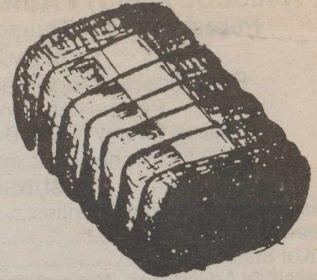


**All Around  
The Town**

By Mary Ann Sarchet



# Briscoe County News

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We are coming to the end of another year. It has gone by so quickly that it is hard to realize we are standing on the threshold of 2002.

This has been such a delightful, terrible, happy, sad, rudely awakening sort of time. It is hard to find any good in much of what has transpired since the beginning of September, but if there is good to be found it has to be in the reappearance of a religious and patriotic attitude that had just fallen asleep in our great land. This slumbering giant had been taken for granted so long that it had just about disappeared from our lives.

It may have lost much of its visibility, but it certainly wasn't dead as some would argue. It didn't take but a few minutes of realization on the morning of September 11 to bring much of what we are so proud of flooding back into our consciousness.

America is still the greatest land on earth, and those who may have doubted it no longer have a valid argument.

America's economy has been in trouble and many are having to pay the price by losing their jobs and other things which we have also taken for granted. No one ever thought we would see farm commodities selling for such low prices, while everything farmers have to buy continues at high levels.

No one that I know of would ever have believed that we would have to travel so far for groceries, but that's what we now do. This should make us thankful for what we still have with resolve never to take things for granted again!

## Hoot-Out To Begin Here Today

The annual Silverton High School Basketball Tournament, known as the Hoot-Out, is set to begin here today.

First-round games in the girls bracket begin with Highland Park and Hart at 9:00 a.m.; Amarillo Trinity and Wellington at 12:00 p.m.; Bovina and Pampa Ac. at 3:00 p.m. and Kress and Silverton at 6:00 p.m.

In the boys bracket, first-round games will be Highland Park and

Hart at 10:30 a.m.; White Deer and Wellington at 1:30 p.m.; Bovina and Pampa Ac. at 4:30 p.m., and Kress and Silverton at 7:30 p.m.

The tournament brackets for all the games are located on Page Five of this issue. You are invited to enjoy lots of good basketball games and a lot of good things to eat from the concession stand while this event is going on through Saturday night.

## New Year Travel Won't Be Happy If You're Involved in a Car Crash

The New Year holiday traditionally brings thoughts of get-togethers with family and friends and traveling to ball games and parties. New Years is also a time of increased alcohol consumption. To combat this dangerous mix of travel and alcohol, the Texas De-

partment of Public Safety will be patrolling highways, enforcing traffic laws with the aim of reducing the number of fatalities associated with the holiday.

"It won't be a happy new year if you are involved in a crash," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, jr., director of the DPS. "Our troopers will be out in full force looking for drink drivers, speeders and seat belt violators."

Fortunately, prior thought and planning can alleviate travel stress and avoid potential problems. The DPS offers Texas motorists the following tips.

**See New Year Travel--  
Continued on Page Four**

## Omitted From Greeting Page

Through an error at the newspaper office, the names of Edwin and Ann Norris were omitted from the Christmas Greeting Page.

They turned in their name and their donation, but it was lost in the Christmas shuffle. Sorry.



*May the true spirit of the holiday season  
bring a multitude of blessings  
to you and your family.  
May your hearts be forever  
light with faith, joy and contentment.*

## Lance Stidham Is Candidate For County Sheriff

Lance Stidham has asked Briscoe County News to make his announcement for Briscoe County Sheriff in the March Primary.

Stidham has lived in Briscoe County for 31 years, so he is on a first-name basis with most of the residents of Briscoe County.

In making his announcement, he states: "I would like to tell everyone to please get out and vote in the March Primary. I will try to get around to visit with each citizen of Briscoe County before the election."

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## Long Christmas Celebrated Here

Guests in the home of Othel Long December 7-9 were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Long, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Long and little great-grandson, Drew, of Hesperia, California; Grace Barkman, Melady and David of Adelanto, California; Rebecca Long of Los Angeles,

## John Wyatt Is Candidate For Commissioner

John Wyatt has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he is a candidate for Commissioner in Precinct 4, subject to action of the forthcoming Democratic Primary.

Wyatt has been a resident of Briscoe County for 29 years and an employee of Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority for 16 years. He is dedicated to serving the people of Precinct 4 and Briscoe County and would appreciate your support.

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California; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barely, Jason Vaughan, Jake and Joseph Chitwood, all of Lubbock; Ronald Welch, Tulia; Roy Len Long, Silverton; Lorilynn Long of Plainview.

All went to the commencement Saturday, December 8, where Lorilynn Long got her bachelor of science diploma. Saturday night all had dinner and the Christmas tree.



Mrs. Nance's Third Grade has written to the New York firefighters twice, and has received this picture and thank-you note from them: "On behalf of the families of our fallen brothers in the First Battalion, thank you for your thoughtfulness, including the many letters, expressions of condolence and prayers we've received. We can assure you that your special act of kindness is much appreciated by the families and fellow Battalion members. With our sincerest and heartfelt thanks . . . Firefighters of Engine 7 Ladder 1 Battalion 1."

