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First Baptist Church Y.O.M. travel to Arizona on Mission Trip

After several months of planning, and a lot of time praying, nine youth members of the First Baptist Church Gail and seven sponsors headed out on a mission trip to Green Valley, Arizona.

The group, referred to as YOM (Youth On Mission) were to be conducted back yard Vacation Bible School for three different communities surrounding the town of Green Valley. Not only did the group spend time in preparation for this Bible School, they also spent many hours preparing a musical program called *Extreme*, to perform on their way to Arizona and while visiting in the church where they were staying.

The youth from Borden County, being part of the Bible Belt of the United States, had an eye opening experience as they were exposed to a different situation with many of these children during the Vacation Bible School. Some of the children that the youth taught were not familiar to such things as church, the bible or even Jesus Christ. The youth was really amazed that some of the children didn't even know simple bible stories such as Noah's Ark

or Jonah and the whale.

But before they left these children in Arizona, they all were very grateful for the privilege of living in families that place a great importance in church and knowing Jesus Christ.

The group left Gail, Sunday morning June 14th after performing their musical for the church during the morning worship services. They traveled to Fort Stockton where they performed the same program to the First Baptist Church of Ft. Stockton that evening. They stayed in the church fellowship area that night before traveling on the Arizona.

Bright and early (before day light), Monday morning, the group headed out in route to Green Valley, Arizona, where they would be spending the next 7 days staying in the parsonage of the First Baptist Church there and getting to know many of the members.

They began their teaching on Tuesday morning and concluded it on Friday morning. On Wednesday evening, they performed their musical at the church in Green Valley and received many great compliments. Their

program consist of eight songs, some bible scripture readings, a skit, and two testimonies given by Hailey Adcock, and Joseph Hardman. They did an outstanding job in every performance.

While in Arizona, they also had time for some sight seeing. They traveled to Tombstone to see the OK Corral and Boot Hill. They also went to Tucson, and visited a working Dude Ranch where they enjoyed a great lunch. They also visited to the Desert Museum in Tucson and saw many interesting critters there and enjoyed a very hot tour.

They visited a copper mine where they saw how the copper is mined and the process it undertakes.

Thursday evening, they went up into the mountains to Madeira Canyon and had a cook-out in the beautiful mountains and played in the stream.

On Sunday, morning they performed two of their songs for the morning worship service and again in the evening service for the First Baptist Church in Green Valley.

They left Arizona on Monday morning, June

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YOM: After performing their musical program *Extreme* Sunday morning at the FBC Gail. (L. to R.) Randy Hardman, youth minister, Staci O'Brien, Joseph Hardman, Becky Garcia, Tammy Cooley, Kristi Hardman, Shawna Kempf, Krystle Lee, Holly Thomas and Hailey Adcock.

Meet Your Borden Co. EMS

Our EMT of the week for this week is Tina Stansell.

Tina is a EMT-Intermediate for the Borden County EMS. She has been a part of the organization since 1996. She has spent many hours studying and taking extra classes such as the EMT-Difib class in order to help her be the best she can be to help take care of people in time of an emergency.

Tina and her husband Greg and their two children Jordon and Joshua live in the Fluvanna area, where she is a first



Tina Stansell
responder for that area. Tina hopes to start college in September to obtain her teaching degree.

First Baptist Church Y.O.M. (Youth On Mission)

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22nd, at 5:30 a.m. and traveled the long 13 hour trip home. *There's No Place Like Home!*

