

Scouts held Fly-up, opened a time capsule in ceremonies

The annual ceremony to advance Girl Scouts to a higher level of scouting, a fly-up ceremony, was held the middle of May at the Girl Scout Hut. A highlight of the gathering was the removal of a time capsule buried near the building 10 years ago.

Daisy Girl Scouts Tressie Martin and Kellie Dodson flew up to Brownies; advancing but not in the ceremony is Afton Schwertner; Brownies advancing to Juniors were Mindy Thompson and Ashley Baremore, others are Tyroneza Brandon, Rachel Isbel, Marsha Bakker, Amy Arrendale, Trisha Block, Michele DuBois, Nicole Kerry and Rebecca May. They were greeted by Juniors, Marisa Huffman, Alicia Martin, Angie Reynolds and Angela Rodriguez.

The only Junior present to fly up was Angela Rodriguez and was received by Cadette Kristie Dodson. Juniors not present were Devon Reed and Mary Gulseth.

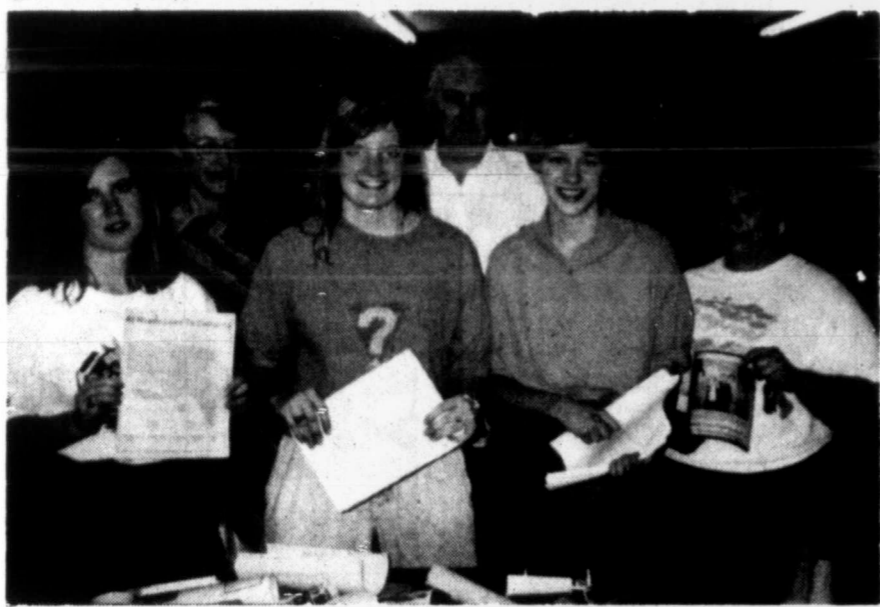
As each girl crossed the bridge, she received her pins, badges, certificates and wings. Stepping off the bridge, they were greeted by girls in the level they were flying up to. Parents, family members and friends attended.

A time capsule, buried by the 1981-81 Girl Scouts, was dug up. The contents included pictures, newspaper articles, a day camp flag; a cassette tape, donated by Judy Barkowsky, with voices of all the campers, a Girl Scout catalog and several other items. Scouts Barkowsky, Schlegel and Smith helped to bury the capsule and were present for its opening. Leaders were Peggy Vernon and Elsie and Larry Anderson.

Refreshments were served by Missie Rogers who moved to Midland at the close of the school year.

Other leaders attending were Jo Ann and Robby Cearley, Joni Huffman, Barbara Gilbert and Judi Martin. GS troops involved in the events were Daisy 313; Brownie 116, 192 and 143; Junior 243; and Cadette 266.

Senior Girl Scout Kelley Schlegel has finished the program and now can become an adult GS, a campus scout or a leader.



REMEMBERING THE PAST — Three girls who helped bury a time capsule 10 years ago were on hand to remove it and display its contents. They are from left, front row, Ginger Smith, Kellie Schlegel and Holly Barkowsky. Looking on are Elsie Anderson, Larry Anderson and Peggy Vernon. (GS Photos)



CEREMONY — These Girl Scouts participated in a fly-up ceremony recently, advancing girls to a higher level in scouting. From left are Angela Rodriguez, Mindy Thompson, Ashley Baremore, Kellie Dodson and Tressie Martin.

