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"Every time

that barrier

gets hit, I

that's just

Rachel's

reaching

just stop-

ping those

cars," says

Blasingame,

Julie

shown where

friends

placed a

cross near

where her

daughter

died.

down from

heaven and

hand

feel like

The Brifen system barrier uses three wires that intertwine between posts and a fourth that runs through the posts. The barrier was hit 10 times between May 2 and June 13.

LBJ segment of the barrier has resulted in crossovers or fatalities.

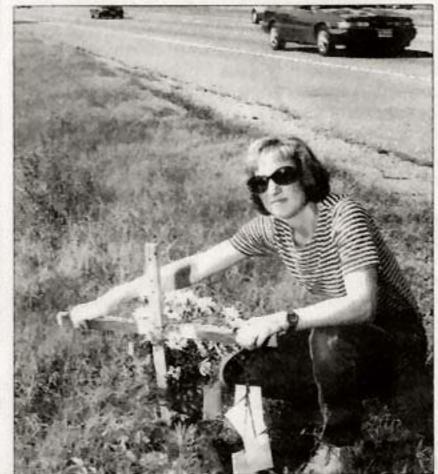
"It makes us feel good, because we fought for this," Mr. Ball said.

At the dedication ceremony for the barrier, pictures taken after a recent collision were shown, the fence seen nearest to the southbound lanes.

A vehicle had dug into the soft median, throwing dirt onto the northbound lanes, but the vehicle was constrained by the barrier.

"It's a tribute to my daughter," Ms. Blasingame said. "It feels like we can make a difference in this world — one person can make a difference.

"Rachel won't be forgotten, because in a sense, that barrier is a monument to her."



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