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New shipment of sympathy cards has arrived at the Briscoe County News. 9-tfnc

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AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitaque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 26-tfnc

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Thank-you notes at the Briscoe County News office. 37-tfnc

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For County Judge, Briscoe County, Texas:

**TED KINGERY**  
Re-election

For County & District Clerk, Briscoe County, Texas:

**BENA HESTER**  
Re-election

For County Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas:

**JEFF FUSTON**  
Re-election

**TERRY MILLER**  
**LANCE STIDHAM**

For County Treasurer, Briscoe County, Texas:

**MARY JO BRANNON**  
Re-election

For Justice of the Peace, Briscoe County Precinct 1:

**EDWIN NORRIS**  
Re-election

For Commissioner, Briscoe County Precinct 4:

**GARY WEAKS**  
Re-election  
**JOHN WYATT**

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## Don't Let Foodborne Illness Spoil Mail-Order Surprise

Catalogue shopping can be a time and energy saver, but worries about food safety mail spoil holiday festivities. Foodborne illness affects more than 76 million Americans each year. Foodborne illness is caused by harmful microorganisms that feed on moist, protein-rich food such as meat, poultry, fish and cheesecake. Although it is hard to tell if food has been mishandled, there are a few visual signs that could provide clues. Make sure food, such as meat or poultry, is still cold or frozen, and has been packed with a cold source. Check the postage date. Perishable food should be delivered quickly, ideally overnight. Immediately open any package marked "Keep Refrigerated." If the perishable food is warm, do NOT consume or taste it.

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Provided by Cory Payne  
Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

The USDA has developed two treatments to control sprouting in stored potatoes. These two chemicals could replace CIPC, chemicals are widely used for sprout control in the United States. Producers are trying to move away from CIPC because of ever-increasing regulations. More than half of the 2.5 billion dollars of the U. S. potato crop requires sprouting control. The two methods are based on compounds that are already available. Minute amounts of jasmonates can control sprouting, and improves the color of potatoes processed into potato chips and French fries. Jasmonates are natural compounds that product the aroma of jasmine flowers. The other method uses certain aromatic acids to delay sprouting. Both control methods are economically feasible.

**100 YEARS OF 4-H TO BE CELEBRATED**

In 2002 the National 4-H will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. 4-H is a youth development program that stresses leadership and community service. The program is celebrating by organizing a National Conversation on Youth Development in the Twenty-first Century. These conversations are offered in every county in the country so that young people and adults can express their views on what youth development needs to accomplish. They cover topics like the power of youth, access, equity, opportunity, and innovative practices. The local conversations and recommendations will be taken to the state. Then, recommendations will be compiled into a national report that will be presented to national leaders, including President Bush.

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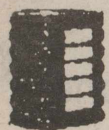
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SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:  
RAs, GAs, Mission Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY  
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.  
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY  
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.  
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Tony Boyd, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.  
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SUNDAY:  
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Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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Father Ed Graff, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Mass.....9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Junior & Senior High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
SUNDAY:  
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.  
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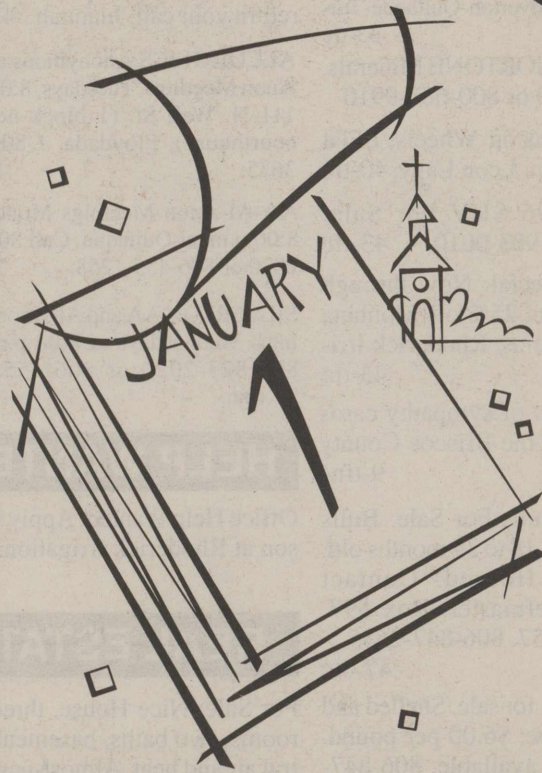
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Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:  
Prayer Meeting..... 9:00 a.m.

## Beginning a New Year

As we begin a new year, we should look forward to the future and be mindful of what we have learned from our past. The Bible tells us, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17). These comforting and inspirational words remind us that with Christ, a person can become new inside. With God's help we can begin the new year with the confidence that God's healing power can restore marriages and relationships, as well as our bodies and vocations. God cares about us and He wants us to be the best that we can be. He created each of us and has gifted us with various skills and talents that we should use for our benefit and the benefit of others. Only God knows what the future holds for each of us, but we should resolve that for the new year we will always try to do what is pleasing to our Lord. Our future reward for doing God's will is to hear Him say someday: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master."



