

Precautions needed in case of terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Security awareness is being heightened at nuclear power plants, refineries and petrochemical plants around Texas because of the threat of terrorism if the United States goes to war against Iraq.

In El Paso, FBI spokesman Terry Kinkaid said the agency is on "heightened alert," but has no "direct information" to indicate anticipated terrorist activity in the area.

"We've identified what we would believe would be terrorist targets and have communicated with the executives of those corporations and heads of military installations. We are engaging in drafting contingency plans and preparing for any possible terrorist activity," he said.

On the U.S.-Mexico border, El Paso is home to Fort Bliss, which sent 12,000 soldiers to Saudi Arabia.

Jerry Ree, personnel manager for El Paso Refining Inc., a gasoline production complex, told the El Paso Herald Post that he had been contacted by the FBI. He said his company has added guards and beefed up security.

In Glen Rose, the world situation and the need to note anything unusual are being discussed at the daily plant meeting at the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant, said spokesman Jerry Lee.

And in Houston, the Coast Guard said it was planning enhanced patrols of the Houston Ship Channel, home to a string of major refineries and petrochemical plants, as time appeared to be running out for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait.

Iraqi leader faces a Tuesday United Nations deadline to withdraw his troops from Kuwait.

Border Patrol agents are on the alert for any possibility that terrorists would try to enter the country across the Rio Grande from Mexico.

Meanwhile the state's senior senator warned Texans to "take ex-

tra care" until the crisis is over. "The hatred and animosity that's going to be engendered by our attack on the Iraqi people is bound to be the cause of terrorists' activities — in the United States or anywhere an American goes," predicted retired Navy Rear Adm. Gene R. La Rocque, director for the Center for Defense Information, a non-profit organization that monitors military affairs around the world.

Officials of some agencies in Texas were reluctant to discuss whether they were instituting additional security precautions because of the threat of terrorism. But others, like the Coast Guard and Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said Thursday that security awareness was being heightened.

"All commands are sensitive to the reports of possible threats against U.S. ports," said Coast Guard spokesman Jack O'Dell. "Our personnel have been informed to pay close attention to anything that might look suspicious and we've created a heightened awareness of security."

Iraq and its allies have indicated that if there is war, they will not keep it confined to the Persian Gulf.

Frank Ingram, an NRC spokesman, said the agency has advised nuclear plant operators, such as Comanche Peak and the South Texas Project in Bay City, "to heighten their security awareness, to take particular note of anything that may be out of the ordinary."

At the Port of Houston, Cmdr. Rex Prosser, chief of port operations at the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Houston, said the Coast Guard was "probably looking at enhanced patrols of the Houston Ship Channel."

The Coast Guard has teams of experts evaluating security at waterfront facilities along the ship channel, he said. And Coast Guard officials last week met with representatives of local, state and federal agencies with jurisdictions along the 50-mile ship channel to

discuss their security and the world situation. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said most experts believe the greatest threats will be to Americans abroad, especially in Europe and the Middle East.

"Even so, with our long international border and our large number of military bases and defense plants, prudence calls for Texans to take extra care until this crisis is over," Bentsen said Thursday.

Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, said concerns about possible terrorism prompted him to call the Border Patrol Wednesday to ask about any precautions the agency might be taking along the Rio Grande.

Ortiz said he was reassured that the patrol's intelligence network throughout the United States, Central and South America, is in place and has not picked up word of any threats.

A Border Patrol official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said agents on the Southern border were "standing by. We're always on alert."

The official said he does not believe terrorists would try to enter the country over the land borders, instead coming through an airport.

"It'll be the very well-dressed, suave dude with the super passports and IDs. The real challenge is to the inspectors at airports all over the country," the official said.

"Security is in a high state of alert at airports across the nation," said Bill Anderson, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration's southwest region in Fort Worth. "We will not discuss security arrangements."

Joe Dealey, spokesman for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, said he could not discuss "what precautions this facility has taken in response to Saddam's threats against U.S. installations."

Richards: lottery, ethics 'emergency' issues

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. elect Ann Richards says ethics reform and creation of a state lottery are so important that she will designate both as "emergency" measures to speed up legislative action when she takes office.

Richards said she will give the items the governor's emergency designation after being sworn in Tuesday. Such a tag allows bills to be passed into law during the first 60 days of a legislative ses-

ion. Ethics and the state's money woes were much on the minds of lawmakers who convened for their 1991 session this week.

Dozens of news stories have focused special interest lobbyists trying to influence the Legislature. During 1989 alone, lobbyists reported spending more than \$2.2 million on entertainment and gifts for lawmakers.

"Ethics is a fundamental with

me. And the public must realize that his will be an immediate priority for my administration," Richards said in a statement. "The time is right and we need an ethics law with some teeth in it."

Richards said that a key element in reforms she wants enacted is creation of a tough new Ethics Commission, with subpoena power, to investigate and enforce ethics laws.

"It has got to have some mus-

cle behind it," she said.

With the Legislature facing a \$4.2 billion, two-year budget deficit, some lawmakers say amending the Texas Constitution to create a lottery would help bring in non-tax money.

"We need the revenues that can be generated by a lottery. It's that simple. If we can get a bill out of the Legislature and to the voters by April, the state can be realizing revenue from a lottery

by this fall," Richards said.

Lawmakers have estimated that a fully operating Texas lottery could bring in \$750 million annually. Numerous opinion polls have shown voters favoring a lottery by substantial margins.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said he's willing to move quickly on a lottery but doesn't know whether the House will agree.

"We will probably try to move it as quickly as we can," Lewis,

D-Fort Worth, said. "We will probably put it on the fast track if we can."

Lottery bills have died repeatedly in the House. Lewis predicted it would be more difficult to move a lottery through the Legislature than for it to win approval on the ballot.

"I think the majority of the people of Texas are supportive of a lottery," Lewis said.

