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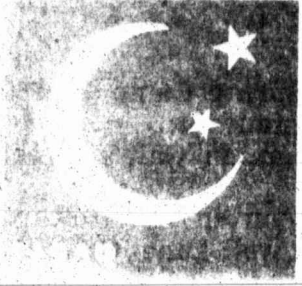
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Yellow Rose sets Relay fund-raiser

The Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be serving up waffles and pancakes in a benefit for Relay for Life.

From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Sept. 24, the cafe will offer pancakes or waffles plus juice, bacon or fresh fruit for \$3. Everyone is invited.

TxDOT is closing Birdwell Lane again

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) closed Birdwell Lane between Third Street and the Interstate 20 south frontage road beginning today.

TxDOT officials said the closure, which should last for about three weeks, is necessary for crews to replace the roadway south of the newly installed bridge across Beals Creek.

The roadway is failing, a TxDOT spokesman said, because unusually heavy rains this year kept the ground too moist for the roadway to "settle in" like it should have.

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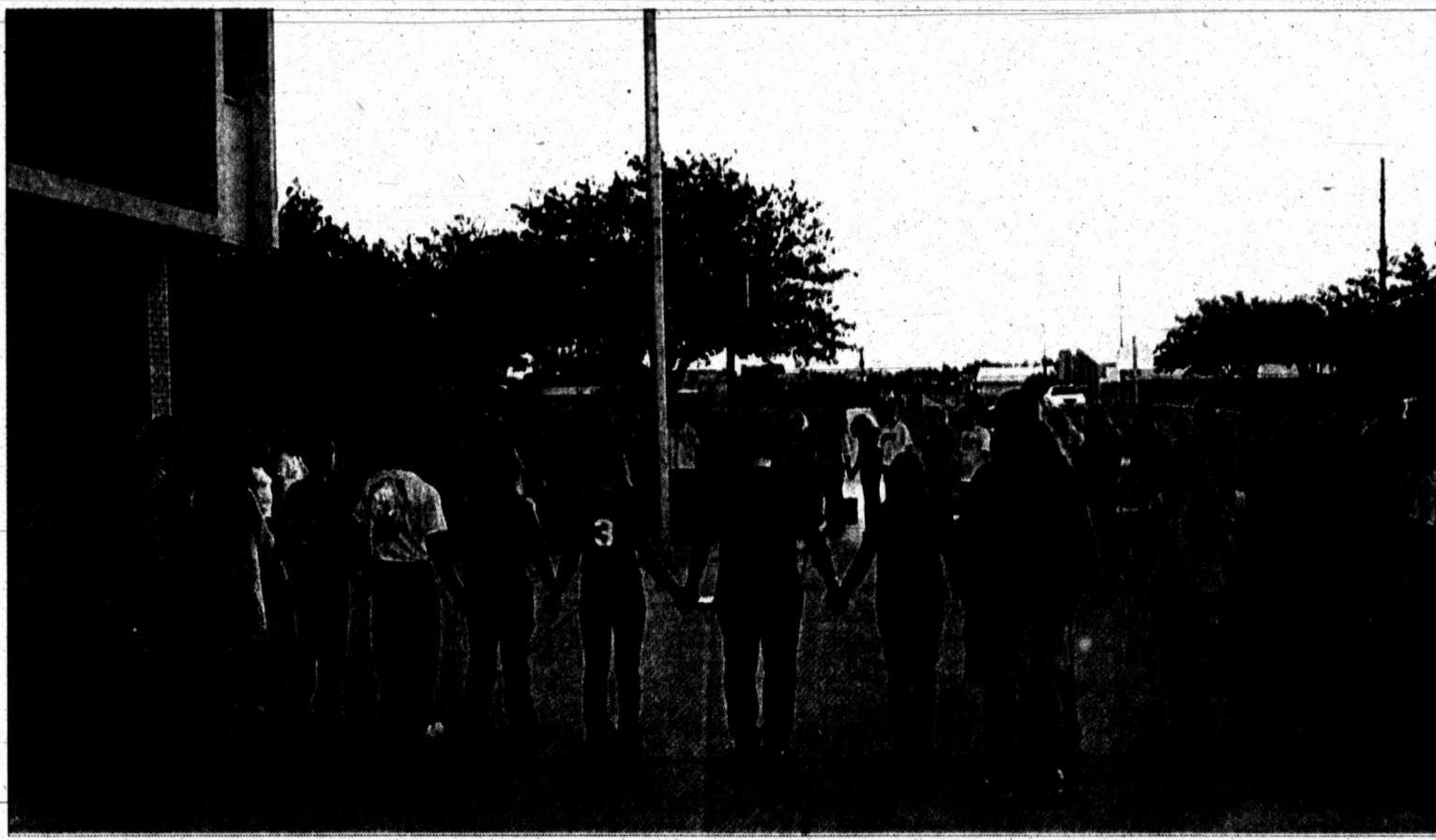
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SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Big Spring High School students gathered at 7 a.m. today for the 15th annual See You at the Pole celebration to pray for their community, their country and their student body.

Courtesy photo



Vaughn Grisham, right, community development specialist with the University of Mississippi, discusses community economic development with Rotary Club of Big Spring President Ron Osborn, left, and Richard Sanders, a member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club.

