

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



The menu for Tri-County Meals for next week includes:

Monday, January 2-Beef Tips, Rice, Sweet Peas, Buttered Corn, Mixed Fruit/Diabetic Fruit (Mixed Grapefruit & Orange Sections), Milk

Wednesday, January 4-Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Cobbler/Diabetic Cobbler, Crackers, Milk

Friday, January 6-Catfish, Tartar Sauce, Seasoned Potato Wedges, Cabbage/Pineapple Salad, Apple Crisp/Diabetic Crisp, Roll, Milk

Menu subject to change without notice.

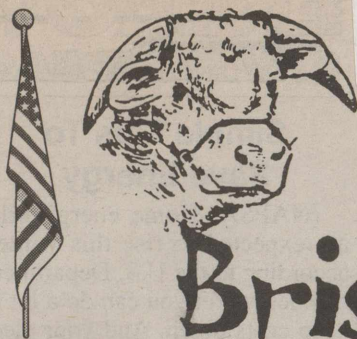
The telephone number for Tri-County Meals at the Hope Center is 455-1053.

Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79125.

Briscoe County Activities Association will have a called meeting at 7:00 p.m. tonight (December 29) at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Yes, Charlie and I went to our family's Redneck Christmas Party at the home of John and Jenny Sarchet in Shallowater Sunday. It was a lot of fun--everyone should try it sometime in their lives. Next year's event has been announced as the Disco Christmas Party.

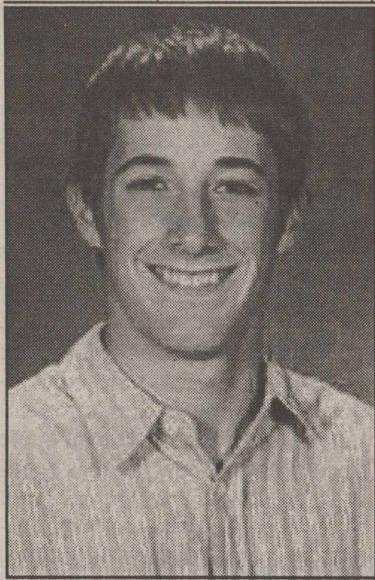
This issue of the Briscoe County News is Number 52, the last one of the year. The past year has gone by quickly, and it is hard to realize that 2006 is almost here! We hope you and your family will enjoy a happy, prosperous and safe New Year, and that you will continue in your readership of our newspaper. We value each of our readers!



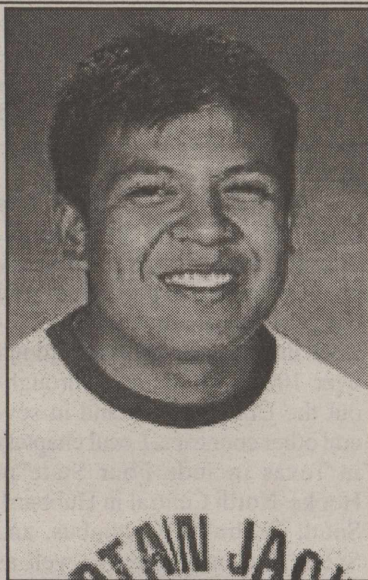
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Yance Forbes



Albert DeLeon

Two Silverton Players Named to Six - Man Golden Spread Team

Two Silverton football players, Yance Forbes and Albert DeLeon, were named to the 2005 Six-Man Golden Spread Team in the Amarillo Globe-News.

Forbes combined for 1,704 yards rushing and receiving with 31 touchdowns. He averaged 12.4 yards per carry, and returned four kicks for touchdowns.

DeLeon the first-team all-district kicker converted 33 of 52 points after touchdowns.

Valley again dominated, using a relentless rushing attack to return to the state championship game.

Jason Porton of Samnorwood was named Coach of the Year. Alex

Espinoza of Valley was named Player of the Year.

On offense, Allen Irlbeck of Happy was chosen as Spread Back; Tanner Woods of Follett and Chance Trafton of Arbor Academy are quarterbacks; Michael Taylor of Bible Heritage is Runningback.

Defensively, Charlie Walden of Valley, Fernando Regalado of Valley, Tanner Collins of Wheeler and Laramie Allen of Samnorwood are Linebackers; Chucky Rivera of Wheeler is Defensive End; Levi Speer of Arbor Academy is Linebacker; Thane Barkley of Groom is Punter.

Briscoe County Stock Show is January 12-14

Briscoe County Stock Show will be held at the Showbarn in Silverton January 12-14.

