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## BRIEFLY

### CHILI COOKOFF

The 14th annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff, sponsored by Big Spring's Harley-Davidson Shop, is this Saturday and organizers are looking for chili cooks, chili judges and chili eaters. Live musical entertainment is planned.

Entry fee for cooking teams is \$20, while admission for those interested in sampling their wares is \$5. Soft drinks will be provided for sale.

Cooks should bring their own cooking equipment and do not need to preregister, organizers said.

For more information call the Harley-Davidson Shop at 263-2322.

### VITA VOLUNTEERS

There will be a five-day training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in preparing 2002 income tax returns.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Tuesday, Jan. 21, until Friday, Jan. 24, and on Monday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. until noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for assisting taxpayers with their returns. All training materials will be provided.

Free tax assistance will be available in February and March at the Spring City Senior Center.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at (915) 398-5522 or e-mail dkenemur@apex2000.net.

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## Bivins selected to chair Senate Finance Committee

HERALD Staff Report

State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, has been named to head the Senate Finance Committee.

Lt. Gov.-elect David Dewhurst made the announcement Thursday. Bivins, whose District 31 includes Howard County, will replace Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who was chair during the last legislative session.

"It is an understatement to call this appointment an honor," said Sen. Bivins. "I am extremely

appreciative that Lt. Gov. Dewhurst has asked me to take this job. At the same time, I am humbled to receive such responsibility, especially given the challenges we in the legislature face regarding the budget."

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn earlier this week projected a budget shortfall of \$9.9 billion. The Texas Constitution requires legislators to produce a balanced budget.

"I'm aware the first question everyone will

"I view the projected shortfall not as something to fear, but as an opportunity."



Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo

want to ask is how I plan to get Texas out of this multi-billion dollar short-

fall," Bivins said in a prepared statement. "I will reiterate what I said earlier this week when the state comptroller issued her revenue estimate. I view the projected shortfall not as something to fear, but as an opportunity."

"Our budget condition should give the legislature the best environment in which to seek a more efficient delivery of state services," he added.

Bivins stressed that his new assignment puts him in a better position to

receive more diverse views on how to address the budget.

"I'm not deluded into thinking this assignment means I'm the omniscient money czar. I see my role as a team leader and I intend to put the emphasis on team and not on leader," he said.

"There are 14 other members on this committee and each one of them will be a vital contributor to our efforts," he added.

Bivins has also been

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## Mother-daughter enjoy '80 Bites' fund-raiser

Museum seeks volunteer chefs for popular fete

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Something good is cooking up in the kitchens of Jacque Mauch and Madeline Boadle, and a taste of their delicious dishes is just three weeks away.

The mother-daughter volunteer chefs were very popular last year at the Heritage Museum's annual "Around the World in 80 Bites."

"It is a lot of fun," Boadle said. "There was only one drawback. We were so busy we didn't get to taste the others."

Boadle's black-eye pea caviar recipe proved to be a hit among patrons who also had a sweet tooth for Mauch's cherry mash sours.

"I had a lot of repeat customers," Mauch said. "I had one man come back nine or 10 times and each time he'd take five or six pieces. He really loved it."

To help, contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

"Flavors of West Texas in 80 Bites" volunteer chefs Madeline Boadle, left, and Jacque Mauch present a sample of Mauch's cherry mash sour candy. The Heritage Museum, sponsor of the event, is currently seeking chefs. To participate, chefs need to make 350 bite-size samples of their best Texas recipe. For more information, contact Heritage Museum director Nancy Raney at 267-8255.

Both women encourage creative cooks to participate in this year's fundraiser, "Flavors of West Texas in 80 Bites."

"Find something simple," Boadle recommends.

"Simple and something that can be served at room temperature," agreed Mauch. "You do have electric plugs to use

if you want to serve something hot but you want to have a good time with it so make it reasonably simple on yourself."

To participate, chefs need to make 350 bite-size samples of their best Texas recipe and be ready for fun and a lot of visiting. Each chef also receives two chef passes and two adult tickets to

the event.

As an extra incentive, cash prizes will be awarded to the top three chefs. First place receives \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$20.

To sign up as a chef, contact Heritage Museum director Nancy Raney at 267-8255.

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## STAND DOWN

VAMC hosting annual event this weekend

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

During Civil War battles, common practice was to set up a safe area behind the lines where wounded or fatigued soldiers could go to recuperate and receive treatment. These areas were called "stand downs."



HANSLIK

Big Spring's VA Medical Center is setting up a Stand Down for another kind of battle-weary troops — homeless veterans — from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday on the VAMC property behind the medical center building.

"Homeless veterans are somewhat like combat troops living in the frequently hostile streets," said VAMC Community Relations Coordinator Iva Jo Hanslik. "Life on the streets is both dangerous

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## Christian promises fair representation if elected to 19th Congressional seat

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A Midland Marine Reserve major toured West Texas Thursday to formally announce his candidacy to replace retiring District 19 Congressman Larry Combust.