Invest in yourself, your people, specialist tells RCCI members

By KENDRA WISS Staff Writer

Big Spring must invest in itself and its people if it wants to be successful, a community development specialist said Tuesday in addressing Rural Community College Initiative

committee members at Howard College. "Invest in yourself. We ask a lot of our athletes. Ask the same of our citizens. Invest in our people," said Vaughn L. Grisham, director of the McLean Institute for Community Development and professor of sociology. Grisham specializes in transforming economically disadvantaged communities, poorly performing schools and failing companies into successes.

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Council gives OK on budget

But injury leave pay period policy draws a 4-3 disagreement

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved the 2004-2005 budget and passed the first reading of a 3-cent tax hike during its Tuesday evening meeting, bringing scrutiny of the annual plan by the council to a close.

The proposed tax rate of 71.787 cents per \$100 valuation found unanimous approval among the council, a figure 3 cents higher than the 2004 effective rate of 68.787. It's slightly more than 3 cents above the current-year tax rate, which is 68.63 cents.

"Each person who works for the city has an honorable job and they deserve the same treatment as any other city employee."



Woody Jumper

Councilman Woody Jumper said approval of the 348-page budget says a lot, not only about the work of the council, but the faith area residents

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Hurricane Ivan closes in on Gulf Coast

Warnings posted along 300-mile stretch; many roads leading north clogged

By MARY FOSTER Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Some beach towns were deserted Wednesday and highways leading to higher ground were jammed as Hurricane Ivan roared toward the Gulf Coast with 140 mph.

Nearly 200 miles wide, Ivan could cause

significant damage no matter where it strikes, as hurricane-force wind extended up to 105 miles out from the center. Hurricane warnings were posted along a 300-mile stretch from Grand Isle, La., across coastal Mississippi and Alabama to Apalachicola, Fla.

"We're leaving today. All this is going under," said a surfer Chuck Myers who was

only taking pictures of the waves Wednesday morning at Gulf Shores. "We surfed it all day yesterday. It was glorious."

"This is a bad one and people need to get out," Mobile, Ala., Mayor Mike Dow said Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

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FSA producer meetings continue Thursday morning

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Area ag producers who may have missed this morning's meetings on programs and funding available for the remainder of the cotton season will have another opportunity Thursday.

The meetings are being conducted by the Howard County Farm Service Agency.

FSA Director Rick Liles scheduled producer meetings today and Thursday in an effort to inform local producers on FSA provisions associated with non-

recourse cotton loans and the Loan Deficiency Program.

"Local cotton producers are saying that with a dry warm September and October there is a chance of an above average cotton crop," said Liles. "FSA offers producers price support options associated with the marketing of their crop, which could be helpful to the profitability of their farming operations."

Liles said the possibility of an above average cotton crop means producers have to be extremely attentive to options associated

with FSA's Price Support programs.

"Most of our producers are busy trying to make ends meet and don't have opportunity to become familiar with the intricacies of FSA regulations," said Liles. "Unfortunately, a missed deadline or lack of awareness can be very costly to a farming operation where profit margins are already very tight. That's why we've scheduled these producer meetings for this time of year."

"Hopefully we will be able to

talk about particulars of FSA's Price Support programs before producers have taken action that might limit their eligibility. I hope all our producers will take the opportunity to attend one of the four scheduled meetings"

Meetings were held this morning at the Knott Co-Op Gin and the Big Spring Gin Company. Thursday's meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Spring Co-Op Gin and again at 10 a.m. at Mustang Farmers Gin in Lomax.

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COUNCIL

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have in the process that gave birth to the plan.

"I think not only has the council studied this, but the city manager and his people have studied this and found what's best for the city," said Jumper. "I think the city of Big Spring has spoken as well by not speaking out. I think they have a little faith in us now — that we can do a good job as far as running the city and doing what's right for the citizens."

"We always listen and ask for input from our citizens so we can advocate for them and do professionally what's right for them."

Mayor Russ McEwen said final approval of the budget seems quiet in comparison to the hours of discussion and "ironing out" that took place during budget work sessions.

"For me it's anti-climac-

tic," said McEwen. "You do all of the nitty gritty during budget session when you iron out all of the differences. Really, when we walk out of the last budget session it's done. It's the formality of doing this, and of course now it's finalized, but it was finished a couple of months ago."

While the budget may have gone quietly into the night during approval, first reading of resolutions amending Chapter VIII of the city's personnel policies and procedures adding Section 11, entitled "Injury Leave," certainly didn't.

The amendment, which passed by a 4-3 vote, would limit to 60 days the number of days a city employee could draw full salary while on workman's compensation. The limitation came as a stark contrast to the current system, which doesn't have a limit, and the statute followed by civil servants which allows for one year.

Despite voting in favor

of the 60-day limitation, Councilman Woody Jumper said the new limit lacks consistency.

"I understand firefighters have to go by the civil service statute," said Jumper. "But let's say a policeman gets hurt on the job and it's serious; he still only has 60 days, whereas a fireman would have 365 days. That's good for the firemen, and I'm not for taking anything away from them, but I do think we need to be more consistent. Each person who works for the city has an honorable job and they deserve the same treatment as any other city employee."