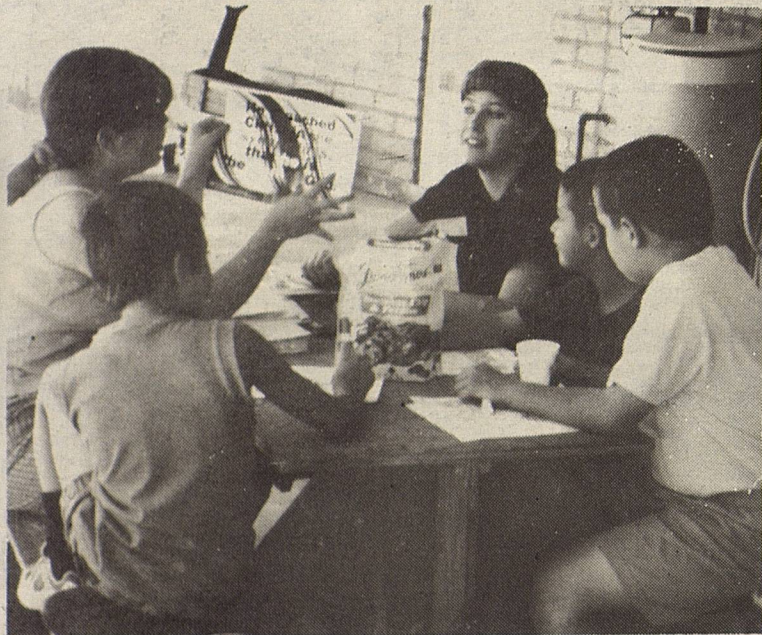
Y.O.M members traveling on the trip were, Hailey Adcock, Tammy Cooley, Becky Garcia, Kristi Hardman, Joseph Hardman, Shawna Kempf, Krystle Lee, Staci O'Brien and Holly Thomas. Sponsors traveling with the youth was Randy and Debra Hardman, First Baptist Church Youth Ministers', Ross and Sarah

Sharp, Randy and Verna Adcock, and Susan O'Brien.

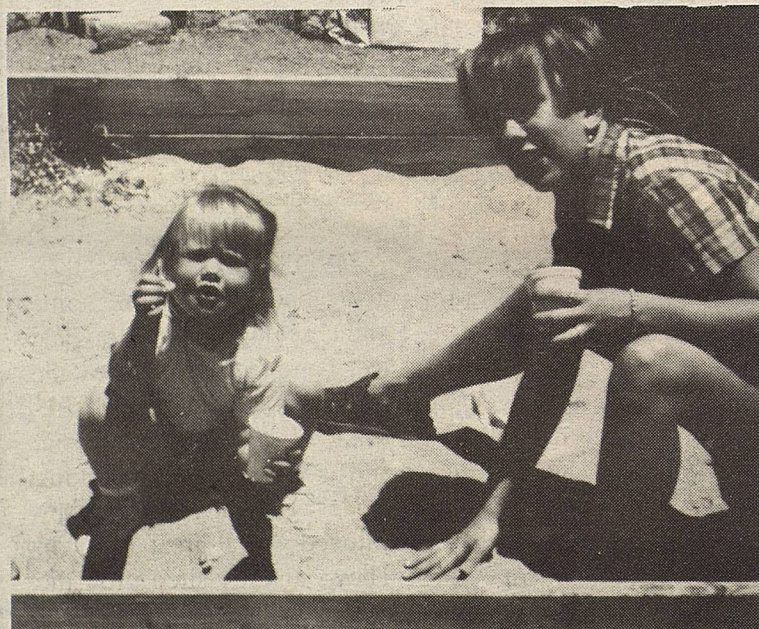
While there, Ross celebrated his 44th birthday, and the kids had a great time decorating his vehicle with tissue and leaving him notes throughout the house. They also helped him around all day, making sure the *old man* was able to go with them in his feeble condition after becoming a year older. They had a great time with him and he had a great time aggravating them too.



The Y.O.M. group shown outside the Green Valley Baptist Church on Sunday morning. First group, (L. to R) Krystle Lee, Debra Hardman, Holly Thomas and Hailey Adcock. Second group, (L. to R.) Becky Garcia, Randy Hardman, Shawna Kempf, Tammy Cooley and Kristi Hardman. (Not pictured Joseph Hardman)



Becky Garcia and Shawna Kempf, are shown here with some of the children they taught at Bible School in Arizona. They had 14 students by the end of the week.



Here's Hailey and one of her students, Vanessa, looking for Sea Shells in the sand box during Vacation Bible School.



Who's 44? Ross Sharp shown with his ol' Timers crossing sign in front of his nicely wrapped Explorer. Happy Birthday Ross!

Evans, Graduates from US Army Military Police School

Specialist Evans graduated on May 29, 1998 from the US Army, Fort McCellan's Military Police School. In the 17 week course Evans was trained in the Basics of Law Enforcement, combat roles, and investigation practices.