Bill Christian, a former staff member for U.S. Senators John Tower and Phil Gramm and former chief of staff to Congressman John Culberson of Houston, is an assistant vice chancellor of the University of Texas system.

He is also officer in charge of a Marine Reserve unit in Lubbock. Christian stopped at the Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring about 4 p.m. Thursday.

"As your next Congressman, I'll represent your interests, your hopes and your dreams in the U.S. House of

"That's what I want to do in representing any of the communities here, is to make sure it's based on sound science and cost-effective data."

Bill Christian, candidate for the 19th Congressional District

Representatives," Christian said. "Therefore today I formally announce my candidacy for election to Congress from the 19th District of Texas."

Christian said he plans to represent all of the 19th District equally, if elected.

"I believe very strongly

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Midland's Bill Christian put in an appearance at the Howard County Courthouse Thursday as part of a bus tour of West Texas. Christian announced his candidacy for U.S. Representative from the 19th District during the tour. An assistant vice-chancellor for the University of Texas system, Christian is also a former Washington D.C. Congressional and Senate staff worker and a Marine Corps Reserve major.

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## State glance

### Lawmakers may look at exemptions

AUSTIN (AP) — With Gov. Rick Perry and others vowing not to raise taxes, lawmakers may not even want to take a peek at a new report that says the state is losing out on \$22.4 billion a year because of sales tax exemptions.

The Senate Finance Committee report details exemptions on items such as manufacturing materials, medicine, food and fuel.

The report says Texas could generate about \$2.4 billion a year in revenue by repealing some exemptions. Not taxing some services such as construction labor will cost the state about \$9.9 billion over the next biennium, the report said.

### Perry sets May 3 election

AUSTIN (AP) — The special election to fill a congressional seat being vacated by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest will be May 3, Gov. Rick Perry said Thursday.

Combest, R-Lubbock, announced in early November that he would resign effective May 31.

Candidates for the special election must file applications with the Secretary of State by April 2. The early voting period runs from April 16 through April 29.

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"... 80 Bites" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8., from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the museum, 510 Scurry St. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at the museum.

"What you pay for, you get your money's worth," Mauch said.

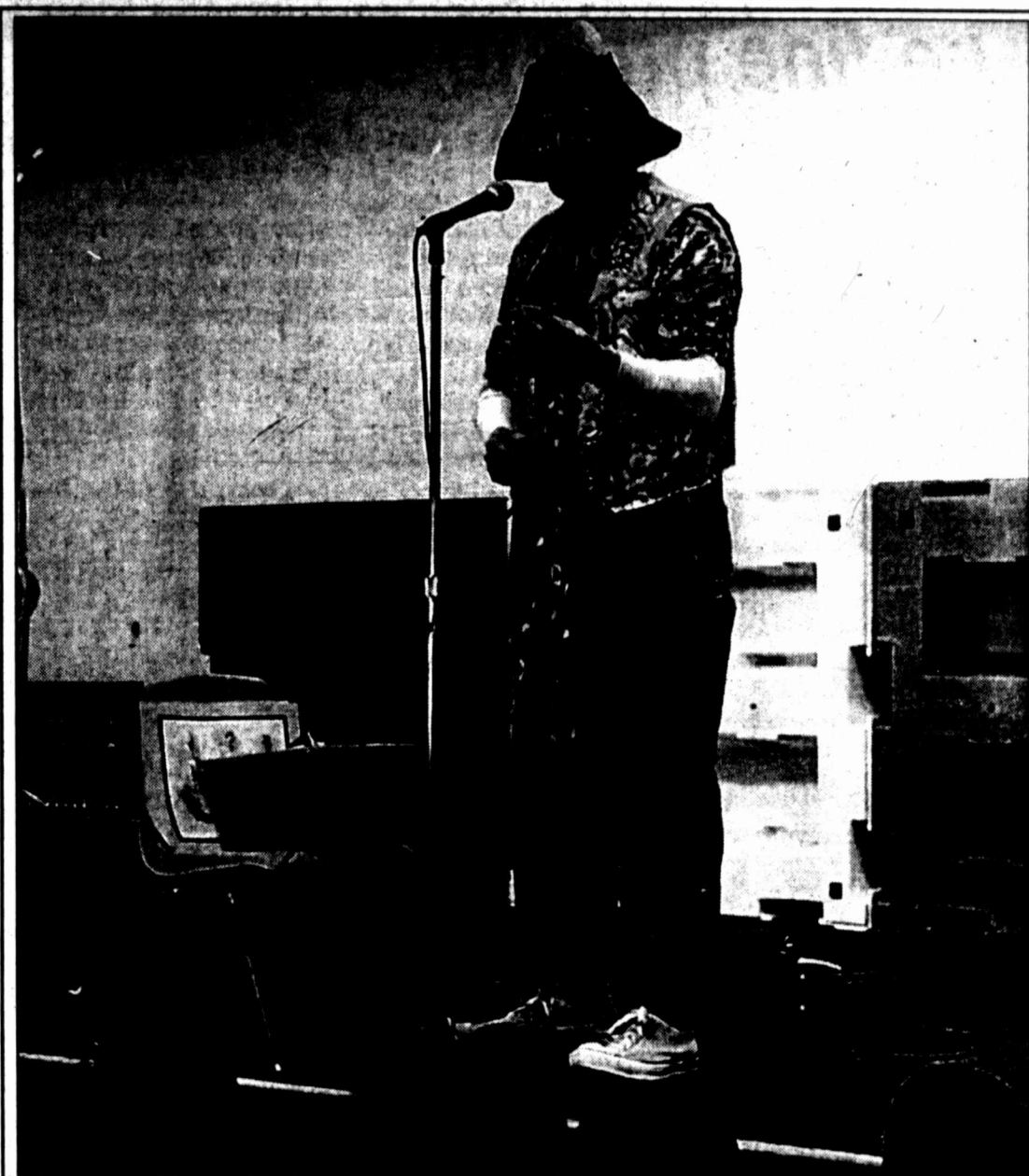
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## BIVINS