The Cattle, Lamb and Goat Shows will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 12.

The Swine Show will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, January 14.

This will be followed by the Buyers' Brisket Supper at 5:00 p.m., Awards Presentation at 6:00 p.m. and the Premium Auction at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Set Holidays For the Courthouse in 2006

At the December 12 meeting of the Briscoe County Commissioner's Court, courthouse holidays for 2006 were set. These will include:

Monday, January 16-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 20-President's Day

Friday, April 14-Good Friday
Monday, May 29-Memorial Day

Tuesday, July 4-Independence Day

Monday, September 4-Labor Day

Friday, November 10-Veterans Day (actual holiday falls on Saturday, November 11)

Thursday and Friday, November 22-23-Thanksgiving

Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26-Christmas

Monday, January 1, 2007-New Year's Holiday

Present at the meeting were Judge Wayne Nance; Commissioners Terry Grimland, Danny Maynard, Larry Comer and Gary Weaks; County Clerk Bena Hester.

Among items of business transacted during the meeting were:

COC Election Completed Here

The COC election for LAA-3 Community "C" has been completed. Max Weaver has been selected by the voters of LAA-3 as their representative to the Briscoe County FSA Committee. Alton Riddell will be the first alternate to the COC and J. A. Patton will be the second alternate to the COC.

The elected representatives will take office January 1, 2006.

The person you elected represents you on the Briscoe County FSA Committee. County Committees have input in how federal farm programs are administered locally, so their role in county agriculture is very important.

Brad Ziegler served the producers of LAA-3 and Briscoe County for the last six years.

•Minutes of November 14 and November 18 meetings were read and approved.

•County Child Welfare Board established. Volunteers to serve on the board will be chosen later.

•Lighthouse Electric Cooperative will be paid \$1,450.00 to permanently relocate the utility line located on County Road 32 at the Kent Creek Bridge.

•Burn ban established to begin December 19, 2005 and continue for 90 days, with the exception of the state park.

•Motion passed to sign the Election Systems & Software, Inc. Voter Tabulation System and Services Agreement as presented.

•County Attorney Bill Smith reported to the court that he is a candidate for the 110th Judicial District Judge. The state supplement that he was receiving as County Attorney will be deducted from his salary as he is now considered the Holdover County Attorney.

•Motion passed to enter into a contract with the Attorney General's office to redirect Pre-1994 Child Support cases to the State Disbursement Unit.

•Resolution #08-05-Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary passed.

•Guidelines were set for reimbursement of meals. The credit card is for Briscoe County employees only, and tips are not to be paid with the card. All receipts turned in must be itemized.

•Tax Assessor-Collector Betty Ann Stephens informed the court that her office will no longer be registering boats.

•Bond of Tax Assessor-Collector Betty Ann Stephens was approved.

•Court approved donation of \$500 to the National Association of Chiefs of Police to help fund a drug dog that is accessible to Briscoe County.

•Monthly reports were approved and salaries, line items and monthly bills presented were approved for payment.



A light drizzle froze on trees and shrubs, turning the scene into a winter wonderland last week. Pictured is the home of Johnny and Karen Tiffin.
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New Arrival

Christmas came early to the Rampley family. Dustin Wayne Rampley, son of Jeff and Laura Rampley, arrived Wednesday morning, December 21, 2005.

He was delivered by caesarean section because he was lined up to come backward. His "lefty" great-grandmother, Faye Rampley, is wondering if the directional confusion is any indication that he may be inclined to be left-handed!

Dustin weighed in at seven pounds and seven ounces, was 19 inches long, and arrived in time for Santa's 2005 visit.

The family resides at 425 Wolf Run Court, Lavon, Texas 75166. Laura is a registered nurse and Jeff operates his own roofing business.

Time has no divisions to mark its passage, there is never a thunderstorm or blare of trumpets to announce the beginning of a new month or year. Even when a new century begins it is only we mortals who ring bells and fire off pistols.

Thomas Mann

I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape--the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show.

Andrew Wyeth

Caprock SWCD Taking Orders For Windbreak Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees as well. Container-grown fruit trees are now available for order. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care of your trees.

A minimum order is required on the seedlings orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want. Many of the trees will be sold out in a short time.

For more information, call 806-823-2341, Extension 101, or go by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton located at 410 Lone Star.

There is a privacy about (winter) which no other season gives you... In spring, summer and fall people sort of have an open season on each other; only in the winter, in the country, can you have longer, quiet stretches when you can savor belonging to yourself.

Ruth Stout

To shorten winter, borrow some money due in spring.

