


Supreme Court rejects gun appeals testing one's right to own firearms

## Five die in SUV, big rig crash

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Wrecks along I-20 this year claim 14 lives
over the first vehicle when the SUV'struck the trailer of the second, which is owned by ikes Truck Lines of Hope, Ark., Artesi said
"It was like he didn't even. see the truck parked there. He passed me, I was in the middle lane, then he hit," said Jerry Debose a Frito Lay truck driver who saw the accident, "It's something you just don't want to
The SUV came to rest at a right angle to the 18 -wheeler, its front end a pile of twisted metal. The accident shut down westbound 1 -
20 , although police partially reopened the highway about 10:45 a.m.
The Department of Public Safety con details. The DPS is not the lead investigating agency spokeswoman Tela Mange said agency, spokeswoman Tela Mange saic
"The wreck is bad," Mange said. " are multiple fatalities. Traffic is backed up to Kaufman County
Mark Ball, a spokesman for the Texa Department of Transportation, said there wa no construction in the area and that judging rom aerial photos, the 18 -wheeler was "wel off the highway right-of-w

City Briefs
Three passengers in the
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 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { East Texas. The women was } & \begin{array}{c}\text { was rasturning to Dallas from a }\end{array} \\ \text { trying to keep the driver from } \\ \text { trip to casinos in Bossier City, }\end{array}$
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five peoplé ${ }^{\prime}$ killed Monday
morning when their sport utili-
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ty vehicle smashed into a
flatbed 18 -wheeler parked on Mesquite a Dallas suburb
Three passengers in the
SUV were airlifted with seri-
Ous injuries to area hospitals. hit the trailer at a high to have hit the traler at a high speed.
The day before, three people were killed and five were hos were killed and five were hos-
pitalized after a Greyhound bus slammed into the rear of trac-lor-traler rig on I-20 in West
Texas. Almost three dozen people were injured in the early morn-
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Colorado City and 250 miles

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Publisher, Pampa native, dies
BIG SPRING (AP) - Ken He was promoted to ad the tragedy of the Dulaney Dulaney, publisher of the Big manager, a position he held family."
Spring Herald, died of a heart until April 1996. From there
Dulan Spring Herald, died of a heart until April 1996. From there Dulaney was born Oct. 14
attack Sunday at his home. he became publisher of The 1941, in Oklahoma City.

He was 60 . "He made every day at this Id
newspaper fun,", newspaper fun," John
Moseley, managing editor of
the Herald, said Monday "I the Herald, said Monday ${ }^{\text {"I }}$ "I
don't think anyone who don t think anyone who
worked here had a better friend in the publisher's office." Dulaney, who worked in
the newspaper business for 37 ye newspaper business for 37
years, began his career at the
Borger News Herald in 196 . years, began his career at the
Borger News Herald in 1965 .
He had worked at papers in He had worked at papers in
Richardson, Garland, Pecos,
Tulsa, Pampa and Seguin Tulsa, Pampa and Seguin before first coming to Big
Spring as an advertising sales Spring as an advertising sales
representative in April 1992. daho.
Dulan Dulaney, who attended exas Tech University,
returned to Big Spring last yeturned to Big Spring last at the Kansas City Kansan.
He also has bee He also has been publisher of
the New Alband the New Albany (Ind.)
Tribune. Tribune.
The Hera
The Herald is owned by
Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. He is survived by wife
Vera; his mother, Kathlee Vera; his mother, Kathleen
Dulaney, and a brother Dulaney, and a brother,
Steven Dulaney, both of Steven Dulaney, both of
Kansas, Okla.; sons Wes Kansas, Okla.; sons Wes
Dulaney of Austin and Collin Dulaney of Munford, Tenn daughter Kenda Dulaney of Midland; and seven grand Midand;
children.
A memo
scheduled
scheduled for 10
Wednesday Wednesday at First Christian Church in Big Spring.
Memorials may be lost one of its dear members," said Jim Wilson, vice president of CNHI and pub-
lisher of the Weatherford the Cystic Fibrosi Foundation, Northeast Texas
Chapter, 2929 Carlisle Chapter, 2929 Carlisle, Suite
230, Dallas, Texas 75204 . representative in April 1992