*The world and everything in it that people desire is passing away; but he who does the will of God lives forever.*

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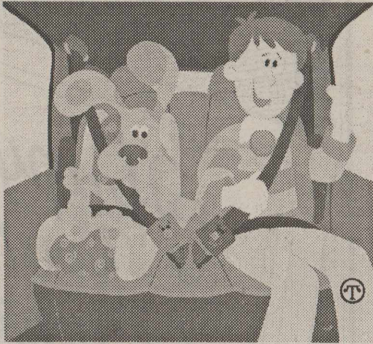
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**Protecting Our Children**

**Clues That Help Keep Children Safer**

(NAPSA)-More than seven million people watch her hit television series for children each week. Chances are good that most of these people will follow "Blue" to her clues to an innovative new Web site designed to educate parents and children about automobile safety.



"Blue" clues children in on vehicle safety as part of a national safety campaign.

ClueIntoSafety.com, the official Web site of the "Clue Into Safety" national child safety campaign, was created by Ford and Nickelodeon, and uses characters from Nick Jr.'s hit television show, "Blue's Clues," to educate kids on automobile safety.

"Teaming up with Nickelodeon and 'Blue' enables us to reach children, the single most important audience for improving long-term safety behavior," said Lisa Owens, Ford Division marketing communications coordinator.

In the United States, an estimated 334,811 children ages 0-15 were killed or injured in motor vehicle crashes, according to the NHTSA 2000 Annual Assessment of Motor Vehicle Crashes. As part of this national safety campaign, "Blue" educates children about the importance of wearing a safety belt

while riding in a vehicle and being properly restrained in the back seat. Children also learn about safe behavior inside and outside of vehicles, while parents receive information on the proper use of car and booster seats.

When visiting ClueIntoSafety.com, children can participate in thought-provoking adventures with "Safety Blue," "Safety Steve," and the new "Buckle Family." The site's interactive games focus on automobile safety and help build awareness as well as analytical skills.

Visitors can register for a free welcome kit, which includes a spe-

**Letter to the Editor**

I am writing you as the daughter of a long time customer and past resident of Silverton. This person I speak of was my father, James A. Stout, known as Loney by most of the good people of Silverton.

He left this earth to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 13, 2001. My father had eighty years on this old earth and a lot of memories right there in Silverton. He thought a great deal of the fine people there. You have published several articles in your paper, including a poem entitled "Love Is."

I would like to ask that the rest of my father's newspaper subscription be sent to his brother, Charlie McClelland, 1002 N. Alabama, Amarillo, TX 79106.

I hope that the good people of Silverton, Texas, who knew him will remember him and know what a wonderful loving person he was.

Thank you kindly  
 Loney's "Dotter"  
 Lonita Leal

Editor's Note: Though we had never met Loney, he never sent us the money for renewing his newspaper without sending us a poem—that is, until his health failed. Then he apologized for not sending one. We felt we knew him through his writings. Ed.

**Silverton School Activities**

- Wednesday, Jan. 2--Owls at Hedley, 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 3--Classes Resume
- Friday, Jan. 4--Paducah, here, 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 7--Happy Junior High, Here, 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 8--Owls at Ropes, 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 10--Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 11--Samnorwood, here, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 12--Chamber of Commerce Banquet, School Cafeteria

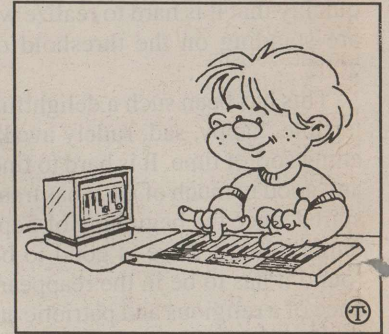
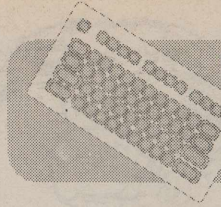
*There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our will. --Epictetus*

cial edition "Blue's Clues" wristband, stickers and a letter from "Blue" and her friends.

As part of a three-year alliance between Ford and Nickelodeon, "Blue" is the official "spokespuppy" for the Ford Windstar national advertising campaign and is featured in the vehicle's product messages and safety guides.

The Windstar boasts more than 40 standard safety features and earns the government's highest safety rating when equipped with side airbags. Windstar is the only vehicle to achieve this rating five years in a row.

**Web Watch**



(NAPSA)—Tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams have teamed up with Doublemint Gum to reward distinctive contributions young people make on campus and in communities. The grant program, called the Doublemint Aces for Campus Excellence (A.C.E.), puts 18-25-year-old college students and student service organizations in center court, providing them with the opportunity to showcase their approach to making a positive difference in their communities. Applications are available now at [www.doublemint.com](http://www.doublemint.com).

When discussing the after-effects of the September 11 terrorist attacks and all that followed, KidsPeace, the children's crisis charity, suggests that parents let children express their concerns and fears, that parents reassure children of their safety and security and that parents limit the amount of media younger children are exposed to. KidsPeace is dedicated to helping give kids the confidence, skills and resources to

overcome crisis, including traumas, depression and the stresses of modern life. For more information, visit [www.kidspeace.org](http://www.kidspeace.org). For information for teens, visit [www.teencentral.net](http://www.teencentral.net).

The 2001 Electronic Policies and Practices Survey from the American Management Association, *U.S. News & World Report*, and The ePolicy Institute, [www.epolicyinstitute.com](http://www.epolicyinstitute.com) shows employers are aware of dangers in workplace computer use and are acting to reduce electronic liabilities. View full survey results at [www.ePolicyInstitute.com](http://www.ePolicyInstitute.com).