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selected as a member of three other senate committees: Government Organization, International Relations and Trade and Jurisprudence. He served three previous terms as chairman of the Senate Education Committee and also served as a member of the Natural Resources and Criminal Justice committees.

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, was named chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. He was also appointed to the Finance Committee, the Natural Resources Committee and the State Affairs Committee.



Branson author and comedian Eddie Bowman as "Chester Drawers" performs before a large group of Moss Elementary students Thursday morning. The entertainer's antics, stories and silly songs produced plenty of laughter from the youths.

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## VAMC

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and debilitating." Hanslik said the event is a safe place where homeless vets can come to get job counseling, health screenings, vision screenings and other information from the VAMC, Texas Workforce Network, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Social Security Department.

If screenings reveal that veterans have need of medical care, they will be encouraged to admit themselves to the hospital or schedule a visit at a later time, Hanslik added. The local Lions Club will be providing free used eyeglasses to those who need them, and other area service organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion, are helping out with donations of food, clothing, phone cards and personal hygiene items.

Needy veterans will be treated to three hot meals at the event, Hanslik said. "Stand Downs are an attempt to assist the homeless in removing the legal and social barriers in an effort to overcome isolation and hopelessness," said VAMC

Director Cary Brown. For more information, contact the VA Medical Center at 263-7361.

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## 19TH

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in representative democracy and I believe anybody who is an elected representative has to represent all of their constituents, no matter where a bulk of the votes come from," he said. "I already have a record of working on behalf of Big Spring and I feel very comfortable doing so — working on initiatives from easing regulations on the use of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark to working to implement the Ports-To-Plains corridor."

How should Ports-to-Plains break down between Midland and Big Spring? "It's not an either-or proposition," Christian said. "I worked with the Midland-Odessa community to ensure that they were included, if they wanted to be, as a spur to the Ports-To-Plains, but they are also involved in a corridor called 'La Entrada al Pacifico.' I think that there is enough support to go around for the whole district."

Such decisions should

be made based on what makes the most sense for the entire district, he added.

"That's what I want to do in representing any of the communities here, is to make sure it's based on sound science and cost-effective data," he said. "I think that that will be to Big Spring's benefit when it comes to the Ports-to-Plains corridor just as it will be to Midland's benefit on the La Entrada al Pacifico corridor."

Christian is one of about 12 candidates who have expressed interest in running to replace Combest. Other candidates and potential candidates include:

- Lubbock
- Vickie Sutton (R), law school professor.
- Will Dodson (R), former County Court-at-Law Judge.
- Carl Isett (R), state representative serving his

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fourth term, accountant, officer in the Navy Reserve.

- Larry Johnson (L), state criminal justice employee, 2002 Libertarian nominee for the 19th Congressional District.

- Donald May (R), optometry surgeon, former Texas Tech University professor.

- Randy Neugebauer (R), real estate investor and entrepreneur, former city councilman.

former economic development manager for the city of Midland, oil and gas businessman.

Odessa

- James Owen Berryhill (R), director of Mission Messiah, co-founder of Midland Odessa Health and Retirement Endeavor.

- Kaye Gaddy (D), educator with experience in television and public relations.

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Midland

- Richard Bartlett (R), Midland physician who also practices in Odessa.

- Mike Conaway (R), an accountant and former business partner of President George W. Bush, former Midland ISD trustee.

- Carroll Thomas (R), former Midland mayor.

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Truman Jones, 88, died Thursday. Graveside services are 10:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park and Memorial Services follow at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church. He will be in State Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

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**CHURCH NEWS**

**Gospel Tabernacle**

Gospel Tabernacle, 1907 Scurry St., will host the Annual Camp Meeting Jan. 31 through Feb. 2, nightly at 7 p.m. and at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. "Come, let us go into the house of the Lord". (Psa. 122:1)

Body ministry, music and spiritual singing. Hear about the Kingdom of God. Growing up in the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:13). The unveiling of the Sons of God. (Rom. 8:19). Ministers from Canada and several U.S. states will minister the word of God.

