Sheri L. Cavin

Sheri L. Cavin, 21, of Irving died Saturday in Lubbock.

Ms. Cavin was born Dec. 27, 1971, in Irving. She was a 1990 graduate of Nimitz High School, where she was a member of Angel Flight. She was a senior at Texas Tech University and was a member of MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church.

She is survived by her parents, Alan and Susan Cavin of Irving; sister, Julie Cavin of College Station; brother, Drew Cavin of Irving; and grandparents, Thurman and Virgie Cavin of Chickasha, Okla.

Memorial services were held Tuesday at MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church, with the Rev. John Meador officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Marco Enrique Centurion

Marco Enrique Centurion, 79, of Peru died Thursday in Irving.

Mr. Centurion was the owner of Editorial Centurion Publishing in Peru.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Esther Morzan of Peru; sons, Jaime Centurion of Irving, Henry Centurion of Fort Worth, and Gabriel Centurion, Luis Centurion and Ricardo Centurion, all of Peru; daughters, Nora Passano of Irving, and Mercedes Banich, Maria Romero and Esther Flores, all of Peru.

Services are scheduled for Sunday evening at the Agencia Funeraria in Lima, Peru. Burial will be at El Angel Cemetery in Peru.

Calvary Funeral Home handled the local arrangements.

25 Apr 93
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Jo Ann Chamberlain

Jo Ann Chamberlain, 57, of Garland died Monday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Chamberlain was born April 23, 1936, in Winnsboro. She was a professional nanny and a member of Spence Park Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Eugene Chamberlain of Garland; sons and daughters-in-law, Guy and Martina Chamberlain of Irving and Stephen and Teresa Chamberlain of Seagoville; daughters, Gail Lynne Blair of Rowlett and Melody Ann Adams of Garland; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Drew Guthrie of Rowlett; mother and step-father, Ethel and Everal Honeycutt of Irving; and 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Chamberlain was preceded in death by her father, Therman Lesley Bell; and one brother, Kenneth Wayne Bell.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving, with the Rev. Rodger Phillips officiating. Interment will be at Oak Grove Hill Cemetery.

The family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association or the Down Syndrome Guild for Talor Milstein, P.O. Box 821174, Dallas, TX 75328-1174.
Mamie Chandler

Mamie Chandler of Grand Prairie died Friday.
Arrangements are pending with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving.
Blanche L. Chapin

Blanche L. Chapin, 91, of Irving died Tuesday in Irving.

Mrs. Chapin was born April 3, 1901, in Manchester County, Iowa. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Robert M. Chapin of Irving; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Wednesday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Jim Davis officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

14 Jan 93
IN p3A
Russell Burton Childers

Russell Burton Childers, 81, of Irving died Monday at the Irving Care Center.

Mr. Childers was born Dec. 15, 1911, in Nashville, Ark., and had lived in Irving for the past 52 years. He was retired from LTV and was a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Willie Mae Childers of Irving; daughter, Debra Jones of Irving; sisters, Ruth Wilson and Thelma Livingston, both of Dallas; brothers, Rubin Childers and J.W. Childers, both of Irving; and grandchildren, Mandy Jones, David Jones and Lindsey Jones, all of Irving.

Services were Wednesday at Plymouth Park Baptist Church. Burial was in Moore Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

18 Jul 93
IN 83A
David A. Christian

David A. Christian, 16, of Irving died Friday at The Irving Hospital. Christian was born July 13, 1977 in Houston to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Christian. He was a sophomore at Irving High School and was the quarterback of the junior varsity football team and ran track as a freshman.

Christian is survived by his parents; brother, Noel Christian of Albuquerque, New Mexico; grandparents, Nelda Christian of West Virginia and Soung Ye Cho of Korea.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Luke’s Catholic Church. Students wishing to attend must provide parental permission.

Burial will be at Calgary Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Contributions may be made to the David Christian Fund at any NationsBank branch.

