

# Terlingua Trails CASI

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Tom Mix CCO

“Here are the results from the 1st Annual Tom Mix Festival cookoff held Saturday, September 13 in Dubois, PA. The Old West came to the mountains of western Pennsylvania for the annual Tom Mix Festival. The streets of Dubois were filled with legendary Western characters, and there was even a showdown between the Rangers and Pancho Villa. Among the chili judges were The Lone Ranger and Rooster Cogburn, to name a few.

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| 1st - Mary Kotula       | 6th - Brian Palmer   |
| 2nd - Giancarlo Mendola | 7th - Nancy Palmer   |
| 3rd - Gene Roberts      | 8th - Beth Burdick   |
| 4th - Klarissa Shepler  | 9th - Lew Wheeling   |
| 5th - Teresa Corley     | 10th - Elyse Roberts |

On a side note - This cookoff was a lot of fun, and we all enjoyed the experience. There was quite a bit of local interest in CASI and chili cookoffs. We met some very helpful folks, including two who are very interested in competing again and willing to work with Gene in organizing and promoting future cookoffs at the festival.”



*Houston Pod GP Keith Karaff presenting Donation Check to Brenda Kirk (r), Executive Director and Olivia Siner-McDaniel, Donations Relations Manager of The Houston Food Bank*

thousands. I was thinking about our \$2500. When I gave them the check, I commented on the amount and was told that \$2500 is equivalent to \$50,000 worth of food. Changes the perspective a bit there. I was never more proud of an organization.

**Keith Karaff**

Our cookoff was a success and we had a wonderful time. The amount of time our members put in and the talent we have in the Pod seems to be never ending and it shows in a well run, well attended cookoff. A huge thank you this year to the trophy sponsors and all who made donations ‘above and beyond’ the call of duty. This year seems to have been extremely tight with the economy in a slump, gas prices flying high and all the turmoil in the world. It is a blessing that we can find a little bit of time to revel in our “hobby”, have a release from reality and do some good. It struck me how much good we do when I presented our check to the Food Bank. While I was waiting to meet with them in the lobby, I was looking at presentation checks from Landry’s, Kroger, HEB etc. Dollar amount in the tens of

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## ED Ponderings

Would you like to have an active voice in the future of CASI? If so, we want you!

We're beginning a number of projects that will improve our chili lives in the future. Here's a listing of what we're working on. Please check to see if any of these initiatives interests you or if you might have talents and skills that would benefit any of these projects. To achieve the best results, we need your input.

**CASI Handbook** – We'd like to prepare a CASI handbook to be distributed to each pod. This book might initially include basic information: CASI officers and contact information, liability insurance procedures, CASI forms, rulebook, tax letter, and could also include sections on "How To Get More Pod Members", "How To Hold A Successful Cookoff", etc. This handbook would be brought to each Great Peppers' Meeting and updated there.

**Rulebook Reformat** - We want to find a way to make the rulebook more user-friendly and easier to read. We want cookoff promoters to embrace the rulebook as a helpful tool rather than something that is intimidating.

**CASI Forms** – Many of our forms have become cluttered and busy to the point of confusion. We want to explore ways to make their design simpler and easier to read.

**Officials Certification** – We want to develop a program for certifying CASI officials. This would provide a badge of distinction for those who were certified and would be a great resume item for anyone wanting to run for a pod or CASI office.

**Video** – We'd like to produce a how-to video on running a cookoff. This would supplement the rulebook with pictures and sound, helping our cookoffs to run more smoothly and uniformly.

The target date for completion of these things ranges from right away to next year's Great Peppers' Meeting and beyond. We're lucky to have a wise, experienced membership that is interested in helping. Here is your chance to become a part of shaping the future. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on one or more of the committees working to bring all of this about. Thanks for all of your interest and efforts.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at TICC.

*Alan*



## Tallymaster's Report

### YEAR-TO-DATE COOKOFF STATISTICS

STATE	REQ COOKOFFS CHILIS			MONEY
	PTS	HELD	JUDGED	RAISED
ALASKA	6	1	15	\$400.00
ALABAMA	6	3	73	\$3,000.00
ARKANSAS	12	26	700	\$45,430.00
ARIZONA	12	36	905	\$71,984.00
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	6	112	\$1,800.00
CALIFORNIA	6	2	36	\$23,000.00
COLORADO	6	6	138	\$11,782.00
FLORIDA	9	9	168	\$17,138.00
GEORGIA	6	3	88	\$1,600.00
IOWA	9	8	137	\$6,218.00
ILLINOIS	9	11	257	\$4,328.00
INDIANA	6	2	50	\$8,800.00
KANSAS	6	4	109	\$2,980.22
LOUISIANA	6	2	65	\$4,605.00
MARYLAND	12	12	205	\$8,397.00
MINNESOTA	6	1	16	\$0.00
MISSOURI	6	3	71	\$7,200.00
MISSISSIPPI	6	5	88	\$2,367.00
MONTANA	6	1	17	\$4,200.00
MEXICO	6	4	290	\$5,550.00
NORTH CAROLINA	9	8	148	\$32,000.00
NEBRASKA	6	2	33	\$5,000.00
NEW MEXICO	12	15	351	\$15,170.00
NEW YORK	6	1	22	\$1,000.00
OKLAHOMA	12	16	372	\$46,022.00
OREGON	6	1	15	\$637.00
PENNSYLVANIA	6	3	81	\$25,250.00
TENNESSEE	12	19	458	\$39,302.00
TEXAS	12	298	10,320	\$563,699.49
VIRGINIA	6	4	68	\$3,025.00
VIRGIN ISLANDS	6	2	55	\$27,000.00
VERMONT	6	1	16	\$3,000.00
WASHINGTON	9	8	151	\$3,497.00
WISCONSIN	6	3	78	\$8,680.00
WEST VIRGINIA	6	1	20	\$1,500.00
WYOMING	6	1	28	\$5,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>528</b>	<b>15,756</b>	<b>\$1,010,561.71</b>

*Bill Pierson*



## Corporate Member Spotlight

Why not contribute \$10.00 to the CASI National Scholarship Fund? In the past few months I have talked to fellow chili cooks about Passport America and much to my surprise they have told me they just recently joined and loved the savings. That is the good news – CASI members saving money. The sad news is that they joined thru another method other than the Terlingua Trails – so the Scholarship Fund received NOTHING.

### HOW IT WORKS

If you join Passport America and tell them your CASI our organization receives \$10.00 from Passport America for you joining for one year. If you tell you were referred by any other source- then our scholarship fund receives nothing. Also, you can help the scholarship fund by putting out some Passport America Membership Flyers to your local RV Dealers, RV Repair Shops and just have some on hand to give to people. Help the FUND, request some of these membership flyers from me today.

### THE CHILI FRONTIER – A YEAR LATER

I wrote about the chili frontier with my last column on it being a year ago. A year later things are moving along really well. Yes a little work, but all certainly worth it. Three cookoffs that started out with 17 to 19 cooks this year had 41 for one cookoff and 34 and 32 for another cookoff. Also there is a couple of potential corporate members pending not counting over 25 new CASI members. Jimmy Maturo signed up 10 new members in Homosassa alone!!!! A local radio DJ who has broadcast live from a cookoff site, has become so enthusiastic about CASI he has volunteered to make “spot announcements” for any cookoff in the State. One cookoff made \$8,000 in their second year alone. Just goes to say that if the organization wants to work then they can make money. This frontier now has about 4 or 5 new cookoffs in the mill – so it can happen.

### CORPORATE MEMBERS HELPING COOKS WIN

In the past couple of weeks I have had a couple of new cooks tell me that they were not doing a thing point wise since they started. They contacted MILD BILLS SPICES and got some new spices, some good tips and even a recipe and started getting some points – just a nice touch from Tamera & Bill Dee’s carrying on the same tradition as Pat & Raymond Pilchick from whom they obtain the spice business.

### TRIVIA QUESTION FOR THE MONTH.

The first correct answer I receive no later than 15 NOVEMBER to this question and you will receive your 2005 dues paid by myself.

“What was the famous words echoed by Paul Revere at the end of his famous ride”  
My email is: casihotrodd@aol.com

**Ken Rodd**

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## Membership Report

Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their annual dues. To all 2002-2003 members, it's time to renew your dues for the upcoming chili year. **Remember, if you're cooking or showing at TICC, you must be current with your dues.** If you have a question about your membership, please call me (817) 975-2200 or email me ([mikiem@flash.net](mailto:mikiem@flash.net)).

You may have asked: How do we get new people to join CASI? The answer is simple. Turn Jimmy Maturo loose at a cookoff. It's incredible what this man has done!

It is so encouraging to receive all the new membership applications – both individuals and corporate. To see our members renew and reaffirm their faith in the CASI organization is very gratifying. If you see any of these members at cookoffs in your area, I encourage you to make a new friend and extend a warm CASI welcome. Thank you.

### New CASI Members

Please welcome our newest CASI members. Make it a point to meet them and greet them.

William Adair – Glendale Heights, IL  
 Lorrie Ansley – Arabi, GA  
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 Stephen T. Valentini – Hagerstown, MD  
 Karen Velez – Suwanee, GA

### Renewing Members

CASI would like to welcome back these annual members and some of our past members who have joined us again.

Alan Alexander – Del Rio, TX  
 Larry Arnold – Katy, TX  
 Karen Bains – Rankin, TX  
 Roger Bains – Rankin, TX  
 Donald R. Barfield – Wichita Falls, TX  
 Mark Bass – Skiatook, OK  
 Guy W. Bates – Midland, TX  
 Jeremy Bauer – Clifton, VA  
 Healani Bethke – Weesatche, TX  
 Russell Bethke – Weesatche, TX  
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 Gwyn Brackeen – Lamesa, TX  
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 Toby Brown – Sierra Vista, AZ  
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 Greg Burt – Hobbs, NM  
 Nancy Cash – Houston, TX  
 Frank Cefalu – Bluemont, VA  
 Bert Centers – Lisle, IL  
 Bret Centers – Lisle, IL  
 John Comte – Garland, TX  
 Doyle Dancy – Tonopah, AZ  
 Glenn Dickey – Denton, TX  
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 Heather Hubenak – Weimer, TX

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 Kenny Jones – Reidsville, NC  
 Rex W. Jones – Dallas, TX  
 Barry Karnei – Weesatche, TX  
 Nadine Karnei – Weesatche, TX  
 Richard King – Clifton, VA  
 Debbie Kriska – Ennis, TX  
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 J. Barry Shaw – Kerrville, TX  
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 George Thompson – Houston, TX  
 Scotty Weaver – Sandia, TX  
 Susan Weber – McHenry, IL

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to continue to serve as your Membership Chairman. Please remember if you're moving, let us know. Your *Trails* will not follow you without an address change. You can either call me (817-975-2200) or email me at [mikiem@flash.net](mailto:mikiem@flash.net).

### Mikie McGarity

**"A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle."**

— Benjamin Franklin



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## Library Fund Challenge

Remember Dee Hay and the Pasadena Pod's Library Fund Challenge last month? Thanks to members and Pods, here are the results to date:

Puget Pod	\$200.00
Top of Texas Pod	\$100.00
Pod of the Pass	\$ 25.00
Tall in Texas Pod	\$100.00
Houston Pod	\$100.00
Space City Pod	\$100.00
DAM Pod	\$400.00
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Gaye Stovall McNett	\$ 24.00
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## *A View From The Top of an Old Chilihead*

Where has the time gone? It's only two weeks until we leave for Terlingua as I write this article. We are two weeks into the new chili year and I have not cooked in a cookoff for new points for 2004 TICC.

We returned last night from attending the annual C.A.S.I. Board of Directors meeting in Versailles, France. The French are still rude, arrogant and bigger asses than ever. Don't believe the propaganda that you read in the newspapers. They still don't want American tourists. It was our first trip since attending the C.A.S.I. Board meeting in Amsterdam in 2001. The Euro came in to play in 2002, and it was our first experience using it. It has caused the prices in Europe to escalate approximately forty per cent in the two years since we were there. Something to keep in mind if you are planning a trip to Europe next year.

Terlingua. Ever wonder why we go way out in the desert, away from most civilization, to attend the world's greatest CASI chili cookoff? It boils down to this, "tradition". Would it be the same if it were held any other place? No, it would not. Carroll Shelby found this out in 1975 when he tried to move it to California and started ICS. Although CASI at the time was only a state of mind, the CASI mystique remained in Terlingua.

Frank Tolbert and a weird old dude by the name of Terlingua Vaughn got together and tried to have a cookoff in 1976 in Terlingua. Both had only their self-interest involved and the cookoff was a disaster.

Keep in mind that there were no rules in 1976. The promoters more or less made them up as they went along; they made them to fit their cookoff. In 1976 the judges picked a winner and Frank Tolbert picked his. Frank announced his winner and the cooks got so angry that they vowed never to come back to Terlingua. It took many years to get a lot of them to return.

One bad "tradition" did evolve from this 1976 fiasco. Terlingua Vaughn was the person that asked the highway patrol to come down and get involved. Their presence has grown every year also. On the weekend of the TICC, I think you could drive from El Paso to Texarkana at a hundred and twenty miles per hour and there would not be any highway patrols to stop you. They are in Terlingua partying with each other.

Frank and old Vaughn had a big falling out in 1976. I am not sure what transpired between them, but I knew both of them then and can assure you they had bitter words to say about each other. In 1977 the cookoff moved to Glen Pepper's "Villa de la Mina", down the road. I will not go into 1977 here, but it is where I left off in my CASI chili history and where it will resume this winter in the *Goat Gap Gazette*. Most CASI history will be in the GGG and this column will be for more recent chili happenings or if history relates to current events.

In 1980 or 1981, Frank Tolbert and Paul Smith got mad at Glen Pepper and wanted to move the cookoff. Frank wanted to move it to the Dallas area and Paul wanted to move it to El Paso. This is another long story I will be writing about in CASI chili history. I still have pictures of some of the sites they were looking at. Fortunately, C.A.S.I. existed as a true incorporated organization at that time and I was president of the organization. I told them both they could go and start cookoffs at both locations if they wished. But, that the CASI cooks would be in Terlingua because they liked the tradition. They both backed off. I think I was right and thankfully I did not have to find out differently.

Tradition in chili comes from the cooks and events. The Texas Ladies State was held for many years in Luckenbach, Texas. It was becoming a tradition. But

the ladies felt they were not being appreciated or treated properly there and they, the lady cooks, wanted to make a change. They wanted to be treated more like the men at Chilympiad. It was moved to Seguin, Texas about fourteen years ago. It has developed its own tradition now in Seguin and grows better each year. A permanent location will do that.

The greatest chili cookoff in the world was Chilympiad at San Marcos, Texas - a great tradition! It was very sad when Chilympiad had to fold its tent and let the Texas Men's State Chili Cookoff go. Due to lack of funding by sponsors and shortage of workers, they had little choice. There will probably never be another event to equal Chilympiad. Nick McGarity worked his buns off to try and make it work in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Finally he faced the same problems - lack of workers and sponsor funding. Now the Texas Men's State Championship will move to Johnson City, Texas. I have every confidence Jimmy Taylor will work hard to make it a success for the men cooks. I hope it has found a new home and will not move and another tradition can be built.

Next year another traditional cookoff will be moved, The Texas Open Chili Cookoff. I have heard it will move to Houston. This is one cookoff that Frank Tolbert did start. He wanted a Texas championship in the Dallas area. He and Paul Smith did start the Open in Dallas in 1977. It was held without many problems that year, because there were a lot of cooks that got involved at the cookoff and helped make it a success. Frank gave it to me to run the next year. He really did not like to be a promoter and the work that went with it.

In 1978 we had six cooks pre-register. We had ninety-eight cooks show up to register on Saturday to cook. We had a total of one hundred and four cooks cooking. No, I was not prepared for that. With the help of many cooks we pulled it off without any problems, but with a lot of frustrations. We were never unprepared again in the history of the cookoff.

When I left Dallas, I gave the cookoff to Richard Knight to run. He ran it several years until he transferred to Florida due to his work. At that time he gave it to Doris Coats and Mikie McGarity to run. They got it established in Louisville, Texas and the tradition of being in the Dallas Metro continued. Last year they were finally hit with the same problems that have plagued the other big cookoffs - lack of sponsor funding and enough people to help. To me, it is sad to see it leave the area because it was an original Frank Tolbert event. I know most cooks today never knew Frank, except what they have heard, good or bad, and most of the stories are probably skewed out of proportion. Houston has a lot of good workers and they will do a good job with the Texas Open. Traditions die hard, but they can and hopefully will be rebuilt.

The only large cookoff ever established to be moved around to different locations was the Southwest Regional Open. It has been in several different locations and will probably continue to move around. Because it has been mobile, it has developed its own tradition. The first two years it was the Southwest Regional Ladies Open for lady cooks only. This was another cookoff that Frank Tolbert created but never ran. That's a long story and will be covered in CASI chili history.

Until the next time, I will see you on the Trail to Terlingua.