Everyone is welcome. Food and fellowship will follow the meeting.

For more information call 263-2053 or 267-8542.

**Friends of Unity**

The mission of Friends of Unity is to build a fellowship which is an integral part of our community, for the purpose of learning, growing, sharing and living in spiritual awareness.

The 2 p.m. Sunday group commences a 13th week study of powers active in Jesus' 12 apostles.

In the book, "Twelve

**Powers Of Man," Charles Fillmore shares his understanding that these same powers are available today.**

His book, based on the Bible, will be the study guide. All are welcome to get in on the beginning of this interesting and challenging inquiry.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Here's help in raising responsible young men in today's culture! Free to the community! St. Paul will be sponsoring a six-week video seminar titled "Bringing Up Boys." This seminar is produced by Focus on the Family Ministries and Dr. James Dobson. All parents, grandparents, youth workers, pastors, teachers — anyone who can make a difference in a boy's life — don't miss this seminar. It will be held in the St. Paul Lutheran Fellowship Hall on Thursdays at 7 p.m. beginning Feb. 6. Please call 267-7163 to register.

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life."

**First Baptist Church**

First Baptist invites you to worship with us this

year. Come this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and join a Sunday School class for Bible Study and fellowship. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Dennis Teeters' sermon topic for Sunday morning is "Lost and Found." "Old Testament Survey" and "What Did Jesus Say About That?" classes are at 5 p.m. These classes will be taught by our pastor and youth director, Dr. Jeff Donnell. We'll meet again for evening worship at 6.

If you are a fan of old time gospel music, you are in for a treat. Ed Enoch, formerly with the Statesmen, who were backup singers for Elvis, and Golden Covenant will be here in concert on Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken to support these men in their ministry. There will be childcare for children three years of age or younger. Come and enjoy this evening of music.

For more information concerning the other programs of our church, please call 267-8223.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30

a.m. The Adult Sunday School class will be studying a series on "The Christian Life."

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast this Saturday, Jan. 18, starting at 8 a.m. in the Chapel.

Episcopal Church Women will meet after the 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday, Jan. 19.

St. Mary's will begin their Inquirers' Class on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. This is a class for adults who are interested in learning more of the ways and teachings of the Episcopal Church.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

**First Assembly of God**

You are invited to our annual Chili Cook Off this Sunday after the morning service. Each year we have a chili cookoff and prizes are given to the top three contestants. But the greatest part of the event is eating the chili and the fellowship during this wonderful occasion.

In the morning service, at 10:40, Pastor Havener will be speaking on

"Characteristics of Discipleship," taken from Revelation 14:4.

In the evening service, at 6, Pastor Havener will be speaking on "Why Should You Be a Christian."

The congregations of First Assembly invite you to join them for this great day of special music, fellowship and the Word. First Assembly is located at Fourth and Lancaster.

**Christ's Community Fellowship**

Womens ministry at Christ's Community Fellowship, 1909 Gregg St., Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us to renew or to begin your walk with God and encourage others. Call 267-3200 for more information.

**Cowboy Church of the American West**

Cowboy Church of the American West has established an emergency fund to support the search and rescue efforts still being conducted in Flagstaff, Ariz. for Pastor Monty Price and three passengers. With the search efforts continuing, the relief fund will be used to support the volunteers that are diligently searching for the plane that disappeared from radar on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Financial support is needed. Please send contributions to the "CCAW Rescue Fund" at the Community National Bank of Midland, Texas 601 E. Florida Midland, Tx 79701 915-684-3975

**CLUB NEWS**

**Big Spring Woman's Club**

Big Spring Woman's Club held its annual Christmas party on Dec. 16 at the home of Kim Cooksey. A Chinese auction gift exchange was held and holiday entertainment was provided by Big Spring High School's choral group, "Rhapsody."

Items have been collected by club members to be donated to the Rainbow Room.

The Club will be presenting a community forum on "Health Issues for Young Women" on Monday, Jan. 20 at the Trinity Baptist Church Annex at 810 Eleventh Place. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. and the public is invited.

**Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association**

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, Jan. 20, in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Jack Abusaab will speak on the subject, Palestinian Heritage. Members are reminded to turn in their volunteer hours for the year.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

**Sand Springs Lions Club**

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday, Jan. 6 with President Shyrlee Reid presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Boadle and the opening prayer was worded by Jarrell Barbee.

President Reid read a letter of recommendation in regard to the transfer request of Richard "Tex" Irvin to the Sand Springs Lions Club.

Betty Franklin made the motion that the transfer of Irvin be accepted. Fred Franklin made the motion that he be accepted by acclamation. The motion carried.

It was announced that the winner of the Christmas basket was Loryne Callete and it was delivered by Neal and Marjorie Squires. A profit of \$76.70 was made on this

project. Reid urged anyone that could go to the District 2 A1 meeting in San Angelo, Jan. 11, should do so.