Voting against the new limitation were council members Gloria McDonald, McEwen and Joann Staulcup

McEwen said he's in favor of limiting the amount of time city employees can draw their full salary, opposed to the standard 70 percent that workman's compensation pays, but doesn't see the gap between civil service

and non-civil service as fair.

"Because of civil service there is one set of rules for a segment of the employee population, and I feel we should do the same thing for everyone," said McEwen. "If what we have to do is more liberal than the other, then I'd like to be able to treat all city employees the same way."

"The way it is done right now, civil service employees have a year by statute, while other employees had unlimited — up until now we would pay them their regular pay, so they had full salary while they were on workman's compensation. This pulls that back to 60 days. I'd like to see us pull it back to one year, but four people on council wanted to see it dropped back to 60 days, so that's what passed."

While the Mayor clearly wasn't happy with the 4-3 approval of the first reading of the limitation, he said he's optimistic about its chances when it's time

for round-two.

"It was a 4-3 vote, so it was very close," said McEwen. "It still has to come up a second time around, so it's not guaranteed it will pass the second time around."

The council also approved an increase in commercial wastewater rates during the meeting, raising the rate from 80 cents per 1,000 gallons usage to \$1.20 — a move Councilman Greg Biddison spoke out against.

"We always use these graphs and charts to show the highs and lows, and to me, it seems like we always look at the highs to see how high we can go," said Biddison. "Granted, we're not going as high as some of these other cities, but I ask myself why we don't try to keep it under what they have."

"We're doing everything we can to get new businesses to come in and that would be one of the things they would look at — what are our commercial

sewer rates? We're hitting on the taxes already, and it just seems like it's one thing after another. I know things like utilities have gone up, but we still find a way to do a lot of projects."

Biddison, who is the owner and operator of Greg's Grill, located in the Big Spring Mall, said he can see the increase from a different point of view than most of his fellow council members, and while it wasn't the sole reason he spoke out, it was certainly a consideration.

"It brings a different view," said Biddison. "Most of our council members aren't in business for themselves, and they may not see it the same way I do. And, yes, that's one point of view I had on the matter. I felt like I had to stick up for it."

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RCCI

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He began by saying that every successful community that has overcome adversity, has followed the same basic model.

"The model for changing into an improved community begins with catalysts," said Grisham, who went on to explain that catalysts are individuals who very deliberately, and sometimes with difficulty, change from the inside out, working on themselves by asking themselves questions such as "What do I want to do? How much time and energy can I spend?"

Such a transformation is not made overnight, nor is it completed quickly, he told RCCI members.

The RCCI — funded by the Ford Foundation — is a nationwide initiative aimed at fostering community development and economic growth. Howard College was accepted into the program in 2003. Locally, the RCCI

involves a cross-section of college and community leaders.

"I am continually impressed by how hard it is to become an effective leader," added Grisham. "You must continually learn more."

Next, this leads to a personal commitment to community change. It means sacrificing time and money by "putting your money where your mouth is," said Grisham.

Grisham also said that it's not just the charismatic, vision-driven and accomplished leader who can provide solutions. Anyone trustworthy is a candidate for leadership. However, if someone becomes a stumbling block to the growth and change of a community, "they should get the heck out of the way."

He mentioned several success stories with a focus on small towns in Mississippi and Georgia. Each of the transformed communities had virtually nothing in their favor and all were in a financial crisis. Grisham said none

had natural resources, none had an interstate highway or a proximate metropolitan area and none had a government installation.

The only difference between the communities that became successful and the ones that have dissipated, he pointed out, was that the successful communities "recognized the power of human capital" and "never sold cheap labor."

The process of moving from crisis to success is very slow and requires effective leadership committed to achieving small, highly visible goals.

For an improved community, Grisham further explained that the local leadership must build up a core community of local leaders, but gradually and purposefully add diverse groups using "bridges," those who are already working with many different community groups.

"Every successful community has one thing in common — lots of leaders," he added. These larger groups,

which more accurately represent the community, need to do what Grisham describes as "possibility thinking."

"We need to ask ourselves, 'What are our assets?' or 'What do we have to build on?' and 'Who can we partner with internally and externally?' or 'What do we not have but have access to.'"

"These are questions that can lead to the largest community changes."

Next, the leadership team should develop a community development foundation. This group would be committed to community development and would approach projects to better the community, with any financial gain being reinvested into the community.

"A community's greatest resource is its people," he said.

All of these phases of the community development model result in an extraordinary community, which in turn leads to stable jobs, good schools, excellent medical care,

adequate housing and safe neighborhoods, he said.

Grisham was quick to warn that often this process is slow and filled with hard work, especially in the early stages when the leadership team is assembled one person at a time. Sometimes this slow pace can cause people to burn out and lose their effectiveness.

Therefore, leadership involves ongoing recruitment of new leaders who can take key positions and allow long-term leaders to rotate off boards and committees, even if just for one term. Such rotation is necessary, he said, for maintaining enthusiasm and momentum.

"The power of the vision won't carry the day. You win it one person at a time," he said.

Grisham has made it his life's work to study community, change and leadership. He was in Big Spring to discuss the importance of local community leadership and the future of business

lying in the knowledge industry.