Arrangements were handled by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

31 Oct 1993
IN 93A
Friends, family mourn youth's death

By RON DURHAM
Sports Editor

David Christian, an Irving High School student and junior varsity quarterback, died Friday night at The Irving Hospital, eight days after sustaining a severe head injury during a JV football game.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 202 S. MacArthur Rd. Irving High Principal Bill Althoff said students will be permitted to attend the service if they provide a note from their parents before the service.

Christian, 16, was taken to the hospital Oct. 21 after complaining of dizziness and blurred vision during the Tigers' junior varsity game against Arlington High School at Tiger field.

As Christian was throwing a touchdown pass on the first play of the fourth quarter, he was hit on the front of the head and knocked off his feet. The injury did not at first appear serious, however, as Christian leaped to his feet and ran off the field under his own power.

Only when he returned to the sideline did Christian complain of dizziness and blurred vision, which prompted Irving High trainer Steve Bunt to drive Christian to the nearby Irving Hospital. Christian lost consciousness on the way to the hospital, and surgery was performed immediately upon his arrival by neurosurgeon Yves J. Meyer.

Christian never regained consciousness during his eight-day stay in the intensive care unit of the hospital. He was pronounced dead Friday at approximately 10:30 p.m.

It still has not been determined to what extent the blow to the head may have played in Christian's injury.

Irving High head football coach Jim Bennett says the severity of Christian's condition was felt throughout the school's student body.

"We've had a hard week," Bennett said. "When you're 16 years old you think you're invincible, and when you find out you're not it's hard to deal with.
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On Wednesday evening, more than 500 students met at Irving High School for a prayer vigil on Christian’s behalf.

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A difficult challenge now awaits the Christian family as they try to cope with the loss of their youngest son.

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The David Christian Support Fund, which was set up at all area NationsBanks shortly after Christian’s injury, remains active for anyone who would like to contribute and help the family defray medical expenses.

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Benjamin C. Clark

Benjamin C. Clark, 33, of Irving, formerly of Phoenix, died Wednesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Clark was born April 23, 1960, in Battle Creek, Mich. He was employed as a hotel accountant.

Survivors include his mother, Thelma Clark of Michigan; and sisters, Jacquelyn Watson of Michigan and Karen Elizabeth Clark of California.

Services are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Charlie Adolphus Clark

Charlie Adolphus Clark, 83, died March 26 at his home in Irving.
Mr. Clark was a life-long resident of Irving and was retired from LTV. He was born July 24, 1911 in Irving.

He is survived by one niece.
Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.
Arrangements were handled by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

28 Mar 93
IN P3A
Robert Emmett Clark

Robert Emmett Clark, 70, of Irving died Sunday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Clark was a retired pilot for American Airlines and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a member of the Gray Eagles and South MacArthur Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Clark of Irving; daughter, Judy Towery of Irving; son, David Clark of Dallas; brothers, Gene Clark of East Haven, Conn., and W.E. Clark of Chesher, Conn.; and three grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday in the chapel of South MacArthur Church of Christ, with the Rev. Tim Luvis officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

25 Feb 93
IN P3A
Della Pauline Clem

Della Pauline (Smith, Gragson) Clem, 81, of Dallas died Monday at The Irving Hospital.

She was born May 22, 1912, in McClennon County. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Clem is survived by her daughter, Joyce Ann Holman of Dallas; son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy E. Gragson of Irving; sisters, Jessie Irene Davis of Santos and Ruby Louise Smith of Dallas; grandchildren, Vicki Brazeel, Stephani Carlile, Fred F. (Sonny) Holman III, Cindy Crow and Cheryl Bass; great-grandchildren, Christopher Wyrick, Kristi Wyrick, Matthew Carlile, Marc Holman, Jaclyn Crow and Chelsea Kay Bass; great-great-grandchild, Jessica Holman; and several nieces.