Clements: stabilize prices at \$20-\$30

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements, an oilman for 40 years, says the federal government must stabilize crude oil prices at \$20 to \$30 per barrel to boost U.S. output and limit dependence on foreign supplies.

The United States is the only nation following free market principles when it comes to oil and "the market system doesn't

work," Clements said.

"Unfortunately, we are the only country in the world that operates our petroleum industry on the basis of a free market. There is no such thing as a so-called 'free market' in oil. Every other country has controls that are put into place by a national energy policy," he said.

Clements, who on Thursday

issued his energy proposals, said he has discussed his plan with President Bush, who is expected to make his recommendations for a U.S. energy policy soon.

Clements stopped short of saying such an oil price plan could have prevented a possible war with Iraq.

But he did say, "I don't think there's any question that's what the Middle Eastern situation

really boils down to. You can talk about any one of many things as to why we're over there, but this is why we're over there. Let there be no misunderstanding about it."

Clements' proposal calls for setting a \$20 per barrel floor price for oil and a \$30 ceiling price through the year 2000. That range would be fair to both producers and consumers, he said.

Jaycees, WTC to host forum on leadership

Snyder Jaycees, in conjunction with Western Texas College, will be hosting the first local John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Forum on Feb. 2 for approximately 30 to 50 high school and college students.

Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Senate will be assisting with the forum, which is designed to provide an opportunity for young Texans to learn about leadership, to study issues facing the state and to increase their interest in public affairs.

Jaycees are needing discussion and civic leaders for the day-long event. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact Elida Garza, project chairman, at 573-4254 in the evenings and on weekends.

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Published each Sunday morning and each evening, except Saturday, by Snyder Publishing Co., Inc., 3000 College Ave., Snyder, Texas 79549.
Second Class postage paid at the post office at Snyder, Texas, Publication Number USP811-030.
POSTMASTER: send change of address to P.O. Box 948, Snyder, Texas 79549.
SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By carrier in Snyder, \$6.65 per month.
By mail in Snyder and adjoining counties, one year \$85.75, balance of Texas, and out of state \$85.00.
Roy McQueen, Publisher
Bill McClellan, Managing Editor
MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to use for republication all news dispatches in this newspaper and also local news published for republication of special dispatches.

Dance To Country Connection
from Austin
Fri. 9-12
VFW
Members & Guests

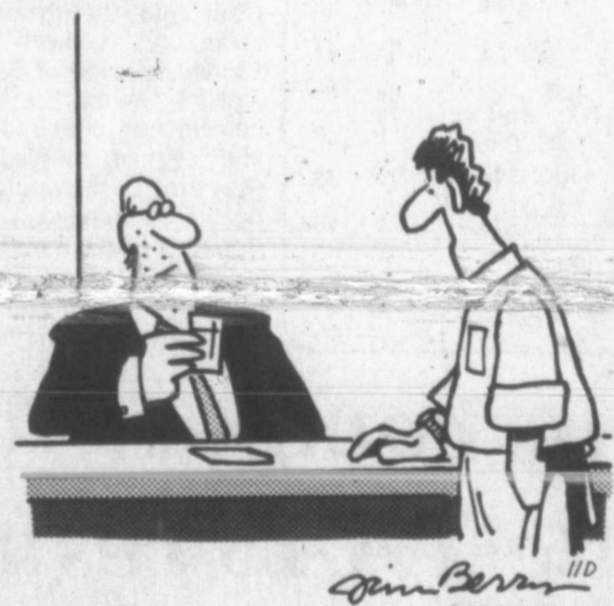
Parents and Grandparents Make **Valentine's Day** Extra Special This Year

Here's A Chance To Make Your Loved One Happy!
Send Us Or Bring Us A Cute Photo Of Your Child Or Grandchild (We Promise To Return It)
We'll Place It In A Heart Like The One Shown Here.
Include Name & Short Message And On **Thursday, Feb. 14th**
Your Little Cutie Will Appear In The Snyder Daily News!



Happy Valentine's Day
Uncle Clai
I Miss You, Russell Lee

Berry's World



"Remember when Chapter 11 meant A PLACE IN A BOOK?"

Send That Special Message To Your **SWEETHEART!**

Telling your Sweetheart just how much you love him or her in a big way at a small cost is so easy when you put our love message in print in the Classified Pages! Our special feature for Valentine's Day greetings will appear on Thursday, Feb. 14th.

Prepare your message now and surprise that special person in your life by letting the whole community know just how you feel. Here's all you have to do. Compose Your Message. Fill Out The Blank Below And Send It In Now. It's Not Too Early To Think About What You Can Do To Let That Special Person Know How Much You Care.

15 Words For \$3.50



Happy Valentine's Day to Uncle Clai
From your Sweetheart, Erica Lee

The Cost Is Only **\$10 Per Heart** But Hurry The Deadline is **Monday, Feb. 11**

Place Your Valentine Message At Classified Desk

Or Mail This Coupon Mail Coupon To Snyder Daily News Classified Dept. Box 948 Snyder, Texas 79549

EXAMPLES:
TO MIA,
My love for you is a special feeling that will stay in my heart for the rest of my life!
Love, Debbie
I Love you David and Your 1989 Ford Pan
Fun is to My Favorite Valentine - I Love You,
Mandi!!

Your Love Message Will Appear In A Special Valentine Section - Feb. 14 Issue

Deadline For Message 5 P.M., Feb. 11th

WE'RE HERE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE!

