

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Harley Erin Jester

Mr. and Mrs. Jester of Wallis announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born July 4, 1996, at 5:30 p.m. at Rice District Community Hospital. Harley Erin weighed six pounds, four ounces, and measured 20 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Bornstein.

Her maternal grandmother is Dinah L. Hendrickson of Sealy. Paternal grandparents are Sherilyn and Allen Jester of Sealy.

Her great grandparents are Shirley Ann Perry, Shirley Ann Jester and Frank Dewitt Jester.

Brandon Wayne Psencik

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Psencik of Rosenberg would like to announce the arrival of Brandon Wayne Psencik, born June 17, 1996, at 9:05 a.m. in Columbia Rosewood Medical Center in Houston.

He weighed in at nine pounds, six ounces and was 21 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his parents and five-year-old brother, Jeffrey Ryan Psencik.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Psencik of Eagle Lake.

Maternal grandparents are Jean F. DeLarber of Lakewood, Colorado, and Raymond DeLarber Jr. of Denver, Colorado.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Felix Psencik of Cistern; Mrs. Pauline Dudley of Pardin, Missouri; Frances Houston of Denver, Colorado; and Mr. Raymond DeLarber Sr. of St. Louis, Mo.

Reed Thomas Seely

Tom and Valerie Seely of Little Rock, Arkansas, announce the birth of their third child, a son, born Wednesday, July 3, 1996, at 2:48 p.m. in St. Vincent Hospital, Little Rock.

Reed Thomas weighed eight pound, two ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Kendall, three years old, and brother, Trent, who is one.

His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seely II of Plano. Maternal grandparents are Major and Sandra Bengé of Eagle Lake.

His great grandparents are Mrs. Thomas Seely and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carpenter of Plano and Myrtle Bengé of Tivola.

Reed Thomas' mother is the former Valerie Bengé.

Jacalyn Suzanne Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Cypress are pleased to announce the arrival of their third daughter, Jacalyn Suzanne.

Jacalyn was born at Tomball Regional Hospital on June 4, 1996, tipping the scales at eight pounds, nine ounces.

Mrs. Thompson is the former Becky Anderson of Eagle Lake.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson of Eagle Lake.

Jacalyn's great grandmother is Mrs. Corinne Johnston, also of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B.G. Thompson of Tucson, Arizona.

Jacalyn has been anxiously awaited by her two sisters, Rachel Marie, age six and one-half, and Caroline Ruth, two and one-half.

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Alleyton

Last time, we left Seth and Pvt. Jerry Tomlin as they were returning to Alleyton from their encounter with the Grubbers.

The next morning, Seth got up slowly, still feeling sore from yesterday's tumble. But with no evidence of broken ribs or damaged kidneys, he figured the bruises were on the mend even though a couple of bluish places appeared below his right shoulder bone. Otherwise, he was fit as he washed, shaved, and put on more outgoing clothing.

At breakfast, he was surprised that Herman Adley was there to greet him. He wondered about that - so much so that he decided to tour around and took to the street. Passing Reddick's office casually, he could detect no visible signs within - of Jason or his office man. Either these two sly fellows had slept late or more than likely, thought Seth, they just might be involved in some kind of diversion. If they were, they had not taken time to include him.

Back at the hotel dining hall, however, at once he glimpsed a con-

spicuous red bandana worn by one of the patrons. Sure enough, it was Clem Ashby sitting at a corner table in the far end of the room.

Seth set down near the entrance and asked the waitress for a platter of steak, potatoes, and eggs. Normally, he did not request such a heavy meal. However, he thought, he would probably be ordered back east before long and be on lean rations again. So he had better eat all the good beef steak he could before such a happening. Besides, he was hungry.

Shortly after receiving his bountiful order, Seth watched out of the corner of his eye when Clem walked out. Seth finished a most satisfying meal, reminding himself to hereafter order steak more often for breakfast. When he stepped out of the front door, Clem was seated in one of those rocking chairs placed by the hotel on the porch for the use of its patrons.

As Seth paused on the stoop, Clem casually got up and wandered in the direction of the storehouse where the two had met previously. Seth fol-



Locals compete

Justin Jobe, #17 of Eagle Lake, brought home winnings in 80cc class at Lakeside MX in Bastrop.

Justin's brothers also decided to get into the act. Pictured below, Brennan Jobe, #8, rides a 1995 CR 80, Justin on his 1996 YZ 80, and Victor Brewer, #3, rides a 1994 KX 60. Justin and Brennan were in the summer series in Bastrop.

