

Pet bulldog kills 5-year-old boy

CASTRO VALLEY, Calif. (UPI) — Michael McNair, a stocky 5-year-old with a zest for running and playing around the house, was killed by the family's pet bulldog when it suddenly grabbed him by the throat and held on, authorities said Saturday.

"We tried to do what we could," said a neighbor who ran from next door to assist Friday when Michael's sister Kim, 14, began screaming.

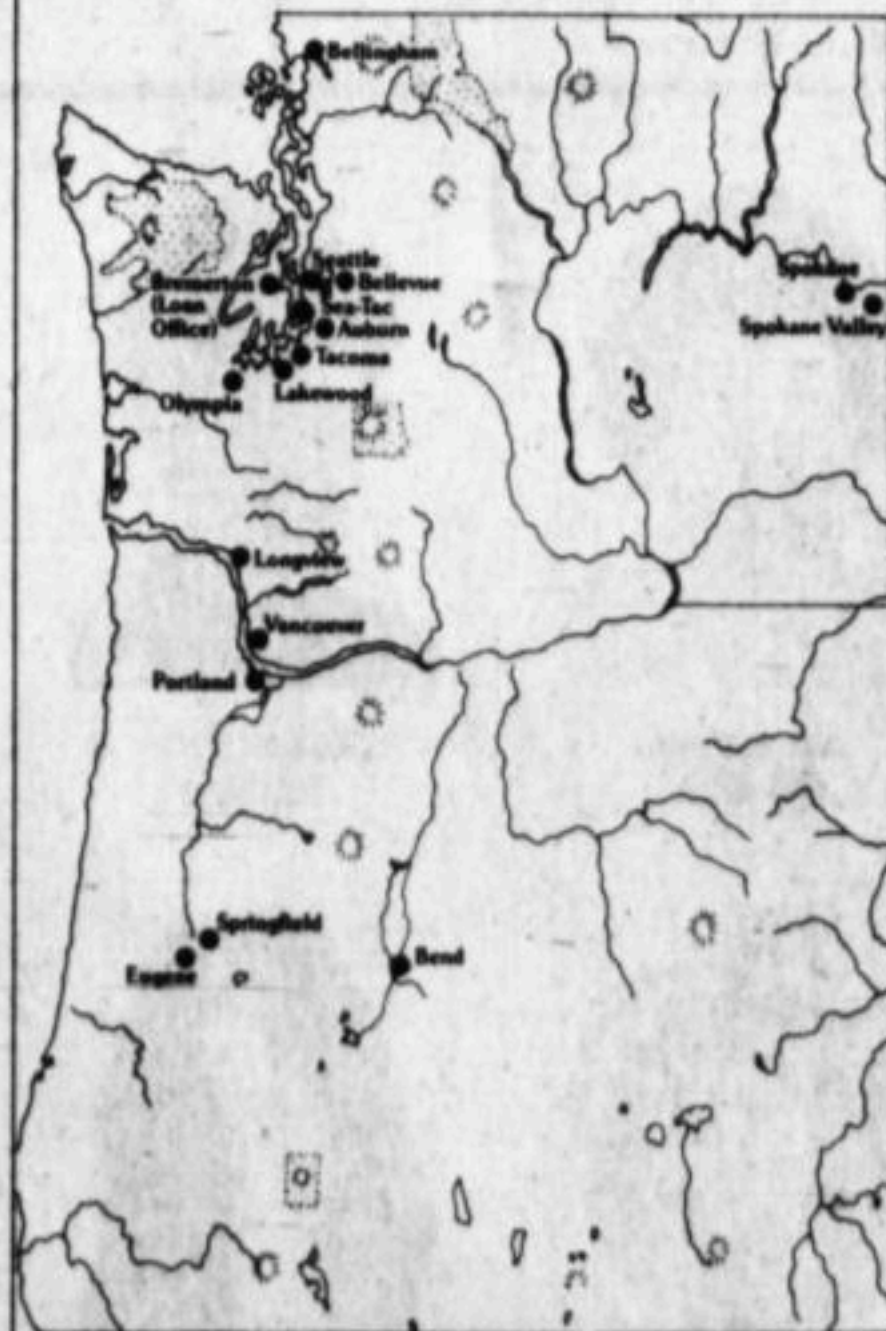
Lt. Keith Boyer of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, said the youngster had been "rather exuberantly moving around. All of a sudden the dog grabbed him and took him by the neck."

The victim's father, Lee, struggled with the animal, a pit bull, and finally, "He had to stab the dog between the shoulders with a big butcher knife to get him to release his grip," Boyer said.

Michael was dead on arrival at Eden Hospital.

His father ordered the dog destroyed.

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