**H. Ray King**

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## *The Tejas Medicineman Presents: "Chili Chants"*

Today was a Monday, and I had chili for lunch, no, it was not left over from last weekend's cookoff, but before I tell you which kind, I'd like to refer back to the book "A Bowl of Red" by Frank X. Tolbert. The whole Terlingua Chili thing started when one person wrote that he thought that sweet bell peppers should be included in Chili. The verbal fights and contests that came out article placed us where we are today in the Chili World. Even at my tenure in the Chili World since 1984, I have watched verbal and written fights about what Chili is "really" supposed to consist of, taste like, and look like.

I have watched the change of the color of Chili vary on the tables from year to year like Autumn leaves changing. I have watched the consistency change from soupy water to mud, and the cut of meat from large sugar cubes to B B sized cut meat. And then there were the grind against cut wars. It still goes on.....that is what makes Chili interesting. We sorta have all agreed to disagree and go on competing. Lately, those that I have tasted that make the top 10 on the weekends are good product. They fit my criteria of "They Look Good, They Smell Good, and They Taste Good." And finally, if I really like the taste of one.....I will get another spoon and get another taste.

However, for lunch today, I tried a commercial chili. No, not Wolf Brand, or Hormel. It was a frozen Stouffer's Slowfire Classics Chunky Beef and Bean Chili. Now, before you get all huffy about the beans, the reason I am bringing up this brand of chili, is that if you took out all the beans and stuff, and just tasted the gravy, it tastes like CASI Chili used to taste years ago when you cared enough to go back for the second bite. The Hormel and Wolf Brand people have changed their recipes over the last few years and have made their taste terrible bitter and a bit hotter than it used to be. Some may like it that way....but I miss those cold Saturday afternoons when unfortunately there was no cookoff and there was lots of house work to do but, lunch consisted of a can of Hormel and a half box of saltines. Youthful gluttons we were! I am sure that I will get a few comments out of this, but really, you have an old favorite you like, what is it?

Other matters: It does get a little disturbing when your written predictions do come true. Most of the Apathy Column that I wrote a few months back came to pass at the GP meeting. I might suggest that Alan get a lighter prescription for his rose colored glasses. After reading a couple of other columns, I have a feeling that the theme song for the DC meeting will be "We won't get fooled again." But, then, again....some things might never change.

Next month: Remember in the Time Machine movie, the original one, where they spun a little disk like a coin and it showed a movie. That little disk looked a lot like our today's DVDs, only a lot smaller. We'll talk about how we are saving our Chili memories for the future.

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## Chili Bites

With any luck this will be a short column, as I have not much to talk about. I know that will come as a shock but it does happen sometimes.

I didn't cook at Pop's Place last week, but Duff went to help Sally as Ray and Pat were out of the country. Don't expect your spouse to remember who won the cookoff. He wrote down the first three places on Saturday but totally forgot Sunday. He tried to use the old excuse that he had battery trouble, and it went right out of his mind. Just because your battery doesn't work is not a good excuse; unless it's my battery, then it's a great one.

I keep saying that I'm going to get back to cooking chili, but I am beginning to doubt that. I'm not doing well and I am very tired. I never hear from any one, and I do miss that so I will visit some cookoffs even if I decide not to cook so that I can see my friends. I know that you all are too busy to call, but I do miss hearing from you. Thank you, Pat Irvine-King, for calling me every week. It does cheer me up.

I do want to make a personal announcement. Christiana and Jessica made the National Honor Society. We are very proud of our girls. They drive, too. They have what is known in the neighborhood as "the little red car." It isn't that little.

I thought my days of worrying about teenagers driving were a thing of the past, but here they are back again. They live right next door. Jessica had to go to something for the choir and said she would be there for the night. She left the house with her mother telling her to be sure to turn the lights on, her sister telling her to call when she got there, and me just telling her to be careful.

Since I am doing granddaughters today, I'll mention that Christina is student teaching the first grade three afternoons a week. She loves what she's doing, so she'll go to college to become a teacher. Jessica hasn't made up her mind yet. I know that she'll decide on something that she'll like as well as Christina does teaching. She's not going to get involved in music, although I would guess she would find a choir or something to sing with.

I guess this is going to be short. I really don't feel well and need to take pain medication and lay down.

Good luck to all of you at Terlingua, and I know we will have good winners as all CASI cooks are good winner and losers. If you don't make the top twenty, just remember, there is always next year!

Sally Lee, good luck to you and remember we love you and care for you. Jennifer Lee, we love you, too, and take care of your mother. I even love the dog.

Quote of the Month: There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning. Louis L'Amour American writer (1908 -1988)

## Irene

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## Bess's Best

Harry here filling in for Bess. Bess is not really under the weather, but she is having a little trouble getting around. We are now seeing a new specialist for her bad knees. They are trying a new procedure to get her some relief, so she'll be able to attend Terlingua this year and further postpone surgery for a while.

I guess Bess and I both need to face the fact that the body does not heal and rebound as it did in our younger days. We sort of go by the saying that "you are only as old as you think", so we think young.

The new chili year has started, so everyone needs to throw away all the bad habits they had and start fresh. So far Bess and I have done well in getting points.

Speaking of health and not getting any younger, our area lost another old time veteran chili cook. Cliff Taylor, or as those who knew him, Cliffy, passed away in September.

We are losing cooks and that is why all of us need to do everything we can to interest new people in cooking chili.

It's about closing time, and it will be November when you read this. I hope all who attended Terlingua had a wonderful time and that you have a very Happy Thanksgiving. Please remember all who are serving our country in your prayers; they are the ones who make it possible for us to do things like cook chili, go to Terlingua, and the many other blessings that we take for granted.

Thank you for your time, and until next time remember To Start Slow & Then Taper Off.

## Bess and Harry

### Dry Spell

Last year I wasn't sure I wanted to pay my annual CASI dues any more. I shared my thoughts with my cooking partner of many years, my son, of just dropping out of the cookoffs altogether.

After he got over the shock of those troubling ideas, he spoke up and asked if I was out of my mind or what? I pointed out to him it had been a long time between trophies, a real dry spell. I was bummed out losing every weekend to chili that didn't taste as good as my pot of chili. It wasn't the money, 'cause I don't have any. (I keep a stash just for contests and cookoffs.) I guess it came down to being tired of losing over and over again.

I like "chili people". The good Lord knows I've been to a ton of weddings and graduations of chili friends over the years, so I couldn't count that lame reason. My son said, "Dad, face it you're a born loser. Check the facts, you are a life long Chicago fan [this year doesn't count], your 1969 high school football team played in four away games and they were all homecoming games." He wasn't helping with the points he kept bringing up.

But he did add, "Dad, at every cookoff someone has to win. Only ten teams walk away with the trophies, and they have to dust them the rest of their lives. No one is loved more than you; people fight to set up next to us at every cookoff. When you were in the hospital, every other get well card was from a chili pal. Besides, what would we do every weekend?" He was right.

On his advice I paid my dues, so other people can feel good about winning. Maybe that's the reason God placed me here on earth, to make a damn good pot of chili and to let others feel good about themselves.

I feel good about being a CASI member and fly my CASI flag at every cookoff. I just wish I could win one, once or twice.

**Greg Bergenske**  
CASI # 02119



# Cook Off Winners



Aug 16, 2003-003 - Red River NM  
Red River Music Festival & Chili, 19 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Gloria Stevens, Homer Glen IL
  - 2 Lyman Wilkinson, Loveland CO
  - 3 Diana Baker, Richland Hills TX
  - 4 Roger Keasler, Venus TX
  - 5 Laurie Meredith, Trinidad CO
  - 6 David E. Baker, Richland Hills TX
  - 7 Margaret Lopez, Rio Rancho NM
  - 8 Craig Massey, Mineral Wells TX
  - 9 Steven A. Lopez, Rio Rancho NM
  - 10 Ann Hanson, Las Cruces NM
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Flaming Rojo, Boulder CO  
Sherdon Denny
  - 2 Loser, The, Homer Glen IL  
Mike Stevens
  - 3 Cathouse Chili, Trinidad CO  
Laurie Meredith

Aug 16, 2003-006 - Lamesa TX  
Mike Blakeley & Jimmy Sanders, 30 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Sissy (Sally) Hill, Odessa TX
- 2 Ken Large, Odessa TX
- 3 Darrell Hopper, Odessa TX
- 4 Laura L. Coad, San Angelo TX
- 5 Cliff Blakeley, Clovis NM
- 6 Roxana Patton, Odessa TX
- 7 Phyllis Patton, Odessa TX
- 8 Patsy Childress, Midland TX
- 9 Larry Patton, Odessa TX
- 10 B.J. McDonald, Odessa TX

Aug 17, 2003-001 - Tacoma WA  
Puget Pod Cookoff, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Perry Sigler, Battle Ground WA
- 2 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
- 3 B.J. Mayer, Lakebay WA
- 4 Fred Roycroft, Port Coquitlam BC
- 5 Al Ruskin, Spanaway WA
- 6 Barbara (Barb) Sigler  
Battle Ground WA
- 7 Joe Canavan, Seattle WA
- 8 Ruth H. Peach, Tacoma WA
- 9 LaRaine Baker, Spanaway WA
- 10 Sharon Yarbrough, Lynnwood WA

Aug 23, 2003-007 - No. Vancouver BC  
Lonsdale Quay Cookoff, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Fred J. Martin  
Coquitlam, V3J 6Y2 BC
- 2 Robert (Bob) Palombi, Vancouver BC
- 3 Steve Burnfield, Vancouver BC
- 4 Fred Roycroft, Port Coquitlam BC
- 5 Grier Goldsby, Port Coquitlam BC
- 6 Ken Simpson  
Pt. Coquitlam, BC V3 BC
- 7 Grant Campbell, North Vancouver BC
- 8 Dave Ward, White Rock BC
- 9 Paige Nysoe, Seattle WA
- 10 Bill Ward, White Rock BC

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Bad Ass Chili, North Vancouver BC  
Dave McKay
- 2 Blood Sweat & Beers  
Port Coquitlam BC  
Grier Goldsby
- 3 Better Than Dave's  
North Vancouver BC  
Grant Campbell

Aug 31, 2003-001 - Hanover PA  
Pennsylvania State Open 8th Annual, 50  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Will Walb, McSherrytown PA
- 2 John Perry, Joppa MD
- 3 Gene Roberts, Punxsutawney PA
- 4 Sheila Yohe, Spring Grove PA
- 5 Lisa Johnson, Glen Burnie MD
- 6 Dan Messinger, East Berlin PA
- 7 Jim Riser, McSherrytown PA
- 8 Chris Johnson, Harrisburg PA
- 9 Robert Cooper, Baltimore MD
- 10 Elyse Roberts, Punxsutawney PA

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Fire in the Bowl, Hanover PA  
Duke Allen
- 2 Goonie's Grub & Goods  
Littlestown PA  
Pat Foltz
- 3 Chilly Billy Chili, East Berlin PA  
Dan Messinger

Sep 6, 2003-001 - Edgerton WI  
Chilimania, Wisconsin State CASI, 43  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Rick Thomas, Indianapolis IN
- 2 Kathy Martin, Huntley IL
- 3 Gerald (Gary) Christensen  
Cedar Rapids IA
- 4 Bert Centers, Lisle IL
- 5 Jim Weller, Bloomfield Hills MI
- 6 Mark Zimmerman, Cedar Rapids IA
- 7 Kenneth (Kenny) Jones  
Reidsville NC
- 8 Charles "Bill" Thomas  
Naperville IL
- 9 Don Weber, McHenry IL
- 10 Brandy Jones, Jefferson WI

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 West End Diner, Edgerton WI  
Jessica Ryckman
- 2 Golden Pepper Chili Mine, Milton WI  
Richard Doerr
- 3 Aunt Judy & Uncle Doug's  
Stoughton WI  
Doug Stronach

Sep 6, 2003-002 - Fort Collins CO  
13th Annual Sundance Bluegrass, 21 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Robert Ledet, Cheyenne WY
- 2 Steven Ross, Fort Collins CO
- 3 Sherdon Denny, Boulder CO

- 4 Kristi Tanaka, Denver CO
- 5 Josh Kukius, Loveland CO
- 6 Mike Richardson, Fort Collins CO
- 7 Kay Rios, Fort Collins CO
- 8 Rocky Kimball, Highland Ranch CO
- 9 Candi Mohr, Bellvue CO
- 10 Christi Batie, Loveland CO

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Red Turkey, Cheyenne WY  
Duane A. Minear
- 2 K-99, Loveland CO  
Josh Kukius
- 3 Warriors Of The Crimson Chile  
Longmont CO  
Steve Lee

Sep 13, 2003-001 - West Tawakoni TX  
9th Annual Chili by the Lake, 39 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Bill Buschel, Irving TX
- 2 Debbie Kriska, Ennis TX
- 3 Alisa Carlson, Garland TX
- 4 Randy Ordner, Corpus Christi TX
- 5 Jackie Grose, Quinlan TX
- 6 Kent Durham, Scurry TX
- 7 Dan Warren, Garland TX
- 8 Donna Durham, Scurry TX
- 9 Van Mendes, Ennis TX
- 10 Steve Heaser, Dallas TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 World's Miniest Disco, Dallas TX  
Steve Heaser
- 2 Mis Da'Meaner Chili, Quinlan TX  
Candy Schultz
- 3 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew  
Terrell TX  
Larry Wampler

Sep 13, 2003-003 - Wichita Falls TX  
Ted Waller Memorial Cookoff, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Thomas Cunningham, Wichita Falls TX
  - 2 Jackie Ralston, Wichita Falls TX
  - 3 Arvol Hodge, Wichita Falls TX
  - 4 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX
  - 5 Kyle Adams, Iowa Park TX
  - 6 Jan Hodge, Wichita Falls TX
  - 7 Mack Walker, Arlington TX
  - 8 Bob Luney, Iowa Park TX
  - 9 Don Walker, Wichita Falls TX
  - 10 Terry Graves, Wichita Falls TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Nurse Ophilya Good  
Wichita Falls TX  
Jan Hodge
  - 2 Heartburn Chili, Wichita Falls TX  
Don Barfield
  - 3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 13, 2003-004 - Del Rio TX  
2nd Annual Dave Sitchler Memorial, 17  
CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 George K. Jowers III  
San Antonio TX
  - 2 Lauree Koog, Del Rio TX

- 3 Gerald (Gerry) Harris, Del Rio TX
- 4 Curtis Lipham, Anson TX
- 5 Mickey Shott, San Angelo TX
- 6 Jan Windrow, San Antonio TX
- 7 Carol Davis, Del Rio TX
- 8 Janice Stewart, Adkins TX
- 9 Kirk Joy, Sonora TX
- 10 Desiree Heard, Del Rio TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Outhouse Gang, San Angelo TX  
Mickey Shott
- 2 UNCLAIMED
- 3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 13, 2003-005 - North Little Rock AR  
AOOB Chili Bash, 16 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 James Mosley, Little Rock AR
- 2 Terri Powers, Cordova TN
- 3 Debby Cagle, Cabot AR
- 4 Preston Nickle  
North Little Rock AR
- 5 Brian Powers, Cordova TN
- 6 Dick Wagner, Little Rock AR
- 7 Donna Jones, Roland AR
- 8 Sheldon Guidry, Youngsville LA
- 9 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR
- 10 Bob Cagle, Cabot AR

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Cock O'the Walk, Jacksonville AR  
Dallas Gibson
- 2 Waggie T's, Little Rock AR  
Dick Wagner
- 3 Snake Bite Chili, Little Rock AR  
Bruce Smith

Sep 13, 2003-007 - Du Bois PA  
Tom Mix Festival Cookoff, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Mary L. Kotula, Punxsutawney PA
- 2 Giancarlo Mendola, Du Bois PA
- 3 Gene Roberts, Punxsutawney PA
- 4 Klarissa Shepler, Du Bois PA
- 5 Teresa Corley, Du Bois PA
- 6 Brian Palmer, Du Bois PA
- 7 Nancy Bremer, Upper Marlboro MD
- 8 Beth Burdick, Punxsutawney PA
- 9 Lew Wheeling, Reading PA
- 10 Elyse Roberts, Punxsutawney PA

Sep 13, 2003-008 - Port Coquitlam, BC BC  
Pacific Pod Cookoff, 16 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Barbara (Barb) Sigler  
Battle Ground WA
- 2 Steve Burnfield, Vancouver BC
- 3 Brian Peddigrew  
Pitt Meadows, V3Y 2H2 BC
- 4 Grier Goldsby, Port Coquitlam BC
- 5 Dave Ward, White Rock BC
- 6 Fred J. Martin  
Coquitlam, V3J 6Y2 BC
- 7 Betty Duff, Port Coquitlam BC
- 8 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
- 9 Dave McKay, North Vancouver BC

10 Ruth H. Peach, Tacoma WA  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Bad Ass Chili, North Vancouver BC  
Dave McKay  
2 Blood Sweat & Beers  
Port Coquitlam BC  
Grier Goldsby  
3 Canuck Yuck, Port Coquitlam BC  
Betty Duff