**A Souper Season of Comfort**

This season Americans can find the ultimate comfort food in soups. A simmering pot of vegetables and fruits adds warmth and good health to help soothe and cheer.

"There are few better ways to get variety of fruits, vegetables,

and all of their nutrients, in one meal," says Gloria Stables, director of the National Cancer Institute's 5 A Day program. "The added bonus is their ability to soothe body and soul with warmth and taste."

The 5 A Day program encourages Americans to get at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day, whether they be fresh, frozen, canned, or dried. From leftover soups using holiday turkey, vegetables and cranberries to hearty bowls of chili, people will be able to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables while enjoying the taste they crave from meals.

**Silverton School Lunch Menu**

- Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 31-Jan 2--School Holiday Continues
- Thursday, Jan. 3--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Bread, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 4--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk

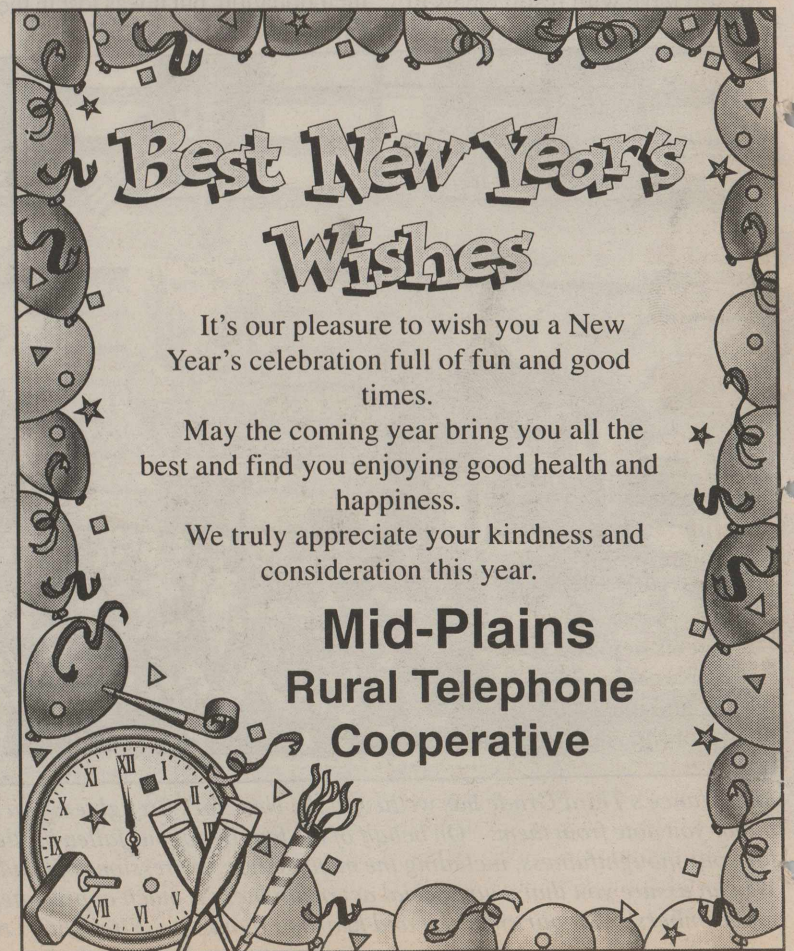
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May the coming year bring you all the best and find you enjoying good health and happiness.

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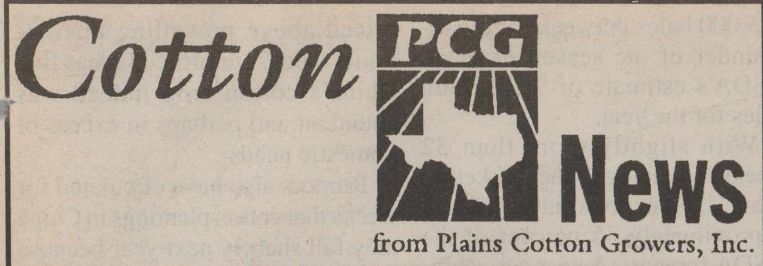
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**PSALM 27:8, 13 (RSV)**

Thy face, Lord, do I seek:  
 I believe that I shall see the goodness  
 of the Lord  
 in the land of the living!

**Rock Creek Church of Christ**



With the cessation of debate, Senate Democrats and Republicans are likely gearing up to face the music at home. One thing is certain: few are going to be welcomed with open

arms by their agricultural constituents after three weeks of unproductive speeches, debate and posturing prevented Senate completion of new Farm Program legislation.

In times past a lack of technology prevented most people from seeing and hearing the debate over important legislative issues. With the spreading availability of cable, satellite television and the Internet virtually everyone can judge for themselves who is speaking for them and who has been listening to them when they talk.

With harvest activities practically completed as winter approached, farmers and ranchers have been a rapt and attentive audience to the live Senate broadcasts ema-

nating from Washington.