W. J. Vogel

Cowboys For Christ To Hold Organizational Meeting at Goodlet

Cowboys For Christ announced that a meeting will be held Friday, December 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the old rock gym in Goodlet, Texas (Highway 287, nine miles west of Quanah), to explore the need for a chapter of Cowboys for Christ and to talk about getting started.

There will be fellowship and good music and a message, as well as talking about good ways to do things. Everything will be non-denominational. The whole family is welcome, and everyone is invited to bring a dish for a pot luck supper.

Cowboys For Christ was founded in 1970 by Ted K. Pressley as a Christian ministry active in the rodeo profession, and has grown to all aspects of the livestock industry. It ministers through over 100 local chapters throughout the United States and in several other countries. Local chapters in Texas include Four State in Hooks, North Central in Hubbard, South Central in Columbus, and South East in Silsbee, as well as chapters in Scroggins, Sulphur Springs, and Tyler. Local chapters in Oklahoma include Central in Norman, Mid-America in Bristow, Northeast in Nowata, OK Ranch Hands in Oklahoma City and Chickasha, as well as others in Chandler, Jones, Kiowa, Slick and Poteau.

Cowboys For Christ would like to see everybody that is interested be there. And of course you've got an invitation if you are a ranch hand, cattleman, veterinarian, rodeo hand, blacksmith, horseman, stock contractor, equipment house, livestock farmer or do anything that is a part of the livestock industry.

One kind word can warm three winter months.

Japanese proverb

Upcoming Meetings

Second Monday of each month-County Commissioners meet at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom; City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Second Tuesday of each month-Silverton Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton; Silverton School Board, boardroom, 8:00 p.m.

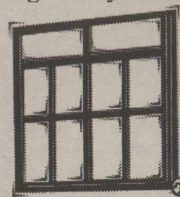
First and third Thursdays of each month-Silverton Fire Department, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Fourth Thursday of each month-Briscoe County Activities Association, 7:00 p.m., Showbarn in Silverton.

ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

Simple Tips To Save Energy

(NAPSA)-Home energy bills are expected to rise this winter, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Yet you can do a lot to keep costs down. And your electric utility company can help. It has free advice that can make your energy savings really add up.



Caulk and weatherstrip windows and doors to save up to 6% on heating costs.

Start by keeping the cold air outside. Seal up leaks around windows, doors, pipes or other openings in your home. Next, make sure your furnace or heat pump is working properly. Clean the air filter every month. Arrange your furniture and draperies so they don't block heating vents, radiators or hot-water baseboard units.

Now, set the thermostat at 68 degrees when you're home, and 60 degrees when no one is home or during the overnight hours. Set your water heater temperature at 120 degrees. Use low-flow showerheads and faucets. Wash and dry full loads of clothes.

For more energy saving information, check out your electric utility's Web site or visit Edison Electric Institute at www.eei.org.

Winter is the time of promise because there is so little to do or because you can now and then permit yourself the luxury of thinking so.

Stanley Crawford

Spring, summer and fall fill us with hope; winter alone reminds us of the human condition.

Mignon McLaughlin

Notice Advertisement For Bids

The City of Silverton et al will accept sealed bids until 5:00 p.m. January 5th, 2006, at the City Hall, Silverton, Texas, on the below listed real estate, located in Silverton, Texas.

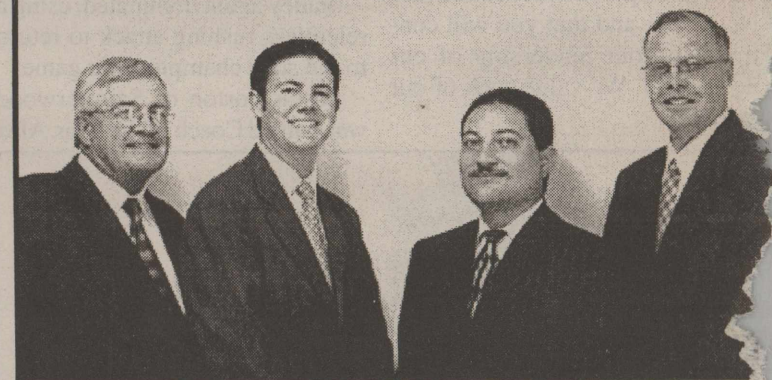
Unit No.	Description	Block No.
1.	All of the south one-half (1/2) of the West two feet (W2') of Lot No. Seventeen (17) and the South one-half (1/2) of lots Nos. Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19).	23