Muffin & Coffee
Chocolate & Blueberry
99¢

Ham & Cheese Hot Pockets
99¢

McD's PHILLIPS 66
3800 College Ave.
Open 7 Days a Week

Dairygold MILK
1/2 Gal. Reg. & Low Fat
69¢

JTW ANTI-FREEZE
4.79

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Featuring **SUPER CLEAN UNLEADED GASOLINES**

BORN LOSER® by Art and Chip Sansom



EEL & 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**
- 1 Church song
 - 5 Photo fixer (sl.)
 - 9 Distant
 - 12 Vast period of time
 - 13 Freshwater fish
 - 14 Soap ingredient
 - 15 — Named Desire
 - 17 Western hemisphere org.
 - 18 Plating metal
 - 19 — culpa
 - 20 One of the senses
 - 22 Short for Augustus
 - 23 Mother of Mile.
 - 24 Las —
 - 27 Weepier
 - 31 Shoots hole-in-one
 - 32 Blow one's

- DOWN**
- own —
 - 33 Aviation agcy.
 - 34 Married woman's title
 - 35 Opening
 - 36 Door
 - 37 fastening
 - 37 Repaired (window)
 - 39 Casts ballot
 - 40 Hockey great Bobby —
 - 41 Provided meal for
 - 42 Blood vessels
 - 45 Enthusiast
 - 46 Mr. Ziegfeld
 - 49 Wise bird
 - 50 Public services
 - 53 Hawaiian garland
 - 54 High hills
 - 55 Heavenly —
 - 56 Mao — tung
 - 57 Irish-Gaelic
 - 58 Miss Kett of the comics

Answer to Previous Puzzle

K	I	L	T	E	S	K	E	R	S	D	U	O								
O	U	T	E	R	M	A	L	A	I	S	E									
D	R	O	V	E		E	V	I	N	C	E	S								
A	T	R	E	S	T	E	A	T		E	A	T								
				E	S	K	E	R	S		D	U	O							
				D	U	C		E	O	A	N	K	I	R	I					
				O	M	I	T	S		G	E		O	R	A	L				
				E	I	R	E		T	L	E	N	T	R	E					
				R	A	R	E			W	E	A	R		S	I	D			
				S	K	I				T	I	S	S	U	E					
				F	I	R				I	D	I	O	M	S					
				E	Q	U	A	B	L	E		I	G	L	O	O				
				F	U	S	S	I	E	R		T	H	I	N	E				
				T	A	N	T	A	R	A		E	T	N	A					

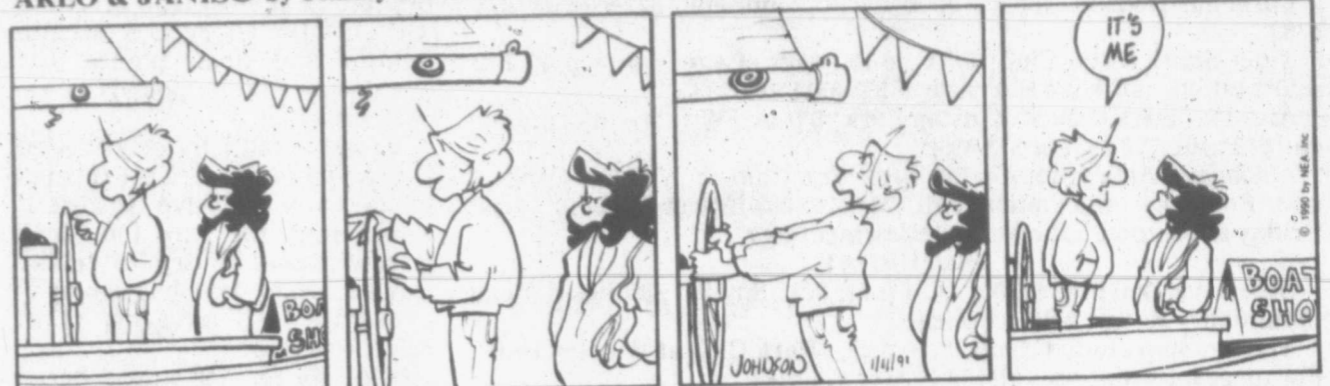
- DOWN**
- 1 Verb following "thou"
 - 2 Abominable snowman
 - 3 Part of the day
 - 4 Compass pt.
 - 5 Abhors
 - 6 Non-profit org.
 - 7 Ingrid Bergman's daughter
 - 8 Male rower
 - 9 Whip
 - 10 Indian maid
 - 11 Relax
 - 16 Birds
 - 21 Comparative suffix
 - 22 Natural —
 - 23 Simple
 - 24 Shoe part
 - 25 Tan
 - 26 Tale of adventure
 - 27 Narrated
 - 28 — first you don't ...
 - 29 Soothe
 - 30 Hits
 - 32 Cultivator
 - 35 Hairy
 - 36 Brick carrier
 - 38 Shipping unit
 - 39 — vidi vici
 - 41 Disloyal
 - 42 Electrical unit
 - 43 Rams' mates
 - 44 Tennis player — Nastase
 - 45 Trees
 - 46 Decree
 - 47 For fear that
 - 48 Safety agcy.
 - 51 Gate (Ger.)
 - 52 Article

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
				13						14			
				16						17			
				19				20	21				
				22			23						
				24	25	26		27		28	29	30	
				31								33	
				34								36	
				37									
				40								41	
				42	43	44					46	47	48
				49							52		
				54									
				57									58