## Spurrin’ <br> of the Texas Pamhande

 While the mission of the Texas Rodeo Bible opportunity to learn more about rodeo skills as well as the Bible, the objective is also to teach the young teens how to incorporate the Bible's teachings into their daily lives.
Registrations have been coming in from all
over the Panhandle, said Camp Secretary over the Panhandie, said Camp Secretary
Kathleen Greene. She said one young cowboy will also be coming from Bryan and several are from the Lubbock area.
"We have instructors lined up for the camp
from Lubbock, Plainview and Amarillo" she from Lubbock, Plainview and Amarillo," she
said. said.
"There are a lot of these camps in Colorado one in Texas. It's a lot closer for these kids one in lexas."
She said the young rodeo riders will begin
their day with chapel. Curtis House minter their day with chapel. Curtis House, minister of the First United Methodist Church in Happy and who also has a rodeo arena ministry, will
be assisting with the camp.
Fundamentals of rodeoing in several events
will be taught. Boys events include buil fight ing, steer wrestling, bull riding, bareback an Girls events will be barrel racing, pol bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, and team roping.
Rodeo clow
Rodeo clowning will also be taught. Greene said all instructors will be qualified
in their event as well as in their Christian walk in their event as well as in their Christian walk
Camp Director is Laura Crain of Lubbock while Arena Director will be Jim Greene. The camp personnel are seeking assistance
for the camp. for the camp. volunteers," said Greene. "We can use everything from either donating foed ing these kids three times a day,
She said all participants will receive a shirt with the camp logo on it along with the sponsors " names on the back.
"Our policy is to not turn any child away regardless of their financial situation so anyone camp scholarship can do so by contacting us," she said.
Additional
Additional information may
contacting Greene at 665-8067

|  | to 2001 . <br> In Northern California, residents of Smartville forced from their homes by an 1,100 acre wildfire were allowed to return Monday as firefighters gained the upper hand over the blaze. <br> The blaze, which started early Sunday when high wind knocked power lines into a tree, was 50 percent contained Monday. <br> Near Cimarron, N.M., hundreds of firefighters and a fleet of air tankers and waterdropping helicopters tried to slow down wildfires that charred an estimated 85,000 acres of forest. <br> The fires, on and around the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in northeastern New |  |
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| ation of hundreds of homes in |  |  |
| the mountains southwest Denver. |  |  |
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| a fire on a 10,000 -foot-h ridge north of Dura |  | dreaching Amarillo in |
| burned 6,500 acres. |  | Texas Panhandle, nearly |
| campgrounds were evacuat |  | 200 miles awa , he said. |
| and a Forest Service hel copter picked up several hik |  | A southwestern Utah fire, pushed by 50 mph wind, |
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| Colorado fight |  | rs were able to save |
| blazes. It was the ninth FEMA |  | vacation homes and <br> 40 residents on |
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Bush: Israel has right to defend itself WASHINGTON (AP) -
With Israeli troops surrounding Yasser Arafat's com-
pound,' President Bush said Monday that Israel has a right to defend itself and sug-
gested conditions are not ripe for a Mideast peace confer-

Concluding his sixth meeting with Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said of Arafat "we don't see yet a partner" in peace talks.
The two leaders met in the Oval Office as Israeli tanks and troops surrounded Arafat's compound in Ramallah. Sharon came to the meeting seeking assurances that Bush doesn't
move too fast toward a peace process and not demand a deadline for Pálestiniañ statehood.
On both points, he got what he wanted for now. Bush renewed his call for
dramatic reforms of the dramatic reforms of the
Palestinian Authority, saying the changes are needed made toward peace. He suggested a Mideast peace con-
ference will not be conducted ference will not be conducted
soon. ${ }^{\text {soon. }}$ "The conditions aren't even there yet. That's
because no one has confidence in the emerging Palestinian government. So first things first: Which institutions are necessary to give the Palestinian people hope
and to give the Israelis the confidence that the emerging



Terry Randle, manager of the Pampa Wal-Mart store, presents a grant check for $\$ 500$, to members of Pampa Boy Scout Troop 404, an amount matches money