Bridge

By Phillip Adler

NORTH 6-27-91			
♦ 6 4			
♥ K 7 6 2			
♠ A 10 4			
♣ Q 10 8 4			
WEST		EAST	
♦ Q 10 9 8 2		♦ K 7 5 3	
♥ A Q J 10 5 4		♥ 9 8 3	
♠ 8 6		♠ K 5	
♣ - - - -		♣ J 6 5 2	
SOUTH			
♦ A J			
♥ - - -			
♠ Q J 9 7 3 2			
♣ A K 9 7 3			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♥	1 NT	2 ♥
3 ♣	3 ♠	4 ♣	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ A			

Duck declarer into the soup

It is a good general principle that when declarer takes a losing finesse, the defender should consider ducking his winner if it is clear the declarer will repeat the finesse.

Why? Perhaps declarer, thinking the finesse has won, will misplace another high card. Or he will attack another suit, later repeating the finesse when its loss will cause the contract to crumble. Or declarer's communications are ruined. Today's deal illustrates the last of these possibilities.

South wasn't sure what to bid over four clubs, so he took a shot at a slam, hoping his partner would table a diamond honor.

West led the heart ace, which wasn't a good choice. When a player jumps to a slam without using Blackwood, it is normally because he has a void. And here that void had to be in hearts. The spade 10 would have been a wiser selection.

However, East rescued his partner. Declarer ruffed the heart lead, and now having a discard for his spade loser and thinking everything was hunky-dory, cashed the club ace. West's spade discard caused South to pause. He turned to the diamonds, finessing the queen. East ducked smoothly. Having worked out South's hand from the bidding, East saw that if he won with the king, the contract would make easily.

Declarer continued with a diamond to the 10, happy for East to ruff. But when East produced the king and switched to a spade, South's world collapsed. If he drew trumps, he would have none left and wouldn't be able to unblock the diamonds. If instead he led a diamond to dummy's ace, East would ruff and cash the spade king to defeat the slam.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Alateen, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 6:30 p.m.
Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank Conference room; 7 p.m.
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.
Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.
New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5 year olds.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Overeaters Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park. For information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839; 12-1 p.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment by calling 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Friday Night Swingers Golf; Snyder Country Club; odd holes; 5:30 p.m.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; 2 p.m. For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Check your memory with news IQ test

Associated Press News Quiz

EDITOR'S NOTE: How much do you remember about the stories that have been in the news recently? If you score fewer than five correct answers, you have been spending too much time on the crossword. If you get eight or more right, you rate an "A."

- King Hussein signed a national charter for Jordan intended to: (a) prepare the way for a multiparty democracy; (b) strengthen economic and military ties with Iraq; (c) gain most-favored-nation status from the United States.
- Claudio Arrau, 88, regarded as one of the greatest pianists of the 20th century, died in: (a) Germany; (b) Austria; (c) Chile.
- Gulf War veterans were welcomed home in what was described as the largest ticker-tape parade in New York's history, with police estimating the crowd at (a) 3.7 million people; (b) 4.7 million; (c) 5.7 million.
- According to the 1990 census, married couples headed 60 percent of U.S. households a decade ago but by last year the proportion was: (a) 50 percent; (b) 55 percent; (c) 65 percent.
- Presbyterian leaders rejected a report on human sexuality urging the church to relax its

strictures on: (a) premarital sex and homosexuality; (b) premarital sex and bisexuality; (c) all of the above.

- The Mount Pinatubo volcano exploded in the Philippines, spewing a huge plume of ash and steam in its first major eruption in: (a) 400 years; (b) 500 years; (c) 600 years.
- President Bush approved \$1.5 billion in farm credit guarantees for the Soviet Union to be made available in three installments over a period of: (a) nine months; (b) one year; (c) nine years.
- A federal study group called for aggressive planning and research to enable the first human explorers to reach Mars by the year: (a) 1995; (b) 2000; (c) 2014.
- Major U.S. film studios agreed not to license any more films for showings in the Soviet Union to protest: (a) heavy censorship of Hollywood movies; (b) the unauthorized copying of movies onto videocassettes; (c) imposition of a new import tax on American films.
- For the first time since joining the league 25 years ago, the Chicago Bulls won the National Basketball Association championship by defeating the Los Angeles Lakers in the final

series: (a) 4 games to 1; (b) 4 games to 2; (c) 4 games to 3.
ANSWERS: 1.a 2.b 3.b 4.b 5.c 6.c 7.a 8.c 9.b 10.a.