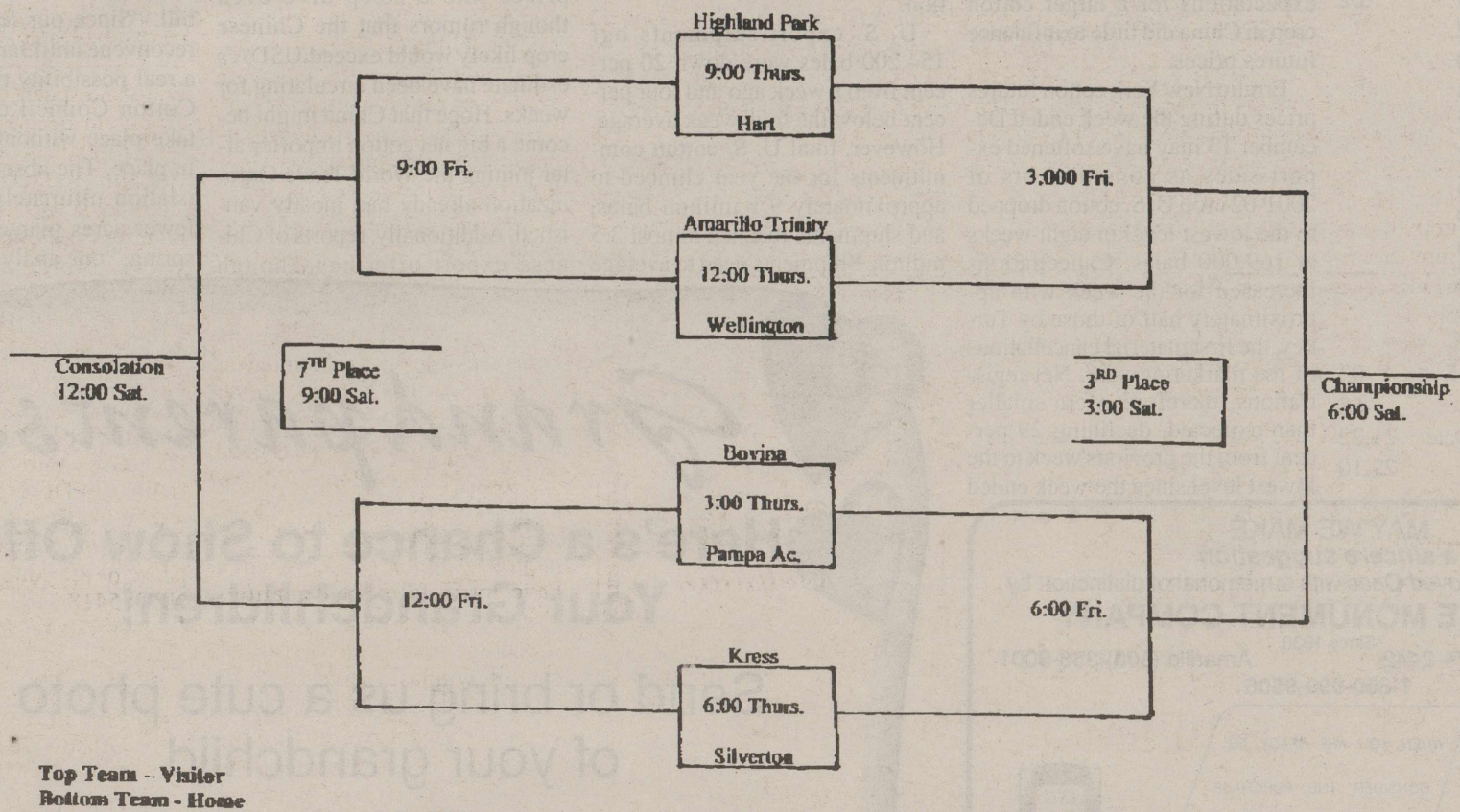
And while it is fair to say that most of us that were watching probably don't fully understand all of the rules and procedural goings on, we are able to digest the words that are spoken for, against and about farm programs and the needs of rural America.

Producers have made it clear that they were watching and will likely base much of their future support for candidates and parties on what they have seen in the days since the first of December.