Government announces arrest of man suspected of plotting terrorist attack

| NGTON (AP) | to have haḍ a bomb at the time | er probably |
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| The U.S. government has arrested an Aḿerican citizen | of his apprehension. "We don't believ | severely resficted now that he is in military custody, Johnson |
| accused of conspiring with al- | beyond the planning stages," | He said the alleged al- |
| Qaida terrorists to build and etonate a radioactive "dirty" | the official said. <br> Deputy Secretary | Qaida operative was being held separately from other |
| mb in this country, possibly | Defense Paul Wolfowitz, |  |
|  | at | Asheroft said Mu |
| Attorney General | ence with Thompson | prison time 'in. the |
| sheroft said that Abdullah A | Mueller, said officials could | United States in the early |
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| nal of an alleged terroris | U.S. Navy brig in Charleston, | dispersion devices |
| ihe World Trade C | S.C., said Pentago | Ashcroft said al-Qaida |
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| e struck Sept. 11 | Johnson, who said Mujahi | Mujahir would be permitted to |
| ed commercial airline | sferred from Justice | travel freely within the United |
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The 31 -year-old is a native of

"We have disrupted an
unfolding terrorist plot to attack the United States by
exploding a radioactive dirty bomb," he said, adding that
the government's suspicions
about Mujahir's plans came
from "multiple, independent, about Mujahir's plans came
from "multiple, independent,
corroborating sources." $1 / 4$,
Asked at a news conference Asked at a news conference
here whether authorities had identified any co-conspirators
in the United States, Deputy Attorney General Larry
Thompson said, "We're not going to comment on that,"
FBI Director Robert Mueller said, "Our principal interest is in preventing future
terrorist attacks. This instance terrorist attacks. This instance
is an example of prevention." is an example of prevention."
A senior administration official speaking on condition
of anonymity said Mujahir was trained by al-Qaida in Afghanistan and Pakistan to
wire explosives and to wire explosives adich radioactive dispersal
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p.m. There will be a blind raw with handicap members and five dollars for members.
Carts will be available to rent at five dollars per
person.
In case of a tie, the pot orls over to the next
cramble. Winner takes
to the first 40 paid entries.
For more information, contact Derek Bigham at
$663-4942$ or Marcus

HORSE RACING
NEW YORK (AP) spring of misfortune blos-
somed into win of his career in the first victory in a Triple
Crown race came with $70-$

He was as stunned at crowd of 103,222 that
packed Belmont Park, Emblem, become racing's
12th Triple Crown winner and first in 24 years. colt who won the
Kentucky Derby and Preakness stumbled to his ing out of the starting

AUTO RACING
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Jeff Ward
overtook Al Unser Jr. just inches from the line, his Boomtown 500, and won closest finish in IRL history - a record that has
become commonplace at $\begin{array}{llll}\text { the } & 1 / 2-\text { mile, } & \text { high- } \\ \text { banked } & \text { Texas } & \text { Motor }\end{array}$
Flashback
1999: Pampa defeated San
Angelo Lakeview 35-23 in a
homecoming game at
Harvester Stadium.
Fullback Thomas Long and
quarterback Kaleb Snelgrooes
ran for two touchownnapiece
to lead the Harvesters offense.
Running back Terrance
Lemons also had a touch-

## Knight reveals cameo role in movie

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| night has turned movie | nge | Knight was the guest |
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|  | dget and will be dire | Raider Booster Club dirner |
| Knight is schedul |  | y night at the Pampa |
| alongside | ous credits include "Tom | Cou |
| Jack Nicholson and | Boy" and Nutty Professor | CC officials reported |
| Adam Sandler in the upcom- ing movie | "'I had a good time doing | 110 residents turned out. |
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| anagement," |  | was |
| duled for a | funme and Nichol | the Red Red Club, which |
| might win an | tremendous actor," said. | ists student athletes with |
| ard," joked Knight during | nigh |  |
| fund-raising stop and | appearing in the group th | lished an aut |
| f outing in Pampa last | py sessions made the sinis- | "Knight: My Story. |
| The film is about m | ter- looking backwoods char | is available on |
| ma | "Deliverance" look like | ookshelves. |
| played by Sandler, who | d |  |
| accidentally sent to an anger | n | 8 holes with a group |
| agement help | Knight said Nicholson | cal players that af |
|  | was a nervous Los Angle | the PCC course. |
| Nicholson's overly sive character. | Lakers' fan in between | Knight will be |
| Other sports personalties | scenes, which were filmed in | second season |
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Lewis retains titles, knocks out Tyson in eighth round


Bob Knight answers questions at the Pampa
Country Club.