Each bid must show the Unit No., Description, Block No. and the Amount of Bid. Bids must be sealed in envelope marked "Real Estate Bid" and must have the bidder's name and address on bid envelope. Bids will be opened at the January 9, 2006, regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Silverton, Texas, at the City Hall 409 Broadway Street, Silverton, Texas. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Jerry Patton
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 28, 1996-Most businesses to close for Thanksgiving holiday . . . Children may have photo made with Clifford the Red Dog at Scholastic Book Fair . . . Carver Monroe taken by death . . . Robertson-Griffin vows are exchanged at Panhandle . . . Quitaque's own young Christine Walls, singing "Tomorrow" from the Broadway musical hit, "Annie," captured second place November 15 at the MB Talent Search in Dallas . . . JV Lady Owls earn 44-9 victory over Valley . . . Owls, Ladies split games with Lazbuddie . . . Junior High wins two games from Groom . . . CPR, First Aid class to begin December 14 . . .

December 18, 1986-James Brunson, father of Perry Brunson, was taken to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo for treatment Monday morning . . . Joe McWaters entered Central Plains Hospital in Plainview for tests Monday . . . Sharon Rhea Strange, 30, buried here Monday . . . Owls win Silverton Tournament. Silverton, Lakeview and Groom tie for first place in round robin tournament . . . A wedding shower was held in the fellowship room of the Rock Creek Church of Christ Wednesday in honor of the approaching marriage of Norma Trevino and Cipriano Garcia . . .

December 30, 1976-A camper belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Flute Hutsell caught fire and burned to the ground at the Mooring Marine campground at Lake Greenbelt Christmas Eve . . . Cindy Walker is visiting in Plano with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Walker and in Dallas with Miss Bryndy Cullum this week . . . Lem Weaver was taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital by ambulance Wednesday morning . . . Don Burson became ill Christmas Day and was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo . . . Marion Perkins has been a patient in Lockney General Hospital for more than a week . . . Jay Long had found a buffalo skull in Tule Canyon . . . Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Dudley to be honored on fiftieth wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom Olive and Betty Olive visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Manges at Plainview Sunday night and Monday . . . Brubs Bomar was taken to Methodist Hospital by ambulance Tuesday morning . . .

December 22, 1966-John Baird of the U. S. Navy, who is home on leave for a visit with his parents, . . . and Mrs. R. A. Baird, acciden-

tally almost took a drink of a very potent poison Sunday morning. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance after becoming seriously ill, but when his stomach was pumped, no evidence of the poison was found . . . Ray Thompson, local John Deere dealer, Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Younger returned Wednesday from a John Deere tour of the Bahama Islands with Nassau as their headquarters . . . Beth Joiner visited Joe H. Smith Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arlas Cavett and sons of Andrews are expected as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardin, this week . . . Faye Lynn Perkins, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins, underwent a tonsillectomy in the Lockney Hospital Saturday morning . . . Winners of the turkey shoot Saturday were John David Turner, Grover Thomas, Robert Hill, Virgil Kidwell, Wayne Stephens, Fred Minyard, Fred Strange, Calvin Shelton, Don Brown, Guinn Fitzgerald, Billy Settle, Bud House, Dyrle Maples, Sonny Thomas, Charles Wayne Mayfield and J. D. McGavock . . .

December 31, 1936-Miss Lillus Ruth Ledbetter and Mr. Irving McJimsey were united in marriage December 23 . . . Miss Ila Steele Patterson became the bride of Mr. Jack Grundy Sunday, December 27 . . . Tom Dunn is still nursing a few minor cuts and bruises received in a truck wreck last Tuesday evening . . . Haylake 4-H Club officers are Helen Brooks, president; Delma Dean Self, vice president; Eunice Vardell, secretary-treasurer; Alice Vaughn, reporter . . . Whiteside and Company are taking inventory this week . . . Miss Doris Kirk has been home from school during Christmas and will return to Lubbock Thursday . . . Miss Lizzie Gregg spent Christmas Day in Quitaque . . . Manley Wood won the piano that was given away by the Garden Club . . . Todd Edd Burson of Plainview was visiting in Silverton one day last week . . .