Services were held Wednesday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Iris June Clawson

Iris June Clawson, 57, died Friday at The Irving Hospital.
Mrs. Clawson was born on March 13, 1935 in West Virginia and was a resident of Irving for 35 years. She was employed as a dispatcher for Lone Star Gas and was a member of the Baptist faith.
She is survived by her husband,

William R. Clawson of Irving; three sons, William E. Clawson of Knoxville, Tenn., Michael E. Clawson of Irving and John A. Clawson of Oklahoma; her mother, Oga Irene Miller of Florida; a brother, Paul Hensley of Florida; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 4, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Chapel. Interment will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

3 Jan 93
IN p6B
Iris June Clawson

Iris June Clawson, 57, of Irving died Friday, Jan. 1, at The Irving Hospital.

Born in Clendenon, W.V., on March 3, 1935, she had been a resident of Irving for 35 years. She had worked for Lone Star Gas.

Mrs. Clawson is survived by her husband, William R. Clawson of Irving; sons, William E. Clawson of Knoxville, Michael E. Clawson of Irving and John A. Clawson of Oklahoma; brother, Paul Hensley of Florida; and five grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with the Rev. Chuck Stevenson officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Ola Mae Coats

Ola Mae Coats, 85, of Dallas died Monday at her home.

Mrs. Coats was born May 31, 1907, in Hopkins County and had lived in Dallas for the past 48 years. She was a retired saleswoman for Sanger Harris and a member of First Baptist Church of Dallas.

She is survived by her daughters, Alice Smith of Dallas and Dorothy Alves of Texarkana; son, Jerry Coats of Rockwall; brother, Otis Newkirk of Peerless; sister, Della Clifton of Irving; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were Wednesday in the chapel of Chism-Smith Funeral Home. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

28 Jan 93

IN p3A
Mary O. Cobb

Mary O. Cobb, 91, a 10-year resident of Irving, died Friday at Northeast Community Hospital in Bedford.

Prior to moving to Irving, Mrs. Cobb lived in Louisiana. She was born on Oct. 22, 1902, in Rockville, Ind. She was a homemaker and member of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Irving.

She is survived by her sons, Richard Cobb of Irving and Sam B. Cobb of Tyler; daughter, Beverly Newby of Patterson, La.; sister, Sally Cook of Indiana; 11 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, with Mrs. Cobb’s grandson, the Rev. William Cobb, officiating.

The family requests memorials be made to St. Mary’s Memorial Fund, 2411 Conflans Road, Irving, TX 75061.

Arrangements are being handled by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

24 Oct 1993
IN P3A
Terry Ward Cochran

Terry Ward Cochran, 46, of Irving died Thursday in Dallas.

Mr. Cochran, a hydraulic mechanic for Hansel and Phelps Construction Company, was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Irving and the Bartlesville Masonic Lodge in Oklahoma.

He is survived by his wife, Ana Cochran of Irving; daughters Nikki Cochran and Brooke Cochran of Oklahoma; stepsons Kenny Bartash of Washington D.C. and Conrad Bell of Illinois; stepdaughters Kirsten Bartash, Micah Bartash of Austin, Nadia Rainey of California and Daphne Bartash of Grand Prairie; sister Jo Hollye Silvers of Oklahoma; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Paul Valley, Okla. Internment will be at White Bead Cemetery with Chism-Smith Funeral Home handling the arrangements locally.
Gob Yuong Cohi

Gob Yuong Cohi of Deagoo Si, Korea died Monday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Cohi was returned to Korea for burial. Local arrangements were with Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Gladys M. Cole

Gladys M. Cole, 83, of Irving died Tuesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Cole was born April 28, 1910, in Klondike, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Stephens Presbyterian Church in Irving. She was also a member of Executive Secretary International, past president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Oklahoma Dental Society, past matron of Siloam Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star and chairman of the board of the Home of Redeeming Love.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen Hawkins of Irving; grandson, Greg Hawkins of Irving; granddaughter, Jennifer Loftin of Roanoke; and great-grandsons, Brandon Loftin and Terry Loftin, both of Grapevine.

Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. William E. Cole.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Services will be at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Jim Davis officiating. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Memorial Park in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

8 July 1993

IN P3A
Rena Bell Coleman

Rena Bell Coleman, 87, of Krum died Monday at Denton Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Coleman was born Nov. 2, 1905, in Dallas and had lived in Krum for the past 10 years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Bernice Ethridge of Dallas and Judy Jennings of Krum; 10 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jerry Power officiating. Burial will follow at Smith Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving.

21 Jan 93
In p3A
Don Clifford Combs

Don Clifford Combs, 68, of Irving died Saturday, Oct. 9, at a Dallas hospital.

Mr. Combs was born Nov. 14, 1924. He was a driver for Lone Star Gas and was a member of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his sons, Bruce Albert Combs, Michael Combs and Reggie Combs, all of Grand Prairie, and Larry Combs of Comanche; daughters, Pat Burns of Bonham, Linda Tippie and Rhonda Combs, both of Mullin, and Vicki Combs and Lisa Combs, both of Arlington; brothers, Jim Combs of Selma, Calif., Arthur Combs of Pleasant Plains, Ark., Raymond Combs of Bradford, Ark., and Joe Combs of Wilcox, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Brown's Grand Prairie Chapel. Burial was at Southland Memorial Park. Arrangements were handled by Brown's Grand Prairie Funeral Home.
Robert Paul Combs

Robert Paul Combs, 50, of Dallas died April 19 in a Dallas hospital.

Mr. Combs was born June 23, 1942 in Dallas. He was a long-haul truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Combs of Carthage; and stepson, Johnathan Stewart, of Carthage.

Services were held Thursday at Crown Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

25 April 93
IN P3
Glenn Mary Conley

Glenn Mary Conley, 80, of Irving died Monday in Whitewright.

Mrs. Conley was born June 4, 1911 in Burnet County. She was a retired school teacher from the Brownsville School District.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Darrell and Lorrett Conley of San Antonio, Mike and Carrie Conley of Coahoma and Frazier and Karen Conley of Whitewright; daughter, Caroline Randle of Irving; sisters, Bernice Dieterine of Burnet and Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Nibling of Waco. Other survivors include seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Burnet Church of Christ with Darrell DeBo officiating. Burial was at Frazier Family Cemetery in Burnet.

Local arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Earl Doney Conner

Earl Doney Conner, 74, of Irving died Monday at The Irving Hospital.

Born in Corsicana on July 3, 1918, he had been a resident of Irving for 40 years. He was retired from LTV.

Mr. Conner is survived by his daughters, Barbara Watson of Aubrey; Jan Dauley of California and Penny Dillon of Burnet; sisters, Jewel Davis of Oklahoma and Opal Crabb of Pampa; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. William Vaughn officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Kasey Kenneth Conrow

Kasey Kenneth Conrow, an infant, of Irving died Thursday at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

He is survived by his parents, Randall Conrow and Shalea Clay of Irving; grandparents, Louis and Ruth Conrow of New York, Bill and Lavonda Pierce of Irving and Tommy and Trudy Clay of New York; and great-grandparents, Sam and Virginia Tinsley of Fort Worth, Ernest and Nelda Clay of Irving and Dot and John Arnold of Alabama.

Graveside services were Saturday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Robert Uhls officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Ralph Cooper

Ralph Cooper, 65, of McKinney died March 8 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Cooper was born Jan. 1, 1928, and grew up in New Bedford, Mass. He was a retired international offset manager for Texas Instruments. He attended Brown University and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1951.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and also was an international defense marketing manager in Munich, Germany.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Leary Cooper of McKinney; sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Linda Cooper of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mark and Stephanie Cooper of Munich; daughters and son-in-law, Erin Cooper of McKinney and Michelle and Alex Pinchev; mother, Dora Cooper of Irving; brothers, Robert A. Cooper of Irving and Harold and Earle Cooper, both of Dartmouth, Mass; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were March 12 at Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home.
Former Irving police chief dies

Former Irving Police Chief William James Cooper, 83, who had an illustrious 40-year career in law enforcement, died Wednesday.