Grisham has written four books on leadership and community development and is a nationally known speaker who has worked in leadership and community development in more than 30 states and two Canadian provinces.

In addition, he has authored more than 100 articles and produced and directed two films. He has been selected for numerous awards and recognition at the University of Mississippi, including Outstanding Professor and Citizen of the Year in Lafayette County, Miss..

Grisham concluded his presentation with a quote from Margaret Meade, who said, "A small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."

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Fleeing to safety was not an option for some people, especially in New Orleans, the below-sea-level city where more than 1.2 million were warned to get out of the metropolitan area.

"Got no place to go and no way to get there," said Latonya Hill, who waited out the storm Tuesday sitting on her stoop. Hill, 57, lives on a disability check and money she picks up cleaning houses or baby sitting.

"They say evacuate, but they don't say how I'm supposed to do that," Hill said. "If I can't walk it or get there on the bus, I don't go. I don't got a car. My daughter don't either."

No shelters had been set up in the city because of concerns about flooding and capacity, Mayor Ray Nagin said.

Those who could streamed inland in bumper-to-bumper traffic in an agonizingly slow exodus, spurred by dire warnings that the hurricane could overwhelm New Orleans with up to 20 feet of water.

Nagin said Wednesday that the evacuation had been going smoothly. "Of course we are trying to move a large number of people out of our city," he said on NBC's "Today." "We experienced gridlock on the highways. But for the most part it's subsided."

By daybreak in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., streets were deserted and businesses were boarded up.

At 8 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Ivan was centered about 180 miles south-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River and moving north-northwest at 12 mph. Forecasters said Ivan could bring a coastal

storm surge of 10 to 16 feet, topped by large, battering waves.

Forecasters said Ivan, which killed at least 68 people in the Caribbean, could reach 160 mph and strengthen to a dangerous Category 5 by the time it blows ashore as early as Thursday somewhere along the Gulf Coast.

"Hopefully the house will still be here when we get back," said Tara Chandra, a doctor at Tulane University in New Orleans who packed up his car, moved plants indoors and tried to book a hotel room in Houston. Chandra said he wanted to ride out the storm, but his wife wanted to evacuate: "All the news reports are kind of freaking her out."

"I beg people on the coast: Do not ride this storm out," Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour said, urging residents in other parts of the state to open their homes to relatives,

friends and co-workers.

New Orleans, which sits largely below sea level, is particularly vulnerable to flooding, and Nagin was among the first to urge residents to get out while they can. The city's Louis Armstrong Airport was ordered closed Tuesday night.

Up to 10 feet below sea level in spots, New Orleans sits between the nearly half-mile-wide Mississippi River and Rhode Island-size Lake Pontchartrain, relying on a system of levees, canals and huge pumps to keep dry.

The city has not taken a major direct hit since Betsy in 1965, when an 8- to 10-foot storm surge submerged parts of the city in 7 feet of water. Betsy was blamed for 74 deaths in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Experts said Ivan could be worse, sending water pouring over the levees, flooding to the rooftops

and turning streets into a toxic brew of raw sewage, gas and chemicals.

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OUR VIEW

Join 'Friends' in helping support our county library

If you think reading a good book sounds like a relaxing idea but don't want to pay bookstore prices, then the Friends of the Library has something going on that you'll be interested in.

Beginning Friday, the non-profit organization will hold its annual book sale to benefit Howard County Library. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and again from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, "Friends" will be selling used books for a fraction of their original cost. Arrive early, because the first 100 persons who purchase a book will receive a free bookmark.

By the way, if you have a stack of paperback books you've been saving for a garage sale that probably won't happen, consider donating them to Friends of the Library for this sale. Just take them to the library during regular hours. Magazines and condensed books are not needed, so please don't bring those.

Though sometimes taken for granted, the truth is we are very fortunate to have a library in Howard County that offers so many resources. We're also thankful for Friends of the Library, whose members work hard to provide funds to pay for the "extra" things a library needs — such as the children's summer reading program.

We hope you'll support their effort this Friday and Saturday and have a good read.

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Javelinas make great hunting targets

Rudy Garza lives at Sebastian, a little place north of Harlingen. He is an expert bow hunter and has won the state championship on numerous occasions. He makes custom arrows in a crowded shop beside his house. When I was there early one morning I recorded birds in his fenced off sanctuary. Even before the sun got high in the sky, he already had customers.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

One night around 10 o'clock Rudy and his wife returned from the supermarket and were unloading groceries in their driveway. Rudy heard the dogs barking and went to investigate. That was his first mistake. He thought the dogs were barking at a coyote. That was his second mistake. The dogs were barking at a javelina. One mean javelina.

The dogs had it cornered. "Usually when javelinas sense danger, they start popping their teeth," says Rudy. "They get really fierce."

Rudy had a flashlight and handgun and as he approached the scene, he never heard any teeth popping. Assuming it was a coyote behind a bush, Rudy laid down to get a good shot at the animal. "By the time I realized it was a javelina, it was too late," says Rudy. As Rudy was getting on his feet, the javelina hooked the back of Rudy's knee with one of its long tusks. "He threw me into the air like I was a rag doll." Finally, the dogs chased the javelina away. Rudy had severe damage to the ligaments in his leg. "I lost all the feeling on my right hand side."