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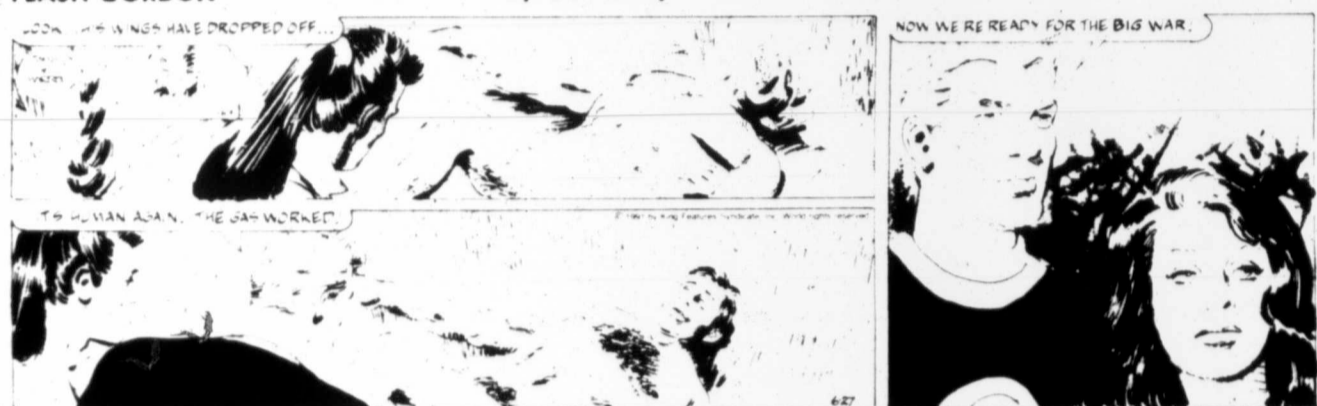
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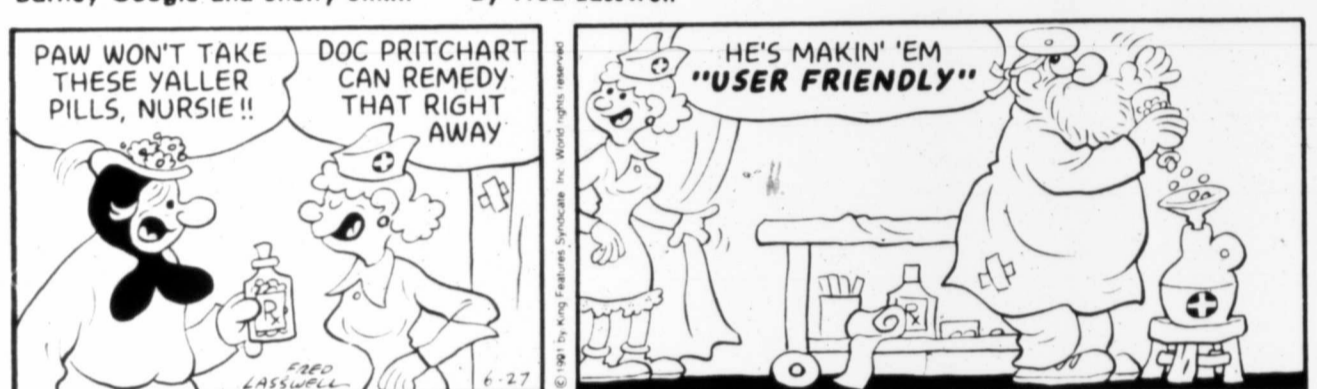
EEK & MEEK by Howie Schneider