Cooper served as Irving's chief from 1953 to 1958, at which time he was chosen over 92 applicants for the position of chief over the Killeen Police Department.

He later moved to Carrollton, where he served as chief of police for 13 years. Completing his career, he worked 10 more years at Republic Bank in Carrollton before retiring in 1985.

"He was well-respected in the community and by the men on the force," said Don Miller, who was an Irving officer in the early 1950s and now works for the city's building inspection department. "He gave a lot of young men a chance."

Miller said Cooper set an example of how an officer should act by how he lived his life.

"He was fair and enforced the law equally upon everyone," Miller said. "He was a very fair individual and all the police were well-respected by him. He lived his life as a police officer should. He was a gentleman, a family man and a fantastic husband to his wife."

Cooper was born May 6, 1910, in Baton Rouge, La., and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cooper.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gladys N. Cooper of Carrollton; daughter and son-in-law, Libby and Robert Dixon of Irving; daughter, Sharon Brown of Dallas; granddaughters, Lisa Atkinson of Irving, Kristi and David Swan of Houston, Misty Brown and Wendy Brown, both of Dallas, and Holly Brown of Irving; great-grandchildren, Amber and Sara Swan of Houston,

William James Cooper
Services were Friday

and Zachary and Erika Atkinson of Irving; brother and sister-in-law, E.B. and Bessie Cooper Sr.; sister, Elois of Baton Rouge, La.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, William James Cooper Jr.

Services took place Friday in Rhoton Chapel at Rhoton Funeral Home in Carrollton, with the Rev. Mark Dallalio officiating. Interment was at Furneaux Cemetery in Carrollton.

Police officers from both Irving and Carrollton acted as honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Vetas Hospice or Northside Baptist Church in Carrollton.
Mariouida Cordrey

Mariouida Cordrey, 59, of Dallas died Friday at The Irving Hospital.
Mrs. Cordrey was born Sept. 24, 1933, in Fountain Hill, Ark., and had lived in Dallas for the past 26 years. She was a secretary for Crum and Foster Insurance.
She is survived by her sons,

Johnny Franklin Cordrey of Bryant, Ark., and Roger William Cordrey of Irving; daughter, Mary Katherine Cordrey of Tulsa, Okla.; mother, Hazel Elizabeth Roark of Duncanville; brothers, Bobby Gene Roark of Lubbock and Johnny Russell Roark of Duncanville; sisters, Laveda Roark of Benbrook, Florence Ladell Jones of Grand Prairie and Janice Ann Stotts of Duncanville; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were Monday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Clyde T. Boyd officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

28 Jan 93
IN 93
Lou Ella Corry

Lou Ella Corry, 95, of Euless died Friday in the Woodridge Convalescent Center.

Mrs. Corry was a member of Poly Methodist Church of Fort Worth and First United Methodist Church of Euless. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Pierce Corry, and son, Fred Kenneth Corry.

She is survived by her sons, James Ray Corry of Franklin, William Robert Corry of Gladestone, Ore., and Charles Reuben Corry of Irving; daughter, Sue Morrow of Euless; brother, Julian Moody Ray of Dallas; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at noon Monday in the chapel of Chism-Smith Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Rosehill Cemetery in Fort Worth.

21 Feb 93

IN PSA
Private investigator’s suit against city takes another turn

Council decides to change law firms, awaits summary judgment

By REGINA STEFFEN
News Staff Writer

A private investigator’s $4 million lawsuit against the city and Police Chief Benny Newman has become even more intriguing, after some third-time attorney shuffling by the City Council.

Private investigator William Dear first locked horns with the city in the late 1980s, when he accused police of bungling the investigation into the Feb. 11, 1987, death of Glen Courson, owner of a sporting goods store.