Rudy went three years without shooting his bow a single time. "It hurt me to be out, seeing the other guys shoot and I couldn't do it because I had no feeling in my fingers and hands. I felt bad because I wanted to do it, but couldn't."

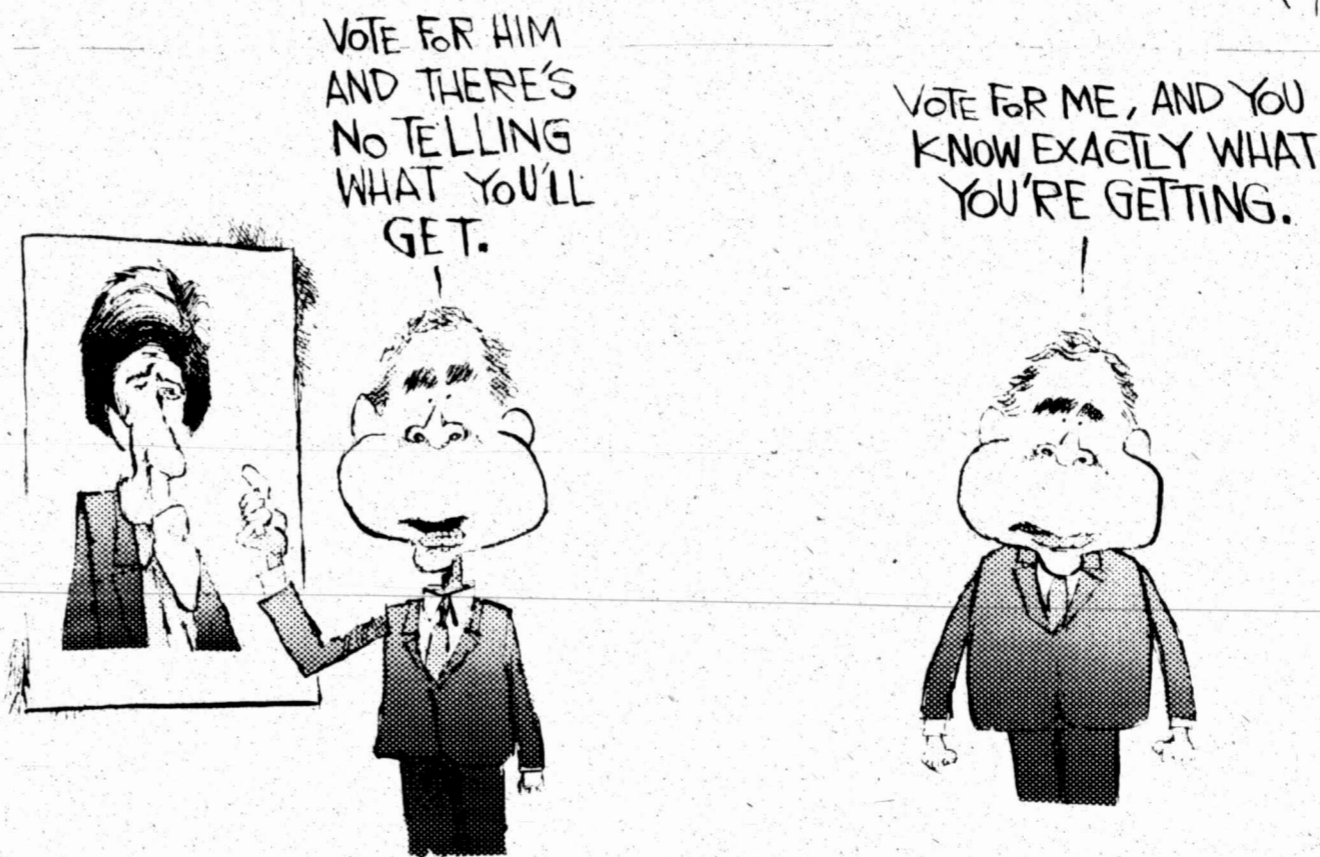
Rudy took all sorts of pills and went to see the doctor on a regular basis, but he didn't seem to be improving.

Someone suggested he go see an acupuncturist. "I took acupuncture a month and a half and got better." Gradually, Rudy regained strength and was able to get the feeling back on the right side of his body. He started practicing again.

"I realize part of what happened with that javelina was my fault because I shouldn't have assumed it was a coyote. But the javelina didn't pop his teeth at all." The javelina killed one of Rudy's dogs that night.

"Even today I'm still not one hundred percent. But I'll manage. I go hunting now and am back competing."

The incident happened fifteen years ago when Rudy had heavy brush around his house. That has been cleared off now. When Rudy goes hunting, his favorite target is a javelina.



W'S BIG GAMBLE

Powell's return to office still up in air

Friends of Secretary of State Colin Powell, who has been considered certain to leave government at year's end, say his future is undetermined and will remain so until he sits down for a chat with President Bush.



ROBERT NOVAK

These associates say Powell might stay into a second term if Bush is re-elected. Powell's standing with the president has improved lately in relation to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

The question is whether this indicates Powell's willingness to serve a second term or merely his desire not to be seen now as a lame duck.