## Lakers rally for 3-0 lead 

 Nets spent the better part of going to let anybody take ittwo games trying to find a from me.".
way to slow Shaquille
That includes the Nets,
O'Neal. Just when they who gave their best effort of O'Neal. Just when they who gave their best effort of
developed a plan, Kobe the Finals, only to come up
Bryant stepped up to put the short once anain. Kidd carried
s.e. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Bryant stepped up to put the } & \text { short once again. Kida carried } \\ \text { Los Angeles Lakers one win } \\ \text { from another. NBA champi- } & \begin{array}{l}\text { assists, with } 30 \text { Martint addded a } \\ \text { ons.a } \\ \text { career-playoff high } 26 \text { points, }\end{array} \\ \text { onship. }\end{array}$ onship.
Bryant, a supporting cast career-playoff high 26 points, Lakers' first two victories, O'Neal.
had his first superstar game of hese NBA Finals, seoring 36 got, two of their players are in
the
points points and carrying Los the top five in the league,"
Angeles down the stretch in a. Nets coach Byron Scot said on Sunday night. The victory gave Los the best, they are the best. We
Angles a $3-0$ lead in the best- came out and gave it every-of-seven series and a win in thing we had."
Game 4 on Wednesday night
No team has ever recovwill give the Lakers their ered from such a deficit to
win an NBA playoff series
third straight title. "Shaq is a Goliath and I win an NBA playoff series
and the Nets, despite their "They collapse on him and insistence the series is not
over, are not likely to be the
make it hard for him to. first. breathe down there, the that's where I take over." $\begin{array}{cll}\text { O'Neal still got his points, } & \text { row to do it, and after leading } \\ \text { for much of the fourth quarter }\end{array}$ quarter - forcing Bryant to
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keep the ball in his hands

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## Chris Smith wins Buick Classic for first tour championship

HARRISON，N．Y．（AP）－Beth
Smith hoped to surprise husband
Chris with a last－minute trip to

Westchester Country Club，
He ruined the suspense with some nifty detective work，but she
got exactly what she came for， got exactly what she came for，
looking on as he won the Buick Classic for his first PGA Tour title
＂This is the first time I＇ve eve done something like this，＂she said
＂I really wanted to be here．．．．This is just something he wanted foreve and ever．He＇s worked so hard．＂
When she talked to her husb Sunday morning she told him sh was driving home from her sister＇s ＂An hour after I talked to her， this light bulb went off in my head
＇I didn＇t hear the kids or her mom ＇I didn＇t hear the kids，or her mom
in the car，＂＇．said Smith，who was away from home the past six
weeks．
＂So I picked the phone up and called her and said，＇Where are home．，I said，＇No Beth，where are you？＇And she said，＇At the golf
course．＂＇

State play－year－old former Ohio State player shot a 1 －under 70 for a victory 272 total and a two－stroke earned $\$ 630,000$ and players．He tion through 2004 ．
The funny thing is that I＇ve
the job done，＂said Smith，in tears