Ending races were scheduled for June 22 and July 13; Justin is in the top 5 at this time.



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By Rollin Baker - Chapter 26 - Seth Makes A Discovery

lowed along slowly, window-shopping in route. In one window, he saw a piece of fine lace tating.

If he only could, he thought, he would sure send or carry it to his mother. A happy thought came to him. In conversing with Karma at their next meeting, perhaps he would have the opportunity to show it to her and see if she thought it would make a nice present.

By the time Seth had completed his thoughts about topics of conversation to be used during another meeting with Karma, he had entered the store room and confronted Clem Ashby. They shook hands and grinned at each other.

"I noticed," chuckled Clem, "that you were stocking up back there on beef steak."

"That's true," Seth declared. "You are in an observant frame of mind these days. If you must know, I want to get my fill of the blessed meat. One of these days, you know, I'll be back on Virginia's special rations. Smithfield ham not included."

"If I may say so without having to defend myself," laughed Clem, "you said a mouthful!"

They both frowned painfully at this verbal quibble. "To sober our conversation a bit," Clem continued, "what do you know new that could be good for the cause?"

"Although I may have covered ground previously inspected," began Seth, "Jerry Tomlin got off duty yesterday and joined me on a ride up river." Seth then told Clem where they went and their rough-and-tumble meeting with the Grubbers, at first embarrassingly painful and then friendly.

"Frankly," concluded Seth, "neither Jerry nor I believe that the cotton thieves are moving their spoils through the area of these planters or their associates. Those fellows seem honest and law-abiding, except in one case which is avoiding the military draft."

"And they do a good job of that," agreed Clem. "Anyway, you helped a lot. You seem to have gained a better insight than some of our military per-

sons have. Maybe your civilian-type approach did the trick."

"Well, I must say," responded Seth, "that Jerry and I tried to behave like civilians. We were lucky when father Karl rescued us from his ruffian sons. Having the drop on us, left us almost helpless during their clever attack. In fact, that was the first time that I have been jolted by a worthy adversary dropping on me unexpectedly from a perch above me in a tree. I'd not relish another assault by that means ever again."

"Of course I feel for you and Jerry," said Clem, "but maybe getting sympathy from the father because of your rough treatment by his sons broke the ice and allowed the encounter to finally end up friendly. Well, what do you propose to do now?"

"Today I thought that I would ride down stream a ways, at least to the site of a now-abandoned ferry crossing, and see what I can find. Sure, I know that Major Beacon's staff, including yourself, has inspected that area of the river, but I should at least become acquainted with it."

"It's a good idea," was Clem's comment.

"Oh, by the way Clem," said Seth, "have you seen either Reddick or Adley this morning? I couldn't find them - at least in their usual haunts."

"No," answered Clem. "I know that they were here last evening and this morning boarded neither the stage nor the train for a trip out of town. They must be in the area some place."

Clem had little else to say so he and Seth parted company, leaving the store room one at a time.

Armed with a good breakfast plus his two hand guns, Seth walked to the livery stable to have Jossie saddle his horse. Seth then took the rutted road down to Columbus Ferry where he again saw Jerry Tomlin on duty. He walked his horse over to where Jerry was standing with his government-issue rifle.

"Hi soldier," called Seth loudly.

"Are the sales getting across the river without difficulty?"

"This low water," replied Jerry. (See Alleyton, Page 6)

Home health, hospice services have new names

To reflect the strength of the parent organization and the continuity of care available to area residents, the Transformed Home Health Agency and Community Hospice services have taken new names and moved to a new location.

The home health agency is now named Columbia Home Care of Gulf Coast and the hospice service is called Columbia Hospice of Gulf Coast.

"The new names are part of an effort to be sure that everyone understands that we are part of the same organization," Rick Hefner, Interim CEO/CFO said.

"We are part of Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center, which in turn is part of the Columbia/HCA system, one of the foremost medical organizations in the country."

Both the hospice service and the home health service have moved to 1102 Mechanic in El Campo.

"We completely remodeled the facility, which was once the Production Credit Association," Hefner said. "Each of the services has a separate entrance. Although the two services are in the same building, each service is a separate entity."

For more information, call Columbia Hospice at 543-9487 or Columbia Home Care, 543-8642.

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going to hurt our ability to compete," Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson told the three-member board.