FLASH GORDON By Dan Barry



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Lasswell



BLONDIE by Dean Young and Stan Drake



GRIZZWELLS by Bill Schorr



NEA PUZZLES

ACROSS

12. Roman
4. Actress Sue
8. Business deficit
12. 2100. Roman
13. Center of shield
14. Step — —!
15. Soul (Fr.)
16. Metal fastener
17. Author Emile —
18. Arab country
20. Avidly
22. Mountains (abbr.)
24. French negative
25. Idealistic
29. City in Utah
33. Curved bone
34. Cut short
36. Emerald isle
37. Stride
39. Author — Vonnegut

DOWN

1. Dec. holiday
2. Type of playing marble
3. Champagne bucket
4. Crackpot
5. Entertainer
6. Acting award
7. Baseballer — Ryan
8. Cough drop
9. — about
10. Window part
11. Don't go
19. Mischievous one
21. Sticky stuff
23. Shirt — Ryan
25. Celestial bear
26. Small monkey
27. Son of Ruth
28. Name of a thing
30. Pickling spice
31. City in Pennsylvania
32. Catches
35. Dance
38. Paring
40. Russian author
43. Agnus —
45. Immerse
47. Character of a people
49. Hawaiian instruments
50. Former Communist leader
51. Household appliance
52. Harvard's rival
54. Future attys. exam
55. Bushy hairdo
56. — Ono
59. Actor Harrison

Answer to Previous Puzzle

METER	MEANT
CREWEL	SALVER
CINEMA	TOLEDO
OCA ANDI	DDT
YANNIGAN	BOYS
TIN	SKEIN
PDT	ELD
PER	RID
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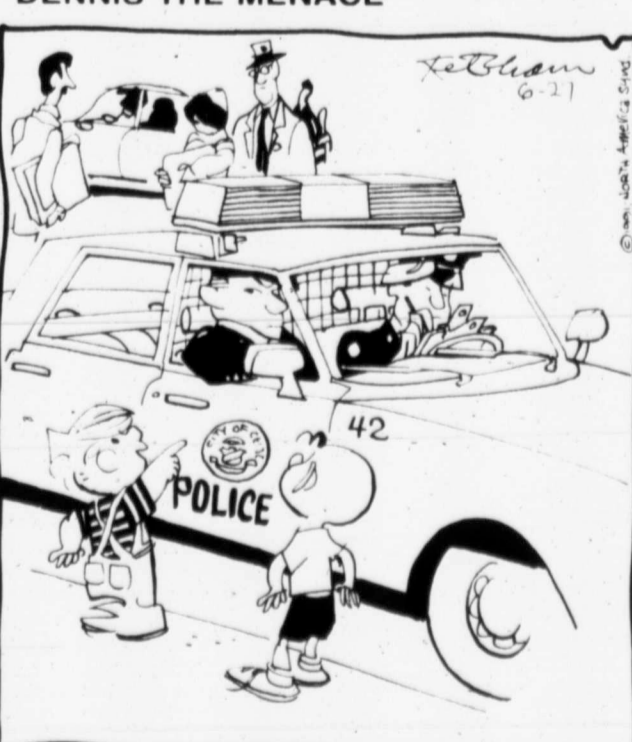


SNAFU by Bruce Beattie



It's never hard to pick out who's in the will at a rich man's funeral.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"THEY USED TO CALL 'EM FLATFOOTS 'CAUSE THEY WALKED MOST OF THE TIME. NOW THEY SIT DOWN MOST OF THE TIME."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE by Larry Wright



LAFF-A-DAY



"They also butcher the language."

Redistricting may soothe Dallas woes

DALLAS (AP) — Mayor Annette Strauss says a council-approved 14-1 redistricting map, which places seven seats in minority districts, arms the city with the best settlement yet to a three-year-old voting rights lawsuit.

"We now have a plan that will give us a settlement," said Mrs. Strauss. "It will provide fair representation as the Justice Department has requested."

After evaluating four different plans, the Dallas City Council voted 8-3 for a measure Wednesday that includes five predominantly black districts and two Hispanic districts. The so-called 14-1 plan calls for 14 single-member districts, with the mayor elected at large.

The 14-1 plan will replace the current 8-3 plan, under which eight members are elected from single-member districts and three seats voted citywide, including the mayor.

Mrs. Strauss said a new election will be held in November but did not give a specific date.