SPC Evans was one of five soldiers out of 400 applicants who was select-

ed to serve in the US Army's Old Guard (3rd ING. BN), and will be stationed at Fort Myer VA. His new duties will consist of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, White House and Pentagon Guide and Security, Parade and Ceremony Detail, and Political VIP escort. SPC Evans is in his third year of service.



James O. Evans

Jim is the grandson of Norman and the late Bonnie Sneed of Gail.

PROM PICTURES

If you have not picked up your Prom Pictures yet, they may be picked up in the Superintendent's office.





The Creative Memories Program

Where are your priceless photographs?

Most people record the special people and times of their lives in photos - more than 90% of all American households own and use a camera. In the United States alone, more than 1.9 billion photographs are taken annually.

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In 1987, Rhonda Anderson, a Montana homemaker, and Cheryl Lightle, a Minnesota business executive, set out to change that when they initiated a new program that offers direct-to-the-consumer photo preservation information, photo safe scrapbook album products

and hands-on assistance.

The concept is based on in-home educational classes and 'getting-started' workshops that provide all the technical information, creative hints and photo safe products needed for creating safe, meaningful keepsake family albums. We know there is a growing need for this program and invite you to join the many who have already enjoyed its benefits.

If you are interested in more information about Creative Memories and The Creative Memories Collection, attending or coordinating an in-home educational class or workshop, our Consultant home-based business opportunity, or if

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All photo album supplies are available for purchase in her home and she is ready to help you get started working on your albums and help with any of your photo album needs.

Thank you for your interest in Creative Memories. We look forward to serving your photo storage needs.

Prevent Drownings by Paying Attention

A backyard pool can be the focus of great family fun. However, the combination of young children, a pool and no adult supervision can have tragic consequences. A child can drown in the time it takes to answer the doorbell.

Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death of 5 year olds in Texas, according to the American Red Cross. The next highest age group for drownings is 14 to 19, usually because of alcohol and drug use or risk-taking behavior.

"Paying attention to children when they are around water is the major key in preventing drowning death or injury," said Michael Cowan, D.O., a pediatric emergency physician at Methodist Children's Hospital, a member of Covenant Health System. "Any time young children are around

water, whether it is a bath tub, pool, lake or pond, adults should be in constant nearby eyesight."

Pool barriers also are helpful in preventing curious toddlers from falling into the water. Examples of effective barriers include fences, walls, pool covers and ladders that can be raised for above-ground pools. In addition, a door alarm that alerts you when someone has exited the house into the area with the pool is a good extra safety measure.

Enrolling young children in swimming lessons is another good preventive step, but be cautious. "Do not consider a young child to be drown-proof because they have had swimming lesson," warned Dr. Cowan,

Other water safety measures recommended by the staff of Methodist Children's Hospital include the following:

County Horse Show

The Borden County 4-H Horse Project will hold its county show on July 7, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the rodeo arena. We invite you to come watch these cowboys and cowgirls compete on this final night!

Competing this year

are:

PEE WEE LEAD CLASS
Kalyn Massingill, Katy Pelham, Chance Taylor, Riley Smith, and Lacy Roberts.

PEE WEE CLASS:

Bailey Anderson, Jessica Pelham, Tyrell Massingill, Shelby Roberts, Garrett Pool, Chance Pool, Miller Valentine, and Miles Valentine.

JUNIOR CLASS:

Rowdy Clary, Whitney Anderson, Symeron Rinehart, Lacey Newton, Kalli Poole, Tanner Poole, Sholoh Poole, Will Hutto, Ashley Allen, Clay John Anderson, and Kylia Culp.

SENIOR CLASS:

Tanner Miller

American Academy of Ophthalmology And National Association Of State Fire Marshals Warn About Dangers of Fireworks

(DM)-The American Academy of Ophthalmology (Eye M.D.s) and the National Association of State Fire Marshals have joined forces to encourage families to attend public fireworks displays instead of using fireworks at home this Fourth of July. The reasons for this warning can be seen in the following statistics:

- Of the approximately 7,000 fireworks-related injuries each year in the United States, about 2,000 are eye injuries caused by consumer fireworks. Nearly one-third of these injuries result in permanent eye damage. Almost one in 20 victims lose all useful vision or require removal of the eye.