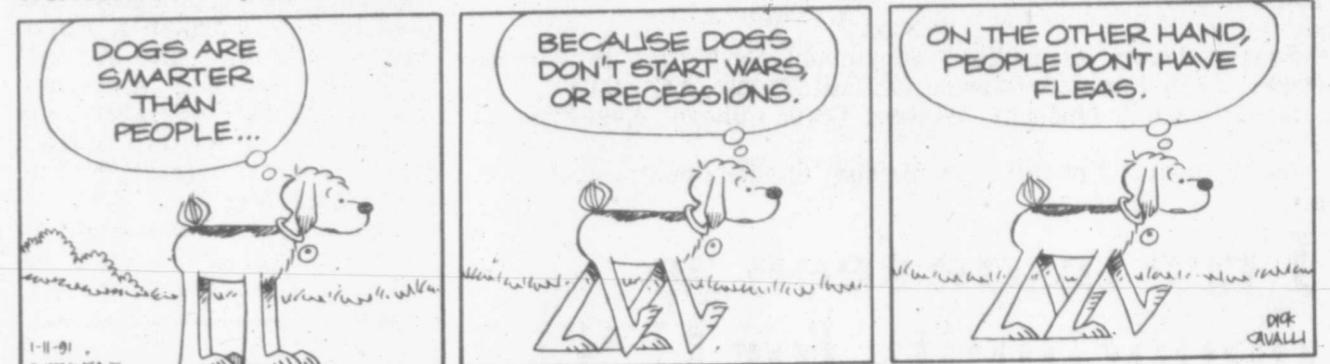
FRANK & ERNEST® by Bob Thaves



ARLO & JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson



WINTHROP® by Dick Cavalli



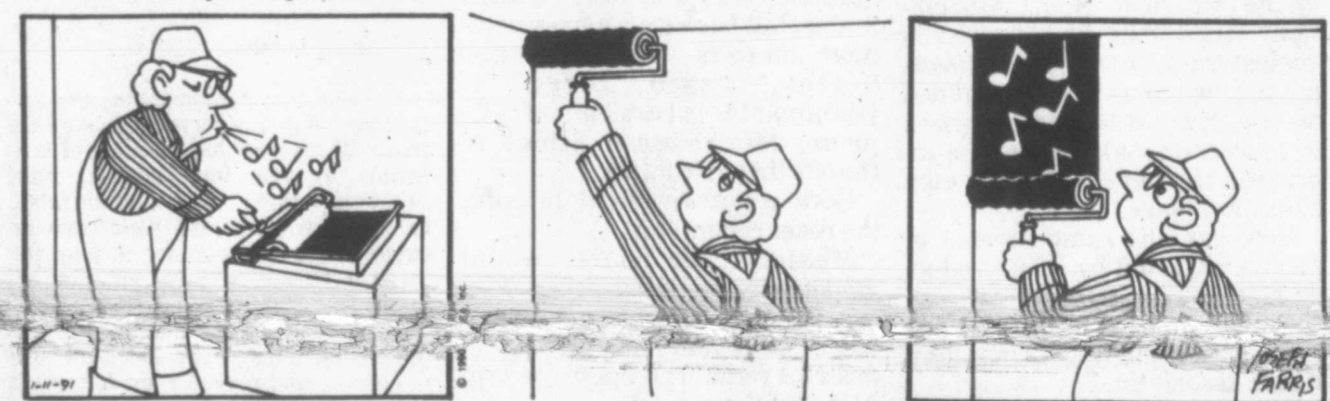
ROBOTMAN® by Jim Meddick



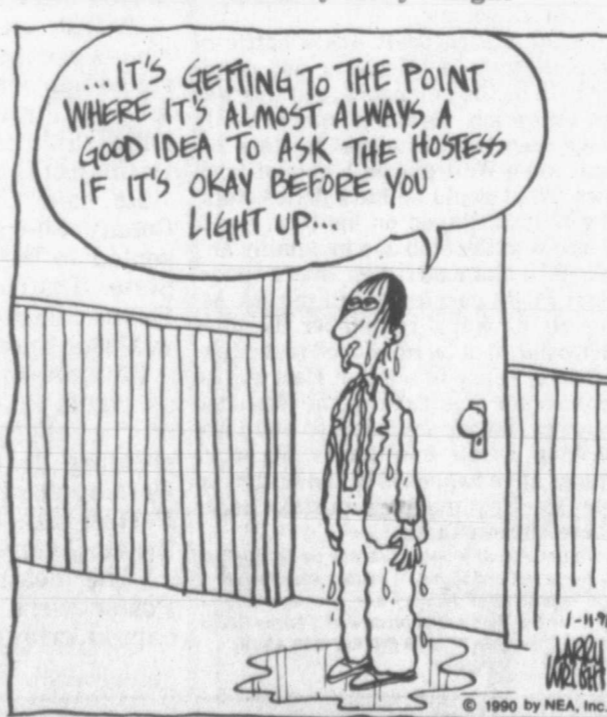
ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue



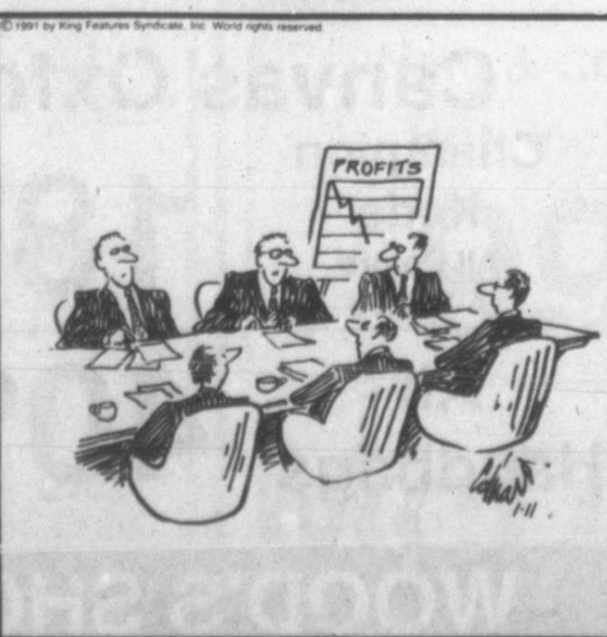
PHIPPS™ by Joseph Farris



KIT 'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright



LAFF-A-DAY



"What we need is some good old-fashioned bad publicity!"

SNAFU® by Bruce Beattie



DENNIS THE MENACE



"WHEN WILL I KNOW HOW MUCH FUN I'VE BEEN HAVING?"

Washington today:

President's message travels with Baker

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — It sat on the conference table — a letter from the president of the United States to the president of Iraq. Its exact contents are still a secret. But not the overall message: Withdraw your 500,000 troops from Kuwait by next Tuesday or risk the probability of war.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III had brought the letter to Geneva to turn over to Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

As recounted by sources familiar with the meeting, the letter remained sealed in an 8-by-10 manila envelope with the "White House" logo in black on the cover.

Three times during the 6 hours and 27 minutes of talks the two delegations left the room.