Sep 13, 2003-009 - Odessa TX  
West Side Volunteer Fire Dept CCO, 17  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS  
1 Ken Large, Odessa TX  
2 Keith Coffman, Odessa TX  
3 Richard R. Scott, Odessa TX  
4 Lee Roy Childress, Midland TX  
5 Doug Hill, Odessa TX  
6 Joann Scott, Odessa TX  
7 Patsy Childress, Midland TX  
8 Sammie Plant, San Angelo TX  
9 Sissy (Sally) Hill, Odessa TX  
10 Mike Allbright, Odessa TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Disaster Area, Odessa TX  
Beverly Maynard  
2 Becky Sam's, Odessa TX  
Georgia Brooks  
3 Nalani's, Odessa TX  
Teresa Wagnon

Sep 13, 2003-010 - Rodanthe NC  
Outer Banks Cookoff, 16 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Freddie W. Gann, Salisbury NC  
2 Catherine Gann, Salisbury NC  
3 Mary Ann Hoban, Virginia Beach VA  
4 Jean Lundy, Statesville NC  
5 Wendy Steinert, Greensboro NC  
6 Adrienne Grant, Durham NC  
7 John Rhyne, Mooresville NC  
8 Bill Lundy, Statesville NC  
9 Brent Lundy, Statesville NC  
10 Cherie Cook, Mocksville NC  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Creative Mexicans, Rodanthe NC  
Bryan Philips  
2 Second Generation Chili  
Statesville NC  
Brent Lundy  
3 Last Place Chili, Statesville NC  
Al Pierce

Sep 14, 2003-002 - West Tawakoni TX  
Morning After 9th Annual Chili, 27 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Randy Ordner, Corpus Christi TX  
2 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX  
3 Jason Martin, Quinlan TX  
4 Linda Buschel, Irving TX  
5 Jimmy Harper, Ennis TX  
6 Melissa Kriska, Ennis TX  
7 Sheldon Guidry, Youngsville LA  
8 Mary Martin, Quinlan TX  
9 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX  
10 Robert Nelson, Crawford TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew  
Terrell TX  
Larry Wampler  
2 Wayne's Chili, Howe TX  
Wayne A. Mathewson

3 Willies Chili, Garland TX  
Coby Davis

Sep 20, 2003-001 - Jackson TN  
West Tennessee STAR Center Second, 17  
CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Tim Collier, Snyder TX  
2 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN  
3 Joe R. Cassini, Collierville TN  
4 Connie Collier, Snyder TX  
5 Judi Cassini, Memphis TN  
6 Wanda Cassini, Collierville TN  
7 James Ralston, Fort Campbell KY  
8 Sheldon Guidry, Youngsville LA  
9 Jason Story, Fort Campbell KY  
10 Kristina (Kristi) Knight  
Lebanon TN  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Witchy Chili, Fort Campbell KY  
Wendy Story  
2 Spac Chili, Fort Campbell KY  
Jason Story  
3 LeBonheur Chili Peppers, Memphis TN  
Patti Cook

Sep 20, 2003-002 - Johnson City TX  
Johnson City River Fair, 84 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Maxine Reed, Schertz TX  
2 Terry Dekle, Leander TX  
3 Dusty DeBerry, Spicewood TX  
4 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX  
5 George K. Jowers III  
San Antonio TX  
6 Karin Barnes, Houston TX  
7 Lynn Hejtmancik, Round Rock TX  
8 Jan Windrow, San Antonio TX  
9 Pat Krenek, Houston TX  
10 Cindy Reed Wilkins, Houston TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Lizard Lick'n Chili, Houston TX  
Bruce Wilkins  
2 Miss Texas Chili, San Antonio TX  
Jennifer Lee  
3 Lone Star Chili Chix, Houston TX  
Pat Krenek

Sep 20, 2003-003 - Lake Zurich IL  
Barn Burnin' Chili Cookoff, 19 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Cathy Nolan, St. Charles IL  
2 Gloria Molitor, St. Charles IL  
3 Larry Nolan, St. Charles IL  
4 Kathy Martin, Huntley IL  
5 Susan (Suzy) Weber, McHenry IL  
6 Cheryl L. Pierson, Batavia IL  
7 John Gastaldello, Woodridge IL  
8 Wes Carlson, Loves Park IL  
9 William C.(Bill) Pierson  
Batavia IL  
10 Eric Shepherd, Aurora IL  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Diamond Coyote, Batavia IL  
Cheryl L. Pierson  
2 Hammertime Chili, Downers Grove IL  
Ed Calahan  
3

Sep 20, 2003-004 - Leroy TX  
Central Texas Chili Festival, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Mavis Nelson, Crawford TX

2 Gary Napier, Fort Worth TX  
3 Ray Calhoun, Waxahachie TX  
4 Harry Joe Dudik, West TX  
5 Allen Vaneil, West TX  
6 Lisa R. Duggan, Whitney TX  
7 Kevin Donnell, Elm Mott TX  
8 Robert Nelson, Crawford TX  
9 David M Campbell, West TX  
10 Reed Schmidt, Arlington TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Texas Star-Last Place, West TX  
David M Campbell  
2 Stink Foot, Waco TX  
Jim Trietsch  
3 Grand Prize, Waxahachie TX  
Ray Calhoun

Sep 20, 2003-005 - Bel Air MD  
Last Blast of Summer Cookoff, 20 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Brian W. Smith, Pylesville MD  
2 Harry Yarnell, Perryman MD  
3 Susan Dean, Bel Air MD  
4 Lew Wheeling, Reading PA  
5 Kim Archer, Pylesville MD  
6 Alan Dean, Bel Air MD  
7 Charlie Walstrom  
Fort Washington MD  
8 Lisa Knackstedt, Pylesville MD  
9 Bill Henderson, Forest Hill MD  
10 Debbie Henderson, Forest Hill MD

Sep 20, 2003-007 - Seymour TX  
American Legion Post 209 Auxiliary, 15  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS  
1 Don Walker, Wichita Falls TX  
2 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX  
3 Judy Walker, Wichita Falls TX  
4 Bob Luney, Iowa Park TX  
5 Mike Bryan, Wichita Falls TX  
6 Kyle Adams, Iowa Park TX  
7 Diane Rentfro, Seymour TX  
8 Johnny Arnold, Seymour TX  
9 Glenda Arnold, Seymour TX  
10 Jan Hodge, Wichita Falls TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Nurse Ophilya Good  
Wichita Falls TX  
Jan Hodge  
2 Big Daddy Chili, Seymour TX  
Diane Rentfro  
3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 20, 2003-008 - Fort Smith AR  
Fort Smith Elk's Cookoff, 18 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Grant Olcott, Fort Smith AR  
2 David Conyers, Fort Smith AR  
3 Erna W. Smith, Fort Smith AR  
4 Lisa Conyers, Fort Smith AR  
5 Nan Strickland, Alvarado TX  
6 Todd Chase, Fort Smith AR  
7 Teresa Andert, Van Buren AR  
8 Guy E. Smith, Fort Smith AR  
9 Dara Hopson, Fort Smith AR  
10 James Thames, Fort Smith AR  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Electric Chili, Muldrow OK  
Ira Earp  
2 Sgt. Peppers No Bean Chili  
Van Buren AR  
Jay Davis

3 Steel Gut Chili, Fort Smith AR  
Grant Olcott

Sep 20, 2003-010 - Odessa TX  
6th Annual West Texas Barbeque, 23 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Roxana Patton, Odessa TX  
2 Lee Roy Childress, Midland TX  
3 Patsy Childress, Midland TX  
4 Larry Patton, Odessa TX  
5 Karen Bains, Rankin TX  
6 Joann Scott, Odessa TX  
7 Roger Bains, Rankin TX  
8 Dennis Brackeen, Lamesa TX  
9 B.J. McDonald, Odessa TX  
10 Phyllis Patton, Odessa TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 T.L.C., Odessa TX  
Joann Scott  
2 River Rat Chili, Lamesa TX  
Dennis Brackeen  
3 Texas Chili & Tattoo Parlor  
Odessa TX  
Phyllis Patton

Sep 20, 2003-011 - Berryville AR  
Old Town Chili Shootout, 16 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Debbie Gardner, Springdale AR  
2 Becky Alverson, Berryville AR  
3 Don Greenlee, Springdale AR  
4 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR  
5 Joe Giles, Farmington AR  
6 Gary Holmes, Springdale AR  
7 Gary Davis, Fayetteville AR  
8 Joyce McMullen, Berryville AR  
9 Jim Newell, Berryville AR  
10 Donna Standlee, Berryville AR

Sep 20, 2003-013 - Sierra Vista AZ  
Sierra Vista Chili Cookoff, 23 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Norm Dunn, Sierra Vista AZ  
2 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan  
Sierra Vista AZ  
3 Lupe Elmqvist, Tucson AZ  
4 Guy Tension, Sierra Vista AZ  
5 Tom Esford, Fort Huachuca AZ  
6 Vicki Esford, Fort Huachuca AZ  
7 Roy Fisher, Sierra Vista AZ  
8 Nelda Freedman, Tucson AZ  
9 Ben Berry, Sierra Vista AZ  
10 Kimberly A. (Kim) Dunn  
Sierra Vista AZ

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Jelly Bean Chili, Hereford AZ  
Elmo Hite  
2 Renegade Chili Rovers II  
Fort Huachuca AZ  
Vicki Esford  
3 Intimidator Chili, Sierra Vista AZ  
Patti Kuntsman

Sep 20, 2003-014 - Mineral Wells TX  
3rd Annual Sons of The American, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Billy Hutson, Granbury TX  
2 Ann Mercer, Mineral Wells TX  
3 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX  
4 Debbie Kriska, Ennis TX  
5 Jane Atkinson, Weatherford TX  
6 Tom (Tommy) Hornsby, Benbrook TX  
7 William (Willie) Mart, Cleburne TX



8 Connie Sain, Mineral Wells TX  
9 Burnie Gilstrap, Mineral Wells TX  
10 Satch Dunlap, Mineral Wells TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Flamin' Chili Peppers, Milsap TX  
Randy Ezell  
2 EFC, Mineral Wells TX  
Burnie Gilstrap  
3 Triple B, Colleyville TX  
Jim Gentry

Sep 20, 2003-015 - Warwick GA  
Annual CASI Chili & Rib Cookoff, 32  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

1 Karol Kisor, Villa Rica GA  
2 Roger D White, Albany GA  
3 Kathy English, Douglasville GA  
4 Jimmy L. Maturo, Niceville FL  
5 Mark Forehand, Vnadillon GA  
6 James T. (J.T.) Pittman  
Douglasville GA  
7 Suzanne White, Albany GA  
8 Ronnie Eavenson, Lizella GA  
9 Bruce Goss II, Warwick GA  
10 Becky Broxton, Cordele GA

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Chili Chicks & Outlaws, Arabi GA  
Lori Ansley  
2 Red Hot Chili Cookers, Cordele GA  
Ricky Murray  
3 Confederate Chili  
Warner Robbins GA  
Gloria Howard

Sep 20, 2003-016 - Lake Tawakoni TX  
Thousand Trails Texoma Pod CCO, 16  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

1 Beth Moon, Hurst TX  
2 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX  
3 Bill Cook, Garland TX  
4 Linda Buschel, Irving TX  
5 Neta Rohr, Garland TX  
6 Donna Durham, Scurry TX  
7 Bill Buschel, Irving TX  
8 Larry Wampler, Terrell TX  
9 Steve Heaser, Dallas TX  
10 Coby Davis, Garland TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Mini Corp A Chili, Dallas TX  
Steve Heaser  
2 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew  
Terrell TX  
Larry Wampler  
3 Pair A Dice, Scurry TX  
Donna Durham

Sep 20, 2003-017 - Anthony TX  
American RV & Marine Chili Harvest, 17  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

1 Baltazar Vizciano, El Paso TX  
2 Cheryl Campbell, El Paso TX  
3 Carol Straughan, El Paso TX  
4 Marcia Gamino, El Paso TX  
5 Hut Brown, El Paso TX  
6 Tom Cavasas, El Paso TX  
7 Eve DuMond, El Paso TX  
8 Earl Campbell, El Paso TX  
9 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX  
10 Eloy Salamanca, El Paso TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Beverly Chilibilities, El Paso TX  
Kelli Wilson  
2 Red Neck, Elephant Butte NM  
Jim McNutt  
3 Asheep At The Wheel, El Paso TX  
Carol Straughan

Sep 20, 2003-018 - Rockport TX  
1st Annual Crazy Horse Cookoff, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Alice Reynolds, Rockport TX  
2 Nadine Karnei, Weesatche TX  
3 Dianne Stimson, Crawford TX  
4 John Reddick III, Ingleside TX  
5 Donna Conrad, Crawford TX  
6 John Reddick Jr., Beeville TX  
7 Steve Bonnell, Austin TX  
8 Dee Horton, Inez TX  
9 Ronnie Bible, Rockport TX  
10 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Aunt Donna's Chili, Crawford TX  
Donna Conrad  
2 UNCLAIMED  
3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 20, 2003-019 - Indianapolis IN  
Some Like It Hot Fest & Tailgate, 30 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Candace Thomas, Naperville IL  
2 Julie Netser, Seymour IN  
3 Charles "Bill" Thomas  
Naperville IL  
4 Jim Weller, Bloomfield Hills MI  
5 Don Smith, Fishers IN  
6 Grant Hurst II, Decatur IN  
7 Grant Hurst, Decatur IN  
8 Jennifer Uhrin, Indianapolis IN  
9 Jeff Netser, Seymour IN  
10 Rick Thomas, Indianapolis IN  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Court Jesters, Indianapolis IN  
Chad Jesters  
2 Santa Fe Bullies, Indianapolis IN  
Mike McCann  
3 Executive Chili, Indianapolis IN  
Robert Brady

Sep 21, 2003-001 - Johnson City TX  
Johnson City River Fair, 32 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Janice Stewart, Adkins TX  
2 Tex Riley, Houston TX  
3 Dusty DeBerry, Spicewood TX  
4 Keith Karaff, Houston TX  
5 Gretchen Kaveney, Cedar Park TX  
6 George K. Jowers III  
San Antonio TX  
7 Jan Windrow, San Antonio TX  
8 Charmaine Rogers, San Antonio TX  
9 Julie Darley, Canyon Lake TX  
10 Norma L. Homesley, Manchaca TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 12-Pack Chili, Jourdanton TX  
Eldon Hiley  
2 Copenhagen Lady, San Antonio TX  
Connie Sue Schrade  
3 Lt. Dan's Damascus Drool  
Waxahachie TX  
Dan Grannan

Sep 21, 2003-002 - St. Thomas VI

Texas Society of the Virgin Islands, 37  
CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Kay Mallet, Baytown TX  
2 Heidi Erwig, St. Thomas VI  
3 Cecil Mallet, Baytown TX  
4 James Beasley, St. Thomas VI  
5 Nora Chapman, St. Thomas VI  
6 Shay Brittingham, St. Thomas VI  
7 Donald Pomerantz, St. Thomas VI  
8 Georgeann Peters, St. Thomas VI  
9 John Galeana, St. Thomas VI  
10 Kristie Sargent, St. Thomas VI  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Psychedelic-Cyclone-1960's Chili  
St. Thomas VI  
Jasper Templeton  
2 Not Last Year's Chili  
St. Thomas VI  
James Beasley  
3 Dead Pirate Chili, St. Thomas VI  
Jeffery "Sindad" Parsons

Sep 21, 2003-003 - Oklahoma City OK  
Oklahoma Men's State Championship, 18  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

1 Kerri Buck, Norman OK  
2 Mike Mayenschein, Tulsa OK  
3 Robert Nelson, Crawford TX  
4 Mark Brockman, Yukon OK  
5 Gene Bond, Jones OK  
6 Ivan Crossley, Tulsa OK  
7 Mark Bass, Skiatook OK  
8 Everett Crawford, Broken Arrow OK  
9 Junior Johnson, Lamar MO  
10 Bill Renfro, Colleyville TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Pig Pen Chili Team, Jones OK  
Gene Bond  
2 Pharter Starters, Broken Arrow OK  
Mike Hallenbeck  
3 Perry's Poison, Fort Worth TX  
John Perry

Sep 21, 2003-004 - Oklahoma City OK  
Oklahoma Women's State Championship, 15  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

1 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX  
2 Loida Mayenschein, Tulsa OK  
3 Sonja Starnes, Shawnee OK  
4 Stephanie Brockman, Yukon OK  
5 Marilyn Richards, Tulsa OK  
6 Deborah (Debbie) Bond, Jones OK  
7 Janet Keirse, Tulsa OK  
8 Milley Horn, Oklahoma City OK  
9 Ruthann Newman, Guthrie OK  
10 Dixie Johnson, Lamar MO  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Pig Pen Chili, Jones OK  
Deborah (Debbie) Bond  
2 2 Babe Chili, Shawnee OK  
Sonja Starnes  
3 Biker Chili, Tulsa OK  
Marilyn Richards

Sep 27, 2003-001 - Columbus NM  
Pancho Villa Last Chance CCO, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 John C. Johnson, Sierra Vista AZ  
2 Hut Brown, El Paso TX  
3 Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ

4 Ann Hanson, Las Cruces NM  
5 Donna Von Gentz, El Paso TX  
6 Rick Hanson, Las Cruces NM  
7 Patsy Elliott, El Paso TX  
8 Elmo Hite, Hereford AZ  
9 Rocky Kimball, Highland Ranch CO  
10 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Jelly Bean Chili, Hereford AZ  
Elmo Hite  
2 Black Garter, El Paso TX  
Eve DuMond  
3 Texas Wrangler Chili, El Paso TX  
Donna Von Gentz

Sep 27, 2003-002 - Commerce TX  
Last Chance Chili Cookoff, 18 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Bert Paine, Keller TX  
2 Alisa Carlson, Garland TX  
3 Donna Durham, Scurry TX  
4 Kent Durham, Scurry TX  
5 Mary Jane Ferrell, Commerce TX  
6 Neta Rohr, Garland TX  
7 Lisa R. Duggan, Whitney TX  
8 Jackie Grose, Quinlan TX  
9 Larry Wampler, Terrell TX  
10 Billy J Deaton, Irving TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Red, White, & Blue, Commerce TX  
Kay Hatfield  
2 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew  
Terrell TX  
Larry Wampler  
3 Willies Chili, Garland TX  
Coby Davis

Sep 27, 2003-003 - Marble Falls TX  
VFW Last Point Saturday Cookoff, 15  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

1 Dusty DeBerry, Spicewood TX  
2 Tamara Dees, Bulverde TX  
3 Norma L. Homesley, Manchaca TX  
4 Barbara Benold, Dripping Springs TX  
5 Janice Stewart, Adkins TX  
6 Jan Windrow, San Antonio TX  
7 Gretchen Kaveney, Cedar Park TX  
8 Tex Riley, Houston TX  
9 Greg Martin, Cedar Park TX  
10 Kevin Hayslip, Midland TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Copenhagen Lady, San Antonio TX  
Connie Sue Schrade  
2 UNCLAIMED  
3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 27, 2003-004 - Farlington KS  
Friends of Crawford State Park, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Larry Velasquez, Mission KS  
2 Don Schlesselman, Frontenac KS  
3 Colleen Lintner, Shawnee Mission KS  
4 Richard McGuire, Pittsburg KS  
5 Amy McDonald, Girard KS  
6 Bryan Salsman, Farlington KS  
7 Nick Nichols, Spring Hill KS  
8 Paul Mendicki, Frontenac KS  
9 Travis McCauley, Pittsburg KS  
10 Steve Shepherd, Pittsburg KS  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Ms. Heat Master Chili  
Pittsburgh KS

Suzy Chatman  
2 Hafta Hunt Chili, Pittsburg KS  
Steve Shepherd  
3 Chili Puercos, Mission KS  
Larry Velasquez

Sep 27, 2003-005 - Odessa TX  
Second Annual Center for Crisis, 18 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Ken Large, Odessa TX  
2 Keith Coffman, Odessa TX  
3 Mike Tracy, Odessa TX  
4 Richard R. Scott, Odessa TX  
5 Phyllis Patton, Odessa TX  
6 Doretta "Dodie" Simpson, Odessa TX  
7 Shelly Edwards, Odessa TX  
8 Joann Scott, Odessa TX  
9 Beverly Maynard, Odessa TX  
10 Patsy Childress, Midland TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Donkey Express, Odessa TX  
Doretta "Dodie" Simpson  
2 Disaster Area, Odessa TX  
Beverly Maynard  
3 Texas Chili & Tattoo Parlor  
Odessa TX  
Phyllis Patton

Sep 27, 2003-008 - Horseshoe Lake AR  
Horseshoe Lake Fall Fest Cookoff, 22 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR  
2 James Murry, Como MS  
3 Elizabeth (Bettye) Kemp, Memphis TN  
4 Gary Hicks, Memphis TN  
5 Clifton Nickle, Philadelphia MS  
6 Preston Nickle  
North Little Rock AR  
7 Sara Garrett, Southaven MS  
8 Lynn Murry, Como MS  
9 Susie Shaw, Parsons TN  
10 Kelly Rains, Memphis TN  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Shear Tek, West Memphis AR  
George Keck  
2 Chilly Chili, Memphis TN  
Kelly Rains  
3 Attitude Chili, Walls MS  
Rodney A. Jones

Sep 27, 2003-009 - Kemah TX  
Crawdaddy's Kemah Cookoff, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX  
2 Howard Dahl, Shoreacres TX  
3 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum  
Montgomery TX  
4 Frank Fox, Houston TX  
5 Malcolm Williams, Beaumont TX  
6 Pete Little, Houston TX  
7 Annie K. Murphy, Houston TX  
8 Donna Leird, Galveston TX  
9 Gary Orsak, Liverpool TX  
10 Brenson Abbott, Houston TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Faded Love, Houston TX  
Joe Braden  
2 Cleopatra's Tuts, Houston TX  
Don Meehan  
3 Terlingua Yacht Club, Houston TX  
Pete Little

Sep 27, 2003-010 - Burlington IA

20th Annual Blackhawk Chili Cookoff, 16

CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS  
1 Mark Zimmerman, Cedar Rapids IA  
2 Gerald (Gary) Christensen  
Cedar Rapids IA  
3 Mike Anderson, Waterloo IA  
4 Virgil Johnson, Ottumwa IA  
5 Ron Phillips, Burlington IA  
6 Everett Ward Jr, Floris IA  
7 Roylene Johnson, Ottumwa IA  
8 Bethann Cain, Burlington IA  
9 Russell Bales, Floris IA  
10 Dennis Bertling, Cedar Rapids IA  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Toxic Waste, Mediapolis IA  
Bill Malcom  
2 Rapid Dispatch Chili  
Cedar Rapids IA  
Gerald (Gary) Christensen  
3 Haunted House, The, Burlington IA  
Brian Pinney

Sep 27, 2003-011 - Alexandria VA  
24th Annual Hard Times Cafe CCO, 20  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS  
1 Larry Costanzo, Manassas VA  
2 Rob Kidwell, Fort Belvoir VA  
3 Janie Bauer, Alexandria VA  
4 Calvin "Rusty" Hall, Fairfax VA  
5 Monica Parker, Alexandria VA  
6 Christian Parker, Leesburg VA  
7 Thad Halcli, Oakton VA  
8 Jean Lundy, Statesville NC  
9 Roland Gallup, Fort Washington MD  
10 Jerry Darnell, Vienna VA  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Knock Your Socks Off, Severn MD  
Chris Corcoran  
2 UNCLAIMED  
3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 28, 2003-001 - Marble Falls TX  
VFW Last Point Sunday Cookoff, 15 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Tex Riley, Houston TX  
2 Greg Martin, Cedar Park TX  
3 Norma L. Homesley, Manchaca TX  
4 Elton L. Homesley, Manchaca TX  
5 Janice Stewart, Adkins TX  
6 Gretchen Kaveney, Cedar Park TX  
7 Barbara Benold, Dripping Springs TX  
8 Tamara Dees, Bulverde TX  
9 Chelita Riley, Houston TX  
10 Tom Cook, Marble Falls TX

Sep 28, 2003-002 - Dallas TX  
State Fair of Texas Chili Cookoff, 49 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Joe Gilbert, Wylie TX  
2 Bill Lester, Garland TX  
3 Robin Goodman, Waxahachie TX  
4 Gary Post, Grand Prairie TX  
5 Neta Rohr, Garland TX  
6 Jason Ezell, Dallas TX  
7 Barrett Smith, Dallas TX  
8 Jason Horn, Richardson TX  
9 Terry Guerra, Ovilla TX  
10 Mark Cotton, Dallas TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 South Side Chili, Dallas TX  
Chris Cook

2 Put Up Wet, Dallas TX  
Lori Snyder  
3 Puzzle Time Chili, Hurst TX  
Bill Sweigart

Sep 28, 2003-003 - Amarillo TX  
Southwest Optimist Last Chance CCO, 15  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS  
1 Nelda Matheson, Amarillo TX  
2 Vickie L. Childers, Amarillo TX  
3 Susan Campbell, Amarillo TX  
4 Pam Matheson, Amarillo TX  
5 Scott Campbell, Amarillo TX  
6 Rodney Lilly, Amarillo TX  
7 Kelly Burkham, Amarillo TX  
8 Carol Lilly, Amarillo TX  
9 Garnier Albus, Amarillo TX  
10 Candy Sanders, Amarillo TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Bekin's Best, Amarillo TX  
Pam Matheson  
2 Hawg Wild, Amarillo TX  
Rodney Lilly  
3 Campbell's Kids, Amarillo TX  
Scott Campbell

Sep 28, 2003-004 - Odessa TX  
Moose Lodge Cookoff, 19 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Keith Coffman, Odessa TX  
2 Ken Large, Odessa TX  
3 Doretta "Dodie" Simpson, Odessa TX  
4 Tim Collier, Snyder TX  
5 Larry Patton, Odessa TX  
6 Roxana Patton, Odessa TX  
7 Richard R. Scott, Odessa TX  
8 Beverly Maynard, Odessa TX  
9 Louis Gonzales, Odessa TX  
10 Connie Collier, Snyder TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1 Donkey Express, Odessa TX  
Doretta "Dodie" Simpson  
2 Texas Chili & Tattoo Parlor  
Odessa TX  
Phyllis Patton  
3 Disaster Area, Odessa TX  
Beverly Maynard

Sep 28, 2003-006 - Wichita Falls TX  
Last Chance In Wichita Falls, 16 CHILIS  
CHILI WINNERS

1 Clint Wooster, Wichita Falls TX  
2 Don Walker, Wichita Falls TX  
3 Mary Lee Wooster, Wichita Falls TX  
4 Mike Bryan, Wichita Falls TX  
5 Annie Nickerson, Wichita Falls TX  
6 Judy Walker, Wichita Falls TX  
7 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX  
8 Terry Graves, Wichita Falls TX  
9 William E.(Bill) Riordan  
Wichita Falls TX  
10 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX

Sep 28, 2003-007 - Clear Lake Shores TX  
Absolute Last Chance Chili Cookoff, 15  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS  
1 Skip Schapper, Houston TX  
2 Howard Dahl, Shoreacres TX  
3 Peggy Bocanegra, Houston TX  
4 Donna Leird, Galveston TX  
5 Sheldon Guidry, Youngsville LA

6 Teena G. Miller, Baytown TX  
7 Joe Braden, Houston TX  
8 Barbara Fox, Houston TX  
9 Frank Fox, Houston TX  
10 Annie K. Murphy, Houston TX  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Faded Love, Houston TX  
Joe Braden  
2 UNCLAIMED  
3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 28, 2003-008 - Memphis TN  
Tennessee State Open Championship, 65  
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS  
1 Preston Nickle  
North Little Rock AR  
2 Elizabeth (Bettye) Kemp, Memphis TN  
3 Lynn Murry, Como MS  
4 Clifton Nickle, Philadelphia MS  
5 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR  
6 Wanda Cassini, Collierville TN  
7 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR  
8 Scott Brown, Cordova TN  
9 Bill Steghauer, Memphis TN  
10 Kristina (Kristi) Knight  
Lebanon TN  
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS  
1 Hillbilly Hummers, Memphis TN  
Bob Kermick  
2 Chilly Chili, Memphis TN  
Kelly Rains  
3 Kings Hot Chili, Como MS  
Lynn Murry

## Qualified Cooks

402 Arvol Hodge, Wichita Falls TX  
403 Don Walker, Wichita Falls TX  
404 George K. Jowers III  
San Antonio TX  
405 Will Walb, McSherrytown PA  
406 Gene Roberts, Punxsutawney PA  
407 Sheila Yohe, Spring Grove PA  
408 Bill Buschel, Irving TX  
409 Debbie Kriska, Ennis TX  
410 Jackie Grose, Quinlan TX  
411 Randy Ordner, Corpus Christi TX  
412 Jimmy Harper, Ennis TX  
413 Kathy Martin, Huntley IL  
414 Charles "Bill" Thomas  
Naperville IL  
415 Brandy Jones, Jefferson WI  
416 Melinda Andrews, Edgerton WI  
417 Mitch Kopnick, Janesville WI  
418 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan  
Sierra Vista AZ  
419 Brian Powers, Cordova TN  
420 Sheldon Guidry, Youngsville LA  
421 Kyle Adams, Iowa Park TX  
422 Billy Hutson, Granbury TX  
423 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX  
424 Julie Darley, Canyon Lake TX  
425 Robert (Bob) Palombi, Vancouver  
BC  
426 Steve Burnfield, Vancouver BC

- 427 Susan (Suzy) Weber, McHenry IL
- 428 Brian W. Smith, Pylesville MD
- 429 Don Smith, Fishers IN
- 430 Grant Hurst II, Decatur IN
- 431 Beth Moon, Hurst TX
- 432 Linda Buschel, Irving TX
- 433 Mark Zimmerman, Cedar Rapids IA
- 434 Dusty DeBerry, Spicewood TX
- 435 Janice Stewart, Adkins TX
- 436 Tex Riley, Houston TX
- 437 Greg Martin, Cedar Park TX
- 438 Norma L. Homesley, Manchaca TX
- 439 Gretchen Kaveney, Cedar Park TX
- 440 Richard R. Scott, Odessa TX
- 441 Nelda Matheson, Amarillo TX
- 442 Vickie L. Childers, Amarillo TX
- 443 Scott Campbell, Amarillo TX
- 444 Scott Brown, Cordova TN
- 445 John C. Johnson, Sierra Vista AZ
- 446 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX
- 447 Howard Dahl, Shoreacres TX
- 448 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum  
Montgomery TX
- 449 Donna Leird, Galveston TX
- 450 Colleen Lintner, Shawnee Mission  
KS
- 451 Nick Nichols, Spring Hill KS
- 452 Heidi Erwig, St. Thomas VI
- 453 James Beasley, St. Thomas VI
- 454 Nora Chapman, St. Thomas VI
- 455 Janie Bauer, Alexandria VA
- 456 Jean Lundy, Statesville NC
- 457 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX
- 458 Kerri Buck, Norman OK
- 459 Loida Mayenschein, Tulsa OK
- 460 Sonja Starnes, Shawnee OK
- 461 Stephanie Brockman, Yukon OK
- 462 Fred J. Martin  
Coquitlam, V3J 6Y2 BC
- 463 Karol Kisor, Villa Rica GA
- 464 Kathy English, Douglasville GA
- 465 Jimmy L. Maturo, Niceville FL
- 466 James T. (J.T.) Pittman  
Douglasville GA

- 159 Court Jesters, Indianapolis IN  
Jesters, Chad
- 160 Pair A Dice, Scurry TX  
Durham, Donna
- 161 Bekin's Best, Amarillo TX  
Matheson, Pam
- 162 Donkey Express, Odessa TX  
Simpson, Doretta "Dodie"
- 163 Hillbilly Hummers, Memphis TN  
Kermick, Bob
- 164 Jelly Bean Chili, Hereford AZ  
Hite, Elmo
- 165 Cleopatra's Tuts, Houston TX  
Meehan, Don
- 166 Faded Love, Houston TX  
Braden, Joe
- 167 Aunt Donna's Chili, Crawford TX  
Conrad, Donna
- 168 Psychedelic-Cyclone-1960'  
St. Thomas VI  
Templeton, Jasper
- 169 Pig Pen Chili, Jones OK  
Bond, Deborah (Debbie)
- 170 Biker Chili, Tulsa OK  
Richards, Marilyn
- 171 Loser, The, Homer Glen IL  
Stevens, Mike

**Qualified  
Show Teams**

- 152 Cilly Chili, Canyon Lake TX  
VanBuskirk, Sheila
- 153 Fire in the Bowl, Hanover PA  
Allen, Duke
- 154 West End Diner, Edgerton WI  
Ryckman, Jessica
- 155 Cock O'the Walk, Jacksonville AR  
Gibson, Dallas
- 156 12-Pack Chili, Jourdanton TX  
Hiley, Eldon
- 157 Lt. Dan'z Damascus Drool  
Waxahachie TX  
Grannan, Dan
- 158 Bad Ass Chili, North Vancouver BC  
McKay, Dave

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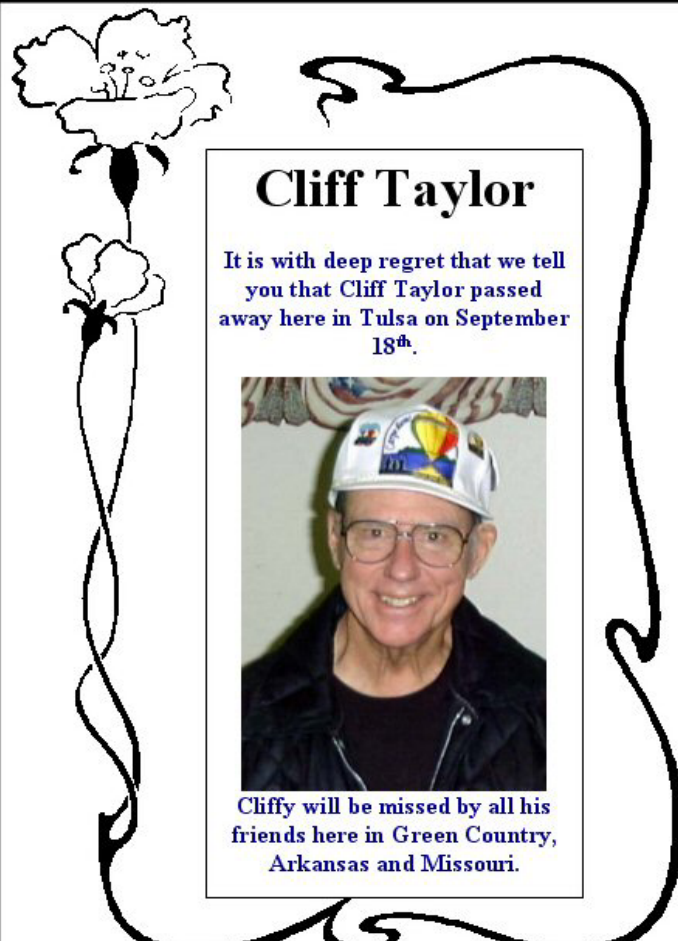
**PORTLAND, Ore.** — A human services department in Oregon is looking to hire someone who is fluent in Klingon.