- One-fourth of all eye injuries caused by consumer fireworks are inflicted on bystanders.

- Three-fourths of all fireworks-related eye injuries are to boys between the ages of 13 and 15.

- The single most dangerous type of firework is the small, explosive "bottle rocket." Bottle rockets are the most dangerous because they fly erratically, causing bystander injuries. The bottles and cans used to launch fireworks often explode, showering fragments of glass and metal.

- * Do not swim in local city ponds or small lakes.

- * Never dive into shallow water or unknown bodies of.

- * Educate Adolescents about the hazards of swimming under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Parents also should be

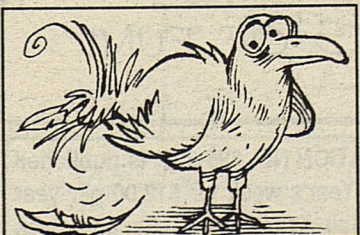


- Sparklers, often given to young children, burn at 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, nearly hot enough to melt gold.

"Attending a public fireworks display on the Fourth of July is a safe way to honor our tradition of independence, our shared values and our hopes for a healthy future," said Elliot Finkelstein, M.D., President of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

For more information, visit the American Academy of Ophthalmology's website at www.eyenet.org or the National Association of State Fire Marshals' website at www.firemarshals.org.

prepared to act quickly if a drowning has occurred because brain injury begins to occur after only give minutes without oxygen. Keep a telephone handy by the pool area at all times to call 911 if necessary. Also, learn to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).



Some birds have as many as 25,000 feathers while others have less than 1,000.

Preservation Effort Launched to Save 23 Historic Texas Flags

Twenty-three historic Texas flags, stored for decades at the Texas State Library and Archives, are the focus of a major preservation effort launched recently by Friend of the Texas Historical Commission Inc., a fund-raising, support arm of the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The banners, which have never been on display, are directly connected to important people and events in Texas History, including the battles at the Alamo and San Jacinto and Hood's legendary Texas Brigade.

The restoration project is estimated to take 2,200 work hours and cost almost \$300,000. Monies will be generated through private fundraising. Donors to the Historic Flags of Texas project already include the George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation, Shell Oil Foundation, the Summerlee Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. John Nau III and the Summerfield G Roberts Foundation. Future plans include a major Texas history exhibit highlighting the restored flags.

Flags slated for restoration include:

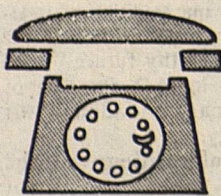
* three Mexican silk banners carried by Santa Ana's Ana's battalions as they stormed the Alamo, that were later captured during the Battle of San Jacinto;

* the only known Republic of Texas flag in existence, first raised at Washington-on-the-Brazos in 1839;

* a 28-star American flag hoisted in 1845, the year Texas became the 28th U.S. state; and

* a hand-sewn Texas flag carried proudly by the First Texas Infantry Regiment of Hood's famous Texas Brigade before the flag was captured during the Civil War battle at Antietam Creek.

For more information contact: Linda Lee, executive director, Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Inc., (512)457-8090 or e-mail them at friends@thc.state.tx.us.



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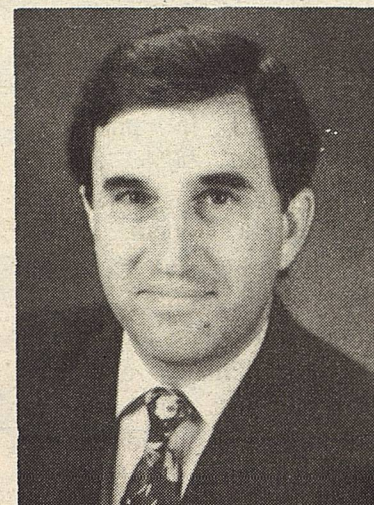
The First Baptist Church of Gail would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our upcoming "Celebrate Jesus Revival" with Dr. Steve McMeans, a former resident of Gail, graduate from Borden County High School, and son of Mr. & Mrs. Mickey McMeans. Bro. Steve is now pastor at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church, Brownwood.