The letter did not. It remained on the table, watched over by one of Baker's security guards — with an open invitation to Aziz to pick it up.

But Aziz left it there. Just before they parted, Baker asked him to take the letter with him to Baghdad.

Aziz refused, and the letter is now making the rounds of the

Persian Gulf and the Middle East with Baker.

Sandra Charles, an assistant to President Bush on the National Security Council staff, is carrying it with her.

If anything symbolizes the stalemate it is the letter and Aziz's reaction.

Baker had handed over a copy in English to the foreign minister during their talks.

His hands trembling, and reading slowly, Aziz digested the contents — and denounced them later at a news conference as threatening and undiplomatic.

Is there a way out of this impasse? Or is war about to descend on the Persian Gulf?

By all indications, traveling with Baker does not produce any confidence that a peaceful way out of the crisis will be found.

All the compromises pursued by European and Arab governments fall short of Bush's demand for unconditional and total

withdrawal from Kuwait — without any reward for Saddam Hussein.

As Tuesday's deadline approaches, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is working on a formula for the withdrawal of the half-million Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

Baker and his staff are hesitant to make a judgment until more facts are known.

But so far they see nothing solid in any of the overtures to Saddam.

And Aziz's rejection of Bush's letter is graphic evidence that the U.S. message — quit Kuwait or face war — just may not be getting through.

Hispanics seek new counselor

DALLAS (AP) — Hispanic civic leaders say city officials should reconsider the hiring of a gang program coordinator who doesn't speak Spanish.

Three of every four gang members in the city are Hispanic, the leaders said. One city councilman called the hiring "just plain dumb."

But of 57 applicants, Diane Boyd was the best qualified, the man who hired her claimed.

"At this point, I do not have any intention of asking for any sort of change," Dallas Park and Recreation Director Frank Wise said Wednesday.

The 34-year-old Ms. Boyd, who is white, has been a Dallas County juvenile probation officer since 1982. Some leaders claim she will be ineffective because she isn't Hispanic and doesn't speak Spanish.

"Some things are plain dumb — just plain dumb," councilman Al Lipscomb, who is black, said. "Why would someone go out and pick an African-American or Anglo to work in the Chicano community?"

The hiring was also opposed by the NAACP. Lee Alcorn, chairman of the political action committee for the Advancement of Colored People's local council, said Hispanics have a "legitimate outcry."

At a City Council meeting Wednesday, about 200 citizens protested the hiring.

"There is tremendous unity here in the feeling that the action of Frank Wise was insensitive," Adefa Callejo, chairwoman of the Coalition of Hispanic Organizations, said.

Ms. Boyd's background and experience outweighed the fact that she does not speak Spanish, Wise said. Nevertheless, he said he will require her to take Spanish courses.

Ms. Boyd is scheduled to begin her \$30,000-a-year job Jan. 23. Wise said he wants the program, which has a budget of \$154,050, to work, and he was prepared for the political fallout from his decision to hire Ms. Boyd.

Surgery may not help female ostrich

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A female ostrich no longer has a cataract problem, but Texas A&M University veterinarians who performed the operation said the bird still may not be able to see.

Ophthalmologists at the university's Texas Veterinary Medical Center removed a cataract from the left eye of the 18-month-old ostrich before Christmas, but said Thursday other eye infections could cost the animal its life.

"There was extensive existing damage to the retina (the lining of the eye) that didn't have anything to do with the cataract, and we were unable to correct that," said veterinarian James Jensen, a specialist in the care of exotic animals. "The bottom line is that the bird's sight is still marginal at best."

Jensen said glaucoma and cataract scarring had occurred in the bird's right eye before it arrived at Texas A&M.

The cataract surgery, performed by veterinarian Joan Dziezyc, is the first known successful such surgery on an ostrich.

Ms. Dziezyc used a burst of ultrasonic vibration delivered through a tiny hollow needle to break up the clouded lens and remove it from the ostrich's

Ophthalmologists use a similar technique to remove human cataracts.

Ms. Dziezyc said while the cataracts occur in nearly every species, the loss of sight in an ostrich could interrupt its sex life and feeding patterns, possibly prompting its death.

"It's possible she would starve," Ms. Dziezyc said of the ostrich, which traditionally have poor memories. "If we send her back home, she probably will have forgotten where her food is."

Astrograph by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Jan. 12, 1991

There are indications in the year ahead that you will make an extremely valuable contact with an individual who is imaginative, enterprising and lucky. This human being may turn out to be one of the most important people you'll ever meet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your greatest gratification today will come as a result of being in a position to do things for others, especially by helping someone who's had a rough go of it lately. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to plan today's social activities around friends with whom you feel totally at ease. You might not feel very comfortable with those who force you to be on your best behavior.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Just be yourself today, because people like you as you are. Your popularity is rising and affections could inhibit your climb.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your perceptions regarding trends and the outcome of events are rather good today. If you feel strongly about a certain situation, let your insights guide your behavior.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A joint ven-

ture in which you have recently become involved has promising potential, even though the early signals may be inconclusive. Keep going in the present direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you are reluctant to make a critical decision today, turn the matter over to your mate, especially if your partner has studied the situation more intensely than you have.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Small details should not be treated insignificantly today, particularly if you're working on something complex. If you overlook them now, you'll have to deal with them later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're a bit of a gambler today and this is acceptable, provided you don't take chances on things about which you know little. A calculated risk in your area of expertise is okay.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your custodial instincts are likely to be quite pronounced today, which could prove to be your greatest asset. You'll know how to take care of something for someone you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a good day to take care of matters that require communication, whether it be clearing up old, neglected correspondence or making belated phone calls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The aspects continue to look favorable for you where your material affairs are concerned. Use your talents constructively on ways to make or save money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your independence and mobility will be of paramount importance to you today. Divest yourself of any arrangements that could hem you in or tie you down.



LUNCHEON MEETING — Ray Peveler, chief appraiser for the Scurry County Appraisal District, was the guest speaker at Tuesday's Snyder Board of Realtors meeting held at Snyder Country Club.

