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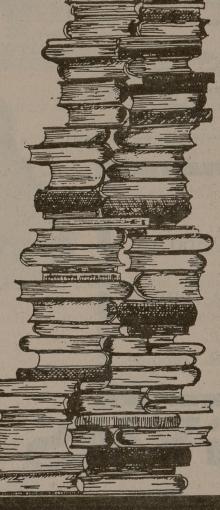
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Wednesday, December 7, 1988

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Busey crash calls attention to helmet issue

AUSTIN (AP) - Saying the crash of actor Gary Busey has helped call attention to the issue, a Texas group Tuesday said it will urge the 1989 Legislature to require motorcyclists to wear helmets.

Dean Desoto, chairman of the Governor's Motorcycle Operator Training and Safety Advisory Committee, said the crash, in which Busey, an actor, suffered severe head injuries, has raised awareness of the

danger of riding without a helmet.

DeSoto said the accident also may change the attitudes of some lawmakers who have rejected changing the state's helmet law in the past.

"I think there's a better chance such legislation will pass," DeSoto said. "It (the Busey crash) might very well have helped.

Busey, 44, was in serious condition Tuesday in a California hospital after surgery for head injuries suf-fered when he was thrown from his motorcycle and hit headfirst, without a helmet, into a curb.

DeSoto noted that lawmakers in recent years have passed a number of automotive safety laws, including requirements for wearing safety belts and for use of safety seats for

infants and young children.
The motorcycle committee issued legislative recommendations at a news conference. It called for:

• Changing the current law that requires helmets for riders under age 18 to include all riders, regard-

r year surcharge on the motorcycle license fees.

"Yes, helmet laws are important,"
DeSoto said. "But so are training and other factors."

DeSoto said that in 1987, there were 8,382 motorcycle accidents reported in Texas, with 9,039 people injured and 297 killed.

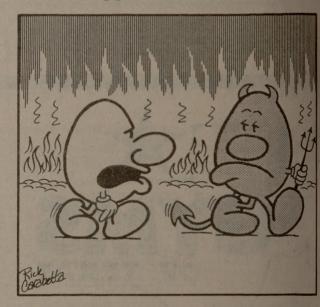
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Of those killed, 81 percent weren't wearing helmets, and 63 percent of those injured were hel-

He noted that there was a 69 percent increase in fatalities in 1977-78, the first year the law allowed riders considered. over 18 to ride without helmets.

Texas has the fifth-largest number of motorcycles registered in the United States, with 226,008 registered last year. Currently, 678,081 Texans are licensed to operate the machines.

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Ship channel widening could help create jobs

HOUSTON (AP) - About disposal of dredged material • Designating motorcycle park- 47,000 area jobs during the next 30 salt water in the larger channel ing areas.

• Allocating money for motorcycle training and education, with a \$1

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Port Commission Chairman Ned

Holmes said the work must be

done in an environmentally sensitive manner, but that the potential envi-ronmental impact of not widening and deepening the channel must be There has been considerable opposition to the proposal to deepen the channel to 50 feet and widen it to

600 feet. It is now 40 feet deep by 400 feet wide.

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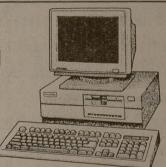
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