The services will start July 19th at 6:00 p.m.

with Bro. Steve preaching through Wednesday, July 22nd. The evening services will start at 7:00 p.m. with Randy Hardman leading the great gospel singing and many talented singers of Borden County.

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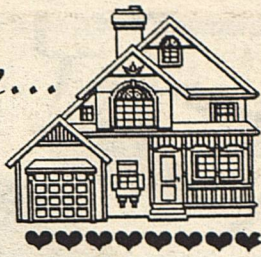


Buckle up, it's the law!

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Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
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Family and Consumer Sciences



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How Safe is your kitchen?

To keep your cooking space clean, healthy and safe to prepare food in, have these items close at hand.

Working fire extinguisher: Over time, these lose the pressure needed to work properly. If your is more than two years old, have it checked at a local fire department or hardware store.

Burn cream: It alleviated pain and promotes healing. Chefs swear by the prescription cream Silvadene (about \$7.50 for a 4-oz. tube)

Antibacterial kitchen cleaner: Use it to wipe down your sink, counter, stove top and pantry shelves - it kills harmful

bacteria while cleaning (one to try: Lysol citrus Scent).

Instant-read meat thermometer: Undercooked meat can harbor dangerous bacteria, so don't ever guess at doneness. this instrument quickly reveals the exact internal temperature of meat (one of these thermometers retails for about \$10 for a standard model, \$25 for a digital).

A list of emergency phone numbers: Post these by the phone. Include your family doctor, the local poison-control center and, for food safety questions, the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline, 800-535-4555.

The Cleaning Supplies Closet

A well-planned cleaning supplies closet can go a long way in getting the job done while helping to ensure safety in your home or child care setting. In addition to your cleaners and disinfectants, stock your closet with these items:

* A prominent display of the following telephone numbers:

Local Poison Control Center (can be found in local phone directory)
Toll-free 800 numbers from

product labels (list product and company names.

* "Do's and DON'Ts for Accident Prevention". Review it often, and make sure others who share the cleaning tasks do, too.

*Paper towels or other disposable wipes

*Rubber gloves to protect your hands

*Plastic bucket

*Measuring cups for measuring bleaches, disinfectants or other dilutable products.

EMS Selling Chances on Rifle

The Borden County EMS is selling chances for a REMINGTON 870 - 12 gauge Mag Pump rifle, donated by Leroy Shaffer.

Chances are \$1.00 each and may be purchased at Fiddlers Trading Post or Coyote Store in Gail.

Drawing will be August 29,1998 at 4:00 p.m. at D & J Store on the east side of Lake Thomas

Prevention is Best for Avoiding Sunburns

Cool compresses can ease the pain of summer's sunburns, but prevention is the first step to a painless summer.

Parents can teach their children early on how to prevent sunburns. It's hard to avoid the sun during the summer, but you can be sensible about your exposure

The following sunburn prevention techniques is suggested:

* Avoid prolonged sun exposure between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* Do not encourage sunbathing.

* Use an SPF 15 sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB light.

* Reapply sunscreen, even waterproof types, every 45 to 60 minutes.

* Wear protective

clothing- hats, sunglasses, shirts and pants.

An SPF 15-level sunscreen applied sparingly actually gives a much lower level of protection, more like 5 or 10. To get the true level-15 protection, apply it carefully and completely.

Clothing works better than sunscreen, but the protection levels vary greatly, with a typical T-shirt providing only about an SPF level of eight to 10.

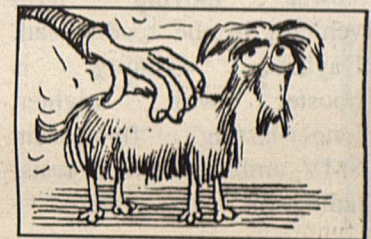
Remember that even on a cloudy day, ultraviolet light is getting through and putting your child at risk for sunburn, skin cancer and sun damage.

Sunburn treatments focus on easing the pain and discomfort. Cool, wet compresses, icepacks and cool baths are recommended. Adults can take aspirin for pain while children should be given ibuprofen products.

Avoid over-the-counter topical anesthetic creams because these products often cause allergic reactions. Severe sunburns should be treated by a doctor.

Studies have shown that patients with melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, have a history of severe blistering sunburns in childhood. The more common skin cancers--basal and squamous cell cancers--are associated with prolonged sun exposure over the years.