Based on information provided by the Irving Police Department, Courson’s death was ruled a suicide. Courson’s widow and her attorney, Gary Richardson, claimed Courson was murdered, and hired Dear to investigate.

Dear accused police of wiping fingerprints from the gun and moving it closer to Courson’s body, making murder look like suicide. The investigator never said what officers’ motives would have been.

Mrs. Courson eventually reached an out-of-court settlement with her husband’s insurance company, which originally had declined to pay benefits because the death was ruled a suicide.

Dear and the IPD, however, were not through with each other. A trip to Toronto by Irving officers seeking information on another case worked by Dear raised the private investigator’s suspicions.

“It’s our contention that they (Irving police) investigated Mr. Dear for the wrong reasons,” said Dear’s attorney, Jennifer Riggs. “We don’t think the police had the authority or jurisdiction to investigate Mr. Dear in Toronto, Canada, just because they don’t like him.”

In November 1990, Dear filed suit to obtain police records of the trip, which he claims was unlawful and a violation of his constitutional rights because he was not a suspect in any case.

That suit, on which the city has spent $65,000 thus far, is ongoing. Last week, for the third time since the lawsuit began, officials have changed the law firm representing the city and the chief.

The change became necessary when attorney William Kreuger III, who had done the majority of defense work in the city’s case, left the Austin law firm of Ludum and Ludum. Newman, in turn, asked that Kreuger be retained as his attorney.

During Wednesday’s council discussion, Councilman Harry Joe said he was opposed to paying two different law firms, one to repre-

sent the city and another to represent the chief.

City Attorney Don Rorschach recommended that the city stay with Ludum and Ludum because of the trial experience of Jim Ludum. But the city later learned of a published ruling in a case handled by Ludum.

In that ruling, District Judge J. Sparks reprimanded Ludum for his courtroom conduct and warned that if it continued, he would be prevented from practicing in the U.S. District Court for Western District of Texas.

In light of that ruling, Rorschach drew up a contract asking Kreuger’s Austin law firm of Wright and Greenhill, P.C., to represent both the city and Newman.

“It is not in the best interest of the city to be represented by an attorney whose conduct has been sharply criticized and severely reprimanded and published in an opinion of a prior court,” Joe said.

Neither Jim Ludum nor Kreuger was available for comment Friday.

There is one additional twist — Ludum and Ludum will remain the firm of record until a motion for summary judgment in Dear’s lawsuit is ruled upon.

On June 24, Kreuger asked Judge John Dietz of the 250th District Court in Travis County to remove the police chief as an individual from Dear’s suit.

One city official said Dietz has issued his judgment in the case, but neither Riggs nor Kreuger has signed an agreement.

“I think the court released him (Newman) — individually — from some claims in the lawsuit,” Riggs said. “It’s my understanding that he is not liable under the open meetings or open records portion of the case.”

What is still in question is the legal question of constitutional tort, Riggs said.

“At issue is whether Mr. Dear can recover damages for constitu-

1987 death sparked furor

I N P I N

4 July 93
Garry L. Covington

Garry L. Covington, 42, of Dallas, previously of Irving, died Tuesday at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Mr. Covington was a computer specialist for a Dallas company for six years prior to his death.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Covington of Dallas; son, Garrett C. Covington of Tallahassee, Fla.; step-daughter, Leslie Knickman of Carrollton; brother, Larry Covington of Dallas; and his mother, Mary Lee Covington of Irving. Other survivors include two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday in the chapel at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. The Rev. Ken Parlin officiated.

The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, Irving Unit, P.O. Box 141274, Irving, TX 75014.
Mildred Hartgrove Cowart

Mildred Hartgrove Cowart, 58, of Athens died Wednesday at M.D. Anderson Hospital.

Mrs. Cowart was born Feb. 6, 1935, in Fort Worth. She was a lifelong resident of Irving before moving to Athens four years ago. She was a 1953 graduate of Irving High School and was the owner of Talk of the Town Beauty Shop in Athens.