That's right: the fictional language created for the "Star Trek" TV series and movies. It turns out it is one of 55 languages needed by the office that treats mental health patients in Multnomah County, Ore.

Even though Klingon has been created for fictional works, it is designed to have a consistent grammar, syntax and vocabulary.


The county's purchasing administrator says they have encountered some mental health patients who would only speak Klingon.

As a result, county officials say they are obligated to provide a Klingon-English interpreter.



## Cliff Taylor

**It is with deep regret that we tell you that Cliff Taylor passed away here in Tulsa on September 18<sup>th</sup>.**



**Cliffy will be missed by all his friends here in Green Country, Arkansas and Missouri.**

**CASI Cookbook**

Don't forget that plans are underway publish a CASI Cookbook to include a wide variety of your favorite recipes. Many have been received, but many more are needed!

We'd like representation from all Pods and all States, so get busy and dig up those favorites.

Recipes can be forwarded to:

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All proceeds from the cookbook sales will benefit the National Scholarship Fund.



## A PERSPECTIVE

I sat in my seat of the Boeing 767 waiting for everyone to hurry and stow their carry-ons and grab a seat so we could start what I was sure to be a long, uneventful flight home. With the huge capacity and slow moving people taking their time to stuff luggage far too big for the overhead and never paying much attention to holding up the growing line behind them, I simply shook my head knowing that this flight was not starting out very well.

I was anxious to get home to see my loved ones so I was focused on "my" issues and just felt like standing up and yelling for some of these clowns to get their act together. I knew I couldn't say a word so I just thumbed thru the "Sky Mall" magazine from the seat pocket in front of me. You know it's really getting rough when you resort to the over priced, useless sky mall crap to break the monotony.

With everyone finally seated, we just sat there with the cabin door open and no one in any hurry to get us going although we were well past the scheduled take off time. No wonder the airline industry is in trouble I told myself. Just then, the attendant came on the intercom to inform us all that we were being delayed. The entire plane let out a collective groan. She resumed speaking to say "We are holding the aircraft for some very special people who are on their way to the plane and the delay shouldn't be more than 5 minutes.

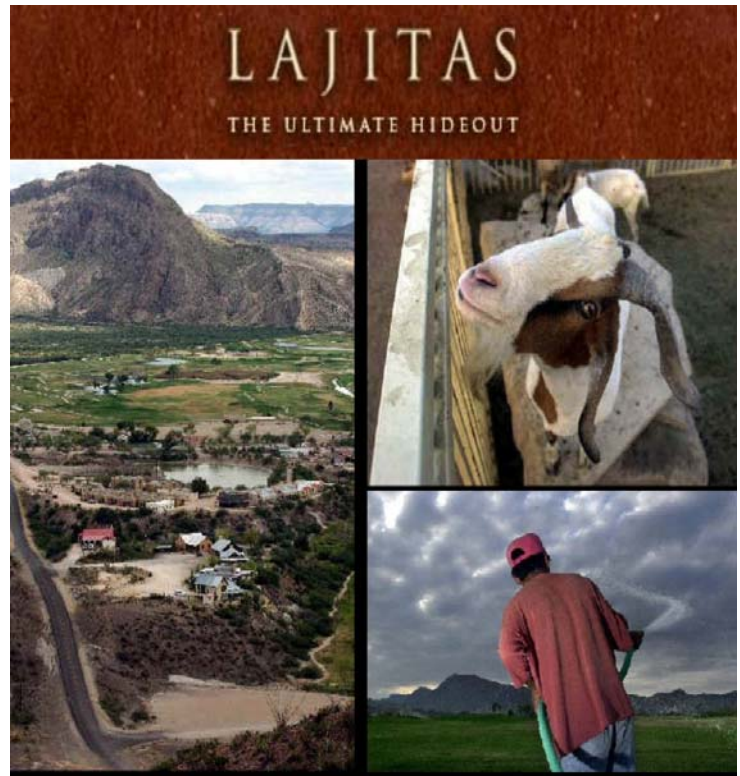
The word came after waiting six times as long as we were promised that "I" was finally going to be on my way home. Why the hoopla over "these" folks? I was expecting some celebrity or sport figure to be the reason for the hold up...Just get their butts in a seat and let's hit the gas, I thought.

The attendant came back on the speaker to announce in a loud and excited voice that we were being joined by several U. S. Marines returning home from Iraq!!! Just as they walked on board, the entire plane erupted into applause. The men were a bit taken by surprise by the 340 people cheering for them as they searched for their seats. They were having their hand shook and touched by almost everyone who was within an arm's distance of them as they passed down the aisle. One elderly woman kissed the hand of one of the Marines as he passed by her.

The applause, whistles and cheering didn't stop for a long time. When we were finally airborne, "I" was not the only civilian checking his conscience as to the delays in "me" getting home, finding my easy chair, a cold beverage and the remote in my hand. These men had done for all of us, and I had been complaining silently about "me" and "my" issues. I took for granted the everyday freedoms I enjoy and the conveniences of the American way of life that others paid the price for, so that I had the ability to moan and complain about a few minutes delay to "me". Those Heroes were going home to their loved ones.

I attempted to get my selfish outlook back in order and minutes before we landed I suggested to the attendant that she announce over the speaker a request for everyone to remain in their seats until our hero's were allowed to gather their things and be first off the plane. The cheers and applause continued until the last Marine stepped off and we all rose to go about our too often taken for granted everyday freedoms. I felt proud of them. I felt it an honor and a privilege to be among the first to welcome them home and say Thank You for a job well done. I vowed that I will never forget that flight nor the lesson learned. I can't say it enough, THANK YOU to those Veterans and active servicemen and women who may read this and a prayer for those who cannot because they are no longer with us. GOD BLESS AMERICA! WELCOME HOME! AND THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE !!!!!

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Nov 1, 2003-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. 37th Annual TICC. Must qualify to earn invitation to cook. National Scholarship Day on Friday October 31, with hot wings, beans and salsa open competition. Saturday chili turn-in 12 Noon. See [www.chili.org](http://www.chili.org) for more details and schedule of events. Phone for info at 1-888-CASI-HOT or Alan Dean at 410-879-6410. email, [pepperdean@comcast.net](mailto:pepperdean@comcast.net).

Nov 1, 2003-002 - Uvalde TX CASI. Hunters Roundup Chili Cookoff. Held at the City Fairgrounds. Entry fee \$18, CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks receive one ticket to Wild Game Dinner Sat night. Cooks receive one raffle ticket for 20 guns being raffled. RV Parking with hookups available on request. Contact Sharra Cantu, Chamber of Commerce, 830-278-3361. Web site [www.uvalde.org](http://www.uvalde.org).

Nov 8, 2003-001 - Tucson AZ CASI. Tucson Cowboy Music Roundup Chili Cookoff. Held at Inn's Suites, St. Mary Road & Granada (just off Interstate 10) Tucson. Benefits S. AZ Multiple Myeloma Support Group Charity Activities. Red chili entry \$10, turn-in 2 PM. Peoples choice \$5, served between 11 AM and 1 PM. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Peter Braly 8401 Kolb Road #433, Tucson, AZ 85706. Special room rates are available to chili cooks wishing to stay at the Inn Suites. Please contact them 800-842-4242, give them Event Code 400485 for reduced rate. [pjbraly@cs.com](mailto:pjbraly@cs.com) 520-574-0197

Nov 8, 2003-002 - Graham TX CASI. Possum Kingdom Cookoff. Held at 601 FM 1148, Westside Possum Kingdom Lake. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Benefits Possum Kingdom, West Side Emergency Services. RV parking available, no hookups. Friday night cooks party-7 PM. Contact Linda Weems 940-549-7208 or Glyn Gaines at 940-767-2273.

Nov 8, 2003-003 - Edna TX CASI. Texana Chili Spill. Held at 891 Brackenridge Parkway 7 miles southeast of Edna on State Hwy 111 at Brackenridge Park and Campground. Benefits the park. Turn-in 3 PM, entry fee \$18. Open dry beans entry \$10, turn-in Noon. Festival includes live musical entertainment by Horizon. Dominoes Horseshoe and Washer Tournament. Children's games, food booths,

cake auction, TPW Nature/wildlife display. Veterans program, square dance performance. Make checks payable to the park. Contact Jaime Tobola 891 Brackenridge Pkwy Edna, TX 77957 - 361-782-5456. Karen Gregory 361-782-5229. [kgregory@inra.org](mailto:kgregory@inra.org)

Nov 8, 2003-004 - Little Rock AR CASI. Branding Iron Chili Cookoff. Being held at 8115 Arch St. in Little Rock. Benefits CARTI. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Contact Preston Nickle 617 West M St. North Little Rock, AR. 72116 501-791-2191. Make checks payable to Branding Iron.

Nov 8, 2003-005 - Wylie TX CASI. 9TH Annual Long Star Cajun Buzzard Chili Cookoff. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Sachse & Wylie Fire Depts Contact Jenny or Andy Causey 972-442-4025. Held at large field across from Home Depot on Westgate Way between Hwy 544 and Hwy 78. Plenty of RV parking no hookups.

Nov 8, 2003-006 - Cleveland TX CASI. 1st Annual Family Chili Cookoff. Held in parking lot behind 1st Bank and Trust at corner of Crockett and College St. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Operation Refuge, Inc. Vendor booths \$20, stick horse race \$4 children 2-6 yrs, horse provided. Bed race \$25, cake & pie raffle. Egg toss and jalepeno eating contest. Contact Frieda White P.O. Box 355 Cleveland, TX 77328.

Nov 8, 2003-007 - Valley Mills TX CASI. 1st Annual Valley Mills Chili & Bean Cookoff. Held in downtown Valley Mills. Benefits Masonic Lodge. Entry fee chili \$18 turn in 2 PM, Beans \$5 turn-in 1 PM. Contact Randy or Angie Duke 254-932-6787.

Nov 8, 2003-008 - Edgewood TX CASI. Log Cabin Cookoff. Held in Historic downtown Edgewood Bazaar, Pony rides next to restored historical park. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Showmanship. Info Bobby Phillips 903-896-4807

Nov 8, 2003-009 - Odessa TX CASI. 5th Annual Veteran's Cookoff. Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill. 2458 N. FM 1936. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Operation Desert Shield/Storm Assn. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Vic Silvester 432-580-3439.

Nov 8, 2003-010 - Garland TX CASI. God's Ministry to Veteran's Cookoff held at McDonald Activity Center, 425 South 9th St. Benefits God's Ministry to Veterans. Entry fee \$20 turn in 10 AM. Info Chaplain Jerry Hassey Box 460748 Garland TX 75046-0748. 214-543-0513 On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.A.2.

Nov 15, 2003-001 - Llano TX CASI. 2nd Llano River Chili Cookoff. held at Llano City Park on the river. Golf Tournament of Friday, cook's party Friday night, and band on Saturday night. Saturday there will be a jackpot beans and local chili cookoff. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in 2 PM. Granite trophies for all and 1st place will once again be made out of LLanite. Benefits LLano County Farm Bureau Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$17 for CASI, Beans \$10, Local chili \$5. Contact Larry or Jessie Otto 512-567-6751, evenings 512-444-6971. [Lotto@austin.rr.com](mailto:Lotto@austin.rr.com)

Nov 15, 2003-002 - San Antonio TX CASI. Nippy Chili Cookoff. Held at 2222 Austin Hwy, VFW Post 8541. Benefits VFW Post 8541. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Info Elliott Johnson 655-2944 or Dixie Richardson 659-7920. Cookoff next day, same location.

Nov 15, 2003-003 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. 1st Annual Zoo Vibrations Chili Cookoff. Held at Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo on Hwy 59. Benefits State of Alabama Pod. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 12:30 PM. Make checks payable to State of Alabama Pod. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Renee Moore 251-949-7000, or email [rmoore@ci.gulfshores.al.us](mailto:rmoore@ci.gulfshores.al.us). Open chili and salsa competition also.

Nov 15, 2003-004 - Odessa TX CASI. Odessa Shrine Club Cookoff. Being held at Odessa Shrine. Benefits Scooter Patrol. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Odessa Shrine Club. Contact Dennis Hill 2310 Steven Rd Odessa, TX 79764 432-550-4473. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Nov 15, 2003-005 - Newport News VA CASI. Hungry For The Arts Chili Cookoff. Cookoff Cancelled.

Nov 15, 2003-006 - Indian Springs TX CASI. 7th Annual Indian Springs Chili

Cookoff. Held one block off Hwy 190 between Livingston & Woodville. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Novice \$7 turn-in Noon. Beans \$5 turn-in 11 AM. Show 1:30 Live Auction 2:30, Awards 4 PM. There will be holiday craft booths. Contact Pat Quinlan, 5764 Indian Springs, Livingston, TX 77351. 936-327-3544, 936-563-4420 email [hairlady11@yahoo.com](mailto:hairlady11@yahoo.com). Benefits Indian Springs VFD.

Nov 15, 2003-007 - Nacogdoches TX CASI. Student Foundation Chili Cookoff. Held at Lumberjack Alley, located in parking lot across from the Coliseum on FM 1275N. Make checks payable to Student Foundation Assn Entry CASI \$18, Turn-in 2 PM. 50/50 Beans \$5 turn in Noon. Novice chili \$25 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Showmanship 2-3 PM. Football tickets given to Cookoff participants to attend SFA vs Nicholls State 4 PM. Contact Casie Ellison P.O.Box 6092, Nacogdoches, TX 75962. 936-468-2842, 936-468-3407. email [studentfoundation@sfasu.edu](mailto:studentfoundation@sfasu.edu). Please register by Oct. 31.

Nov 15, 2003-008 - Glendale AZ CASI. 2nd Annual Viet Nam Veterans CCO. Held at Max's Sports Restaurant South of Glendale Ave on 47th. Entry fee \$15 turn 2 PM. Bring extra gallon of chili for people's choice. Show. Contact Dennis Huff 602-789-1963. Or Mad Jack phone 480-733-1617.

Nov 15, 2003-009 - Lee's Summit MO CASI. Kick It Up! Chili Fest. Held at 338 SW Main St. Benefits Open Arms Foundation. Entry fee \$15 CASI, Homestyle or Vegetarian. \$25 for two categories. Turn-in Noon. Contact Scott DeVouton 338 SW Main St. Lee's Summit, Mo. 64063. 816-347-9800. Or Email [devouton@dac-law.com](mailto:devouton@dac-law.com).

Nov 15, 2003-010 - Seguin TX CASI. Classic CASI Pod Pecan Fest Chili Cookoff. At Seguin Fairgrounds. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Classic CASI Pod 214 Signal Hill Seguin, TX 78155 Benefits Christian Free Clinic. Contact Annell Causey 830-379-6565 Pat King 830-303-1755.

Nov 15, 2003-011 - Pine Bluff AR CASI. Pine Bluff VFW Cookoff. Benefits VFW Charities. Held at 1508 E. Harding. Next to



bowling alley. Entry fee \$20 turn in 1 PM. Salsa entry \$5. Jalepeno eating contest. Cook's party Friday night 8 PM. Contact Julee Johnson h 870-879-0846, w 870-536-4155.

Nov 15, 2003-012 - Hernando MS CASI. American Legion Post 1990 Cookoff. Held at 1505 Gwynn Rd. Benefits Post 1990. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 4 PM. Make checks payable to American Legion Post 1990. Contact Rodney Jones 6500 Riverbirch, Walls MS 38680. Chicken contest entry \$10 turn-in 3:30 PM. Motorhome park no hookups. On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.A.2.

Nov 16, 2003-001 - Llano TX CASI. Sunday After on the River Cookoff. held at Llano City Park. Benefits TX Farm Bureau area charities. Turn in 12 Noon. Chili Grind ONLY. Contact Larry or Jessie Otto 512-567 6751, evening 512-444-6971 lotto@austin.rr.com.

Nov 16, 2003-002 - San Antonio TX CASI. Sunday Nippy Chili Cookoff. Held at VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Hwy. Benefits Post charities. Entry fee \$13, turn-in Noon. Info Elliott Johnson 655-2944 or Dixie Richardson 659-7920. See cookoff previous day same location.