missing three straight cuts，then
tied for 56th in the Memorial and showed a glimpse of his winning
form last week with a seventh－ place tie in the Kemper Open．He also played a U．S．Open qualifier this week，but failed to earn a spot． Thursday and Friday with my two Thursday and Friday with my two
kids，＂he said．＂I＇ve haven＇t been home for six weeks，so I＇ll enjoy watching the Open on TV and
being at home．＂ being at home．＂
Perez made
 feet for a bogey that left him three strokes behind after Smith＇s birdie
＂There＇s no way I should have lost the tournament，＂he said．＂
don＇t like the back nine at all don＇t like the back nine at all
Where they put the pins is lud Where they put the pins is ludi
crous．＂ The qualifying tournament win ner also had a late meltdown at
Pebble Beach in February，closing with a triple bogey to finish thre strokes behind winner Matt Gogel Gossett，with sister Joni caddy ing，birdied No． 14 to match Smith
at 11 under，but bogeyed the next at 11 under
two holes．
He had six bogeys，six birdies and six pars．
$\qquad$ errors，＂Gossett said．＂I＇m still
pleased with myself that I didn＂ throw in the towel．＇
 Rocket group begins China meetings $\underset{\text { Rockets representatives had their first }}{\text { HOUSTON（AP）}}$ direct meeting with the Shanghai Sharks regarding possibly making 7 foot－5 Chinese center Yao Ming the
first pick in the NBA draft，a team first pick in we NBA draft，a tea
spokesman said early Monday．
Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovic Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich，
general manager Carroll Dawson， general manager Carroll Dawson，
team spokesman Netson Luis and eam spokesman Nelson Luis and
team attorney Michael Goldberg are in Shanghai to talk with Sharks general manager Li Yeomin and team presi－ dent Bai Li，
Luis said
Luis said Li Yeomin and Goldberg
met for the first time met for the first time and had a pleas－
ant conversation that lasted well past midnight．
＂It was

It was more of a get－acquainted meeting，＂Luis said by telephone from
Shanghai．＂It was our first one－on－one hhanghai．＂It was our first one－，
session and it went very well．＂
After a tour of the city on Mon
After a tour of the city on Monday，
ooldberg planned a meeting with Bai
Li later Monday before the Rockets
departed for Beijing，where their itin－
erary was uncertain．

Luis said a meeting also might be
arranged between the Rockets an Yao＇s parents，both former members teams Chinese national basketbal The Rockets，who have the firs pick in the June 26 NBA draft，want to make Yao the first pick in the draft
But they must clear details bot But they must clear details both with
the Sharks，for whom Yao plays，and the Sharks，for whom Yao plays，an
other Chinese government officials． Although Yav has not adapted to the pro game，Rockets officials have said Yao＇s basketball skills are not a ＂Bas seen him metball is not the issue，we＇ve seen him play a number of times since
he was 17 ，＂Dawson said prior to leav－ ing for China．＂We think he has a
tremendous upside．This is not a bas tremendous upside．This is not a bas
ketball meeting．It is the other thingt ketball meeting．It is the other thin
that we have to get wrapped up．＂ Li has said that before the Rock can be cleared to select Yao，they mus get approval from the Far East
Recreation Club，which owns the Rharks．


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Volunteer of the Year


Cabot CRT donation

(Courtesy photo) Cabot Corporation's Community Relations Team recently made a contribution to Optimist Club towards the purchase of a van to transport workers to and from the Club's park. Above, left-right: Dale Clark, facility general manager; Truman Lowrance, Optimist Club; and Andrea Deloach and James McElroy, both Cabot CRT representatives

Historical marker to be dedicated at Texas Hotel

PANHANDLE -- A Texas
Historical Marker for The hotel, according to
Moty Historical Marker for The
Texan Hotel, will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15 , at
the hotel located at the hotel located at 117 E. Downs built the Downs Hotel, Broadway, Panhandle. The a two-story brick building
dedication ceremony is open which was occupied as dedication ceremony open which was occupied as their
and free to the public.
homestead and business. The and free to the public.
An Open House, hosted by Downs came to Panhandle in Panhandle Chamber of 1908, left briefly, and returned Commerce, will follow the in 1913. They were involved in
dedication. dedication.
Carson County Historical several different businesses
before building the hotel. The Carson County Historical
Cefore building the hotel. The
Commission and Mrs. Betty
oil boom north of Panhandle Rhynehart, hotel owner, have made the hotel business profbeen working for several years $\begin{aligned} & \text { table for a few years. } \\ & \text { to obtain the marker for the 76- The town site of Panhandle }\end{aligned}$

