could have a cherry Coke or a cherry milkshake," she said.
Fun fact: The menu includes a goose liver sandwich and a "Palm Beach" or pimento cheese. For a sandwich without lettuce, "hold the hay." For untoasted bread, "hold the heat."

2 BIG STATE DRUG
 100 E. Irving Blvd., Irving
 Opened in 1948 and still does a big business with an extensive menu that includes seasonal Frito pie, chili and appetizers (appetizers!) such as hot wings and mushrooms. The waitress may call you "hon." Specialties include vanilla Dr Peppers or chocolate Cokes.
Fun fact: The building originally housed a "haberdashery" in the early 1900s.

3 SAN AUGUSTINE DRUG
 104 E. Columbia St., San Augustine
 Founded in 1904; burned and rebuilt in 1988. Customers didn't ask if the store was being reopened, said co-owner Debbie Jackson. "They all said, 'Are you going to build the soda fountain back?'" Home of the "Grapefruit Highball," a nonalcoholic drink invented by a soda jerk in 1928, whose secret recipe is passed from owner to owner. "We don't know why he called it the grapefruit highball, because there's no 'high' in it," Ms. Jackson said. "There is grapefruit juice in it, orange juice, a lot of sugar ... and the secret ingredient that only my Dad knows and my husband knows. I don't know what it is — one last thing I have to know." No food is served — only coffee, ice cream and popcorn.
Fun fact: New customers are greeted with a free highball served in a glass cowboy boot and a special napkin.

4 CALEB'S DINER
 125 N. Beaton St., Corsicana
 Founded in 1905 as Hashop Drugs, though the owner said it never included a pharmacy. Renamed frequently, but never closed and always a local gathering spot. "We have a lot of regulars that keep us going," said new owner Caleb Hollingsworth, who remembers visiting the fountain as a kid. "I see the same people for breakfast every morning, I see the same people for coffee at 10. ... I could set my

6 WEAVER-OATES
 104 S. Main, Albany
 Opened as Sander's burned three years later, that the fire was set by a original tile floor and sta remaining fixtures date f customers are so regular them out front and start: said owner Howard Todd they want a weak or a str Coke or a vanilla Coke."
Fun fact: Tables only, never had any.

7 NAU'S ENFIELD I
 1115 W. Lynn St., A
 Opened in 1930s an location since 1951; shop swivel seats and mint gre received a 2006 preserv maintaining Austin's her run a tab. More tables we "It's their home," said ma bay, daughter of the curre people just want to sit an
Fun fact: Former Da wood Henderson bought million lottery ticket here

8 HAMLIN PHARM
 3801 S. Staples St.
 Opened in 1960. A f Flatau, because of its "pen and regular customers. "T own little favorite stool, ar sick, they leave it empty." I chili and hamburgers, saic Karen Nicholson, daught "We've had the same cook think it's because we're cor grill — the original grill. It
Fun fact: One of two d fountains in Corpus; each childhood friend and frat the competition's friendly

9 CITY DRUG
 104 E. Belknap, Ja
 The exact age is unk current owners bought th Orange counter, gray stoc booths. Traditional glassy for tourists wanting that paper products are prima original carbonated wate use because of repair prol
Fun fact: Known for f vanilla ice cream with ma kind of like maybe an ice said fountain manager Pi "Somebody started it was

Right: Craving a Dusty Road — an ice cream sundae with malt powder? Go see Mabel Wheat, who's been at Miller's Pharmacy in Cooper 55 years.

Below: The vanilla cream Dr Pepper from Weaver-Oates Pharmacy in Albany can cause brain freeze — just ask