Jarrell Barbee, project chairman, gave the secretary the list of supporters of the sign project who had paid for 2003. A vote of thanks was voiced for each one of these supporters. A letter of thanks will be mailed to each one.

The president named Phillip Reid, Ben Boadle and Fred Franklin to the Committee on Nomination. The new

officer report is to be in to International by April 5.

The Sand Spring Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lions Community Center on Scout Hut Road in Sand Springs.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

**1955 Hyperion Club**

The 1955 Hyperion Club met Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the home of

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**Elsewhere**  
International briefs



**Hussein calls people to 'rise up'**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A defiant Saddam Hussein called on his people Friday to rise up and defend the nation against a new U.S.-led attack and promised that Iraq's enemies would face "suicide" at the gates of his capital.

The 40-minute televised address, delivered on the 12th anniversary of the Gulf War, revealed no sign that Saddam was prepared to step down or bow to demands of the United Nations, which has sent inspectors to determine if Iraq has given up its weapons of mass destruction.

On Thursday, the inspectors found 12 empty rocket warheads that could be used to carry chemical agents. Iraq claims the warheads are old and were listed in earlier disclosures of the country's weapons. The inspectors initially were not sure if the 12th warhead was a potential chemical weapons carrier, but concluded Friday it was.

In Paris, French President Jacques Chirac met with chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix and supported the request by Blix and head nuclear inspector Mohamed ElBaradei for additional time to complete their mission.

The United States has threatened military action if Iraq fails to prove it has given up weapons of mass destruction. On Friday, Saddam vowed to beat back any invasion.

"The people of Baghdad have resolved to compel the Mongols of this age to commit suicide on its walls," Saddam said. "Everyone who tries to climb over its walls ... will fail in his attempt."

**Investigators probe infant deaths**

COMITAN, Mexico (AP) — Forensic experts have begun exhuming the bodies of 27 infants in an investigation into unusually high death rates for newborns at a hospital in southern Mexico.

With the parents of the newborns closely monitoring their progress, the experts began their grim task Thursday by removing the body of a week-old infant, Jose Guadalupe Ortega, from his grave.

The newborn's mother, Alicia Anzures Ortega, said she and other parents hope the investigation will provide answers about the deaths, which many suspect were caused by malpractice and unsanitary conditions at the hospital in the southern state of Chiapas.

"We mothers demand that they tell us what our children really died of, and that they punish those responsible," Ortega said.

**CLUB**

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Diane Murphy, Sharon Johnston and Brenda Thomas served as co-hostesses.

Brenda Conciene attended as the guest of Kay Zant.

The program was presented by Beverly McMahon, who gave the history and overview of the Dora Roberts Community Center and its contribution to the community and plans to increase its use.

**Mary Jane Club**

Mary Jane Club of Coahoma met Jan. 9, at Patricia Barr's home in Vincent. Fourteen members answered roll call with "Why I love Texas."

Doris McClellan, who resides 30 miles south of Colorado City and is a wildflower naturalist, presented a very interesting and informative slide program about wildflowers and how using our native flowers and grasses in our gardens can help to preserve precious water.

Doris also has written a book, "Angel on My Shoulder," about her own experience of being attacked by a rabid wildcat while taking a morning walk at her ranch. She has also written a children's book, "Baxter Badger's Home."

The next meeting will be Feb. 13, with Sue Tindol and Sammie Kingston as hostesses to celebrate to club's 53rd anniversary with a special tea.

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**TOPS TX 21 Big Spring**

TOPS TX 21 met for a regular Monday meeting on Jan. 13 in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 West Third, at 6 p.m.

Olnee Menges opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the TOPS pledge and fellowship song.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Gladys Russell.

Donna Menges gave a reading, "Happy 55th Birthday TOPS," and Shirley Jenkins gave a reading entitled "New Year's Wishes".

Eleven TOPS and three KOPS weighed in. TOPS best loser was Genay Bertran and KOPS' best loser was Lynne Criswell. Each one received the weekly award and certificate.

Carol Smith gave the program entitled, "Medical Reasons for Obesity."

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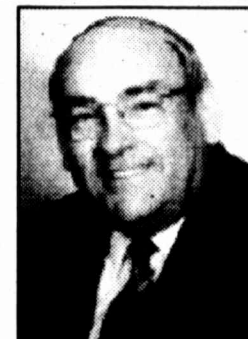
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**Try olive-stuffed chicken with almonds**

The Associated Press

Wintry weather makes recipes using only five ingredients sound really, really appealing. With a book full of such recipes and a few timely grocery buys, great home-cooked meals are within everyone's reach.

The cookbook with a trove of such recipes exists: it's "Gourmet's Five Ingredients" (Random House, 2002, \$35), based on a regular feature on everyday cooking in Gourmet magazine. The book's collection of recipes numbers about 175, with more than 100 created just for the book.

This chicken recipe calls for a simple combination of chicken breasts with briny olives, for a good flavor base. You'll need butter to cook them in, and to make the sauce with its almond crunch and bright touch of green parsley. What could be easier?