Skin cancer risk begins in childhood. the more exposure you have, even if it is fairly minimal, the greater the cumulative risk.



The affenpinscher is a shaggy black toy dog with bushy eyebrows and a mustache. It is often called a "monkey dog."

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Road Safety of Farm Tractors Raised by New Headlight Reflecting Tapes Support Groups Urge Farmers To Replace Fading 'SMV' Emblems

The nation's farmers (or family members) are being killed at an alarming rate going to and from their fields. They are now being urged by police, safety and educational groups to protect their lives and equipment with new slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblems and reflective tapes. Ten times brighter than current materials, the new Reflexite brand tapes reflect automobile headlights back into drivers' eyes - warning them of slower moving farm vehicles in the road ahead. Daytime visibility is booster with brighter, longer-lasting fluorescent SMV emblems which resist fading for many years.

According to Dr. Tom Bean, Ohio State University Extension safety Specialist and a recognized authority on the highway use of agricultural tractors and equipment, "The new retroreflective and fluorescent materials available today are the latest in

passive marking technology. Every farmer should participate in the FARM (Fewer Accidents with Retroreflective Equipment) Program. Each kit contains enough material to retrofit one slow moving vehicle emblem and mark one piece of equipment. Upgrading SMV emblems could save many lives."

Also urging farmer participation is Elizabeth Burns, Project Director of the Illinois Easter Seal Society, who said, "Combining the talents of dedicated people, the latest technology and the best materials, the FARM Program has emerged as one of the leaders in rural highway safety."

Dave Patton, an Illinois Farm Bureau executive, said that, "Fading SMV emblems found on most farm equipment won't provide early warning to motorists. Replacing them with new materials for higher visibility both day and night is a very important safety measure."

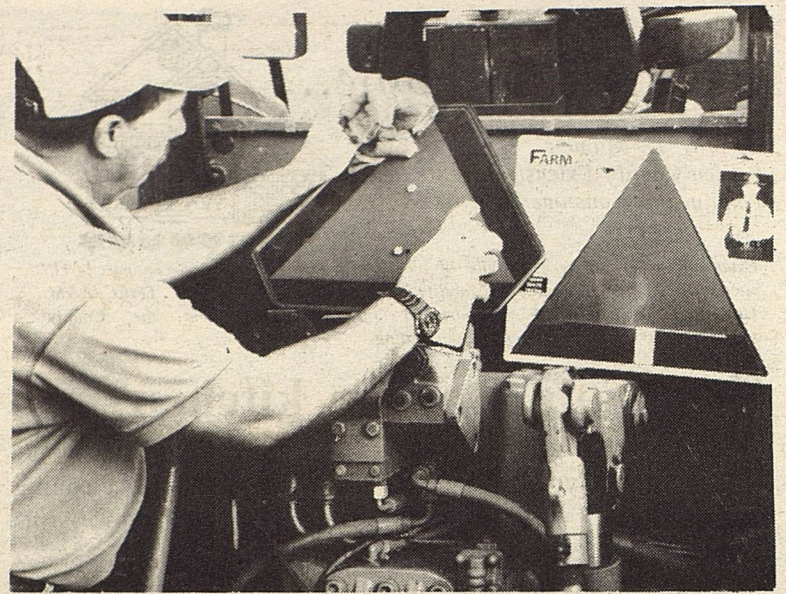
Assembled by SMV Technologies of Odessa, Florida, the new safety kits provide farm vehicles with a bright fluorescent emblem (for daytime rear visibility) along with a dozen red, yellow and orange headlight reflecting tapes for the four sides of the vehicles (for darker conditions.)

Also urging farmers to use the new high brightness materials are the Illinois State Police, Country Companies (a farm insurer) and the National Safety Council.

Officer Brian Benoit of the Illinois State Police points out that during 1988-1995 period 2,633 accidents occurred involving farm equipment, with 1,130 injured and 50 killed. Benoit claims that, "half of the fatalities occurred under low-light conditions which accounted for only 25% of the accidents - proving low vehicle visibility is a major factor."

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) has recently issued a performance specification upgrade calling for the new tapes.