Introducing Peveler was Shirley Pate, center, program chairman, and at right is Mary Fowler, publicity chairman. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cancer patient gets last wish

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — A cancer patient's yearning to graduate from high school came through only hours before his death.

Eric Thomas Sippel's quest was a noble one, administrators at Sippel's high school said Thursday. "He wanted his high school diploma so desperately," Grapevine Assistant Principal Juneria Berges said. "I was just very thankful that we got there."

After learning of Sippel's condition, Grapevine High School administrators rushed an honorary diploma to the 18-year-old's bedside Wednesday, just three hours before he died of brain cancer.

His parents, Linda and Richard Sippel, were at his side most of the day. The younger Sip-

ple died around 6 p.m. after his condition suddenly worsened.

"The overall emotion was just one of relief that Eric's ordeal had come to an end," said Dr. Douglas MacAskill of Southlake Medical Clinic. "It had really become apparent that it had come to an end."

Sippel's parents, contacted at their home Thursday, did not want to talk about their eldest child, saying instead they had to catch a plane flight. Educators said the family had planned services in Indiana.

At the high school where Sippel had come to be known as a quiet boy who wore a hat to conceal a head balded by chemotherapy, everyone wanted to talk about him.

"He deserves tribute," school nurse Connie Williams agreed. "His courage was very much an inspiration."

Ms. Berges said she and other administrators were fond of Sippel, who "never asked for special privileges."

"We had watched Eric and we could see every day how hard he was working when he was here," she said. "He walked slower. He had a hard time just picking one foot up and putting the other foot down. But he was one of those men that never asked for special privileges."

English instructor Janice Cook remembered his zeal for learning.

Classified



Place an ad for 3 days at \$7.50* and we'll run it 3 MORE days for just 1¢ more.

*Price listed is for 15 words. Excludes real estate.

CALL 573-5486

or come by the SDN

Special is good through the month of January. Additional words over 15 are 50¢ per word.

CLASSIFIEDS...

The Great American Bargain

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from spastic colon. While I'm on Lomotil and Anaspaz, the combination doesn't seem to help completely. I originally moved my bowels seven to 14 times per day; however, during the last 20 years, this has decreased to about three to five movements per day. Does the movement of small, marble-like feces indicate the presence of a problem I should pursue?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, the nature of your bowel movements is not as important as their chronic frequency. Evidently, the contents of your intestine move through the bowel too quickly, resulting in frequent evacuations. Anti-diarrheal agents, such as Lomotil, and anti-spasmodics, such as Anaspaz (hyoscyamine), may help, but I suspect you'll continue to have problems until the cause of this "rapid transit" is discovered.

Spastic bowel (irritable colon) is a diagnosis of exclusion, meaning that other conditions have to be ruled out before the diagnosis is established. For example, you should have a stool

sigmoidoscopic examination to look for polyps or inflammation and a complete blood analysis to make sure you don't have another affliction, such as pancreatic deficiency or hyperthyroidism, to explain your frequent stools.

If everything checks out, you may be helped by a strict diet (no roughage, beans or cabbage), Metamucil (a stool-bulking agent), stress counseling (because emotional upset can worsen irritable colon), and other, more effective anti-spasmodics, such as propantheline. In some cases, hypnosis or biofeedback may be useful in controlling symptoms.

Irritable colon is a common disorder that does not cause ill-health. It is a nuisance to its sufferers, not only because of bowel frequency but also because of the gas, bloating and abdominal discomfort. If your doctor cannot control your symptoms using the methods I described, ask for a referral to a gastroenterologist who may be able to offer further advice.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: With the slightest bump or scrape on my arms or hands, the blood vessels rupture, and I end up with ugly bruises. Is there anything I can do, such as modifying my diet, to strengthen the walls of the blood vessels? I am currently taking 1/4 aspirin, Norpace and Cardizem.

DEAR READER: The aspirin may be the culprit. This drug slows blood-clotting and can lead to easy bruising. Ask your doctor about this because the problem you describe could also be caused by other clotting disorders, such as leukemia and liver disease. I assume your doctor has suggested aspirin to reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke. If not, you may wish to discontinue the aspirin.

Norpace (disopyramide), which is used to regulate the heartbeat, and Cardizem (diltiazem), for angina and hypertension, have not been reported to cause clotting deficiencies, although both are associated with petechiae (tiny bruises) in a small number of cases.

Joking law graduate gets last laugh

Dear Abby



Joining Hands for Grace Takes Cleanliness Out of Godliness

By Abigail Van Buren

© 1991 Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: A letter in your column addressed a problem I have worried about for years. It's the practice of joining hands at the table to say "grace" — and then everyone eats.

I support religious freedom and I am not phobic about germs, but every time I have a meal at which we are asked to "join hands" in prayer, I wait a few seconds, and after the "amen," I excuse myself to go and wash my hands. I do this because I could not enjoy my meal wondering whether — or how well — the person beside me had washed, or if he/she had coughed into that hand before holding mine in prayer.

Abby, could we ask the devout among us to reconsider this very unsanitary practice, and rely on our sitting shoulder-to-shoulder to provide the sense of brotherhood they're hoping for?

If I bring this up in my family, I'll be reminded sharply that I am the family heathen.

Abby, please help to spread the word — not disease.

THE FAMILY HEATHEN

DEAR FAMILY HEATHEN: Sitting shoulder-to-shoulder might be a little too close for comfort. Would you settle for just a token "hooking of little fingers"?

Seriously, we in this part of the world are a friendly, handshaking, hand-holding people. Fine. But let us also become a more hand-washing people.

DEAR ABBY: Please tell me it isn't true that another person out there thinks people are superior to animals. I'm referring to the person who wrote to say that he (or she) was "mortified" to learn that a couple had included their dog in their wedding ceremony. (The dog was the ring bearer.)