The three dissenting votes came from council members Harriet Miers, John Evans and Max Wells who claim those who favored the proposal were more concerned with themselves than the city's welfare.

"It is an incumbency protection plan, full of political decisions," Ms. Miers said.

Evans said the plan not only breaks up his district, but divides it along racial lines.

"Well, they're going to get rid of me," said Evans, referring to 14-1 supporters. "But they're not going to put me in a box or a rocking chair."

But those who supported the plan say the time has come to heal the city's wounds caused by the bitter infighting since 1988.

"We've had a lot of anger among ourselves, a lot of bitterness among ourselves," said Diane Ragsdale, one of the council's two minority members, who voted for the plan. "I think it's now time to try to move forward and heal the wounds."

More than 50 percent of Dallas' population is minority yet only two minorities currently sit on the 11-member panel.

The 14-1 plan will now be submitted to the U.S. Justice Department for final approval, said Frank Garza, an assistant city attorney.

The voting disparity prompted two failed council candidates, who are both black, to file a federal voting rights lawsuit against the city in 1988.

Roy Williams, one of the two plaintiffs, said despite the historic vote, he remains cautiously optimistic.

"I appreciate their commitment today," Williams said.

Foreign aid still unspent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly \$9 billion in U.S. aid to other countries, some of it made available as long as 10 years ago, is sitting unused.

There are several reasons the money hasn't been claimed, but there's growing sentiment in Congress to limit the number of years that funds can sit untouched in the so-called foreign aid pipeline.

"At a time when programs for Americans are being cut back, like Medicare and housing, the foreign aid pipeline is an insult to the people we are here to serve," said Rep. Toby Roth, R-Wis., who recently got the House to approve taking back to the Treasury any of the money idle for three years or more. He estimated that would be about \$2 billion.

The Senate is due to act by July 8.

The figures on unused aid were compiled for Roth, the ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs economic policy subcommittee, by the congressional General Accounting Office, which submitted them last week.

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"But they couldn't have done this a year ago."

Williams said the council action is not unique or inspired. He says the city had run out of options while trying to run away from a 14-1 plan.

"There's not anything that the counsel has done that is special," Williams said. "They're out of alternatives, they don't have any other choice."

In 1989, voters approved a 10-4-1 proposal calling for 10-single member districts, four at-large seats and the mayor elected citywide. In March 1990, U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer in a ruling on the voting rights suit, struck down the current 8-3 configuration, saying it did not properly represent minority voters. He did not rule at that time on the 10-4-1 plan, but questioned whether it would properly represent minorities.

In December 1990, voters rejected a 14-1 referendum by only 372 votes, which returned the issue to Buchmeyer's court.

DA who sued TV reporter agrees to court settlement

WACO (AP) — An out-of-court settlement has been reached between former McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell and a Dallas television station in the libel suit in which a jury awarded the former prosecutor \$58 million, a Waco newspaper reported today.

The Waco Tribune-Herald quoted sources close to the settlement talks as saying that Feazell and his lawyer, Gary Richardson, reached a settlement for an undisclosed amount of money with attorneys for Belo Broadcasting Company and former WFAA-TV reporter Charles Duncan.

Feazell, located in Dallas Wednesday by the newspaper, said he could not discuss his reason for being in Dallas.

Mike McCarthy, senior vice president and general counsel of



OLDER WINNERS — Fourth, fifth and sixth grade winners of the spaceman contest at the Scurry County Library were Amanda Scott, first place; Sara Pierce, second place, and Autumn Pollard, third place. Following the judging of costumes, 78 children participated in a flying saucer game. Ribbons were awarded to all winners. (SDN Staff Photo)

A.H. Belo Corp., owner of WFAA-TV, reached by telephone in Washington, refused to confirm existence of a settlement and declined to discuss the case.

"I have no comment," McCarthy told The Associated Press.

The unidentified sources told the newspaper the settlement was worked out Wednesday afternoon.

Feazell filed suit after a 1985 broadcast of a 10-part series reported by Duncan that portrayed Feazell as a corrupt prosecutor who took bribes from some Waco lawyers to dismiss cases.

The former prosecutor claimed Duncan was the willing pawn of law enforcement officials out to discredit him for his role in exposing Henry Lee Lucas' murder confessions as a hoax.