December 17, 1925-Emmett Pucket announces that he has secured the services of Porter Campbell as meat cutter in his market . . . Yes, sir, a cow belongs to the local Methodist Church. No, she didn't come in by the usual method. Members of the flock went out in the byways and forced her to come. The new pastor, W. L. Jenkins, has a large family and there are several youngsters who demand a certain amount of milk at every meal. The pastor said he needed the assistance of a cow to

furnish said milk and the board of stewards responded to his appeal . . . Fifth Avenue, the world's most critical street, experienced a new and happy sensation at the annual automobile salon held in New York. Color was the keynote of the exhibits by builders of fine motor coach-work. Twelve bodies, produced by America's foremost designers and exhibited on the Lincoln chassis, attracted especially keen interest because of the fact that the colorings and color combinations of rare birds were duplicated . . . J. R. Steele, 49, died Sunday night at his home. He had been suffering from cancer for the past three years. He is survived by a wife and seven children . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl born Saturday . . . W. M. Welch is having a well drilled on his place one mile west of Haylake . . . J. R. Foust announces that he has weighed 1215 bales of cotton this season . . .

Home Ideas

(NAPSA)-Homeowners can apply faux finishes to their walls to create a personal look in rooms. For instance, Behr Paints' newest introduction, Bellagio Faux, is available in 27 different color combinations. People can mix the paint with crushed white beads to infuse their own personal flair into a space. It is available at The Home Depot stores.



Replacing a stove's old drip pans with new ones could reduce energy costs. For instance, Range Kleen Drip Pans have been shown to save \$50 a year in energy costs or \$1,000 over the life of the average stove. The drip pans reflect heat from the burner or coil and speed up cooking time. For more information call 1-888-391-2020 and mention the phrase, "kitchen corner." You can also visit www.rangekleen.com.



Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia is the deepest lake in the world. Its deepest part measures 5,371 feet--slightly more than one mile.

Silverton School Happy Birthday-Activities

Monday, January 2-School starts back

Tuesday, January 3-Varsity Owls and Lady Owls at Motley County, 6:30

Friday, January 6-Lazbuddie JV Tournament; Varsity Owls at Groom, 6:30

Saturday, January 7-Junior High at Happy Tournament

Monday, January 9-Junior High at Valley, 5:00

Tuesday, January 10-Valley, here, 4:00

Thursday, January 12-13-14-Briscoe County Stock Show

Friday, January 13-Owls at McLean, 5:00

Happy Anniversary-

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

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
January 3-Shawn Johnson, Rene Rampley, Luree Burson
January 4-John Colby McCoy, Wynter Dudley, Wendell Reed, Valeria Weaver, Able Asebedo, Jon Ivory, Gail Arnold

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, January 2 - Chili Cheese Fries, Pork & Beans, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, January 3-Hamburger, Cheese, Chips, Salad, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, January 4-Beef & Cheese Tacos, Salad, Chili Beans, Hot Sauce, Cookie, Milk

Thursday, January 5-Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, January 6-Homemade Sloppy Joes, Fries, Pickle, Fruit, Milk

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Cotton Market weekly

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Speculative and trade buying at the open Thursday set the tone in New York, and cotton futures prices rose sharply. Prices on the New York Board of Trade closed higher following initial support from strong export sales.

USDA's export sales data came in higher than some cotton observers had anticipated and were supportive to cotton futures at the market's open. Net export sales of 293,000 bales of U. S. cotton in the week ended December 15 were 32% less than the previous week and 24% less than the four-week average. The major buyers for the week were no surprise with China at 209,300 bales, Turkey at 44,200 bales, and Hong Kong with 23,400 bales.

Export shipments of 283,600 bales were 23% more than the previous week and 39% more than the four-week average. Primary

destinations included China, Turkey and Mexico.

"The export report was solid, and for the first time in a long time shipments were greater than sales," an analyst explained. "The shipment number likely will increase in the weeks ahead, but they still are ginning in Texas and may be doing so until February or March. Therefore, there still is a lot of cotton left to go into storage which may soon slow down the movement of bales out of warehouses," he added.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended December 22 totaled 55,338 bales compared to the previous week when 98,314 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 46.10 to 47.93 cents per pound compared to 46.05 to 47.93 cents per pound the previous week.

In other news, China sharply raised the official size of its economy Tuesday after taking into account emerging service indus-



Silverton First Grade children sang Christmas carols at City Bank-Silverton when they were there to visit Santa Claus before the holidays. *Briscoe County News Photo*

tries, saying its output last year was 16.8% higher than previously reported. The new figures indicate China's mainland was the world's sixth-largest economy in 2004 and likely will hold the same position in 2005.

"China is developing a middle class," an economist said. "The strengthening of its economic power hopefully will lead to increased consumption of all goods including apparel."

Meanwhile, trade ministers from around the world agreed Sunday in Hong Kong to deal to end farm export subsidies by 2013 and set an ambitious time frame for concluding negotiations on cuts to agricultural and other tariffs.