Teresa Heinz Kerry, wife of the Democratic presidential nominee, is helping finance "527" groups that raise large amounts of soft money that candidates for federal office are barred from collecting.

Mrs. Kerry is a director of the Heinz Foundations, a source of funds that indirectly support Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign. The Heinz Foundations gave over \$9 million to the Tides Foundation, which donates money to environmental 527 groups that, in turn, finance attack ads against President Bush.

A footnote: Carol Browner, Environmental Protection Agency administrator under President Clinton and a Kerry campaign adviser, is a director of an anti-Bush 527 called Environment 2004. The Kerry campaign and the 527s are required by law to be separated from each other.

The daily Bush-Cheney campaign conference call Wednesday expressed concern over lack of an effective response to the attack on President Bush's foreign policy by Madeleine Albright, the Clinton administration's second-term secretary of state.

James A. Baker III, the first Bush administration's secretary of state, does not want to be a surrogate. The former President Bush's National Security Adviser, Gen. Brent Scowcroft, is not in tune with the current President Bush's policies. The top two Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — Richard Lugar of Indiana and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska — cannot be counted on to stick to the Bush line.

Albright was all over television Wednesday morning, appearing on NBC, CBS, ABC and CNN, contradicting Secretary of State Powell. The Bush campaign did not have a ready responder to send out.

Mike Espy, who was forced to resign as President Clinton's first secretary of agriculture because of an independent counsel's investigation, was the hero of the long battle in Congress concerning overtime regulations. The House voted 223 to 193 Thursday against the Bush administration's position.

Espy is a partner in the School Litigation Group, a Jackson, Miss., legal organization that files class action suits against school districts on overtime complaints. Suits against 100 of Mississippi's 152 school districts have cost taxpayers at least \$15-million, and Espy's firm also has filed suits in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee. The

Bush administration sought to eliminate such suits by tightening overtime regulations.

Elected to the House in 1987 as Mississippi's first African-American congressman since Reconstruction, Espy at age 39 became Bill Clinton's youngest Cabinet member in 1993. He resigned in 1994 because of corruption charges, from which he was acquitted in 1998.

Fernando Mateo, president of Hispanics Across America who addressed the Republican National Convention supporting George W. Bush, until recently supported New York Democrats.

In 1999, Mateo contributed to three Democratic House members from New York: Reps. Charlie Rangel (\$2,000), Nita Lowey (\$2,000) and Nydia Velasquez (\$250). In 2001, he gave \$3,750 each to political action committees of Lowey and Rangel. Since then, however, Mateo has been a Bush "Ranger" — a big-time contributor and fund-raiser for the president.

A footnote: Another major convention speaker, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, was a heavy Democratic contributor before he became a Republican to run for mayor in 2001. His earlier beneficiaries included pro-abortion groups and PACs attempting to restore Democratic control of Congress. In 2002, he contributed a quarter of a million dollars to the Republican National Committee.

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Kentwood Elementary enjoys fourth grandparents celebration

Special to the Herald

College Baptist Fellowship Hall was an appropriate location for the love, warmth and fellowship held by Kentwood third graders and their grandparents on Friday morning.

This was Kentwood's fourth annual celebration and was once again well attended by students, grandparents, adopted grandparents, administrators and parents.

The Fellowship Hall was brightly decorated with hand-made flowers, student drawn artwork of their grandparents and photos of the students with their grandparents. Parents served brunch refreshments as

guests entered to begin the party. Ushering the event were charter grandparty participants, eighth graders Chris Brooks, Tyler Chesworth, Cade Hollandsworth, Cameron Hughey, Ariel Johnson, Brionna Palmer, Stephen Parker, Katie Tompkins and Brittany York.

Teachers Brenda Dunlap and Connie Kennedy always begin preparations for this event by incorporating many activities into their daily curriculum. Students learn to address an envelope and mail invitations to their grandparents. After invitations are sent, they busily begin writing their favorite



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Grandparents of Kentwood Elementary students enjoy a program at the College Baptist Fellowship Hall.

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New biography of Diana at library

A new biography of Diana, Princess of Wales, just come out. Written by Andrew Morton, it is a study of Diana's last five years of life. Morton was a writer who was trusted by the Princess and perhaps one who may have an unbiased view of her and her life. The title is "Diana: In Pursuit of Love" (B DIA P), and can be found on the New Book shelf.



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Another very different kind of biography is "Joel" (B SON J) written by Joel Sonnenberg with Greg Lewis. Joel was only two years old when he was severely burned in a car accident. Hands, ears, face and arms would so badly burned that over 45 surgeries were performed to give him ears, a nose, a hand (of sorts) and plastic surgery. While I have not read it completely, it is a tribute to Joel, his parents and the love he has for God. It is truly inspiring.

Alzheimer's is a disease that touches the whole family. Judith Levine has written "Do You Remember Me," (306.874 LEV J) a book that is both the memoir of a daughter coming to terms with a difficult father who is sinking into dementia and an insightful exploration of the ways we think about disability, aging and the self as it resides in the body and the world. It is a disturbing book as it will make you realize what may occur down the road (or even now) with parents, siblings, spouse and even yourself.