Duncan conducted a smear

campaign laced with errors, innuendo and distortions, Feazell claimed in the suit.

Attorneys for Belo contended that Duncan's series was fair comment on the performance of a public official.

Feazell blamed Duncan's broadcast as the reason state and federal officials conducted an investigation of his office. A federal jury in Austin acquitted Feazell of bribery and racketeering charges in June 1987.

A 19th State District Court jury that had listened to six-week's worth of testimony during the libel trial, agreed April 19 with Feazell's arguments that the broadcast had damaged his career and awarded a record \$58 million in damages.

Austin Judge James R. Meyers, who presided over the trial, upheld the jury's decision on June 7.

with Deeb.

But Deeb argued that Beckham's testimony was hearsay, meaning that his statements were based on what Spence allegedly told Beckham, and were not the result of personal knowledge or observation.

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Foul cried in TU rate case before PUC

DALLAS (AP) — Consumer advocates claim that the Public Utility Commission disregarded evidence presented in 200 days of rate increase hearings for TU Electric and set a goal of granting the utility 80 percent of its \$442 million request.

Public Utility Counsel Luis Wilmot, the state-paid attorney for residential ratepayers, said some internal PUC memos show that administrative law judges presiding in the TU case disregarded evidence.

"This is not the way rate making is supposed to occur," Wilmot said. "If, in fact, what we see is correct ... then all the evidence and testimony was of no consequence. We might as well not have gone through that tedious process."

PUC spokesman Guillermo Garcia denied the accusations, calling them "completely and totally garbage."

Recommendations by three administrative law judges that TU receive a \$353.8 million rate increase will be considered at a PUC meeting July 15. If approved, the increase could mean an average 8.2 percent hike for residential ratepayers.

Wilmot cited five commission memos exchanged between the hearings division and staff witnesses in the TU case. He said the memos, dated May 30 and June 5, refer to granting the Dallas-based electric company 80 percent of its request.

Wilmot said the memos were exchanged among Hank Card, assistant director of the PUC's hearings division; James Brazell, an administrative law judge who presided in the case; and staff members of the PUC's electric division.

On May 30, Brazell asked Card to instruct the PUC staff to develop figures that would allow TU to receive 80 percent of its request, Wilmot said.

In the June 5 memo, PUC staff accountant Stacie Foreman Collins, who testified in the TU case, wrote to Card.

"It appears that the targeted revenue requirement of \$4,674,575,185. Staff believes that this allows the company 80 percent (\$353,882,972) of its requested increase," Ms. Collins wrote.

The memo from Ms. Collins also said that allowing TU to charge customers for \$192 million in construction costs at the second unit of the Comanche Peak nuclear plant would result in the 80 percent revenue requirement.

In a section of a 659-page report written by Brazell and two other administrative law judges, he said that in order to preserve TU's "financial integrity," the

company should be allowed to include \$192 million for the second unit of Comanche Peak.

The memos were among hundreds of pages recently distributed by the PUC attorneys in the TU case.

Garcia said the memos were "selectively leaked."

"The leaking of selective memos does not give any credence to assertions that there was an attempt to groove something. In other words, 'Here's the number, how do I justify it? That is completely inaccurate. Not only is it inaccurate, it is false,'" Garcia said.

Perry Perkins, lead organizer for Allied Communities of Tarrant, said the memos show that the judges disregarded evidence in the rate case.

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Trial begins for videotape murder of state constable

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Defense attorneys for two Edinburg brothers charged with killing an East Texas lawman say a video tape that captured the officer's confrontation with three men will not prove the government's case.

The attorneys made the comments Wednesday during opening statements in the federal trial of Baldemar S. Villarreal, 29, and Reynaldo Sambrano Villarreal, 24.

The men, who face the death penalty if convicted, are accused in the Jan. 23 slaying of Nacogdoches County Constable Darrell Edward Lunsford, 47. The lawman inadvertently videotaped events leading to his death with a camera on the dash of his patrol car.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Wes Rivers told jurors they would see the videotape. "You will see most of the attack but you will not see the actual firing of the gun," which took place out of camera range, he said.