Olive-Stuffed Chicken With Almonds  
(Start to finish about 35 minutes)

- 4 boneless chicken breast halves with skin (about 2 1/4 pounds total)
- 1 cup brine-cured green olives such as picholine, pitted and chopped
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup whole almonds with skins
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Pat chicken breasts dry, then cut a 2-inch-long horizontal slit in the thickest part of each. Stuff each chicken breast with 1 1/2 teaspoons olives, then season with salt and black pepper.

Heat 1 tablespoon butter

in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderate heat until foam subsides, then toast almonds, stirring frequently, until a few shades darker, 5 to 8 minutes. Transfer with a slotted spoon to a cutting board to cool (do not clean skillet).

Heat skillet over moderately high heat, then add chicken breasts, skin sides down, and sprinkle

with remaining olives. Sauté chicken breasts until skins are golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Turn chicken breasts over and cook, covered, over moderate heat until just cooked through, 5 to 7 minutes more, than transfer with tongs to plates.

While chicken is cooking, chop almonds. Add remaining table-

spoon butter and 3 tablespoons water to skillet and heat, stirring, until butter is melted. Stir in almonds, parsley and black pepper to taste. Spoon sauce over chicken.

Makes 4 servings.

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By TOMMY WE

Sports Editor  
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Sands' Tisha Kayla Spence Lady Buffs' 33-

### Little League officials looking into possible merger

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor  
The days of having three Little League programs within the city of Big Spring are numbered. In fact, there could be less than one day left in the life of the American, National and International leagues.

At least, that's the hope of youth baseball supporters in the Crossroads who have scheduled a meeting

for Saturday night to discuss the official merger of the three leagues into one.

Officials from all three leagues are slated to meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Parker Hydraulics to formalize an agreement that will make Big Spring a one-league community — similar to other Texas communities of equal size. The meeting is open to the general public.

The idea of merging isn't a new notion among the Big Spring leagues. Officials have reportedly considered forming one league for the past several years.

"We've talked about this for 2 or 3 years," said Little League backer Randy Phillips. "Only in the last few months have we really gotten serious about consolidating the leagues."

The major reason behind the unification of the National, American and International leagues is simple: Declining numbers — both in the numbers of players participating and the overall decrease in the city's population in recent years.

Big Spring used to field four Little League programs during the 1950s — fielding a Texas League on the north side of town

in addition to the three existing programs.

"The simple fact is the number of participants in Little League everywhere is dropping," said Phillips. "We had three leagues here while most other cities our size have one. In the past, because of the population shift here, the International League didn't have enough players to have a

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### IN BRIEF

#### Hawks' skills camp will begin Jan. 18

The Howard College Hawks coaching staff and players will begin their Skills Camp on Jan. 18 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-12. Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball. They will showcase the skills at the half of the Hawks-Clarendon game on Feb. 10.

The cost for the camp, which runs four Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon, is \$10 per person.

For more information contact Hawks head coach Chris Jans at 264-5044.

#### Hunter safety class slated for Feb. 8-9

A hunter safety class will be available for local residents on Feb. 8-9 in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce offices.

Boyce Hale will conduct the classes, which are being sponsored by Dibrell's Gun Shop.

For more information contact Hale at 267-6957 or 267-7891.

#### Baseball boosters will meet Jan. 20

The Big Spring High School baseball boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, in the ATC meeting room.

All boosters are asked to have their ads for the program completed and ready to turn in. The group is also planning a work day on Jan. 25 to prepare the field for the team's first day of workouts, which is set for Jan. 27.

For more information contact Jim Clements at 267-1069.

#### BSYBA hoop season continues this Sat.

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association 2003 season continues this weekend with a full state of games.

Teams from throughout the area, including Big Spring, Ackerly, Stanton, Forsan, Garden City, Grady and Coahoma are fielding teams this year.

#### Big Spring girls will face Andrews Friday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will continue their District 4-4A march on Friday when they travel to Andrews to face the Andrews Lady Mustangs.

The JV Lady Steers are slated to tip off at 7:30 p.m. The BSHS varsity squad will start at 6 p.m.

#### Ten Star basketball camp taking entries

Applications for the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp are now being accepted.

For a free brochure contact the camp at (704) 373-0873.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		Jan. 17	
Event	Time	Station	
Lady Steers vs. Andrews	5:45 p.m.	1490	
Lady Steers vs. Andrews	7:15 p.m.	1490	
Jan. 19			
Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia	2 p.m.	FOX	
Tennessee at Oakland	5:30 p.m.	CBS	
Jan. 20			
Lady Steers vs. Midland	5:35 p.m.	1490	
Hawks vs. Midland	7:35 p.m.	1490	
Jan. 21			
Lady Steers vs. Lake View	5:45 p.m.	1490	
Steers vs. Lake View	7:16 p.m.	1490	

### Dallas acquires Lemieux in trade

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Claude Lemieux already has four Stanley Cup championship rings.