"Ask the Bible: 400 Most Commonly Asked Questions About the Old Testament" (221.6 SOF M) by Morry Sofer, is a really neat book. It covers Genesis: The Beginning, goes on to the Prophets and then the Writings. Written in laymen's terms, it is a very readable book about the writings of the Old Testament.

"Bagpipe Brothers" (788.490 SHE K) by Kerry Sheridan, is the story of the Fire Department of New York's Bagpipe Band. Members of the Emerald Society Bagpipe Band took turns playing at the funerals of all the

firefighters and police officers that were killed on Sept. 11, 2001. It contains stories of searching for the dead, trying to bring peace to their families and themselves and coping with the endless round of funerals take their toll on band members. A very moving book.

Some new Christian fiction has arrived: Bodie and Brock Thoene's Galway Chronicles were donated to the library. The books are labeled Book 1, 2, etc. and start with "Only the River Runs Free," "Of Men and Angels," "Ashes of Remembrance" and "All Rivers to the Sea."

Jamie Langston Turner has written "No Dark Valley;" Lynn Austin, "Candle in the Darkness;" and Debra White Smith, "Reason and Romance."

The fourth book by Sara Donati, "Fire Along the Sky," (F DON S) continues the story of the Bonner family. The War of 1812 intrudes in the life of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Bonner and their children. We do have the first three books: "Into the Wilderness," "Dawn on a Distant Shore" and "Lake in the Clouds." These are great books that take place up in the New York state area during the time of the American Revolution and now in the early years of the 1800s.

I have not read anything by Takashi Matsuoka but his newest book, "Autumn Bridge," (F MAT T) continues the chronicle of Japanese nobleman Lord Genji that began in "Cloud of Sorrows."

In 1867, American missionary Emily Gibson finds herself increasingly drawn to Genji, her Japanese benefactor. For his part, Genji, the head

of the beleaguered Okumichi clan, struggles to control his secret admiration for the entirely unsuitable foreigner as he attempts to reconcile the increasingly obsolete world of the shoguns and the samurai warriors with the inevitable encroachment of Western ways and customs into his homeland.

Translating a series of secret scrolls containing the history and prophecies of the Okumichi clan, Emily is started to realize that the past reflects the present when she uncovers an ancient tale of treachery, valor, and forbidden love that seems to both parallel and presage her own situation. Stretching back and forth through the centuries, Matsuoka weaves a timeless tale of intrigue and romance. This review is from Booklist.

More new Fiction: "Darkly Dreaming Dexter," by Jeff Lindsay;

Martha Witt's "Broken As Things Are;" and Greg Bear's "Dead Lines." Some new Mysteries: Michael McGarrity's "Slowkill," (a Kevin Kearney novel); "High Country Fall," by Margaret Maron (a Deborah Knott Mystery), and a new writer — Lorena McCourtney, who has written "Invisible." All of these can be found in the Mystery section.

Howard County Library is open from 9 to 6, Monday to Friday and Saturday, 9 to 5. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing and on Saturdays it is closed from 12-1. The library is located at 500 S. Main St.

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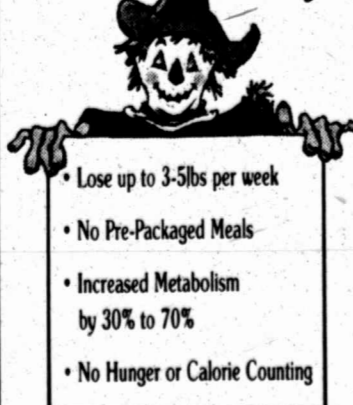
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memories about their grandparents.

These memories are read at the ceremony by the students. Students Joshua Morgan, Matthew Beal and Alex Lujan wrote about fishing expeditions with their grandparents. Tate Kennedy wrote about fishing with his granddad and reported catching a fish as long as his arm. When his grandfather wanted to call the fish "Sandwich One, Two, Three," Tate decided they needed to throw it back.

Kaegan Baucum wrote about the special relationship she has with her grandparents. Sarah Black reported her grandmother could skate backward while Drake Worthan said his grandmother is so cool she still plays baseball with him.

April Valle wrote she and her grandmother know where her great grandmother keeps the extra key to her house hidden. Other memories ranged from one student, Kristina Tubera, going to Disneyland with her grandparents, to Taylor Heckler's memory of playing Chinese Checkers with his granddad.

Meagan Graves wrote about one of her "Granny Adventures" with her grandmother in which they extended a helping hand to someone in need.



Meagan Graves reads her best memories about her grandparents during Kentwood Elementary's recognition of Grandparents Day.

Most memories echoed the that sentiment time and caring are what makes their grandparents special.

After reading their memories, the students sang two songs for their grandparents ending with the words "Grandparents you are special, yes you are!"

Following the songs, prizes were given for grandparents traveling the farthest distance to attend.

From Kennedy's classroom, Kaegan Baucum's great grandparents and Tate Kennedy's grandparents came the farthest distance. From Dunlap's room, Jacob Davis' grandmother traveled seven hours from Geogewest, having undergone heart surgery just a few weeks ago.

Other prizes were given for being the oldest grandparents and having the most grandchildren.

