

The Fringes of the City: Dealmaking in the Twilight Zone

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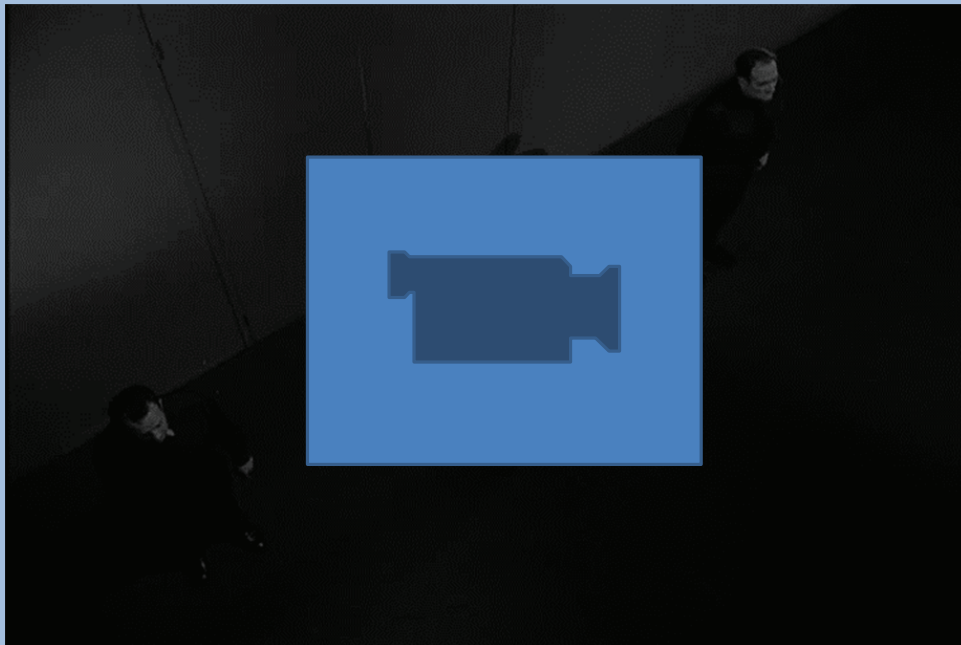
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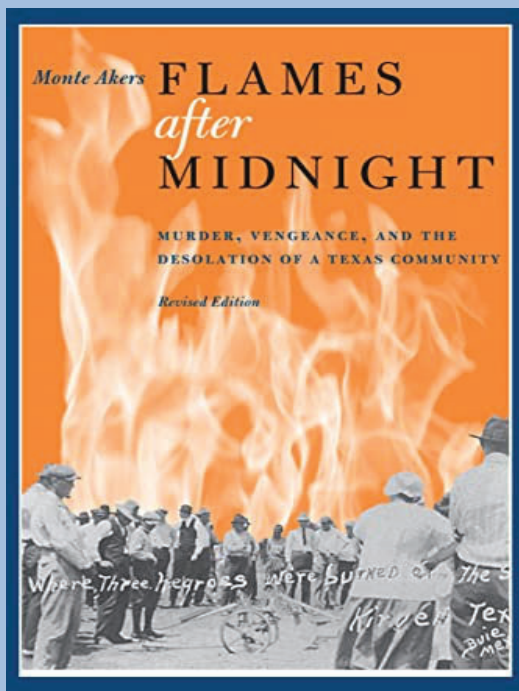
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Impact, Texas, impacts Abilene area (1960)

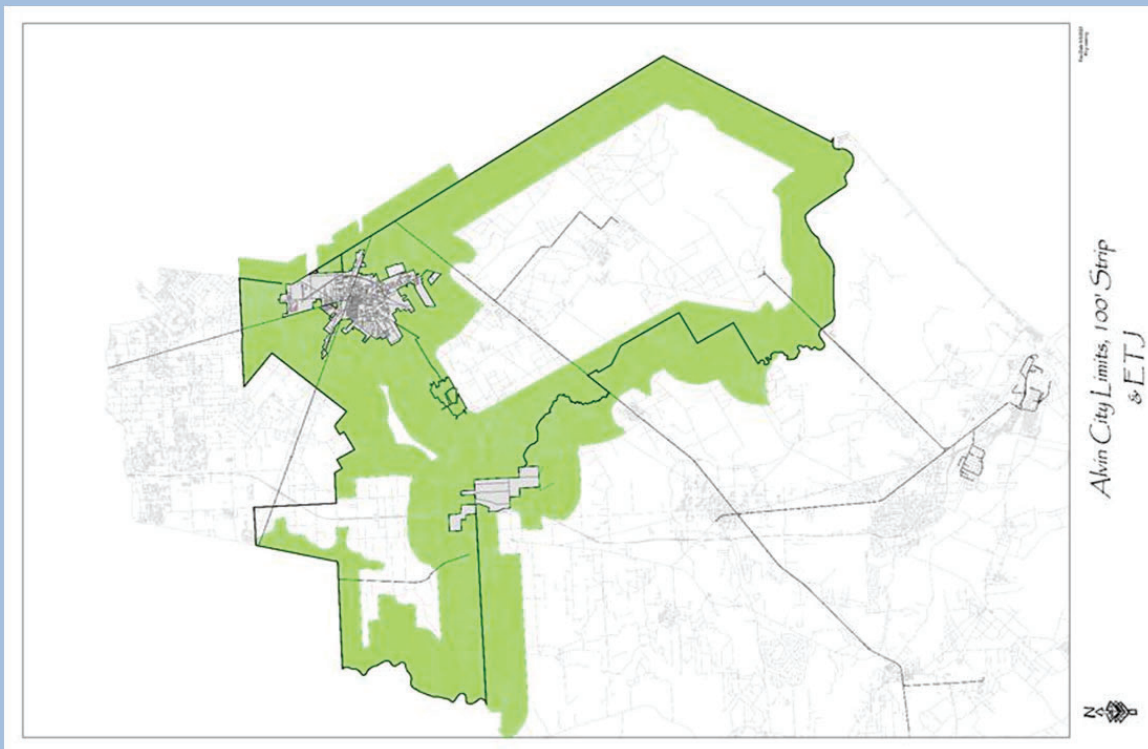
IMPACT, TEXAS. Impact, then north of Abilene, voted incorporation in 1960 as the only wet town in dry Taylor County. When two liquor stores opened in Impact, Abilene lawyers went to court to oppose the incorporation of the town. In 1963 the Texas Supreme Court upheld the incorporation and also the selling of liquor in Impact. The town, covering forty-seven acres, was named for Impact, Incorporated, the advertising business of its mayor, Dallas Perkins. The City of Impact is now completely surrounded by the City of Abilene.

Source: The Handbook of Texas Online

New Gibson's store opens (1965)

July 1, 1965 - A huge crowd attends the grand opening of Abilene's new Gibson's Discount Center at 2550 Barrow. Some people park two or three blocks away and all available police are

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