"In Texas, this railroad (merger) is about as welcome as the drought we're experiencing," U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, said.

Union Pacific and Southern Pacific own nearly all of the rail lines from Interstate 35, east.

But the Texas Railroad Commission and other Texas officials would be content if the board approves the merger on the condition that Union Pacific and Southern Pacific sell some of their parallel lines to competing railroad companies, such as Consolidated Rail Corp., the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"As my border colleagues and I know all too well, disease respects no borders," Smith said.

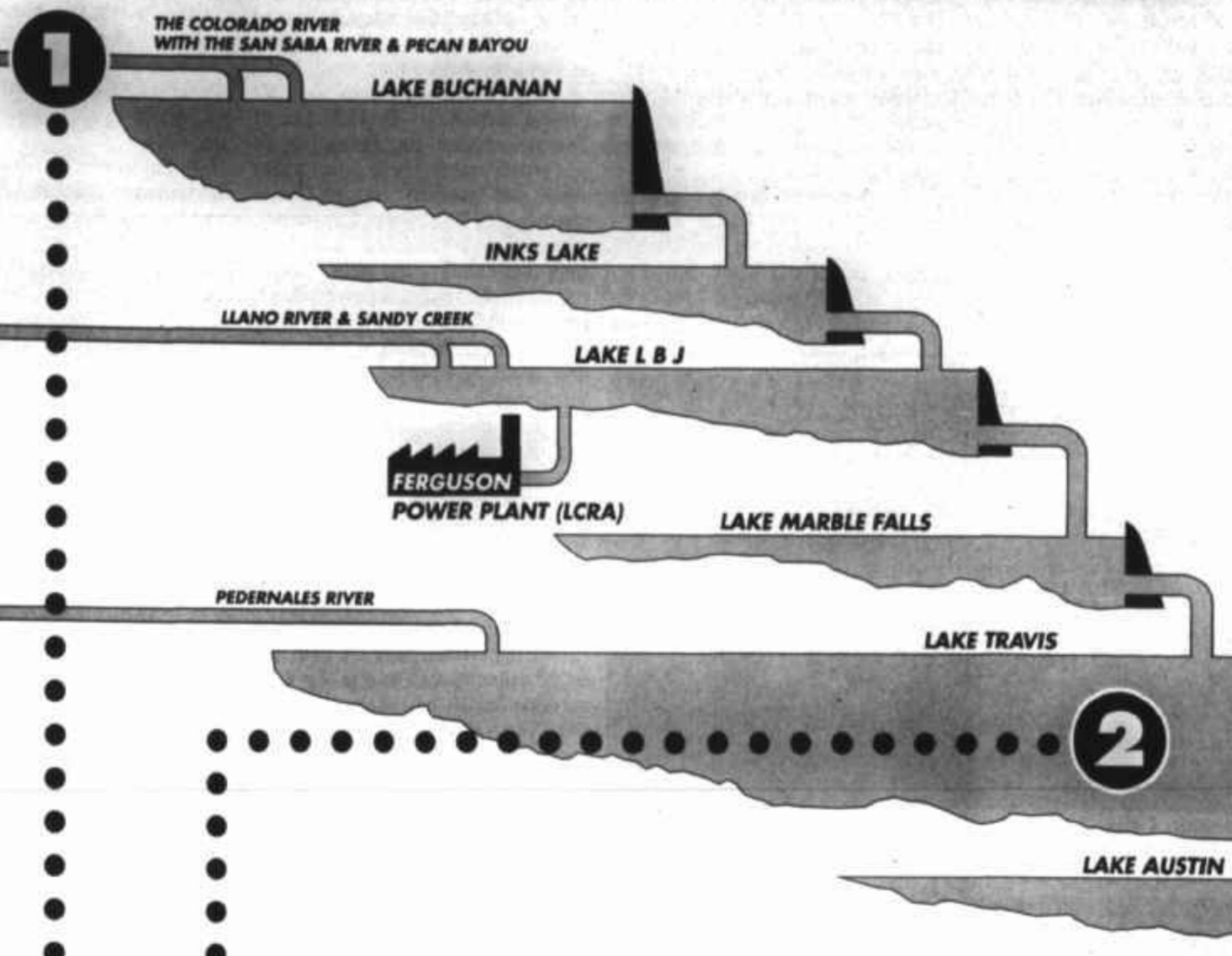
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THE DROUGHT OF 1996

UPDATE #1

Can our water resources meet the challenge?