He may have a chance to win another one this season, but it won't be as a member of the Phoenix Coyotes.

In a cost-cutting move Thursday, the Coyotes dealt the veteran right winger to the Dallas Stars for left wing Scott Pellerin and a conditional pick in the 2004 draft — expected to be no lower than a third-round choice.

Lemieux, 37, had just six goals and eight assists in 36 games this season but missed nine games with a fractured foot.

He agreed to waive his no-trade clause so the deal could work.

"It hasn't been much fun for me here on the ice," Lemieux told The Arizona Republic. "My family and I, we love Arizona. This is our home. But not winning, for me, is tough to accept. Not winning and not playing as much as you expect to play is the ultimate worst-case scenario."

Lemieux signed with the Coyotes as a free agent in December 2000 after stops in Montreal, New Jersey and Colorado. He's just one of five players in NHL history to win four championships with three different teams.

"Claude adds experience, depth and versatility," Dallas general manager Doug Armstrong said. "He is a proven winner who has a postseason resume that speaks for itself."

## STILL PERFECT

### Hawks improve to 18-0 with wild win over Bulldogs

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Howard College head coach Chris Jans knew going into Thursday's showdown with the Clarendon College Bulldogs nothing would come easy.

And, true enough, it didn't.

The No. 3-ranked Howard College Hawks sprinted to a 17-point lead in the first half and then held off a furious second-half rally to claim a tough 78-70 victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

With the win, Howard College remained atop the WJAC standings, improving to 2-0 in league play. They also remained unbeaten for the season, going to 18-0.

Despite the scare, Jans said the whole ordeal was just what the Hawks needed.

"We needed to come into a hostile environment and play a game like that," he said. "I think this kind of game can only help us."

The Hawks looked as if they would need plenty of help at the start. Clarendon, now 8-10 overall and 1-1 in conference play, bolted to a quick 5-0 lead to open the game.

It took Howard College almost four minutes to take the bone away from the Bulldogs. Vas'shun Newborne helped key an 8-2 run early in the first half by pushing home a layup at the 16:17 mark of the stanza. His basket gave Howard an 8-7 cushion.

Newborne's heroics highlighted a 14-0 run but it was only the prequel to the Hawks' main act.

Over a 10-minute span midway through the first half, Je'Kel Foster and Newborne sparked a 22-6 spree that ballooned the Hawks' lead to 17, at 33-16, with less than five minutes to play in the initial 20-minute frame.

Clarendon, which was led by sophomore Raymond Shaw, battled back. The Bulldogs outscored Howard over the final four min-

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Howard College sophomore Jared Fears drives toward the hoop during recent Hawks' basketball action. Fears and the No. 3-ranked HC men's basketball team survived a 78-70 scare Thursday against Clarendon.

### Lady Buffs advance to semifinals of JV tournament with win over Sands

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

FORSAN — Stephanie Whetsel scored eight points and Haley Belew added seven more Thursday night and helped carry the Forsan Lady Buffalos to a 33-19 win over the Sands Lady Mustangs in the first round of the Forsan JV Basketball Tournament.

The win enables Forsan to move into the semifinals against against either Borden Co. or Water Valley on Saturday morning. The winner of that contest will compete for the tournament cham-

ionship.

Sands, which played the final period, with just four players, will face the loser of the Borden Co.-Water Valley matchup Saturday at 9 a.m.

The Lady Mustangs, who have only five players on their roster, held their own in the first eight minutes of the contest. Sands garnered five points from Tisha Lucio in the first quarter and went into the second trailing by a slim 10-8 clip.

Lacy Eggleston paced the Lady Buffs' efforts in the first, throwing in two shots from the field.

Kayla Spence, Whetsel and Belew also chipped in baskets.

Lucio continued to carry the hot hand in the second. She poured in six points in the frame and helped the Lady Mustangs outscore Forsan by a 9-6 margin. Sands held a 17-16 lead at the half.

The wheels came off the Sands wagon in the third, however. Forsan, powered by the shooting of Whetsel and Marisa McDonald, staged a 12-0 run in the frame and streaked to a 28-17 advan-

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### Steers, Lady Steers to face off with Andrews

The Big Spring Lady Steers will try and work themselves back into the District 4-4A playoff picture tonight when they travel north to face the Andrews Mustangs.

A win over Andrews would enable the BSHS girls to close the first half of loop play with a 2-3 mark and move into a tie for fourth in the league. The BSHS boys will also

be looking to find the win column. The Steers, 2-21 overall, are 0-2 in 4-4A action.

Games will begin at 6 p.m. KBST will broadcast the varsity games.



Sands' Tisha Lucio attempts to shoot around Forsan's Kayla Spence and Kalea Robbins during the first half the Lady Buffs' 33-19 win Thursday.