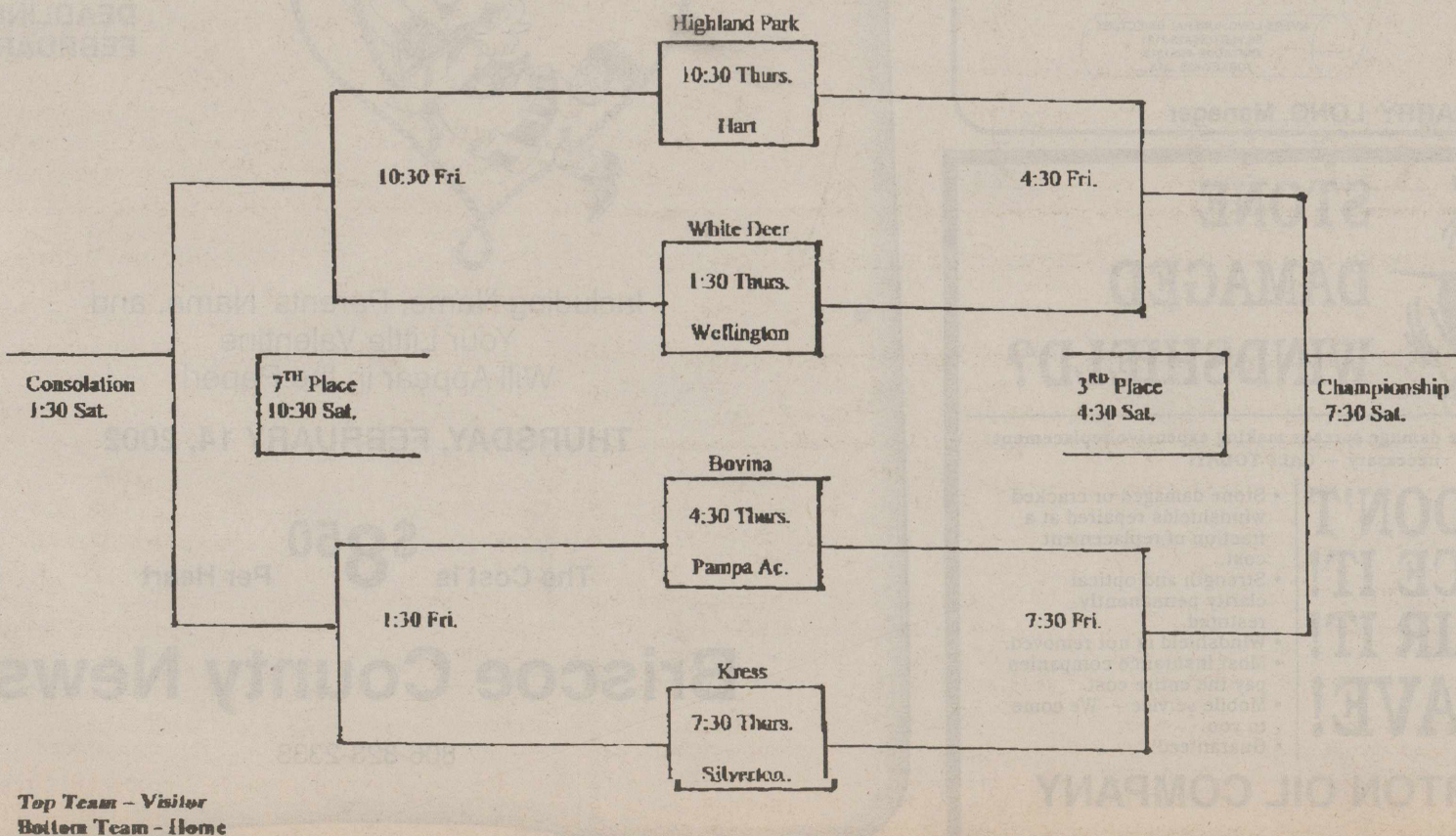
That said they also understand, although without much enthusiasm, that while this opportunity has been taken from them there will be another day when Congress returns. The critical nature of Agriculture's problems will probably have intensified and highlight the need to finish the work the Senate abandoned earlier this week.

Congress, however, is not the only branch of government that will have to step up to the plate to assuage the fears and doubts that recent antics have produced.

Silverton Hoot-Out Tournament  
Dec. 27, 28 & 29  
Girls Bracket



Silverton Hoot-Out Tournament  
Dec. 27, 28 & 29  
Boys Bracket



## Basketball Schedules



### HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY

#### Game Times:

**Girls-4:00, Boys-5:00**

Jan. 1--	Open
Jan. 4--	Paducah, There
Jan. 8--	Ropes, There
Jan. 15--	Crosbyton, There
Jan. 18--	*Valley, Home
Jan. 22--	*Nazareth, There
Jan. 25--	*Happy, There
Jan. 29--	*Valley, There
Feb. 1--	*Nazareth, Home
Feb. 5--	*Happy, Home
	*District

### JUNIOR HIGH

Jan. 7 --	Happy, There
Jan. 12 --	Open
Jan. 14 --	Nazareth, There
Jan. 21 --	Valley, There
Jan. 28 --	Nazareth, home
Feb. 4 --	Happy, home

### HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

#### Game Times:

#### Girls-6:30, Boys-8:00

Dec. 27-29 -- Hoot-Out Tourn.

Jan. 1 --	Open
Jan. 4 --	Paducah, There
Jan. 8 --	Ropes, There
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Jan. 15 --	Crosbyton, There
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*A cultivated mind is one to which the fountains of knowledge have been opened, and which has been taught, in any tolerable degree, to exercise its faculties.*

--John Stuart Mill

## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

(NAPSA)-Even in the face of the greatest adversities, the spirit of America has remained resilient. In times of unrest, Americans help to maintain that spirit by focusing on things that represent continuity and giving gifts of affirmation.

A watch, ring or bracelet inscribed with a message of endearment can serve as a reminder that life and love must go on.

"A piece of fine jewelry can become one's talisman-an object that offers not only beauty, but also a sense of comfort or empowerment," said Elizabeth Florence, executive director of the Jewelry Information Center, a New York City-based nonprofit trade association.

Fine jewelry has always been an inherently emotional purchase.

Marie Gates, 89, underwent severe poverty during the Great Depression and World War II, but she never surrendered several 22K

gold bangle bracelets given to her by her grandmother.

Purchased in Lebanon, the bracelets were a reminder of her native country and symbolic of the stability of her family. They are now treasured and worn with pride by her three granddaughters who are 24, 27 and 29. They will one day present the bracelets to their own daughters.

During emotionally wrenching times, experts agree that humans need to connect to other people, but it is also important to remember to nurture yourself and not feel guilty about it.

"Delight in the small things," said Dr. Gilda Carle, professor of psychology and author of several books on relationships. "If it's wearing your favorite watch, if it's putting on your most glitzy rings, if that's what turns you on, go for it. The objective is for you to feel good."