The National Cotton Council (NCC) has expressed extreme disappointment in the text of the agreement at the conclusion of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Hong Kong Ministerial Conference. NCC said with respect to cotton, the WTO has abandoned the concept of a single undertaking and established an unwise precedent for future trade negotiations. The text could be interpreted as asking the E. U. and the United States to take larger cuts quicker to give total access to "Least Developed Countries" with nothing in return, and demands an end to export subsidies for cotton before the implementation period of the agreement is likely to begin.

Closer to home, mostly dry conditions were reported across the Cotton Belt this week. However, light drizzle fell over most of the Texas High and Rolling Plains Tuesday and Wednesday, but the precipitation was of little consequence and did not slow the transport of seed cotton from the field to the gin.

Elsewhere, most gins in northern Alabama and the Carolinas

MONEY tips & tactics



Holiday Budgets Prevent Spending Blues

(NAPSA)-'Tis the season to be spending. Whether on gifts for the kids or a vacation for yourself, follow Santa's advice: make a list and check it twice. A budget list, that is. Having one can help keep holiday cheer from turning into a New Year's budget hangover.



"The easiest way to avoid spending too much over the holidays is set a budget for how much you want to spend, especially for gifts, and stick with it," advises attorney Jon Olson, editor at FindLaw.com, a free legal information Web site.

Set A Budget, Stick To It Even outside the holidays, Americans do a poor job of keeping a rein on their spending.

Sixty-one percent of Americans either don't have an annual household budget or have difficulty sticking to their budget, according to a survey by FindLaw.com. Those who have finished ginning for the season. However, ginning continues in southern Alabama, Georgia and Virginia. In the Memphis Territory, most land has been prepared for the winter. Gins still operating on 24-hour schedules are in Tennessee and Missouri, and those still open in Arkansas are on a reduced schedule. Others in the region have finished work for the season.

to a new survey by FindLaw.com. Even though most people have a household budget, nearly half of those who set a budget had trouble sticking to that budget this year or completely gave up trying to follow it.

The best way to maintain financial discipline might be to stop using credit cards. "If you leave the credit cards at home," says Olson, "you won't spend what you don't have. If you know you don't have enough money to buy something and pay for it this month, then maybe you shouldn't buy it at all."

WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m. During December 2005

	High	Low	Precip.
1	68	24	
2	48	18	
3	76	33	
4	70	21	
5	46	21	
6	47	18	
7	40	7	
8	20	-1	
9	33	-2	
10	51	14	
11	54	18	
12	56	19	
13	55	33	
14	57	32	
15	47	13	
16	48	14	
17	40	27	
18	35	26	
19	30	24	
20	29	24	
21	47	21	
22	66	25	
23	70	29	
24	68	30	
25	58	25	
26	71	31	
27	77	39	
Total December Precip.			.00
Normal December Precip.			.68
Normal Precip. to Date			21.22
Precip. Received to Date			22.48

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Cotton Market weekly



A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

December 15, 2005-On Tuesday, March cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade closed at their highest level in almost one month. By Thursday, the market had fallen back into a predominantly sideways pattern.

Meanwhile, the sixth ministerial World Trade Organization (WTO) summit continued this week in Hong Kong. Expectations for progress toward a global free trade treaty were low with rich countries and the developing world still at an impasse over agriculture.

The U. S. Trade Representative urged new efforts to reach a global trade deal and pledged new U. S. development funding for poor countries, echoing European moves earlier in the week. Representatives asked WTO members to set deadlines for reducing farm subsidies, cutting industrial goods tariffs, and making new service sector offers. They also urged consensus on new meetings early in the New Year.

"The implications of the WTO talks for the long term are huge, but there is nothing to trade on yet," said a U. S. representative.

In other news, USDA's export sales report for the week ended December 8 was considered healthy by analysts, but it had little impact on the market. Net export sales for the week totaled 429,500 bales, 4% less than the previous week, and shipments of 230,300 bales were 14% less than one week earlier.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended December 15 totaled 98,314 bales compared to the

previous week when 189,606 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 46.05 to 47.10 cents per pound compared to 45.70 to 47.00 cents per pound the previous week.

The U. S. cotton harvest now is winding down. Little cotton remains on the stalk in the Far West. Almost 90% of the Arizona crop has been picked, and full-scale ginning still is underway. More gins have finished operations in California where producers are actively plowing under cotton stalks to satisfy the state's Pink Bollworm Program deadline.