Mrs. Cowart is survived by her husband, Mike Cowart of Athens; son, Scott Edward Hartgrove of Payne Springs; daughter, Laura Buittron of Irving; brother, Harley Cooper Jr. of Dallas; sisters, Gearldine Tilley and Evelyn Turner, both of Irving, and Winette Moss of Winnboro; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at Crestview Cemetery in Wichita Falls.

15 Aug 1993
IN 88 A
Theo F. Cox

Theo F. Cox, 60, of Irving died Tuesday at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Mr. Cox was born Jan. 23, 1933, in Snyder. He was a retired insurance broker and had been a resident of Irving for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Cox of Irving; son, Gordon Neal Cox of Irving; stepson, Stephen Spradling Jr. of Irving; daughter, Kimberlee Foley of Irving; stepdaughter, Kimberly Spradling of Webster; parents, Walter and Ruby Cox of Borger; brother, Rainey Cox of Borger; and granddaughter, Krystina Cox.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home, with the Rev. Fred Durham officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Albert Cozby

Albert Cozby, 82, of Irving died in Arlington Friday.
Mr. Cozby was born April 27, 1911 in Cisco, Texas to George and Mary Cazby. He was a member of Colonial Baptist Church and served in the military.

His is survived by nieces, Willie Fay Campbell and Mary M. Nowlin; nephews, George O. Campbell, William R. Campbell, Jimmy Dale Nabors, Glen Travis Campbell and John Spence Nabors.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Laurel Land in Dallas with the Rev. Hamp Linehan officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Albert L. Cozby

Albert L. Cozby, 82, of Irving died Friday in Arlington.

He was born in Cisco on April 27, 1911. He was a veteran of the armed forces and a member of Colonial Baptist Church.

Mr. Cozby is survived by his nieces, Willie Fay Luke and Mary M. Nowlin; and nephews, George O. Campbell, William R. Campbell, Jimmy Dale Nabors, Glen Travis Campbell and John Spencer Nabors.

Services were held Monday at Laurel Land in Dallas, with the Rev. Hamp Linehan officiating.

The family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society and/or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

4 Nov 1993
IN #3A
Del H. Crane Sr.

Del H. Crane Sr. of Grand Prairie died this week.

Mr. Crane was employed by the Vought-Heritage Corp. for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Johnetta Crane of Grand Prairie; daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Leonard Smiley of Boerne and son and daughter-in-law, Del H. Crane Jr. and Illyce Crane of Fort Worth; and grandchildren, Jason Smiley, Jared, Jacob and Joshua Crane.

Memorials may be made to Irving Healthcare Foundation, 1901 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Services were Wednesday at Restland Memorial Funeral Home.

11 July 1993
IN 3A
Josephine E. Crane

Josephine E. "Jo" Crane, 75, of Irving died Sunday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Crane was born Sept. 27, 1917, in Safford, Ariz. She lived most of her life in Arizona before moving to Irving in 1982. She was a member of Sherwood Park Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Le-

Roy Crane of Irving, Donald Crane of Centralia, Ill., and Dwain Crane of Watauga; sisters, Ann Crick and Ruth Middleton, both of Camp Verde, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday at Eu-bank Chapel in Canton, with the Rev. Bob Elliott officiating. Inter-ment was at Haven of Memories Memorial Park.

8 July 1993
IN P3A
Walter Clay Crawford

Walter Clay Crawford, 51, of Arlington died Saturday at Harris HEB Medical Center in Euless.
Services are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Walter C. Crawford

Walter C. Crawford, 51, of Arlington died Saturday at Harris Methodist/HEB Medical Center in Bedford.

Mr. Crawford was born Oct. 1, 1941, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was employed as a manager of Jo-Jo's Restaurants in Fort Worth. He was also the founder of Taco Inn, Inc. He served in the Air Force and was a resident of Irving for 15 years.