Abby, human beings are not superior to animals. In fact, we humans can learn a great deal from

animals. When was the last time an elk tossed a cigarette out of a car window and started a forest fire? When did an elephant kill another elephant for his money? And when did a cat give birth to a litter of brain-damaged kittens because she took drugs during her pregnancy?

DANA FROM COLORADO

DEAR DANA: Hear, hear! In the words of that great American humorist, Mark Twain: "Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to."

DEAR ABBY: I am a newly married military wife. My husband and I planned to have children in three or four years. However, events in the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia have raised some questions. I would like to ask your readers who were in the military during World War II, the Korean conflict or Vietnam their opinions on having (or not having) a baby in case Daddy doesn't come back.

I do not want to be a single parent — it wouldn't be fair to the child, and it certainly wouldn't be easy for me.

On the other hand, how would I feel if the worst happened, and I lost the chance to bear his child? Please help.

MOM OR NOT

DEAR MOM OR NOT: This is a very personal decision. I, too, am interested in the opinions of those who have lived through that experience and made a choice. Readers?

"How to Be Popular" is for everyone who feels left out and wants an improved social life. It's an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person. To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

DALLAS (AP) — A bar exam applicant who tried to introduce some levity into the law has been cleared to practice in Texas after judges ruled his wisecracks on an application were excusable.

Charles Malloy says he was informed Wednesday that he had passed the bar exam, ending an 18-month court battle over his moral fitness to practice law.

"If there's anybody out there that needs a fighter for a lawyer, send them my way," said the 1989 graduate of Southern Methodist University Law School.

A state appeals court told the Texas Board of Law Examiners in August that Malloy had a "spirited bumptiousness" but not a lack of moral character. The panel, forced to test him, then refused to release his scores.

Malloy said he spent at least \$60,000 in attorney's fees fighting the board.

The board fought, from an Austin trial court all the way up to the state Supreme Court, to withhold Malloy's bar scores, denying him a law license and a job.

But the courts told the board repeatedly, in essence, to lighten up. On Wednesday, the state Supreme Court — the board's boss — refused to consider the board's final effort to appeal.

The board's objections came from four questions on Malloy's application.

Malloy, asked why he had been fired by an Austin accounting firm, wrote, "Why don't you ask

them and let me know because I have been wondering now for 3½ years."

Malloy admitted he had undergone psychological counseling as a teen-ager after his brother's death. But he added, "This stuff is really none of your business."

On whether he had been charged with or convicted of a crime, his response showed he was

found innocent in 1987 of disorderly conduct and evading arrest after lecturing a police officer who had crashed a rowdy SMU party.

The next year, he was charged with failing to identify himself to police after he and two friends reportedly yelled into a broken speaker at a drive-thru at a fast food restaurant. The charge was dismissed.

Malloy didn't have to report the misdemeanor charges. But the board said once he did, he was in "flagrant non-compliance" for failing to provide court records.

Asked whether he would vow to uphold the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, he wrote, "Absolutely! I'm a Constitutional kind of guy."

Malloy said he was being "cute, maybe," not flip. But the board said those answers demonstrated immaturity, a lack of respect for authority and a lack of moral character.

The independent panel of nine lawyers appointed by the state Supreme Court twice tried to prevent the 28-year-old Malloy from taking the bar exam.

Malloy said the battle left him with concerns about the panel, which can reject applicants at will but never has to explain who, how many or why.

"It's game-playing with people that don't fit their model of what an attorney should be," he said.

WPC to recruit applicants

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Women's Political Caucus wants Gov.-elect Ann Richards to increase the number of women and minorities on Texas boards and commissions.

Caucus representatives have met with Richards' appointments director and told her of their statewide effort to recruit women and minorities.

They said they had talked to Jané Hickie, who is in charge of appointments for Richards, prior to a news conference Thursday at which the project was made public.

Caucus officials said they hoped the project could become a model for the nation.

"We think we can develop a model in conjunction with the governor's office about how to make these boards more accessible to people and then let organizations in other states know how to do that," said

caucus vice president Ann Kitchen.

Richards, who is scheduled to be sworn in Tuesday as the state's first woman governor in over half a century, already has appointed Lena Guerrero, an Hispanic woman, to the powerful Texas Railroad Commission.

Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers in 1781.

† A VOICE OF UNITY †
Grace Lutheran 5500 College 573-0943
St. John's Episcopal 2214 - 42nd 573-0344
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9 A.M. Joint Worship; 10 a.m. Sunday School
January - at Grace Lutheran
February at St. John's
SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
9 a.m. Joint Worship; 10 a.m. BRUNCH
11 a.m. Joint SS & Adult Forum
The Rev. Arlyne C. Turnquist, 573-1504