Remnant picking continued in most Southeastern states this week, but very little cotton remained on the stalk. Wet fields last week prevented the movement of modules from the fields to the gin yards. However, sufficient backlogs allowed ginners to continue processing. Some gins already have reduced their work schedules, and others expect to complete work within the next two weeks.

Similar reports have been forthcoming from the Memphis Territory. Outdoor operations were mostly confined to winter land preparation in the region. A few gins still are working their day crews, but most have finished ginning for the season.

In the Southwest, harvesting is winding down in Kansas and Oklahoma. More than 90% of the crop is off the stalk, and ginning has begun to slow in some areas. The harvest continues in earnest in West Texas. Approximately 85% of the crop has been stripped on the High Plains, and gins are working at full capacity. Some

Owls Win a Pair of Games From Follett, Clovis Christian Last Week

Silverton's Owls defeated Follett 69-41 at Frank Phillips College December 16 and Clovis Christian 75-58 here December 20.

Meanwhile, the Lady Owls dropped a 44-68 decision to Follett and won 53-50 over Clovis Christian.

Gid Mayfield led the Owls with a huge 39-point effort against Follett. His scoring included five shots from downtown. Adding to the score were Drew Reed, nine; Jesse Reynolds, seven; Tanner Young, six; Cooper Cogdell, four; Josh Maciel, three, and Jon Garcia, one point.

Owls	19	38	58	69
Follett	13	28	33	41

In their game with Follett, Kelsi Birdsong led the offense by scor-

ing 17 points, followed by Haylee Simpson's 13 points. Also scoring were Trichelle Ramirez, eight; Carina Vasquez, four; Brittany Tiffin, two points.

Lady Owls	5	14	28	44
Follett	19	38	52	68

Mayfield once again led the scoring for the Owls, burning the baskets with a big 31-point effort. Also scoring were Jacob Francis and Jesse Reynolds, 11 points each; Josh Maciel and Cooper Cogdell, five points each; Kanon McGee and Ory Johnson, four points each; Tanner Young and Dusty Burson, two points each.

Owls	19	44	67	75
Clovis Christian	11	25	47	58

The Lady Owls were led by a huge 27-point effort by Haylee Simpson and a good game by Kelsi Birdsong, who caged 19. Each of the high-point girls hit two three-point shots from beyond the arc. Adding to the score were Shandy Forbes, five, and Trichelle Ramirez, two points.

Lady Owls	12	22	40	53
Clovis Christian	8	16	29	50

The varsity teams are playing in a tournament at Slaton this week.

Sweet Potato and Apple Casserole

Makes 6 servings

- 3 medium sweet potatoes
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp. grated orange zest
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 medium apples, pared, cored and cut crosswise into 1/2" rings
- 1/4 cup orange juice

1. Wash sweet potatoes and prick in several places with tines of a fork. Microwave on High for 8 minutes (until a fork or knife is easily inserted). When cool enough to handle, peel and cut into 1/2" slices.

2. In a small bowl, combine sugar, orange zest, nutmeg and salt.

3. In a deep, 1 1/2-quart microwavable casserole, layer alternate slices of potatoes and apples; sprinkle with sugar mixture, then orange juice. Microwave on High for 6 minutes (mixture should be piping hot and apples should be tender).

POINTS® value per serving: 2, 134 calories, 0g fat, 3g fiber.

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.
Hal Borland

COOKING IDEAS

(NAPSA)-One of the quickest ways to make a house a home is by baking something special. An easy way to liven up favorite cookie recipes is to add a new baking piece such as Reese's(r) Premier Baking Pieces. For recipes and baking tips, visit www.hersheyskitchens.com.



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Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but on the first of January let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were and are past.

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from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has announced the availability of \$72.37 million 2006 conservation program funds for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the EQIP Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program (EQIP-GSWC), and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP).

Producers and landowners interested in submitting applications for 2006 funding have until February 17, 2006 to prepare and sign their applications.

Following the end of the sign-up period all applications will be ranked based on a predetermined criteria set. An NRCS conservation planner will develop contracts and conservation plans for each

successful application. Producers with approved 2006 contracts can begin implementing the approved conservation practices in Spring 2006.

For 2006, Texas funding priorities were developed with the assistance of local input, the NRCS State Technical Committee and Texas State Conservationist Dr. Larry Butler and his staff.

The initial \$72.37 million allocated for Texas will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in individual counties and will also fund special statewide resource concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quantity, water and air quality,

ENTERTAINING IDEAS

Ring In The New Year With Style

(NAPSA)-Bring on the horns, hats and confetti, it's time to toast and celebrate the New Year! Soon people all around the world will be raising their glasses and sending well wishes to family and friends. From large, formal and extravagant cocktail parties to intimate dinners wildlife habitat and control of invasive species.