Nov 22, 2003-001 - Bethany OK CASI. Bethany Christmas Celebration. Held in downtown Bethany, corner 39th & College St. Entry fee \$23, turn-in 12:30 PM. Cook's meeting 9 AM. Checks payable to Bethany Chamber of Commerce, benefits the Bethany Christmas Lights. Contact Bethany Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 144, Bethany, OK 73008. Phone 405-789-1256, bethcham@coxinet.net CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Nov 22, 2003-002 - Tucson AZ CASI. Basha's/Wal-Mart Cookoff. Held at 18805 S. I-19 Frontage Rd. Green Valley, AZ. Turn-in 12 Noon entry fee \$15. Benefits Asthma Foundation. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Cheryl Pennington 15150 W. Ajo Hwy #513, Tucson, AZ 85735.

Nov 22, 2003-003 - Rowlett TX CASI. 6th Annual Texas Holiday Chili- Bration. Held on Main Street downtown Rowlett. CASI & local chili \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Jackpot beans \$10, turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Downtown Rowlett Assn. Contact Tom Fulton for info 972-475-4330.

Nov 22, 2003-004 - Katy TX CASI. 5th Annual Katy Elks Lodge Chili Cookoff. Benefits Elks Childrens Services. Held at 1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in Beans - Noon, Chili 2 PM.

Entry fee \$17, Jackpot Beans 50/50 \$5, payable to Katy Elks Lodge. Contact Larry Arnold 281-392-6073 resumes@dacojobs.com.

Nov 28, 2003-001 - Victoria TX CASI. Day After Thanksgiving Cookoff. Held at Colet Inn. Call for detailed map or visit website WWW.coletinn.com. Benefits Kidz Connection. Make checks payable to VASA Pod. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 4 PM. Jackpot beans (open) turn in 3 PM. entry \$5. Contact Linda McDonald 619 Springwood, Victoria TX 77905. 361-578-2575. Diana Hoy 361-277-8687. Colet Inn phone 361-578-1360. Robert Lowery 361-575-6066 days.

Nov 29, 2003-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Voiture Locale 939 of the 40-8 CCO. Held at American Legion Post 169, 4605 Lake Shore Drive. RV parking no hookups. Indoor cookin if bad weather. Benefits Nurses Training Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to Voiture Locale 939. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Pinto bean \$5, turn-in Noon. Friday night cook's party and feed. Contact Don Barfield 940-322-5057 saybarley@aol.com.

Nov 29, 2003-002 - Southlake TX CASI. Annual Gobbler Gathering at McGarity's Pepper Top Farm. Over night camping/limited hookups. Benefits TOT 2004 Great Pepper's Meeting Expense Fund. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to Top of Texas Pod. Jackpot Beans entry \$5, turn-in 1 PM. Contact Mikie McGarity 2050 N. Shady Oaks Drive Southlake, TX 76092. 817-975-2200 mikiem@flash.net.

Nov 29, 2003-003 - Victoria TX CASI. 22nd Annual VASA Pod Cookoff. Held at Colet Inn. Call for detailed map or visit website www.coletinn.com. Make checks payable to VASA Pod. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Jackpot beans, dry pinto only turn-in Noon, entry \$5. Salsa turn-in 1 PM, entry \$5. BBQ brisket turn-in 4 PM, entry \$15. Contact Linda McDonald 619 Spicewood, Victoria TX 77905. 361-578-2575. Dianna Hoy phone 361-277-8687, Colet Inn 578-1360 Robert Lowery 361-575-6066 days. Benefits Dawn Arnold for medical expenses.

Nov 29, 2003-004 - Ahwatukee AZ CASI. 2nd Annual Festival of Lights Chili Cookoff. Held in Desert Foothills Park. Chili turn-in 2 PM. There will also be 1st thru 3rd people's choice and Show 1st thru 3rd. Contact Roland at 602-277-7306 or Mad Jack at 480-215-1449 for directions or information.

Nov 30, 2003-001 - Victoria TX CASI. Morning After Cookoff. Held at Colet Inn.

Call for detailed map or visit website www.coletinn.com. Benefits VASA Pod. Make checks payable to VASA Pod. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Pork Spare Ribs turn-in Noon, entry \$15. Contact Linda McDonald 619 Spicewood, Victoria, TX 77905 361-578-2575. Dianna Hoy phone 361-277-8687, Colet Inn 578-1360 Robert Lowery 361-575-6066.

Nov 30, 2003-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Toys For Tots Chili Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 169 CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry \$18 plus a new toy, turn-in noon. Contact Roy Huston 940-691-5643 or cell 940-636-5774.

Dec 5, 2003-001 - Angleton TX CASI. 4th Annual Christmas On The Square Chili Cookoff. Benefits Angleton Chamber of Commerce. Entry fee \$17 turn-in 8 pm. Unique trophies awarded top three chili winners & first place show. Use Christmas theme since it's that time of year. Contact Angela Hammond, C of C 979-849-6443 or T.C. Lipe 979-265-5009. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Dec 6, 2003-001 - Crawford TX CASI. Central Texas Chili Pod Cookoff. Held at Tankawa RV Park. Make checks payable to Central Texas Chili Pod. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Dry pinto beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Contact Donna Conrad/Mavis Nelson 330 S. Ave. B. Crawford, TX 76638. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See next day cookoff same location. Charity is Toys for Tots, please bring an unwrapped gift. Cook's party Sat night. Lots of fun and some surprises. Plenty of parking all you need to do is show up or call Mavis Nelson 254-486-9005. email rdnmrn@hotmail.net.

Dec 6, 2003-002 - Golden CO CASI. 3rd Annual Downtown Golden Chili Cookoff. Held along Washington St. across from Foss Drug. Awards for top ten CASI red, top three green and top three show. Turn-in Noon. Benefits various Golden charities. \$15 for CASI red or green chili, \$10 for green when entering CASI red competition. Checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod, c/o John Montgomery 1600 Broadway, Suite 2500, Denver CO 80202. Info contact Lyman Wilkinson 720-890-9600, John Montgomery 303-831-5000

Dec 6, 2003-003 - North Little Rock AR CASI. Rudy's Oyster Bar Chili Cookoff. Being held at 2695 Pike Plaza, in North Little Rock. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Benefits the Arkansas Food Bank. Make checks payable to ASS-CASI. Contact Preston Nickle, 617 West M.St. North Little Rock, AR 72116 501-791-2191.

Dec 6, 2003-004 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Sierra Vista Christmas Parade CCO. Held at K-Mart parking lot, 2011 E Fry Blvd. Benefits High Desert Pod. Make checks payable to High Desert Pod. Entry \$15, turn-in 12:30 PM. Dry camping, no hookups cook where you camp. Friday night potluck dinner, brisket being served. Contact Roy Fisher 520-803-9934, royfisherAZ@cs.com.

Dec 6, 2003-005 - Las Vegas NV CASI. CIN Pod 1st Annual Cookoff. Held at 1601 E. Washington Ave. Fraternal Order of Eagles. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Cancer Fund. Make checks payable to FOE 1213. Contact Diane Spence 3070 Tarpon Dr. #104, Las Vegas. NV 89120.

Dec 6, 2003-006 - Boerne TX CASI. 11th Annual Texas Hill Country Pod Cookoff. Held at the Kendall County Fairgrounds. Held in conjunction with "Oma's Christmas Fair" going on all weekend. Home made crafts & other items to help with your Christmas shopping. We are entering a float in the Friday night "Weihnachts Fest Parade". Come early and help decorate and ride on the float in the largest lighted parade in Texas. Entry fee \$18 payable to Texas Hill Country Pod, turn in 2 PM. Jackpot Green chili cookoff and bean cookoff. Events include Christmas decorating contest and Best Soup contest, followed by soup supper and live entertainment Saturday night. RV parking-no hookups. Info Steve Nadeau 830-249-9350, or email snadeau@gvtc.com.

Dec 6, 2003-007 - Denton TX CASI. Denton Elks Lodge Cookoff. Held at 228 E. Oak. Benefits the Sweetheart Fund. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Contact Robert Bell 940-382-5360, 940-365-2504. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Dec 6, 2003-008 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks Lodge Cookoff. Held at 4505 Seymour Hwy. Fish fry Friday night, breakfast Sat. & Sun. Benefits Hospice. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5 turn in Noon. Make checks payable to Elks Lodge 1105. Contact Glyn Gaines No. 7 Bandera Circle, Wichita Falls, TX 76302. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff next day same location.

Dec 6, 2003-009 - Milton FL CASI. Annual Florida State Chili Championship. Held at South Riverwalk. CASI and open division CASI turn-in Noon. Cooks meet at 9AM. Cooks party hosted by FLOPPOD on Friday night. RV parking no hookups. Entry fee \$25, please bring extra chili for crowd. Benefits Santa Rosa Co. Research and Rescue & Volunteer Firefighter Assn. Good looking and unique trophies. Florida State



Champion wins hand painted stove. Contact Larry Oliver. 850-995-9517

Dec 6, 2003-010 - Alamogordo NM CASI. Alamogordo Moose Cookoff. Held at South Florida Street. Benefits Moose Christmas Charities Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to New Mexico Chili Society. Contact Bud Barrick 505-678-8943. teamorgan@zianet.com

Dec 6, 2003-011 - San Angelo TX CASI. 6th Annual Toys For Tots Cookoff. Held at 3027 N. Chadbourne. Entry fee \$10 and a new toy. \$20 if you choose not to bring a toy. Dry pinto beans, cooked on site, \$10. Turn-in 2 PM chili, 3 PM beans. Contact Sammie Plant 325-656-8258 or 325-486-0891.

Dec 7, 2003-001 - Crawford TX CASI. Next Day Crawford Chili Cookoff. Held at Tankawa RV Park. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Donna Conrad/Mavis Nelson 330 South Ave. B, Crawford TX 76638. 254-486-2487, or email rdnmrn@hotmail.net. See Sunday cookoff same location. Charity TBA.

Dec 7, 2003-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks Lodge Sunday Cookoff. Held at 4505 Seymour Hwy. Fish fry Friday night, breakfast Sat. & Sun. Benefits Santa's Bus. Entry fee \$18 turn in Noon. Contact Glyn Gaines No 7 Bandera Circle Wichita Falls, TX 76302. Make checks payable to Elks Lodge 1105. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff previous day same location.

Dec 7, 2003-003 - Ocean City MD CASI. Hots For Tots Chili Cookoff. Held inside the Greene Turtle and inside heated tent in the parking lot. Turn-in 2PM. Huge crowd, lots of fun, thousands of dollars for charity. Contact Alan Dean 410-879-6410, pepperdean@comcast.net This annual event combines CASI and restaurant divisions.

Dec 7, 2003-004 - Wickburg, AZ CASI. Rancher Bar CCO, held at Rancher Bar. Contact Norm at 623-742-6476 or Mad Jack at 480-215-1449 for information.

Dec 13, 2003-001 - Parkin AR CASI. Parkin Winter Festival Chili Cookoff. Held held at the Parkin Fire Station. Benefits Winter Festival Charities. Make checks payable to Parkin Winter Festival. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Contact Preston Nickle, 617 West M St. North Little Rock, AR 72116. 501-791-2191.

Dec 13, 2003-002 - Weimar TX CASI. 6th Annual Circle the Wagons CCO. Held at Veterans Memorial Hall 530 Park Dr. Benefits local charity. Entry fee \$17 turn-in

2 PM. Cook's party Friday night. Pot luck dinner Saturday evening. Large covered area for day trippers. Contact Jean or Keith Barkley 979-263-5851. Email kb42930@cvtv.net. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Dec 13, 2003-003 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Does 15th Annual Cookoff. Held at 2015 N Britian Rd. Benefits Does various charities. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Irving Does #201. Contact Linda Buschel 2620 Quail Valley, Irving TX 75060. Phone 972-986-6211. Breakfast Sat. morn Registration 9 AM. Bean turn in 11 AM. Plenty of RV hookups. Friday night TOT will have their Christmas party. The Does will supply the turkey, ham. Please bring covered dish. Rather than toys please bring coffee, hot choco late, creamer & sweetener for VA hospital.

Dec 13, 2003-004 - El Paso TX CASI. Annual Cowboy Christmas at La Hacienda Restaurant, 1720 West Paisano. Benefits Scholarship Fund High Noon to sundown vendors, live music by Charlie Russell, Old Fashioned Melodrama. Cook's meet 10 AM. Showmanship 11 AM. Entry fee \$13, turn-in 2 PM. More entertainment at 4 PM right after announcements. Make checks payable to CASI Scholarship Fund. Contact Carol Straughan 915-852-3599, email caroleptx@aol.com, or Elvia Hernandez 915-533-1919.

Dec 13, 2003-005 - Odessa TX CASI. Humane Society Cookoff. Held at Dick's Place 3010 FM 1036 entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Humane Society of Odessa. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Del Smith 7012 W. Mockingbird Ln. Odessa, TX 79763. 432-381-5503

Dec 14, 2003-001 - Weimar TX CASI. Second Day Circle the Wagons CCO. Held at Veterans Memorial Hall 530 Park Dr. Benefits local charities. Entry fee \$13, turn-in Noon. Cook's party Friday night Pot luck dinner Saturday evening. Large covered area for day trippers. Contact Jean or Keith Barkley 979-263-5851. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Dec 14, 2003-002 - Cash TX CASI. Elks National Foundation Cookoff. Located Hwy 34, 6 miles of Greenville, 8 miles N. of Quinlan. Benefits Elks National Foundation. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon. Contact Jackie or Carl Grose 903-883-4916 5640 Hwy 34, Quinlan, TX 75474. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge.

Dec 27, 2003-001 - Kingsland TX CASI. American Legion Before New Years Cookoff. Held at 2545, go 2 miles sign on

right, Legion Loop. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Makes checks payable American Legion Post 437. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Rusty Paske 200 Redbird Ln. Kingsland TX 78639-4005. 325-388-4269.

Dec 28, 2003-001 - Kingsland TX CASI. VFW Ladies Auxiliary Cookoff. Held at Hwy 2545, go 2 miles sign on right, Legion Loop. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable American Legion Post 437. Contact Rusty Paske 200 Redbird Lane Kingsland, TX 78639-4005. 325-388-4269. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Dec 31, 2003-001 - Denton TX CASI. 15th Annual Dam Pod New Year's Cookoff and black-eyed cookoff. Held at North Texas Fairgrounds 2217 N. Carroll Blvd. Jackpot pea turn-in 8 PM, entry \$5. 100% payback. Chili turn-in 9 PM, entry fee \$18. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Registration begins at 4 PM. Plenty of dry parking, RV hookups available within 100 yards, you must contact NTSF940-387-2632. Cooking inside. Come help us bring in the New Year. Contact Dan Medlin 972-463-5438 email beerqueenchili@aol.com, Bruce Stewart 817-282-6678 brudrustu@aol.com.

Dec 31, 2003-002 - Amarillo TX CASI. New Year's Eve Cookoff. Details to follow. Garnier Albus 806-353-0500.

Dec 31, 2003-003 - Walls MS CASI. New Year's Eve Cookoff. Held at 6500 Riverbirch. Entry fee \$17 turn-in 9:30 PM. Make checks payable to POR Pod. Contact Tanna Jones 662-781-1414.

Jan 1, 2004-001 - Bel Air MD CASI. Annual Polar Bear Cookoff. Turn-in 3 PM. Best possible way to start the New Year. Join your chili friends for a day of chili competition, camaraderie, and holiday fun at the Dean house. Bring a side dish if you like. We'll keep the keg from freezing. Contact Alan Dean 410-879-6410 pepperdean@comcast.net.

Jan 1, 2004-002 - Gilchrist TX CASI. Chili When it's Chilly On The Gulf 2nd Annual Cookoff. Held at Mallet Beach House. Chili \$20 turn-in 2 PM. R.V. Parking no hookups. Charity TBA. Cook's party and a Pea Off held night before, 50/50 payback, \$5, turn-in 10 PM. Contact Cecil Mallet 281-383-2207. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Jan 3, 2004-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. American Legion 3rd Annual Cookoff. American Legion Post 533, Loop 150E Across from State Park and Golf Course. Benefits Child Protected Services. Entry fee \$18, Turn-in 2 PM. Cook's party Saturday night- indoor Hall. Music 7:30 to 11:30

Raffle and Silent Auction. RV parking no hookups. Beans \$5 turn in 1 PM, 100% payback. Contact Crystal Dear 512-321-5555. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff on Sunday same location.

Jan 4, 2004-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. American Legion 3rd Annual Sunday Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 533, 3003 Loop 150E, across from State Park & Golf Course. Entry fee \$12, turn-in 1 PM. RV parking no hookups. Indoor judging indoor bathrooms, cold beer. Come spend the weekend with us. Contact Crystal Dear 512-321-5555. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff on Saturday same location. Benefits Child Protected Services Aux.

Jan 9, 2004-001 - Amarillo TX CASI. Tall In Texas Pod Cookoff. Held in Tri-State Fairgrounds. Indoor. Details to follow.