Edna Woolman Chase was editor-in-chief of Vogue through WWI and WWII, as well as the Great Depression. She pointed out in the March 1942 issue, "One of the first things we must do is to make sure our own morale is good, and that we have the right kind of perspective about ourselves."

In uncertain times, people are naturally drawn to items which have intrinsic eternal qualities. Jewelry made with precious metals and gemstones, if well-taken-care-of, will last forever.

Savvy shoppers know that an important element of buying fine jewelry is to find a professional jeweler, someone who is a member of a professional trade association such as Jewelers of America (JA). JA requires high ethical standards of its members and provides them with ongoing education.

For more information on fine jewelry, visit [www.jewelryinfo.org](http://www.jewelryinfo.org).

### New Year Travel--

#### Continued From Page One

Drinking and driving don't mix. Never drive after consuming alcohol. Plan for a designated driver, or call for a cab.

Slow down. Driving over the speed limit was the cause of 562 traffic deaths in 1999 alone. Inclement weather provides enough of a driving challenge without adding speed to the mix.

Increase your awareness. Driving on icy or wet roadways requires even greater caution. Navigate bridges and overpasses with care-they're the first areas to freeze when the temperature drops. Most people forget that ice can be difficult to see.

Always wear your seatbelt, and ensure everyone in the vehicle is buckled in.

Plan your trip carefully, even if

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

District: Childress  
Contract 6080-64-001 for Cleaning, Sealing and Filling Cracks in Hardeman County, etc. will be opened on January 17, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$123,009.40.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Phone: 512-416-2540

#### DISTRICT OFFICE

#### CHILDRESS DISTRICT DISTRICT ENGINEER

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Childress, Tx 79201  
Phone: 940-937-7100

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 51-2tc

*The pat on the back, the arm around the shoulders, the praise for what was done right and the sympathetic nod for what wasn't are as much a part of gol as life itself.*

--Gerald R. Ford

it's only to the store. Be sure to allow enough time to make the trip safely. Be prepared for delays. Haste can cause crashes.

Check road conditions in the event of bad weather. Consult the local news stations or the Texas Department of Transportation for road closures. TxDOT can be reached at 1-800-452-9292, or on the Internet at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us).

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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**December 26, 1991**--Lyndell Ivory and Langdon Reagan have been named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's All-South Plains Six-Man Football Team . . . The home of Carolyn and Langdon Reagan was chosen as the best decorated and lighted of the Christmas season in Silverton. Winning second-place recognition was the rural home of J. E. and Mary Jane Patton. Third place went to Eloy and Erma Reyna, whose large two-story home was outlined with lights in addition to having a Christmas scene in the yard . . . On a recent fishing trip off the coast of Hawaii, a 235-pound marlin was caught by Jay Long, who lives in Kalaheo, Hawaii and is employed by the United States Department of Agriculture . . . Newly-married couple, Eber and Melissa Gill, were honored with a miscellaneous shower Sunday afternoon in the Pioneer Room . . .

**December 31, 1981**--Spud Tiffin was taken to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock early Tuesday morning by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service . . . Silverton junior Shane Reagan was named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Class 1A All-South Plains football team for his play in the Owls' defensive secondary . . . Six modules and three ricks of cotton were destroyed by fire at Silverton Gin Monday . . . Miss Lisa Norwood, bride-elect of Brent Grabbe, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower Saturday in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank . . . Christmas came early for LaQuetta Schott as she received the \$200 Christmas giveaway from Tulia merchants on December 19 . . . The family of the late Alva and Willie Mae Davis gathered in the John T. Francis home for its annual Christmas party Saturday . . .

**December 30, 1971**--\$120,000 pledges received at Silverton and Floydada. The gift to Silverton is for the purpose of building a clinic and purchasing an ambulance, and is from the Martha Ann Cogdell Memorial Hospital Trust . . . Bud McMinn, 67, buried Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Francis to observe golden wedding anniversary January 9 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jowell are parents of a daughter, Amy Lynn . . . Denny Wayne Hill celebrated his first birthday December 27 . . .

**December 28, 1961**--Clifford Allard home chosen as best decorated, and received \$10 prize. The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr. won the \$7.50 prize for second place. The Gene Morris home was third-place winner of \$5 . . . Monday afternoon of last week, Misses Nell and Anne Bryant entertained for their school-aged nieces and nephews . . . Mrs. A. A. Dunagin is

spending a holiday visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jones, in Electra . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fleming, Kay and Pam were Christmas holiday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chick Hughes at Ringgold . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Malone will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with open house in their home Sunday, December 31 . . .

**December 27, 1951**--Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. King left Thursday for Florida where they will spend about three or four months with relatives and enjoy the mild winter climate and fishing facilities of that state . . . Mr. Albert Mayfield of Clovis, New Mexico visited last week with his niece, Mrs. Perry Thomas, jr. and Mrs. D. W. Mayfield . . .

**December 26, 1946**--Mrs. A. G. Harrison entertained her Sunday School Class with a Christmas party Tuesday evening in the basement of the First Baptist Church. Gifts were exchanged by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mack Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mac Biffle, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Tate, A. G. Harrison, Mrs. Raymond Bomar and the hostess . . . Richard L. (Hank) Brown will be playing his last game for the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys when the undefeated and untied Border Conference champions meet Denver University in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio New Year's Day . . . Jimmy Price is injured in workshop at school . . . Mrs. Knox Brooks and children are spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Thomas. T/Sgt. Roy Thomas of Timber Field, Oklahoma is here on terminal leave, visiting with his wife and other relatives . . .

