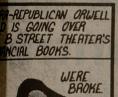
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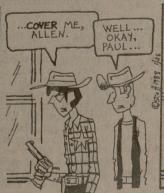


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wo Austin teens arrested, harged with murder, theft

USTIN (AP) — A sheriff's dee said authorities were lucky to arrested at the Mexican border charged with the stabbing death hird youth.

tacy Sigler, 17, was killed during theft of his 1988 Suzuki Samuuthorities said.

gler's body was found Saturday southeast Travis County field. deld in the case are Hector Soliz, and Reyes Mendieta, 18, said Dewe Jerry Wiggins of the Travis nty sheriff's office. He said they were being held in Travis County redo on Saturday morning in Sigl-Jail Monday without bond on the er's 4-wheel drive vehicle several

capital murder charge.

Homicide detective Gary Cutler said authorities believe the suspects headed south toward Mexico and drove by mistake to a truck impoundment area at the border.

"There was some luck involved, no doubt," Cutler said of the arrests. "They drove to the wrong spot. It's a whole different ballgame if they get over to Mexico.'

Mendieta and Soliz were picked up at the International Bridge in La-

hours after Sigler was reported missing, police said.

The teen-agers were returned to Travis County early Sunday morning, where they also were charged with felony theft by appropriation in connection with the taking of Sigler's vehicle, authorities said.

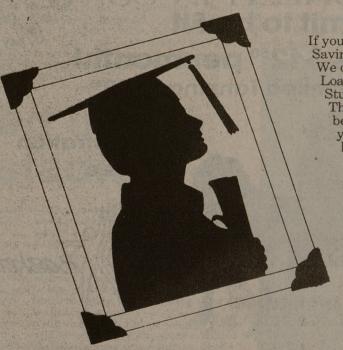
An autopsy indicated Sigler died of seven stab wounds inflicted with a knife at least seven inches long, Dr. Robert Bayardo, Travis County medical examiner, said.

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