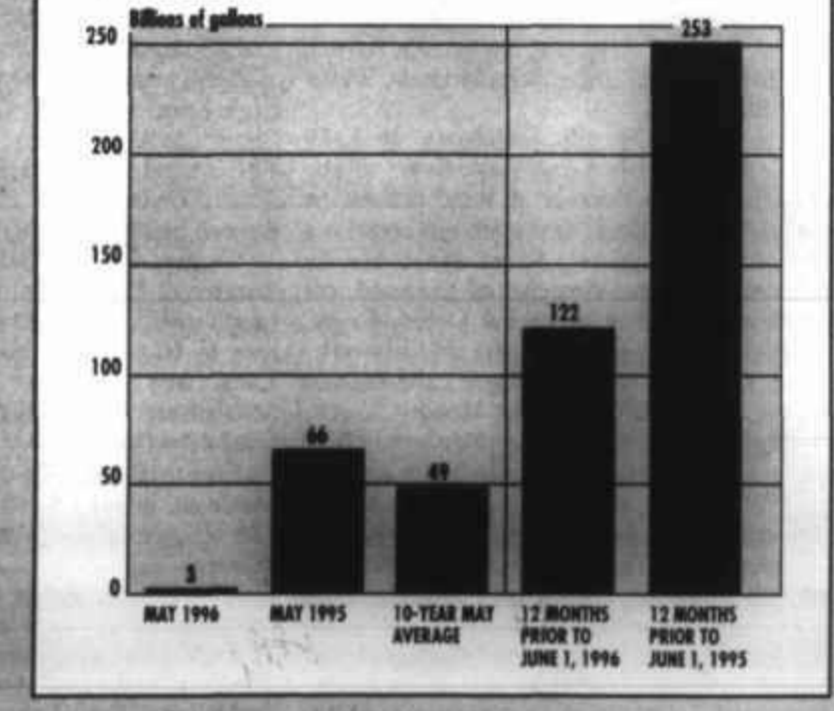


Texas is definitely in a drought — at least through the summer, maybe for another year or longer. Drought directly affects you, whether you raise cattle or crops, live in a city, go boating on the lake, or work in an office or factory. Fact is, there may not be enough water for everyone during a severe drought. This information is presented by the Lower Colorado River Authority to let people know how the drought of 1996 affects the entire lower Colorado River basin.

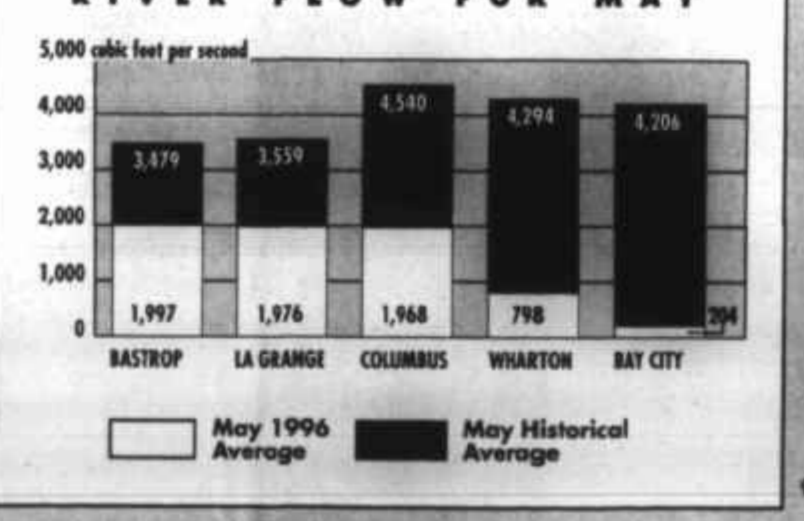
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