Defense attorney Clifton "Scrappy" Holmes said during opening statements that Lunsford was shot accidentally during a scuffle.

Roseanne Barr discovers health

SEATTLE (AP) — Roseanne Barr and husband Tom Arnold, who renewed their marriage vows last weekend, apparently are getting serious about their health.

The couple, in Seattle for a comedy date this week, switched hotels so they could have access to a swimming pool and asked for exercise equipment in their suite, said Dan Bean of Entertainment Consultants Inc.

Bean, who has stocked dressing rooms with booze and caviar for other stars, said the Arnolds asked only for soft drinks, fruit, vegetables and low-calorie dip. He said they have lost about 120 pounds between them.

"The government will say it's as easy as watching 'Inside Edition' on TV. It's not," Holmes said.

"The videotape will show a scared Baldemar waiting to bolt and run to fulfill his nickname of Jackrabbit," he said.

Rivers said during opening statements that the shooting was intentional. He called the slaying a "vicious, violent and unprovoked attack" by three men who were hauling marijuana.

Federal officials say the trial is the first in the nation under a section of a 1988 law that carries the death penalty for those convicted of killing a police officer during commission of a drug offense.

A third suspect, Jesus Zambrano, earlier pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against the brothers.

Rivers said the Villarreal and Zambrano were transporting marijuana from Houston to Chicago when their car was pulled over by Lunsford for a routine traffic stop.

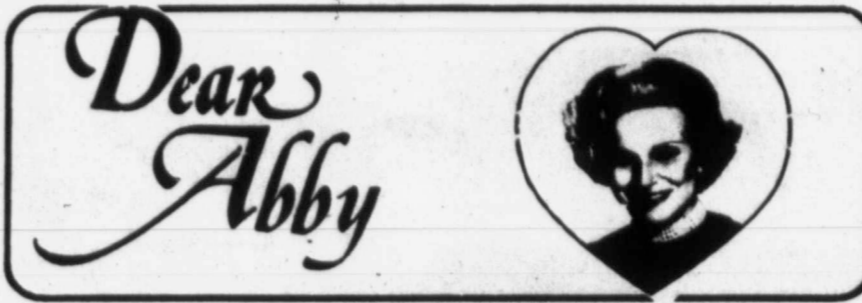
Lunsford was patrolling U.S. 59 in his hometown of Garrison, 151 miles southeast of Dallas, when he stopped the car.

Dr. James Bruce, a pathologist from Lufkin, testified Wednesday that it would have been difficult for Lunsford to have been holding the gun when it was fired.

The bullet penetrated the back of Lunsford's jacket before it struck him, Bruce said.

David Spence, a Department of Public Safety worker in Austin who performed chemical tests on the bullet hole in Lunsford's jacket, said the gun was "in contact with or in near proximity to" the jacket.

Lunsford died from a gunshot wound to the rear left side of his neck, Bruce testified. The constable also suffered a wound to the right side of his face below the jaw, but it was unclear whether it was an exit wound from the gunshot or a stab wound, the forensic specialist said.



By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: We are a middle-class family with a 20-year-old son and a 16-year-old daughter. Our problem is the girl — "Karen." She's been going with the same boy, "Mark," for a year and a half. He's 17, and they are so wrapped up in each other, it's terrible.

Karen was always a happy, outgoing girl, but now she's secretive and quiet. She used to confide in me. She doesn't go places with her girlfriends like she used to; they don't even call her anymore. Her grades have plunged this year, so she has to go to summer school to make up some credits.

I have tried to reason with her. We have restricted her to seeing Mark only once a week because they were getting too thick. (She says she "loves" him.) We have talked until we are blue in the face about doing something besides waiting for Mark to call, but she can't — or won't — see the light. What can we do?

KAREN'S PARENTS

DEAR PARENTS: Your daughter has a bad case of lovesickness. She needs someone she can talk to honestly about her feelings. Unfortunately, there is now little communication between you and Karen. So, family counseling might bring you closer together.

Karen needs to see you as loving parents, which is what you are, instead of "the enemy" — using your parental power to keep her from seeing the boy she loves. (Don't ridicule her; although she is only 16, her love is genuine.)