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7 PM	Funnest Home Videos	Fastlane (CC)	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	Movie: Dennis the Menace	Presidio Med (CC)	Children's Hospital	Mister Sterling (CC)	America's Prince: The	Las Vias del Amor	That's-Raven That's-Raven	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Tomb Raider (CC)	Movie: City Hall (CC)	Movie: Behind Enemy Lines (CC)	Joseph Good Faye Hardin	Expedition Egypt	Killer Ants (CC)	Movie: Monte Walsh (CC)	Enforcers
8 PM	Whose Line? Drew Carey (CC)	John Doe (CC)	Wash. Week On the Record	Menace	Hack (CC)	Whose Line? Drew Carey	Dateline (CC)	John F. Kennedy Jr. Story	Entre el Amor y el Odio	That's-Raven That's-Raven	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Killing Me Softly		Oz (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Hauntings (CC)	Gut Busters (CC)		True Stories-Morgue
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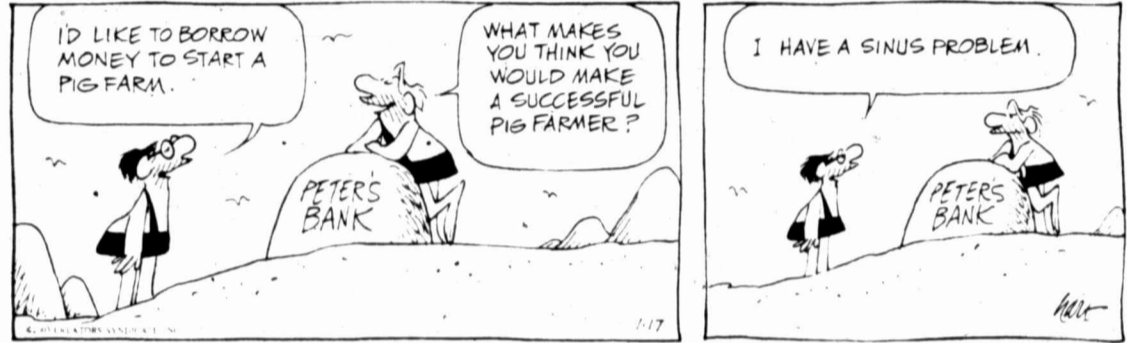
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People In the News

The Associated Press.

A judge dismissed a probation violation charge against former Olympic figure skater Tonya Harding on Thursday, calling the proceedings a "media circus."

Harding was a passenger in a car that was stopped for speeding in December in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. A police officer found two unopened cans of beer.

Judge Ken Eiesland said he doesn't review "potential violations."

"You are wasting the court's time," he told a prosecutor. Harding's blood-alcohol level was 0.16 when she was arrested last April after running her truck into a ditch. She also spent eight days in jail last August for violating probation with her drunken-driving arrest. Harding was on probation

after hitting a boyfriend with a hubcap.

She said Thursday that she's been singled out because of her celebrity.

The two-time U.S. champion was convicted in 1994 of hindering prosecution in a plot to injure rival Nancy Kerrigan during the U.S. Championships in Detroit. The U.S. Figure Skating Association banned her for life.

Harding plans to make her debut as a professional boxer Feb. 22 in Memphis, Tenn., on a card featuring former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

LONDON (AP) - Prince Charles took a bus ride Thursday through a gentle green valley said to have been the inspiration for Middle Earth in J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Launching a new rural bus service through the Rabble Valley between the towns of Clitheroe and Chipping in northwest England, the heir to the throne chatted to fellow pas-

sengers. "The prince said he would like a service like this to be used," said Len Cherry, 67, of Chipping.

"If they are not used then they will disappear. The prince was concerned about local trades in rural communities."

Bus driver David Wilson, who handed Charles a bus ticket at the start of the journey, said he always drove carefully, "but with an extra special VIP on board I was a bit nervous."

The new service is run by Bowland Transit, in collaboration with Lancashire County Council, which is trying to improve transport services for residents in small rural communities.

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Newsday Crossword

BED TIME by Merle Baker  
Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

- 1 Ice portion
- 5 *The Merry Widow* composer
- 10 Food Network host
- 14 Mideast sultanate
- 15 Mountain ridge
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- 17 Posse
- 18 Dance loner
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- 22 Sugar cane source
- 23 Perfect score, perhaps
- 24 Unruly hair
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- 30 Many Civil War fighters
- 32 Durocher of baseball
- 33 Lose vigor
- 34 Sugar source 1975 Wimbledon champ
- 39 Sped
- 43 Irish singer
- 44 Delhi dress
- 45 Zilch
- 47 List ender
- 49 Looked after
- 52 Last course
- 56 On Easy Street
- 57 Source of iron
- 58 Leaf through
- 60 Damage
- 61 2001 George Clooney role

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- 71 Flow slowly
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- 13 Spore producers
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- 50 Hoover \_\_\_
- 51 Slip by
- 52 Flightless birds
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- 54 Get the impression
- 55 Crunchy foods
- 59 Something owed
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- 63 Presidential nickname
- 64 Comedian Louis
- 66 *Norma* \_\_\_
- 67 Conclusion