Church Directory

- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Ave. Q & 27th
Rev. Don Taylor, Pastor
- TEMPLO BAUTISTA**
21st & Ave. R
Ernesto Gil Sr., Pastor
- IRA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Ira, Texas
John Hedrick, Pastor
- ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
2214 42nd St.
Rev. Arlyne C. Turnquist, Vicar
- FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**
208 37th St.
Rev. L. W. Hatfield, Pastor
- BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**
1708 Ave. E
Rev. Jim Mosley, Pastor
- UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**
Union
Rev. Jim Mosley, Pastor
- FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
A.C. of J.C.
Rev. W.J. Goodwin, Jr., Pastor
- AVE. D BAPTIST CHURCH**
30th & Ave. D
Rev. John Shugart, Pastor
- PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**
21st & Ave. M
Elder Kenneth Martin, Pastor
- DUNN BAPTIST CHURCH**
Dunn, Texas
Rev. Aeron Oden, Pastor
- VICTORY TABERNACLE INDEPENDENT CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**
1206 North Ave. R
Rev. Juan G. Martinez, Pastor
- COLONIAL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**
36th & El Paso
Rev. Miller F. Robinson, Pastor
- NORTH COLLEGE AVE. BAPTIST MISSION**
208 N. Clairmont Rd.
Rev. Charles Day, Pastor
- FLUVANNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Fluvanna, Texas
Jack Abendschan, Pastor
- IGLESIA METODISTA UNIDA EMMANUEL**
1911 21st
Rev. Juan G. Martinez, Pastor
- HERMLEIGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Hermleigh, Texas
Carol Crumpton, Pastor
- DORWARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Gail, Texas
Jack Abendschan, Pastor
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
701 37th St.
Dr. Tim Griffin, Pastor
- GENTLE DOVE MINISTRIES, INC.**
1411 25th St.
Marvin Applin, Pastor
- 37th STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**
2500 37th St.
Larry Mitchell, Minister
- FLUVANNA CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Don Campbell, Minister
- EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**
201 31st St.
Tom Holcomb, Minister
- HERMLEIGH CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Rio Evans, Minister
- IRA CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Richard Jordan, Minister
- SPANISH CHURCH OF CHRIST**
501 College
Francisco Bonilla, Minister
- WEST 30th STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Gary Brewer Road
Gary Brewer, Minister
- DUNN CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Dunn, Texas
Roy Rosson, Minister
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
2700 College Ave.
Dr. Wylie Hearn, Pastor
- TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Cogdell Center
Rev. Rusty Dickerson, Pastor
- KNAPP BAPTIST CHURCH**
Knapp Community
Rev. Glen Butler, Pastor
- MORNINGSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**
119 36th St.
Tom Lewis, Pastor
- VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**
3303 Apple St.
Pat Githens, Pastor
- NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**
3305 Ave. L.
Rev. Raymond Dunkins, Pastor
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
North Harlan, Hermleigh
Rex Reynolds, Pastor
- FLUVANNA BAPTIST CHURCH**
Fluvanna, Texas
- CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**
107 Wheat, Hermleigh
Rev. Jim Townsend, Pastor
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Ira, Texas
Rev. Don Auten, Pastor
- CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**
2301 Ave. C
John Howard, Pastor
- CHURCH OF GOD ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Ave. G & 30th St.
Danny Williams, Pastor
- FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
1809 College Ave.
Rev. John Goodwin, Pastor
- IRA FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**
Ira, Texas
Rev. C.E. Cox, Jr., Pastor
- CHURCH OF GOD**
1406 21st St.
Rev. George A. Murphy, Pastor
- GETHSEMANE SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
312 26th St.
- APOSTOLIC FAITH**
25th & Ave. Z
Rev. Lee Nelson, Pastor
- CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
904 26th St.
J.D. Smith, Pastor
- TEMPO MONTE SINAI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
2613 Ave. Z
Rev. F.L. Ramirez, Pastor
- NORRIS CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
3411 Ave. H
Elder Tony Wofford, Pastor

Small libraries given funds from estate

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Several small West Texas libraries were surprised to learn they are the recipients of thousands of dollars allocated in the will of a deceased Abilene woman.

"It's a wonderful gift," said Joann Norman, head of the City-County Library in Munday. "I thought we might have to match the funds, but this is an outright gift for books."

Catherine Dumraese, who died in 1981, set up her will so that income from her oil and gas holdings would go to libraries in towns with fewer than 7,000 residents, said David Oldham of Houston, attorney for the estate.

After moving near Columbus, about 70 miles west of Houston, Mrs. Dumraese frequently visited the small town's public library and found it lacking. Her experience in Southeast Texas initiated her concern for rural libraries.

"Catherine didn't want to build buildings or pay salaries or anything else," Oldham said. "She wanted to put books in libraries."

Eight libraries in the north half of the Big Country Library System have been chosen to receive money from the Dumraese estate.

libraries are receiving \$7,500 each, while libraries in Aspermont, Clyde, Jayton, Munday, Rotan and Starksboro are getting \$5,000 each.

"To spread this money around and do as much good as possible for the libraries in the state," Oldham said.

Librarian Jo' Warren of the Clyde Public Library said, "There is so much the library needs. We desperately need more large-print books for our older readers."

"I think it's wonderful that some one cares enough to promote the welfare of small libraries," Ms. Warren said.

Cross Plains Librarian Billie Loving said the gift was a "godsend" and that her top priority is to buy non-fiction books for fourth- through eighth-graders.

"Kids are not going to pick out an old, worn-out, tattered book off the shelves to read, and adults won't either," Ms. Loving said.

"This is a godsend. We'll be able to weed out the old books and replace them with new ones with plastic book covers."

Oldham's unannounced visits to present checks to the libraries have prompted several surprise reactions, he said.

Classified Ads Call 573-5486.

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
2701 37th St., Snyder, Texas
You are Welcome
Sunday School for all ages: 9:50 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday, January 6, 1991
Sermon Topic:
Luke 15:20; 1st Cor. 13: 1-13
"Learning to be the Object of Others Compassion"
Pastor: Tim Griffin
We Approach Faith with Reason
and then in Faith go Beyond Reason

AMERICAN STATE BANK 3610 College Ave. Member FDIC 573-4041	SPANISH INN Mexican Food-Choice Steaks-American Food 2212 College 573-2355	LANDES HOME FURNISHINGS, INC. Free Delivery-Financing Available 2112 25th St. 573-2141
SONIC 4100 South College Ph. 573-7620	SNYDER SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN. Member FSLIC College Ave. & 27th St. 573-9305	WILSON MOTORS Products of Ford Motor Co.
BELL-CYPERT-SEALE FUNERAL HOME 3101 College 573-5454	ROE'S FURNITURE & APPLIANCE 4001 Highland Shopping Center	WEST TEXAS STATE BANK Member F.D.I.C. 1901 26th St. 573-5441
SNYDER NATIONAL BANK Full Service Bank Member FDIC 1715 25th St. Ph. 573-2681	MIDWEST ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC. Roby, Texas 573-2244 Snyder Area Office 573-3161	WEAVER SERVICES, INC. DBA WSE CARDED-HOLE SPECIALIST West 37th St. 573-3948

Churches Of Snyder And Area Support Them Every Week