Jan 10, 2004-001 - Amarillo TX CASI. Tri-State Open Chili Championship. Held at Tri-State Fairgrounds. Indoors. Details to follow. Info Vickie Childers 806-355-7387 or Garnier Albus 806-353-0500. galbus@amaonline.com.

Jan 17, 2004-001 - Rocky Point MX CASI. Sonoran Desert International Open Chili Cookoff. On the beach at Manny's Beach Club. Benefits the Local Elementary School. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to High Desert Pod. Fish fry Thursday. Cook's dinner Friday night. T-shirts to cooks. Contact Ben Berry P.O. Box 1298 Sierra Vista, AZ 85636. Phone 520-378-3692. Cookoff next day at Baja Cantina.

Jan 18, 2004-001 - Rocky Point MX CASI. Baja Cantina Day After Cookoff. Held at Baja Cantina & Hotel on the Beach. Benefits children's Christmas Fund. Entry fee \$20 Turn-in Noon. Includes breakfast and T-shirt. Make checks payable to High Desert Pod. Contact Ben Berry P.O. Box 1298 Sierra Vista AZ 85636. 520-378-3692. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Jan 24, 2004-001 - Canyon Lake TX CASI. 11th Annual Super Bowl of Chili Cookoffs. Held at VFW Post 8573 on SR2673 River Road in Sattler. Benefits VFW charities. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. 8 AM Cooks breakfast at Barn. Entertainment and auction all afternoon with food and beverages. RV parking. Cookoff next day same location. Info VFW 830-964-3334.

Jan 24, 2004-002 - Las Cruces NM CASI. VFW #6917 Indoor Cookoff. Held at Hwy 70/325 N. Main St. Benefits VFW Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107 P. O. Box 268 Organ, NM

88052-0268, or email  
teamorgan@zianet.com.

Jan 25, 2004-001 - Canyon Lake TX CASI. 4th Annual Friends of Texas Ladies State Championship. Held at VFW Post 8573 in Sattler. Entry fee \$12, turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info VFW 830-964-3334.

Feb 6, 2004-001 - Waxahachie TX CASI. NOW Pod No Frills Cookoff For Early Arrivals. Gates open 8 AM, Ellis County Expo Center. Hwy 287 N, exit #403 I35E. Plenty of RV parking no hookups. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 8:30 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Come join us for a cook's party & fun. Live band for listening and dancing. Jimmy, Blue & Johnny are cooking dinner. Contact Linda Harper 972-646-5199 or Francis Sullivan 972-878-2664. Make checks payable to E.C.C.A.C. c/o 816 Old Park Rd. Ennis, TX 75119.

Feb 7, 2004-001 - Waxahachie TX CASI. 3rd Annual Cotton Patch Cookoff. Benefits the Ellis County Children Advocacy Center. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Novice chili \$16 turn-in 1 PM, Junior chili \$10, CHILI GRIND ONLY turn-in Noon. 50/50 Beans \$10 turn-in Noon. Saturday night Barn Bash Special price \$15 per couple. Snacks and drinks provided. Held at Ellis County Expo Center. Hwy 287N, exit #403 I35E. Follow the signs. Contact Linda Harper 972-646-5199 or Francis Sullivan 972-878-2664. Make checks payable to E.C.C.A.C. c/o 816 Old Park Rd. Ennis, TX 75119.

Feb 7, 2004-002 - Rankin TX CASI. 4th Horn Toad Round-up & Chili CCO. Held at Tommy Workman Park. First place Bronze Horn Toad, 2nd - 10th nice trophies. Friday night fish fry, Saturday AM cook's breakfast covered pavilion with tables and chairs. Saturday night stew night, also "42" tournament. Benefits Rankin Museum. Entry fee \$17 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Karen Bains 432-693-2242 or 432-693-2796, Dave Boone 432-367-8423 or 432-333-8907.

Feb 7, 2004-003 - Nuevo Laredo MX CASI. 19th Annual Mexico Int'l Cookoff. Tamaulipas, MX. Held at Fiesta Inn (formerly Hacienda). CHILI GRIND FURNISHED. Entry fee includes fuel table, chairs, buffet Friday night and goody bag to first 75 cooks. Entry fee \$50/person. Benefits CASA HOGAR a home for girls in Nuevo Laredo. Cookoff entry deadline is postmarked by 1/26/04. Rooms and a bus trip available. Contact Larry Burruss for more information 512-353-8895 or 1004 Crepe Myrtle, San Marcos TX 78666.

Feb 8, 2004-001 - Waxahachie TX CASI. Day After Chili Cookoff. Held at Ellis

County Expo Center. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry \$18 turn-in 1 PM. See previous days cookoff same location. Contact Linda Harper 972-646-5199 or Francis Sullivan 972-878-2664. Make checks payable to E.C.C.A.C. c/o 816 Old Park Rd. Ennis, TX 75119.

Feb 8, 2004-002 - El Paso TX CASI. International Livestock Show & Rodeo Chili Cookoff. Held at Equestrian Center County Coliseum on Paisano. Charity TBA. Cooks meeting 9 AM. Turn in 1 PM Contact Hut Brown 915-772-2379 hutcasi@aol.com.

Feb 14, 2004-001 - Tucson AZ CASI. 26th Annual Old Tucson Chili Cookoff. Held at Old Tucson Studios, 201 South Kinney Road. Benefits Asthma Foundation. Entry fee \$15 red chili, turn-in 2 PM. Peoples choice \$5, 11 AM to 1 PM. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Nancy Coultas 520-298-6838.

Feb 14, 2004-002 - Hernando MS CASI. Hernando's Lions Club Cookoff. Held Hwy 51 South. Benefits the Lions Club. Entry fee \$20 turn in 1:30 PM. Make checks payable to Lions Club. Contact Ed Daniels 3775 Hwy 51 S. Hernando, MS 38632

Feb 21, 2004-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Bronze Roadrunner Chili & BBQ CCO. Held at LaKiva. Benefits Terlingua School. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. WTBA entry fee \$20 per category. Turn-in chicken 12 Noon Ribs 1 PM, Brisket 3 PM. Payback 50%, 1 thru 3 places. Bronze Roadrunner trophy for first place chili and BBQ Grand Champion. Contact Dorothy Williams 432-371-2595 or Boomer Kingston 432-366-1777.

Feb 28, 2004-001 - Tucson AZ CASI. Saguaro Rotary Club Chili Cookoff. Held at Casa Blanca Plaza 6010 North Oracle Road. Benefits the Rotary Club Charities. Entry fee \$10 red, turn-in 2 PM. Peoples choice Chili \$5, 11 AM to 1 PM. Make checks payable to CHOA. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Peter Braly, pjabraly@cs.com.

Feb 28, 2004-002 - El Paso TX CASI. Annual American Legion Post #58 Chili Cookoff. Held at 4724 Vulcan. Benefits Legion charities. Cook's meeting 10 AM. Turn-in 2 PM. Showmanship 12 to 1 PM. announcements immediately after judging. Entry fee \$13. Contact Carol Straughan 915-852-3599. caroleptx@aol.com.

Mar 6, 2004-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Eagles #3580 14th Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at 1625 Archer City Hwy. Benefits Eagle's State Project. Make checks payable to Eagles #3580. Entry fee \$18 turn in 2 PM. Beans \$5 turn-in 1 PM. Show 12 to

12:30. Contact Linda Kent P.O. Box 4681 Wichita Falls TX 76308-0681. 940-692-9816 email lkent1219@yahoo.com. Cook's party Friday night 7 PM.

Mar 6, 2004-002 - Casa Grande AZ CASI. 26th Annual Arizona Open Chili Championship. Held at the Dave White Regional Park. RV parking dry camping only in paved parking lot. Friday night cook's party bring your own meat everything else is provided. Cooks meeting 9 AM sharp Saturday AM. Classic car show between 11 AM & 3 PM. Live entertainment 1 PM to 6 PM. Park located at 2121 N. Thornton RD in Casa Grande. Peoples choice turn-in 11 AM to 1 PM. Entry \$5 if cooking CASI chili, \$25 if not. CASI entry \$25 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Peter Braly 8401 South Kolb Rd #433 Tucson, AZ 85706-9119. Email pjabraly@cs.com

Mar 6, 2004-003 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Elks Annual Cookoff. Held at 2015 N Britian Rd. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Bean turn in Noon. Benefits Elk's charity. Make checks payable to Irving Elks Contact Horrace Jones 2015 N. Britian Rd. Irving, TX 75061 972-579-0005. Plenty of hookups Cooks party Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning. See next day cookoff same location.

Mar 7, 2004-001 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Elks PER Cookoff. Held at 2015 N. Britian Rd. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon. Benefits Irving Elks PER Assoc. Makes checks payable to Irving Elks PER. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info Horrace Jones 2015 Britian Rd. Irving TX 75061. 972-579-0005.

Mar 13, 2004-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Post 169 Cookoff. Held at 4005 Lake Shore Drive. Benefits Legion Charities. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Post 169. Contact Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Mar 13, 2004-002 - Memphis TN CASI. VFW 4935 Chili Cookoff. Held at 1942 Lynnbrook. Make checks payable to charity VFW 4935 Post. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Hotwing contest \$10 entry with chili, \$20 without. Friday night cooks party 7 PM - til? Motorhome parking no hookups. Contact Rodney Jones 6500 Riverbirch, Walls, MS 38680.

Mar 13, 2004-003 - Sweetwater TX CASI. Rattlesnake Roundup Cookoff. Held at 1699 Cypress. Entry fee \$25 turn in Noon. Make checks payable to Sweetwater Jaycees. Contact Julie Hurn 700 CR 181 Maryneal, TX 79535, 325-288-4464

Mar 13, 2004-004 - Caballo NM CASI. Del Valle Eagles Cookoff. Held at Caballo Eagles Aerie. Benefits Eagles Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P. O. Box 268, Organ, NM 88052-0268, phone 502-382-5107 teamorgan@zianet.com.

Mar 20, 2004-001 - Crawford TX CASI. St. Paul Memorial Park Cookoff. Held at Tonkawa RV Park on Hwy 185 Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. 50/50 Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Silent auction, raffle, cook's supper on Saturday night. Contact Mavis Nelson 254-486-2487. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See Sunday cookoff Same Location. rdnmnrn@hotmail.net.

Mar 20, 2004-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks National Foundation Cookoff. Held at 4505 Seymour Hwy. Benefits Children's Hospital. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Elks Lodge #1105. Friday nite cook's party, and Sunday brunch. Contact Glyn Gaines No. 7 Bandera Circle, Wichita Falls, TX 76302. Phone 940-767-2273. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff Sunday same location.

Mar 20, 2004-003 - Las Cruces NM CASI. Las Cruces Eagles Cookoff. Held at North 17th St. Benefits Eagles Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P. O. Box 268, Organ NM 88052-0268 502-382-5107, teamorgan@zianet.com

Mar 20, 2004-004 - Englewood FL CASI. Englewood Beach Chili Cookoff. Held on Manasota Key at Charwick Park. Details to follow. Contact Denise Saunders 941-587-1608.

Mar 21, 2004-001 - Crawford TX CASI. Central Texas Chili Pod Cookoff. Held in Tonkawa RV Park on Hwy 185 See cookoff March 20 same location CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry \$14 turn-in 1 PM. Contact Mavis Nelson. 254-486-2487 or email rdnmnrn@hotmail.net.

Mar 21, 2004-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks Sunday National Foundation CCO Held at 4505 Seymour Hwy. Benefits Megan Ledue Guardian Angel Found. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Elks Lodge #1105 Friday night cook's party, Sunday Breakfast. Contact Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273 See cookoff previous day same location. Chili Grind Only.

Mar 21, 2004-003 - Seguin TX CASI. Spring Fling Cookoff. Country Cabaret - 839 FM 467. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to

Classic CASI Pod, 214 Signal Hill, Seguin, TX 78155 Info Annell Causey 830-379-6565 or Pat King 830-303-1755. Benefits local charities.

Mar 27, 2004-001 - Johnson City TX CASI. TEXAS MEN'S STATE CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP at Blanco County Fairgrounds. Entry fee \$35 if postmarked by 12/01/03, \$45 after 12/01/03. NO ENTRY CUTOFF. Cook's gift quarantined if postmarked on or before 02/01/04. Cook's party Friday night. Plenty RV parking no hookups. Park opens 8 AM Thurs. Cook where you camp. Make checks payable to Texas Men's State c/o Bob Horan, P.O. Box 1115, Tomball, TX 77377-1115. Please include shirt size on entry. Contact Jimmy Taylor 830-868-2223, taylor@moment.net, or Bob Horan 281-357-0175. Or email Bob Horan Texasmens@riata-homeinspect.com Further details to follow.

Apr 3, 2004-001 - Odessa TX CASI. American Legion Post 430 Cookoff. Held at 2701 East 8th. Benefits Ladies Auxiliary Projects. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Cook's pot \$2 going to 4th place. Maverick BBQ \$10. Only one BBQ item, turn in 3 PM. Some RV parking some electric. Contact Larry or Phyllis Patton 432-362-3585. Pinto Beans \$5 turn-in Noon.

Apr 17, 2004-001 - Seguin TX CASI. 34th Annual Texas Ladies State Held in Starke Park East. Charity TBA. Details to follow. Contact Boomer Kingston 915-366-1777.

Apr 17, 2004-002 - Memphis TN CASI. St. Jude Funfest 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at Misty Hollow Farm benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Turn-in 2 PM showmanship 11:30 to 1:30. Checks payable to St. Jude Hospital. Info Mike Tarpley 5375 Cornstalk Cove Memphis, TN 38127. 901-358-5855 901-872-5855, schappy3@juno.com.

Apr 17, 2004-003 - Pawnee OK CASI. 9th Annual Pawnee Folk & Springfest Cookoff. Held on the County Courthouse Lawn. Benefits the Folk & Springfest. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 2 PM. Fiddler contest in Gazebo, parade. Camping equipment for first five Chili winners. Contact Trailboss 918-762-4437 or Theodore Morgan 918-762-2493. No alcoholic beverages allowed.

Apr 17, 2004-004 - Clovis NM CASI. Elks Lodge #1244 Cookoff. Held at 3rd and Sycamore Sts. Benefits Elks Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268 Organ NM 88052-0268. 502-382-5107, email teamorgan@zianet.com.

Apr 18, 2004-001 - Seguin TX CASI. Classic CASI Pod Memorial Cookoff. Held in Starke Park East. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Charity Christian Free Clinic. Make checks payable to Classic CASI Pod 214 Signal Hill - Seguin, TX 78155 CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Annell Causey 830-379-6565 or Pat King 830-303-1755.

May 8, 2004-001 - Memphis TN CASI. Variety Club Cookoff. Held at 1648 Sycamore View. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Variety Club. Contact Jerry Gwynn 901-323-2220 1648 Sycamore View, Memphis, TN Hot wing contest entry fee \$10 turn-in Noon.

May 15, 2004-001 - White Sands NM CASI. White Sands Annual Cookoff. Held at White Sands Missile Range Volunteer Park. Benefits Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268, Organ NM 88052-0268 502-382-5107 teamorgan@zianet.com.

May 29, 2004-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Southwest Open Chili Championship. Details to follow.

May 30, 2004-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. NOB Pod Cookoff. Details to follow.

Jun 5, 2004-001 - Alamogordo NM CASI. Alamogordo VFW Cookoff. Held at Hwy #70 East. Benefits VFW Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268 Organ, NM 88052-0268 teamorgan@zinet.com 502-382-5107.

Jun 6, 2004-001 - El Paso TX CASI. Annual Pod of the Pass Cookoff. Benefits Pod of the Pass charities Cooks meeting 10 AM. Turn-in 2 PM Entry fee \$13. Details to follow. Contact Carol Straughan phone 915-852-3599, C915-491-2766 carolelptx@aol.com.

Jun 19, 2004-001 - Chugwater WY CASI. 19th Annual Chugwater Chili Cookoff held in Staats Park on 2nd & Bowie downtown Chugwater. Benefits Chugwater Economic Development, Community Center, Ambulance, Fire Dept, & Historical Group. Make checks payable to Chugwater Chili Cookoff. Entry fee TBA, turn-in 12:30 PM. New for 2004 - lots of camping spots for RV's. Contact Chugwater Town Hall 307-422-3345 307-422-3493, chugwater@coffey.com

Jun 26, 2004-001 - Grand Lake CO CASI. Colorado State CASI Chili Championship. Cook at 8,400 feet adjacent to Rocky Mt.

Park. This event is held under trees, on grass, in the Town Park in beautiful Grand Lake. Awards for top ten CASI red, top three green and top three show. \$25 for CASI red or green chili, \$10 for green when also entering CASI red competition. All cooks who register and pay their fee by June 5, 2004 will receive a special 21st year memento. Checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod. Mail to John Montgomery 1600 Broadway, Suite 2500, Denver CO 80202. For info please contact Lyman Wilkinson 720-890-9600 or John Montgomery 303-831-5000. Red turn-in 1 PM, 2 PM for Green.