He is survived by a son, Teddy Ray Crawford of Centre, Ala.; a daughter, Laynetta Ann Thomas of Arlington; sons Walter Lee McMillan Crawford of Euless, Corey Cray Crawford of Animas, N.M.; brothers Bennie Ray Crawford of El Centro, Calif. and Prentice Dwight Crawford of Granbury; sisters Ruby Ann Adams of Watuga, Sue Crawford Upshaw of Everman and Gayle Eudean Eaylor of Lexington, Ky.; mother Rosa Belle Crawford of Watuga; ex-wife Celia Salmons of Irving; three grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles.

Services were held Tuesday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel in Irving. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

5 Aug 1993
IN P3A
Doris June Crider

Doris June Crider, 70, of Irving died Friday at her home.
Born Jan. 4, 1923, in Abilene, Mrs. Crider was a member of St. Stephens Presbyterian Church.
She is survived by her husband, William Lamar Crider of Irving; sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Karin Crider of Dallas and Richard and Sandra Crider of Coppell; daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ellen and Tom O'Neal and Susan and Brandy Vance, all of Irving; and eight grandchildren.
Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Wildwood Chapel at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.
The family requests that donations be made to the VNA Hospice Care of the American Cancer Society, 8200 Brookriver Drive, Suite 200N, Dallas, TX 75247.
Richard Duane Croft

Richard Duane Croft, 51, of Irving died Wednesday.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Croft of Irving; son, Richard Croft of Euless; daughter, Renee Croft of Irving; grandson, Cody Croft of Euless; brothers, Don Croft of Midlothian and Micky Croft of Irving; and sister, Peggy Norman of Garland.

Memorial services were held Saturday at Beltline Road Church of Christ, with Kyle Kiser officiating. Local arrangements were with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
William H. Crowell

William H. Crowell, 63, of Irving died Tuesday.

Mr. Crowell was born Dec. 20, 1929, in McAlester, Okla., and was a postal inspector for 30 years.

He is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Leslie and Dewey Thiessen of Grapevine and Karen Hansen of Richardson; son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Shirley Crowell of Plano; sister, Pauline Oakes of Dallas; and grandchildren, Kevin Bates, Logan Hansen, Marc Hansen, Jill Hansen and Christopher Crowell.

Services were Friday at Restland Memorial Chapel. Pat Brooks officiated. Burial was in Restland Memorial Park. Arrangements were handled by Restland Funeral Home.

7 Mar 93
FN P3A
Marianne Culpepper

Marianne Culpepper, 86, of Irving died Tuesday at The Irving Hospital.

She is survived by her daughters, Lila Lee McClendon of Dawson and Barbara Gene Bishop of Irving; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church of Irving, with the Revs. Chris Allen and Phil Mercer officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

11 Feb 93
IN p 3A
King Denney Cumming

King Denney Cumming, 67, of Irving died Wednesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Cumming was born May 6, 1926, in Dallas. He was retired from Continental Electronics and attended North Texas State College.

He is survived by his wife, Lucette Cumming of Irving; sons, Adrian Cumming and Eric Cumming, both of Irving, and Rex Cumming of Dallas; daughters, Jeannine Vickers and Jacqueline Cumming McKay, both of Irving; sister, Sarah Cumming of Tyler; and grandchildren, Alex Vickers, Marc Vickers and Victoria McKay.

Graveside service was held Saturday at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro. Local arrangements were handled by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

7 Nov 1993

IN P3A
Nora Francis Curry

Nora Francis Curry, 82, of Irving died Sunday in Irving.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer Eugene Curry Sr.; sons, Elmer Eugene Curry Jr. of Houston and Rodney Gail Curry of Irving; a daughter, Tommye Lou Sartain of Burnet; brother, Gordon Powers of Holmes Beach, Fla.; sister, Evanita Lindley of Casper, Wyo.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home, with the Rev. Wallace Philpot officiating. Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to The Living Bank, P.O. Box 6725, Houston, TX 77265.

1 Apr 93
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