Ask your family doctor to recommend a family therapist. If money is tight, your YWCA may be the answer. And hats off to you for seeking help.

DEAR ABBY: I need your opinion. Two weeks ago, I gave my girlfriend an engagement ring. We have been going together for nearly two years, and it's understood that we will get married in about a year, so she wasn't exactly surprised. (I am 24 and she is 21.)

Now, the problem: The ring I gave her is a three-carat zircon — set in white gold. It looks exactly like a diamond, but it is not nearly as expensive. I never did tell her it wasn't a diamond, and she has been showing it off at work and to her relatives. Now I'm too embarrassed to tell her the truth.

I keep thinking that one day, when I can afford it, I will replace it with a real diamond, but now I don't have the nerve to tell her the truth. What should I do?

NO GUTS

DEAR NO GUTS: Please get the guts to tell her the truth, and the sooner the better. If she should decide to insure the ring, she would be told immediately that it is not a diamond. Your engagement would be less "rocky" if she heard it first from you.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law's behavior is sometimes very puzzling to me. She will bake (or buy) some sort of pastry or dessert to take with her when invited to a get-together for a special occasion. (Birthday, anniversary, housewarming, etc.)

When the get-together is over, she always goes to the kitchen and packs up whatever is left over from her "offering" and takes it home with her. Trying to get her to leave even a portion of it is like pulling teeth!

I'm embarrassed when she does this in front of my family, or even her own children. My husband and I feel that whatever she brings to the home of another is a gift, and she has no right to take home even a part of it.

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Legislator says loan arrangement on the up and up

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A Texas congressman denied impropriety in his support for a funding for a Santa Teresa, N.M. port of entry and a financial deal with a developer of the border crossing.

New Mexico developer Charles Crowder has assumed a \$65,000 bank loan made to Rep. Ron Coleman, D-El Paso, and is being repaid through an arrangement with Coleman's blind trust, the Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

The blind trust, used by many elected officials, manages the person's assets without their knowledge.

Crowder, a friend of Coleman's for 20 years, headed a project to open a U.S.-Mexico border crossing at Santa Teresa, N.M. He stands to benefit from development around the port of entry that is expected to open by the end of the year.

Coleman, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, last year voted in favor of a bill that provided \$6 million in federal funding for the crossing.

But Coleman on Wednesday denied any impropriety and told The Associated Press that not voting for the bill would have been irresponsible.

"It was the conference (committee) bill that we finally voted on. It also contained \$9.2 million for the Ysleta-Zaragoza (International) Bridge, \$5 million for the Bridge of the Americas and 1,000 new Customs agents, which I put in the bill," Coleman said.

Coleman said the funding for the El Paso crossings was contained in the House version of the appropriations bill and funding for the Santa Teresa port of entry was contained in the Senate version.

The two were put together in a compromise bill by a conference committee, he said.

"At the time of the conference committee the Senate accepted our projects and we accepted theirs," Coleman said. He confirmed that Crowder

had spoken to him about the Santa Teresa project, but said the developer did not lobby him on any appropriations.

The Crowder loan is reported on Coleman's financial disclosure statement, although the details of the loan and repayment are not included.

Crowder would not comment on the specifics of his financial arrangement with Coleman because it involves the congressman's blind trust.

But, he said, "There's been no effort to hide anything here."

Crowder said he's never been shy about getting support for the Santa Teresa project. "I'm a major proponent of this project, I have been for 20 years. I may even make speeches to the Kiwanis Club, if they let me in," he said.

The report of Coleman's arrangement with Crowder was included in a Wall Street Journal story about congressional members who owe money to wealthy friends with interest in legislation.

Hines predicts 'tapping' at end

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Gregory Hines says his dancing legs are just about tapped out.

"It gets harder as the years go by," said Hines, 45. "Let's just say I loosen my taps a little bit more each year to get that jingle."

He said his one-night stand at Bally's Grand Casino Hotel in Atlantic City on Saturday is about all he can handle.

"I think I could tap at this level for another four or five years, and then I'll change my style or give it up," he said.

When his dancing days end, Hines said, he'll concentrate on acting and singing.

He has appeared in such films as "White Nights," "Running Scared," "The Cotton Club," "Tap" and, most recently, "A Rage in Harlem."

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