The nearest distributor of the new SMV Farm Safety Kits can be located by calling a toll-free number 1-877-768-8324.



The Farm Safety Kit is illustrated as a tractor is cleaned to receive the easy-to-apply self-adhesive materials.



This photo shows the high visibility to an approaching motorist under low light.

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Texas Dairy Industry in Turmoil

The dairy cattle industry isn't in great shape. It's tough to make milk in Texas. Extension marketing and policy economist Dr. Ron Knutson (KAH-noot-shun) calls it an industry in turmoil. He points to a decline in east Texas and questionable operations in Central Texas. Only the large dairies in West Texas appear to be strong. Knutson says the big factor is the elimination of price support in 1999. That will place dairy into the same category as other livestock commodities. Therefore, the key to profitability is to increase output per cow. Knutson says a cow should produce at least 20-

thousand pounds of milk annually. And he says that should increase one to two percent each year. Knutson believes Texas has too many small dairies. He thinks that a farm has to have 500 to one-thousand cows to be competitive. He says smaller operations can survive, but they must be managed extremely well. The larger farms can operate more efficiently to deal with increasingly volatile prices and environmental regulations. Knutson is convinced that livestock agriculture will soon be regulated just like industry and expected to produce no discharge. He says there will also be more concern about air pollution.

Growing Vegetables is Risky Business

Due to this summer's drought the strong demand for fresh produce may be all that keeps vegetable and fruit farmers in business in Texas. Extension horticultural marketing economist Dr. Charlie Hall says during the 1990's vegetable acreage in Texas has dropped 25 percent and he expects acreage to continue to decline. One of the biggest reasons is lack of water. It's difficult to grow vegetables in dry times when there is little water in the reserve. He says some operations are moving to Mexico and other Central American countries where they can raise vegetables more cheaply. Still, Hall sees a place for vegetable farmers because of the strong demand for fresh produce. He emphasizes value-added products such as ready-to-eat salads and other fresh foods that make cooking and eating convenient in our fast paced world.

Thank You!

We wish to express appreciation for all who helped fight the fire Sunday night, June 21st. The motor-grader, the fire truck and all the volunteers who helped. Thanks a'bunch.
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LUBBOCK, Friday, June 26, 1998
By Shawn Wade

Predicting the size of the 1998 High Plains cotton crop has been no easy task. This year everything hinges on the amount of acreage that is eventually lost because of extreme drought conditions which have so far dictated the course of the 1998 crop.

After conversations with USDA Risk Management agency personnel, PCG estimates 1.25 million acres or dryland cotton planted in the region has already been released by Federal Crop Insurance as of June 26.

That means as much as 35 percent of the total cotton acreage expected to be planted on the High Plains this year has already been lost and more acres could follow. This is a big change from the 1997 High Plains cotton crop.

Final figures for the 1997 crop show total production for the area totaled a healthy 3.415 million bales from 3.3 million harvested acres. This translates to an overall average yield of 496 pounds per acre harvested. Acreage abandonment for the 1997 crop was seven percent.

**Texas High Plains
1997-Crop Upland Cotton Production**

County	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Yield / Acre	Production Bales
Bailey	101,600	80,800	564	94,900
Borden	32,200	30,300	347	21,900
Briscoe	39,600	38,600	425	34,200
Castro	64,800	63,000	760	99,800
Cochran	131,300	119,200	422	104,800
Crosby	226,000	218,500	472	214,900
Dawson	270,100	251,800	408	213,900
Deaf Smith	11,000	10,900	656	14,900
Dickens	27,600	26,600	330	18,300
Floyd	183,600	170,700	516	183,400
Gaines	292,200	279,800	500	291,300
Garza	43,100	41,300	411	35,400
Hale	222,000	204,600	630	268,600
Hockley	266,200	236,100	464	228,400
Howard	101,300	96,400	423	84,900
Lamb	188,300	166,600	660	229,200
Lubbock	290,400	275,800	480	276,000
Lynn	290,200	269,600	445	250,200
Martin	135,100	133,000	432	119,700
Midland	34,800	25,300	489	25,800
Motley	36,500	35,200	269	19,700
Parmer	70,900	67,300	776	108,800
Swisher	70,900	65,900	540	74,100
Terry	266,900	254,300	459	243,400
Yoakum	145,900	141,000	541	159,000
TOTAL	3,542,500	3,302,600	496	3,415,500

Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

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Growers in a number of High Plains counties had another weapon added to their arsenal this week with the approval of Section 18 exemptions allowing the use of Pirate and Confirm for beet armyworm control.