## Girl Scout display



Courtesy photo) A "Centennial" display of Girl Scout memorabilia covering the past 60 years is currently on view at the: former Pampa Hardware Store in downtown Pampa. The display was organized by former staff member Paula Goff. The next Gray County Centennial meeting is scheduled at 5 p.m., Thursday, June 20, at Pampa Community Building. A work session will be held prior to the regular meeting at 4 p.m., at the same location. Volunteers are welcome.
when Finch, Lord and Nelson,
sent 10 cowboys from Burlingame, Kan., to purchase 10 sections of land in the center of Carson County, due to the
coming of the Southern Kansas coming of the Southern Kansas
(Santa Fe) Railway into the Texas Panhandle. Panhandle was to be the terminus of the railway as it connected with the Fort Worth and
Denver Railway Hower the Denver Railway. However, the
Fort Worth and Denver took Fort Worth and Denver took
another, route and wegt into Washburn and on to Amarillo instéad of coming to Panhairdle. The Southern Kansas Railway completed its
tracks into Panhandle and the tracks into Panhandle, and the
first train arrived in January first train arrived in January
1888. Settlers were already arriving in the county. The first issue of "The Panhandle Herald," still in publication, was published from a
tent by H.H. Brooks on July 22 tent by H.H. Brooks on July 22,
1887. It listed several businesses. It also advertised for 100 young single women to come
to Panhandle and marry thrifty young men who had settled on 640 acres of land Carson County was organized in 1888
with the first meeting of the with the first meeting of the-
Commissioner's Court June 29,1888.
The county grew with farming and ranching as the predominant occupations while
merchants came to serve the merchants came to serve the
population. The railroad was population. The raitroad was
important in shipping cattle and agricultural products to the east. The 1890 census showed 256 people while the 1920 census had increased to 3,078 people in Carson County.
In the early 1920's, the econ-
omy changed when the Gulf omy changed wher the Gulf
Oil Co. drilled Burnett $\# 2$, the

6666 Ranch of Samuel Burk Burnett. There was little demand for the oil until "Tex"
Mcllroy drilled Mcllroy drilled the Smith
Lease in 1926 which precipi Lease in 1926 which precipi-
tated the oil boom. - Panhandle pyramided from a small rural town to a population of 40,000 almost overnight. There were no
roads or railroads to roads or rairoads to the oil
field north of town, and all field north of town, and all
supplies came through
Panhen supplies came through
Panhandle.
In July of 1926, the
Panhandle Panhandle station did
$\$ 1,800,000$ worth on $\$ 1,800,000$ worth of business.
more than any other sution more than any other station on
the Santa Fe line except Chicago. Housing was at a Chicago. Housing was at a
premium. Workers were living in tents, in their trucks, anywhere they could find lodging. However, when Borger was
started in 1926 and when a rail started in 1926 and when a rail
line was built to the oil fields line was built to the oil fields.
supply companies and workers moved to Borger.
mer The Depression of 1929 and
a prolonged drought caused a prolonged drought caused Carson County. When the Downs could not make their payments, a warranty deed was execuled in 1932 convey-
ing the property and all its fur nishings to James Christopher Paul. Paul had come to
Panhandle in 1888 Panhandle in 1888 and had
established the Panhandle established the Panhandle
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transferred from the estate of J.C. Paul, who had died March 3, 1935, to J.H. Paul. During hotel, it was managed by Mr and Mrs. Jim Mecaskey who lived at the hotel with their two hotel name was changed to The Texan Hotel when it was taken by the Pauls.
Samuel K. Lanning pur-
chased the hotel in May 1943 chased the hotel in May 1943 .
Mr. and Mrs. Lanning managed the hotel until 1956 when they sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Light. The Lights managed the hotel until they sold it back to the
Lannings in 1965. On June 24, Lannings in 1965. On June 24,
1974, Samued Lanning sold The Texan Hotel to Clarence and Betty Rhynehart. Clarence Rhynehart died in 1989, but Betty Rhynehart still resides in and manages the hotel. The Texan Hotel has
changed very little since it was built in 1926. Sometime in the early 'years, a coat of stucco like paint was applied to the front of the building. After World War II, with the advent and motels, the hotel was con verted to apartments with a few reoms left for lodging for nightly guests. A bed and breakfast was added in the late 1980's. Antiques are scattere
throughout the building. throughout the building
The Texan Hotel is the only
hotel in Panhandle that surhotel in Panhandle that sur-
vived the oil boom years and later times of drought and pros-
perity for continued perity for continued use.