**December 25, 1941**--Mrs. M. M. Edwards returned home Thursday of last week after attending the funeral of her father, N. M. Vaughn, of Memphis . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dickerson were shopping and attending business in Plainview Friday . . . Mrs. Ruth Watley and J. T. Gilkeyson were Amarillo visitors Friday . . . The Silverton Fire Department was called out twice this week and within a very few hours. Last Thursday night the Silverton Gin had a fire scare that luckily resulted in very little damage. Within four hours fire broke out at the Walter Lee Bain home in the east part of town. The house was completely afire when the fire boys arrived and burning fast and was a total loss . . . Shorty Bingham arrived Sunday from Fort Sill, Oklahoma for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bingham . . . Donaleta Seaney who

is attending school in Lubbock is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney.

**December 28, 1929**--A ceremony of beautiful simplicity united in wedlock Silverton's charming Miss Pearl Davis and Mr. Jack Coffee . . . Brick work finished on Methodist Church . . . J. W. Monroe and his son, Carver, were in Lockney on business Saturday . . . Mrs. Joe Green and her two children came Friday from California to make their home here, where Mr. Green has been for the past year . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Doak of Canyon spent last week with their daughter, Mrs. Emmett Brookshier, returning home Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smithee and Wilma Joyce spent Christmas in Borger with Mrs. Smithee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kincheloe . . .

## Happy Anniversary-

December 27--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland  
December 28--Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin  
December 29--Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell  
December 30--Mr. and Mrs. Doug McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman  
December 31--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cogdell  
January 1--Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weaks  
January 2--Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reed

## Happy Birthday-

December 27--Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Ramsey Chandler  
December 28--Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean  
December 29--Van Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Gid Mayfield, Pat McWaters, Sydney Michelle Williams  
December 31--Rob Weaks  
January 1--Jackie Mercer, Dwight Rampley, Dane Roys, Mike Curry  
January 2--Cade Holt  
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# WEATHER

6:00 a.m. daily readings  
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	High	Low	Precip.
1	58	37	
2	62	32	
3	69	32	
4	67	45	
5	67	53	
6	66	32	
7	66	31	
8	64	33	
9	50	22	
10	55	23	
11	61	22	
12	56	28	.01
13	54	29	.02
14	45	22	
15	63	20	
16	56	33	
17	46	22	
18	62	22	
19	71	26	
20	53	19	
21	71	29	
22	63	26	
23	51	23	
24	46	22	
Total Precip.			.03
Normal Precip. in Dec.			.68
Normal Precip. Year to Date			21.22
Precip. Rec'd. in 2001			22.10

# Cotton Market weekly

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New York cotton futures October 8.

bounced and meandered in a sideways pattern this week in lethargic, pre-year-end holiday trading. With the cotton market already in "holiday mode," surprising weekly U. S. export numbers and expectations for a larger cotton crop in China did little to influence futures prices.

Erratic New York cotton futures prices during the week ended December 13 may have softened export sales as commitments of 2001-02 crop U. S. cotton dropped to the lowest level in eight weeks at 169,000 bales. Cancellations increased for the week with approximately half of those by Turkey, the first material cancellations of the marketing year. Net registrations, therefore, were smaller than expected, declining 29 percent from the previous week to the lowest level since the week ended

Sales to Mexico have continued sluggish in a pre-holiday market, though commitments to Asian countries have remained strong as importers purchase competitively-priced cotton to fill gaps in production.

U. S. export shipments of 154,200 bales were down 20 percent from a week ago and four percent below the four-week average. However, total U. S. cotton commitments for the year climbed to approximately 9.1 million bales, and shipments reached almost 3.5 million. Shipments need to average

185,000 bales per week for the remainder of the season to reach USDA's estimate of 9.8 million bales for the year.

With slightly more than 32 weeks remaining in the marketing year, U. S. exports have reached approximately 35 percent of the USDA forecast. A year ago, shipments were roughly 27 percent of eventual exports.

The week's major fundamental development was a report that China's National Statistics Bureau has increased its estimate of the country's cotton production to 24.4 million bales, 900,000 bales higher than the latest USDA forecast.

The news temporarily sent prices into a steep dive even though rumors that the Chinese crop likely would exceed USDA's estimate have been circulating for weeks. Hope that China might become a big net cotton importer after joining the World Trade Organization already had mostly vanished. Additionally, reports of Chinese export offerings, though

priced above prevailing international values, reinforced ideas that China's cotton crop indeed was abundant and perhaps in excess of domestic needs.

Rumors also have circulated for weeks that cotton plantings in China may fall sharply next year because of deep farmer dissatisfaction with prices. If the area devoted to cotton were to fall 20 percent across the entire country and other factors were to remain equal, production would plunge approximately 4.8 million bales from the latest estimate of the 2001 output.

In other news, there is no doubt that congress will go home for Christmas without passing a farm bill. "Since our legislators do not reconvene until January 23, there is a real possibility that the National Cotton Council convention will take place without any legislation in place. The absence of farm legislation ultimately may result in fewer acres planted to cotton this spring," one analyst said.

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