- LESS WATER IS FLOWING INTO THE HIGHLAND LAKES**
 The Colorado River and other tributaries flow into the Highland Lakes, where water is stored for future use. This May, the amount of water flowing into Lake Buchanan, the first in the chain of six lakes, was less than 3 billion gallons, compared to more than 66 billion gallons in May 1995. Average inflow in May for the past 10 years was about 49 billion gallons.
- STORED WATER SUPPLIES ARE DOWN**
 Lakes Buchanan and Travis are the storage reservoirs in the Highland Lakes chain, holding water for downstream users all the way to Matagorda Bay on the Gulf Coast. These lakes can hold 681 billion gallons of water. In early June, the lakes had a combined storage level of 508 billion gallons, the lowest level in 12 years.
- LESS WATER IS FLOWING INTO THE COLORADO RIVER BELOW THE HIGHLAND LAKES**
 Stream flow is down in tributaries that feed into the Colorado River below the Highland Lakes. As a result, the flow of the river is down, too. The average flow this May was nearly half the historical average flow at some points, and less than one-fourth the flow at other spots. In Bay City, the flow was less than 1/20 the historical average.
- DOWNSTREAM WATER DEMANDS RISE 60%**
 Most of the water used in the lower Colorado River basin is drawn from the Colorado River below Austin. Demands for water this year are up by 60 percent. From January through May, 89 billion gallons of water have been drawn from the river, compared to about 56 billion gallons during the same time last year. Crop irrigation is up 75 percent from last year, while the City of Austin is using about 35 percent more water than in 1995. Demands from other users such as power plants also have increased, while Matagorda Bay needs fresh water from the river to maintain its ecological system and marine life habitat.

INFLOW TO HIGHLAND LAKES



RIVER FLOW FOR MAY



A PLAN FOR MANAGING THE DROUGHT'S IMPACT

As steward of the lower Colorado River and the Highland Lakes, the LCRA has developed a state-approved plan to prioritize use of water from the river during a drought.

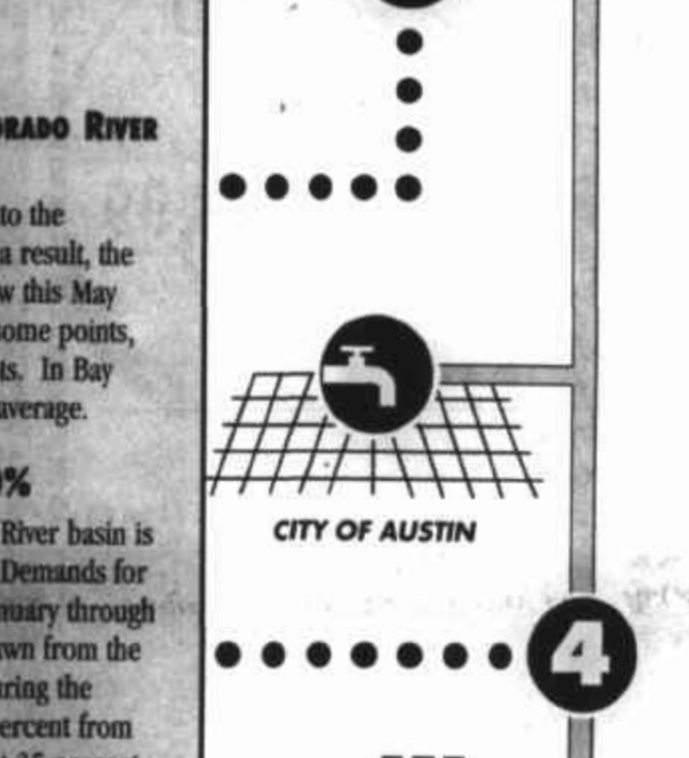
Together, lakes Buchanan and Travis — the key reservoirs in the Highland Lakes chain on the Colorado River — can hold 681 billion gallons of water. During a severe drought in the 1950s, the lakes' storage dropped to 222 billion gallons. During a 1960s drought, the lakes' storage fell to 227 billion gallons.

In June, the lakes had a combined storage of 508 billion gallons of water. By Oct. 1, the lakes are projected to have 397 billion gallons or less.

The LCRA has already asked its customers to begin voluntary conservation and has curtailed water for some downstream users. As the lakes' levels continue to drop, the drought management plan requires stronger measures. Each stage of the plan is activated when the amount of water stored in lakes Travis and Buchanan drops to a specific level.

- At 456 billion gallons, on Jan. 1 of the next year the LCRA must gradually begin curtailing water supplies to downstream agricultural users.
- At 293 billion gallons, the LCRA must ask its municipal customers to consider mandatory water conservation for retail customers.
- At 106 billion gallons, beginning on Jan. 1 of the next year water will not be supplied to agricultural users for the year.
- At 65 billion gallons, water supplies to agricultural users must be cut off immediately.

No one knows just how long this drought will last or how low the lakes will get before adequate rainfall occurs. LCRA's drought management plan offers a sound approach to sharing the Colorado River's water resources when supplies are low.



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