Although no significant outbreaks have been reported so far, the potential exists for problems to flare later in the season as cotton matures.

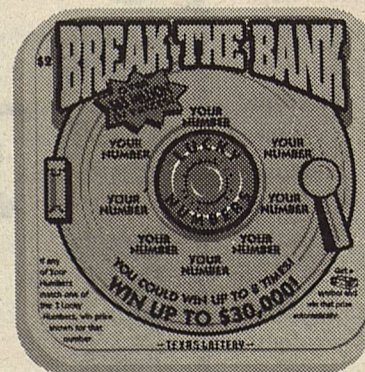
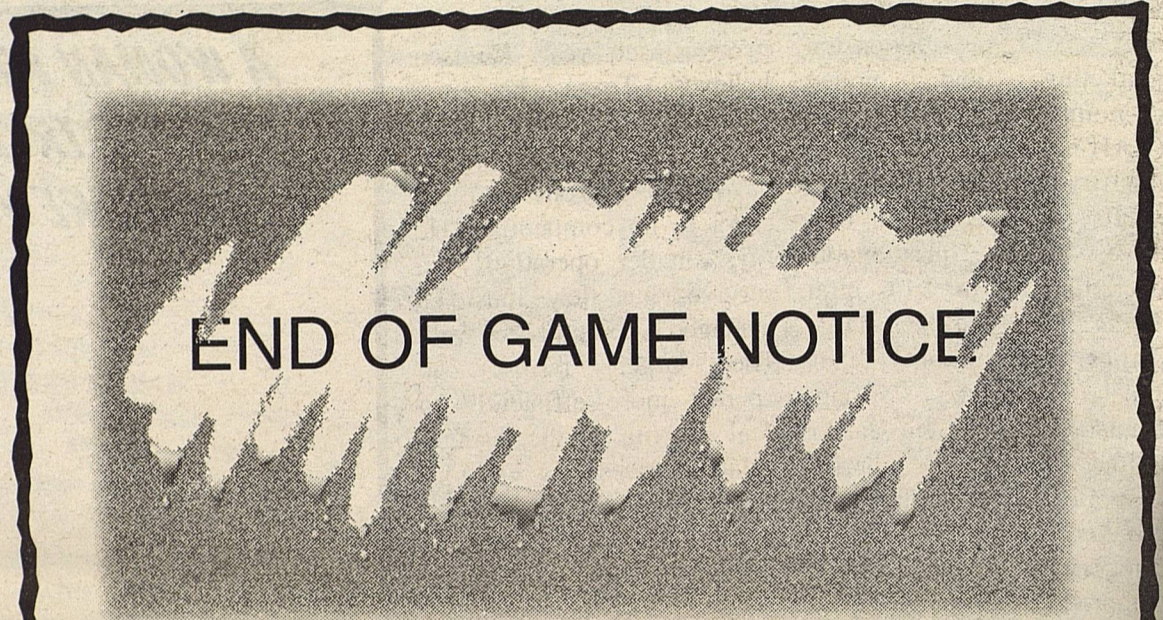
Additional information about specific aspects of the Section 18 for Pirate and confirm can be obtained from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The Section 18 is effective through September 30, 1998 in the following counties: Bailey, Borden, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Parmer, Scurry, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum.



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Four of the Texas Lottery's instant games will close on July 31, 1998: Double Doubler, Firecracker Cash, Break the Bank and Leapin' Lizards. You have until January 27, 1999, to redeem any winning tickets. You can win up to \$8,000 playing Double Doubler, up to \$25,000 playing Firecracker Cash, up to \$30,000 playing

Break the Bank and up to \$3,000 playing Leapin' Lizards. You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 24 Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail. Questions? Just call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).



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Overall odds of winning Double Doubler: 1 in 480. Overall odds of winning Firecracker Cash: 1 in 484. Overall odds of winning Break the Bank: 1 in 494.

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