A breakdown of the initial allocation amounts shows \$66 million is designated for priority addressed through the EQIP program. A total of \$34 million will be used to provide county base funding throughout the state and an additional \$32 million will be targeted to specific needs conservation concerns including brush and invasive species management, irrigation water conservation, water and air quality related animal feeding operations, water quality, assistance for limited resource farmers and ranchers, reforestation and wildlife habitat.

The EQIP-GSWC program received an initial 2006 allocation of \$5.5 million. The EQIP-GSWC is dedicated to water conservation measures in Texas counties that utilize the Ogallala Aquifer.

An additional \$4.5 million in funds will supplement the EQIP-GSWC in Ogallala counties. Total funding for irrigation and water conservation in the Ogallala region of Texas will total \$10 million in 2006.

The WHIP program was allocated to \$870,000 in 2006.

Funds for EQIP, EQIP-GSWC and WHIP are authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill as tools to enhance voluntary conservation activity on U. S. farms and ranches. The programs offer technical and financial assistance to eligible participants to install or implement structural or management practices on eligible land.

Local NRCS field offices will have complete details of individual county and state resource concerns. Additional information, including ranking criteria, eligible practices and cost-share rates for these and other NRCS Farm Bill programs is also available on the Texas NRCS website at <http://www.tx.nrcs.sda.gov/programs/>

NRCS, through invitation of local soil and water conservation districts, is the federal government's principal agency for providing technical and financial assistance to landowners on privately controlled land. NRCS also encourages voluntary efforts to protect soil, water and wildlife on private lands.

for four, Tupperware invites you to bring in the New Year with style!

Entertaining with Ease: Even the hostess with the mostest has to be able to enjoy her own gathering! Reduce stress by planning ahead and keeping it simple when entertaining. Appetizers, desserts and even some entrees can be made weeks in advance and stored in the freezer which means less work the day of the party. Also, serving food in containers that can go from the freezer, to the microwave, to the table saves time and preparation. Tupperware's Rock 'N Serve(r) Containers look fantastic as serving pieces and make cleanup a snap by being dishwasher safe.

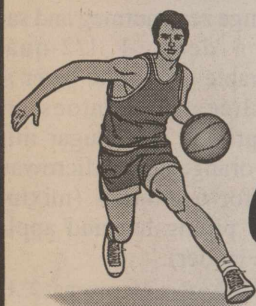
Food Makes it Fabulous: Every party goer knows that good food makes the bash! When planning a menu for the gathering make it creative and pick a theme. An Italian feast with pastas, meatballs, freshly baked breads, pizzas and authentic pastries will impress guests and keep their stomachs full. Let everyone channel their inner chef by inviting all guests to bring their favorite dish. Not only will you have an eclectic assortment of food, but it takes pressure off the host.

Make it Festive: December 31st is one of the biggest nights of celebration, so make sure your guests feel as if they are at the hottest soiree of the year. Everything from invitations, to table settings, to decorations should feel like an A-list party. Set the mood early by sending invitations for cocktails and dancing or for a more intimate, sit-down dinner. At midnight make sure everyone has a glass in hand to toast the New Year. Tupperware's new Sheerly Elegant(r) Goblet, Cocktail or Flute Sets are the perfect accessory for champagne, wine or sparkling cider.

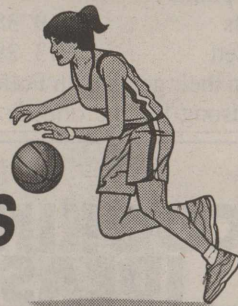
Give Guests a Gift to Go: People love to receive gifts long after the holiday season has passed. Send partygoers home with a little something to remember you by. Small packages of candies, candles or a journal to record New Year's resolutions are all simple and thoughtful gifts that will help your party stand out above the rest.

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Agatha Christie



Good Luck To The Owls and Lady Owls



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Jan. 3-V G&B at Motley County, 6:30

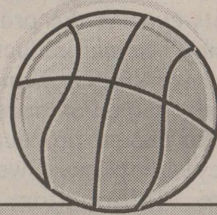
Jan. 5-7-Lazbuddie JV Tournament, TBA

Jan. 6-V G&B at Groom, 6:30

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Wise people walk the road that leads upward to life....
Good News Bible Proverbs 15:24

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May God bless you all,
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Wayne, Susan,
Zane and Savannah

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