Jun 26, 2004-002 - Bastrop TX CASI. Int'l River Runner's 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 533, 3003 Loop 150 E. Across from State Park & Golf Course. Charity TBA. Make checks payable to American Legion Aux. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Cooks party Saturday night indoor hall. Raffle & silent auction. RV parking no hookups. Strong rumor River Runners will cook also. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Crystal 512-321-5555. See Sunday cookoff same location.

Jun 27, 2004-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. Int'l River Runner's 3rd Annual Sunday Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 533, 3003 Loop 150E, across from State Park & Gold Course. Charity TBA. Makes check payable to American Legion Aux. Entry fee \$12, turn-in 1 PM. RV parking no hookups. Cook's party Saturday night. Contact Crystal Dear 512-321-5555. See Saturday cookoff same location. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Jul 3, 2004-001 - Englewood FL CASI. 2nd Annual Burr Smidt Memorial Chili Cookoff. Held at Chadwick Park. Turn at McDonald's off Hwy 776, on to Beach Road, go over two bridges to Manasota Key, turn left at "Y" on Gulf Blvd, then left again into park. No glass bottles please. Covered cooking area. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 12 Noon. Park open 8 to 5 PM. For overnight parking contact Scott Johnson 941-266-3799 or Denise Saunders 941-587-1608 for details. Walking distance to stores and watering holes. No pets. Charity TBA.

Jul 4, 2004-001 - Sierra Blanca TX CASI. Annual 4th of July Celebration. Held in City Park Hwy 1111. Benefits Chamber of Commerce Scholarships. Cooks meeting 9 AM Entry fee \$13 turn-in 1 PM. Contact Carol Straughan phone 915-852-3599, c915-491-2766 Details to follow.

Jul 17, 2004-001 - Olive Branch MS CASI. Olive Branch Shrine Cookoff. Held on Goodman Rd. Benefits Shrine Children's Charities. Make checks payable to Olive

Branch Shrine. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Info Tanna Jones 6500 River- birch, Walls MS 38680. Phone 662-781-1414.

Jul 17, 2004-002 - Golden City MO CASI. Missouri State Chili Cookoff. Held in City Park. Entry fee \$20 turn-in Noon. Junior chili \$5, Salsa \$5. Party Friday night at 601 Truman, Lamar, Mo. Contact Dixie Johnson 417-682-5432 email jrr8@ipa.net.

Jul 17, 2004-003 - Cash TX CASI. 6th Annual Greenville Elks Lodge Chili Cookoff. Held 6 miles south of Greenville, eight miles North of Quinlan on Hwy 34 (Cash TX area) Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Jack pot beans \$5 turn-in noon, 50/50 first place only. Goodie bags to first 30 paid entries. Limited paid electric hookups. Checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge. Mail checks & info to Carl or Jackie Grose 5640 Hwy 34, Quinlan TX 75474-3228. Phone 903-883-4916 days & nights til 9 PM. Also, see Sunday cookoff. Benefits local improvements.

Jul 18, 2004-001 - Cash TX CASI. 6th Annual Morning After Greenville Elks Lodge Chili Cookoff. Held 6 miles south of Greenville and 8 miles north of Quinlan on Hwy 34 (Cash, TX area). Benefits the Children's Hospital Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge. Mail checks & info to Carl or Jackie Grose 5640 Hwy 34 Quinlan TX 75474-3228. 903-883-4916 days or evening until 9 PM. Limited paid electric hookups.

Jul 24, 2004-001 - Memphis TN CASI. VFW 4935 Ladies Auxiliary Cookoff. Held at 1942 Lynnbrook. Make check payable to charity VFW 4935 Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1:30 PM. Salsa contest turn-in Noon, \$5 entry with chili, \$15 without. Friday night cooks party 7 PM til. Tanna Jones 6500 Riverbirch, Walls MS 38680. RV parking no hookups.

Jul 24, 2004-002 - Cloudfcroft NM CASI. Annual Cloudfcroft Cookoff. Held at Ski Cloudfcroft Lodge. Benefits NMCS. Make checks Payable to NMCS. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 2 PM. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268, Organ NM 88052-0268 502-382-5107 teamorgan@zianet.com.

Aug 28, 2004-001 - Anthony TX CASI. 2nd Annual American RV & Marine Border Chili Cookoff. Vinton exit west of El Paso. Cooks meeting 10 AM. Entry fee \$13 turn-in 2 PM Charity TBA. All day activities details to follow. Full RV hookup Contact Carol Straughan phone 915-852-3599 c915-491-2766. carolelptx.aol.com.



Aug 28, 2004-002 - Jackson TN CASI. West Tennessee STAR Center Third Annual KidsFEST Chili Cookoff. Held in Fairgrounds, about 70 miles east of Memphis and 140 miles west of Nashville, off I-40 exit 80A eight miles south on Hwy 45 Bypass. Entry fee \$22 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to The Star Center. CHILI GRIND OR GROUND ONLY. Please bring extra throwdown chili. Goodie bags for first 15 paid cooks RV parking limited hookups. Site open 27th after 5 PM and Saturday after 7 AM. Cooks meeting 10 AM. Please bring anything chili and children related for silent auction Benefits Star Center, largest non profit assistive technology center in country. Petting zoo, kids crafts, live entertainment, kids rides, health screening, vendors, games, clowns, puppets, finger painting. Bring the kids. CASI and open chili. Showmanship. Contact George Tubb 731-664-6339.

Sep 4, 2004-001 - Aransas Pass TX CASI. 4th Annual Labor Day Chili Cookoff. Held at ICW RV Park, 427 Ransom Rd. Great bird watching & fishing 360 FT. pier. AC Rec. room. Ransom Rd is located approx 2 miles south of Port Aransas highway intersection, State Highway 35 and downtown Aransas Pass on State Rd 361, same as going to Ingleside. On corner of Ransom Rd & State Rd 361 is the Sun Rise Market & Exxon, turn east onto Ransom, the RV park is 1/4 mile on right. For RV & cookoff info contact Bobbie Jo at 361-758-1044. For other info contact Bubba Reinke at 512-357-6227. Details to follow. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Sep 5, 2004-001 - Aransas Pass TX CASI. 4th Annual Day After Labor Day CCO. Held at ICW RV Park, 427 Ransom RD see directions on previous day cookoff same location. Details to follow. RV Park reservations and cookoff info call Bobby Jo phone 361-758-1044. Other info call Bubba Reinke 512-357-6227. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Sep 11, 2004-001 - West Tawakoni TX CASI. 10th Annual Chili By the Lake Cookoff. Held at Tawakoni City Park, 9 miles east of Quinlan on Hwy 276. Benefits Tawakoni Park Board for park improvements. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Jackpot Beans entry \$5, turn-in Noon, 50/50 1st place only. Cooks party Friday night 7 to 9. Limited paid electric hookups, first come first serve. Info Carl & Jackie Grose 5640 Hwy 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, 903-883-4916. Also, See Sunday cookoff same location.

Sep 12, 2004-001 - West Tawakoni TX CASI. Morning After 10th Annual Chili By

the Lake Chili Cookoff. Benefits Merchants Association for merchants local charities. Entry fee \$15, turn-in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to City of West Tawakoni. No beans cookoff on Sunday. Info Carl or Jackie Grose 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228 903-883-4916. Saturday cookoff same location.

Sep 25, 2004-001 - West Memphis AR CASI. Main Street Fall Festival Cookoff. Held at 231 E. Broadway. Take Missouri St. until it dead ends into Broadway, take a left, it will be on the right. Benefits Main Street. Entry fee \$25, turn in 2 PM. Salsa contest \$10. Cook's Party Friday night. Come early and enjoy. Next to contest site limited motorhome space, first come first served. Contact Debra Griggs 870-735-8814 or Kelvin Hazel 870-735-4443.

Sep 25, 2004-002 - Columbus NM CASI. Pancho Villa's Last Chance CCO. Held in Pancho Villa State Park. Benefits Friends of the Pancho Villa State Park. Make checks payable to NMCS. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268, Organ NM 88052-0268 502-382-5107, teamorgan@zianet.com

Dec 11, 2004-001 - El Paso TX CASI. 4th Annual Cowboy Christmas at La Hacienda 1720 W. Paisano. Cooks meet 10 AM. Entry fee \$13 turn-in 2 Pm announcements 4 PM. From Noon to sundown entertainment. Charity TBA. Contact Carol Straughan 915-852-3599 c 915-491-2766 or Elvia Hernandez 915-533-1919 c 915-253-6171.

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—Carl Sagan

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**Waxahachie, TX. – Ellis Co. Expo. Center**

<u>Friday, Feb 06, 2004</u>	<u>Saturday, Feb 07, 2004</u>	<u>Sunday, Feb 08, 2004</u>
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CHILI GRIND ONLY	CASI Shirt Size*	CHILI GRIND ONLY
Turn In 8:31 PM	Beans 50/50 \$10 Turn In Noon	Turn In 1 PM
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Contact Linda Harper, 972-646-5199 or Francis Sullivan, 972-878-2664  
 Make Checks Payable to E.C.A.C., c/o 816 Old Park Rd., Ennis, TX 75119

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Super 8	IH 35E, Exit 401B	Waxahachie, TX	972-938-9088
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Boerne, Texas**

**Chili cookoff: Turn-in 2:00PM**

**Other events include:**

- ◆ Jackpot Green Chili cookoff
- ◆ Jackpot Bean cookoff
- ◆ Christmas decorating contest
- ◆ Best Soup contest Saturday night, followed by a soup supper!
- ◆ Live entertainment

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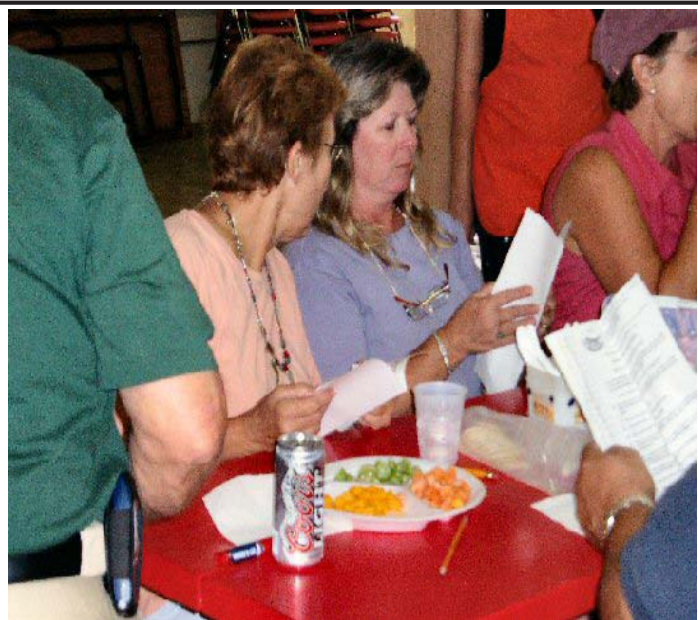
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I'm sure that many of the old-timers sometimes wonder 'what ever happened to . . .'. Since I've decided to run a business ad in the next few issues of the Terlingua Trails I thought it might make sense to answer that question for the old-timers and let the newer CASI members find out a little more about me as well. I sorta 'retired' from active participation in the chili world a few years back, but still pay attention to CASI and the wonderful work that the members do around the country.

First off, my name is Michael Baldwin and I'm a Life Member of CASI. I'm also number 64 of the original Old 320. I joined CASI around 1981 or '82 and was very active in the Pacific Northwest chili scene for the next 12 or 13 years. During that time I qualified to cook in Terlingua 7 times and actually got down there 4 times. I was the CASI Chilihead of the Year in 1989 and was honored to share the stage with my friend Tex Schofield, who was awarded Chilihead of the Decade. I miss him greatly! That same year I was Chilihead of the Year for my own pod, Puget Pod. When Puget Pod put on those Salmon BBQ's down in Terlingua in the mid 80's I was the guy who brought the 'infamous' Geoduck Clams down there and made fresh clam chowder out of them . . . after many of you had a chance to make sure they were really alive and for real.

I was a pretty good chili cook-off promoter too! I put on the Washington State Championship cook-off from about 1982 through 1991 at the Northwest Folklife Festival . . . the biggest festival of its kind in the country. Many of you were kind enough to make the trip up here and cook in that one . . . we had a good time. During those years I put on an average of about three cook-offs a year. My biggest thrill was being able to participate in raising money for the various charities and it's still my pride in CASI to see that tradition continue.

To answer my original question 'whatever happened to . . .'. Now days I'm a professional Santa Claus. Yep, I'm the spitting image of the jolly old elf! I have been portraying him for the last 8 years . . . ever since my hair and beard went white on me. I've got a bushy beard over a foot long and all my costumes are custom made just for me. I've got a website if you're interested . . . [www.HoHoHoCo.com](http://www.HoHoHoCo.com) As one of my customers said to me last year, "Playing Santa Claus lets you be who you are doesn't it?" It's true . . . I love what I do and it gives me the opportunity to raise money for charity too! I contribute gift certificates to charities I support up here and they auction me off, keep the money and I do the job. My clients are pretty high end companies like Microsoft and the Seattle Seahawks to name a couple.

So now I'm adding cards from Santa for kids to what I do. It's a way to bring the magic of Santa to kids all year long. Santa sends kids cards at Christmas, on their Birthday, at the end of the school year and at the beginning of the school year. All the cards are personal for just that one child. It's away of creating magic for the kids at a time when they need as much as they can get. Please check out my ad and drop by website for more information and how to subscribe for your child or grandchild. My email address is [Slighboy@HoHoHoCo.com](mailto:Slighboy@HoHoHoCo.com) and I'd love to hear from any of you who remember me and make new friends of those of you who don't. If you decide to give a child a subscription to these cards mention that you saw me in the Terlingua Trails and I'll take \$5.00 off each subscription.

Well, take care everyone . . . I've been thinking I need to come back down there to Terlingua, so don't be surprised if Santa shows up one of these Novembers.

**Michael Baldwin**





*Amvets Winners - 1st-Dodie Simpson, 2nd-Wes Watson,  
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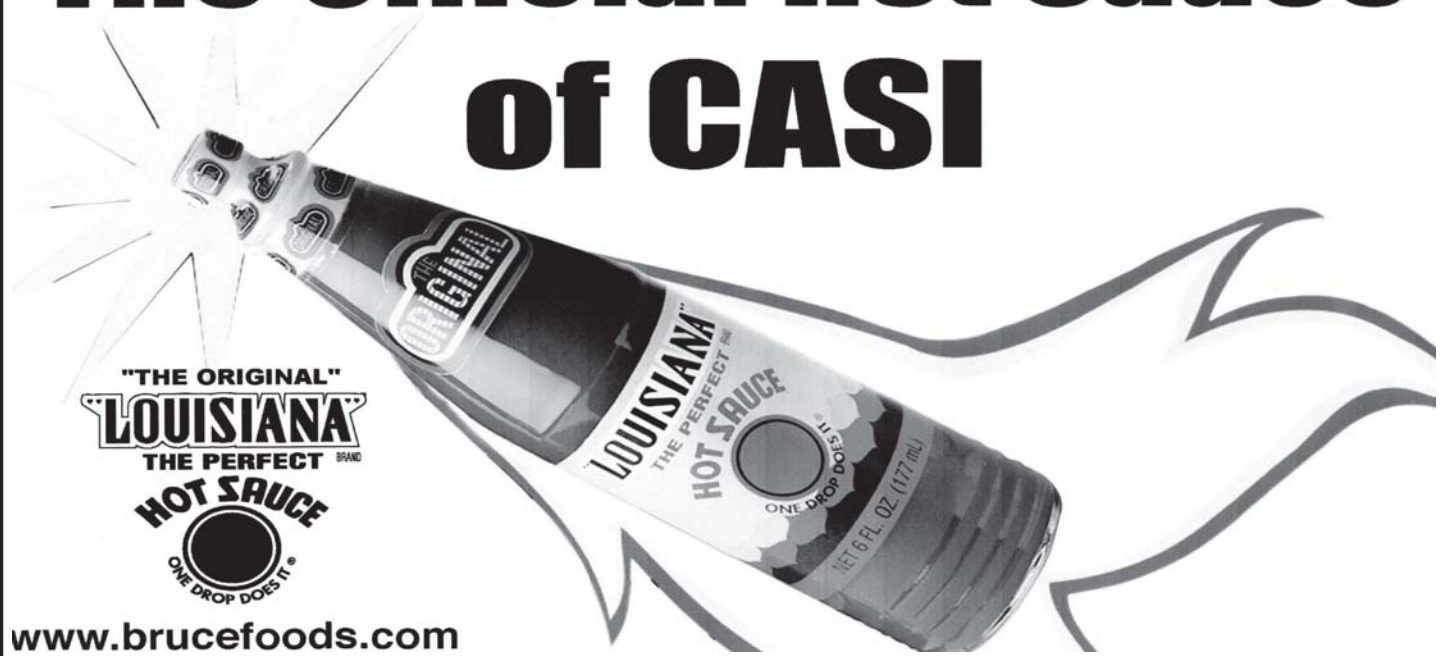
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Cookoff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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CASI Sanctioned: \_\_\_\_\_ Charity: \_\_\_\_\_

Turn-in Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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