Missing girl found safe in Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY — (AP) A missing Mesquite, Texas, girl was found safe at an Oklahoma City motel early Wednesday after her stepfather apparently shot himself.

Police went to a Quality Inn after being notified by Mesquite police, Oklahoma City officer Felisha Williams said. As officers approached the room, they heard what sounded like a gunshot.

A few minutes later, 12-year-old Jami Hicks emerged from the room unharmed. She was taken into custody by Child Protective Services and checked out at a local hospital. Williams said she would soon be reunited with her mother in Mesquite.

Friends of the Library book sale scheduled

The Friends of the Library book sale is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Library.

The sale is set for 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the public library.

Inside the room, officers found James Roy Hudachek, 28, who had apparently shot himself. He was airlifted to Oklahoma University Medical Center, Williams said.

He was in critical condition, Mesquite police spokeswoman Shannon Greenhaw said.

Authorities had been looking for the child since

Sept. 4, when her mother reported her missing.

Hudachek recently professed his romantic love for Jami in a letter that her relatives found after the pair disappeared.

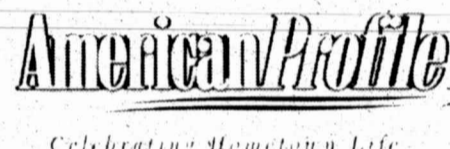
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Rangers' Francisco arrested after tossing chair

By JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer
OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas reliever Frank Francisco was arrested Tuesday morning on a charge of aggravated battery after he threw a chair into the right-field box seats and hit two spectators in the head during Monday night's loss to the Oakland Athletics.

One of the fans, an unidentified woman, was bloodied and her nose was broken.

Major League Baseball's commissioner's office said Tuesday morning that it was investigating. Francisco was taken from the stadium to jail, where he was booked, fingerprinted and his mug shot was taken. He was released about two hours later on \$15,000 bail. Oakland Police spokeswoman Danielle Ashford said.

With two outs in the ninth inning, the Rangers' Alfonso Soriano tied the game 5-5 with his second homer of the night.

Moments later, with Hank Blalock at the plate, the Texas bench and bullpen cleared.

After the game, Rangers manager Buck Showalter said the fans "went over

the line."
"It was a real break from the normal trash you hear from fans. We've had problems about every time we've come here," he said.

But Tuesday, Texas owner Tom Hicks apologized "for the conduct of some members of our club last night in Oakland."

"Their behavior, especially the injury to a fan, was unacceptable. Even in a difficult or abusive environment, players should never be provoked into such actions," Hicks said in a statement, adding that he had been in contact with the commissioner's office. He did not say whether Francisco or any other player would be punished.

Athletics spokesman Jim Young said the fans involved "were not in the wrong in any way."

Texas reliever Doug Brocail was seen screaming at a male fan, and the pitcher had to be restrained by his teammates and bullpen coach Mark Connor. Others also had to be held back.

Francisco threw the plastic ball-boy's chair at a fan in a lower box near the Rangers' bullpen along the right-field line.

The chair hit one man in the head, then bounced and struck the woman on her left temple.

Security ran to the scene and a small section of fans was cleared from their seats.

A's manager Ken Macha came across the field to speak to Dave Rinetti, vice president of stadium operations, before play resumed 19 minutes later.

There was talk between the umpires and managers of suspending the game, clearing the stands and forfeiting the game, which Oakland won 7-6 in 10 innings.

"From what I understand, there was some calls made to security early during the game but I have no idea what started it out there," crew chief Joe Brinkman said.

After the game, Francisco was escorted by police into a car that had been driven onto the field after the stadium was cleared out.

The injured woman was treated at a hospital for facial cuts and a broken nose, the A's said.

Ashford declined to identify the woman beyond saying she was married to a man who was heckling the Rangers players. Police have decided to refer the case for prosecution since the charge is a felony, Ashford said.

Oakland team officials could find no evidence that any of the fans were at fault, Young said. "This incident escalated to ugly proportions last night when Ranger players made a very unwise choice to attempt to enter the seating area and one player threw a chair that caused bodily harm," Young said.

Brocail declined to comment after the game. Francisco, 25, was the American League rookie of the month for August, when he was 3-0 with a 1.69 ERA.

The teams meet again Tuesday night in Oakland. Extra security, especially around the Rangers' bullpen and dugout, was going to be provided, Young said.

Francisco isn't the first baseball player to face

charges for a brawl — last year, former New York Yankees Jeff Nelson and Karim Garcia and a Boston Red Sox groundskeeper were charged with assault and battery for a bullpen fight during the AL championship series.

Fans at A's games have also been rowdy in the past. Last season, one was charged with assault after throwing a cell phone from the second deck that hit outfielder Carl Everett, then with the Rangers, in the back of the head.

During the 2000 season, 19 Los Angeles Dodgers players and coaches were suspended, and three fans were charged with disorderly conduct, after a brawl at Chicago's Wrigley Field.

The brawl started when a fan allegedly struck Dodgers catcher Chad Kreuter in the back of his head and snatched his cap as Kreuter sat in the bullpen.

In 2002, Kansas City first base coach Tom Gamboa was attacked by a father and son who ran onto the field during a game at Chicago's Comiskey Park. Gamboa was left with damage to the hearing in his right ear.

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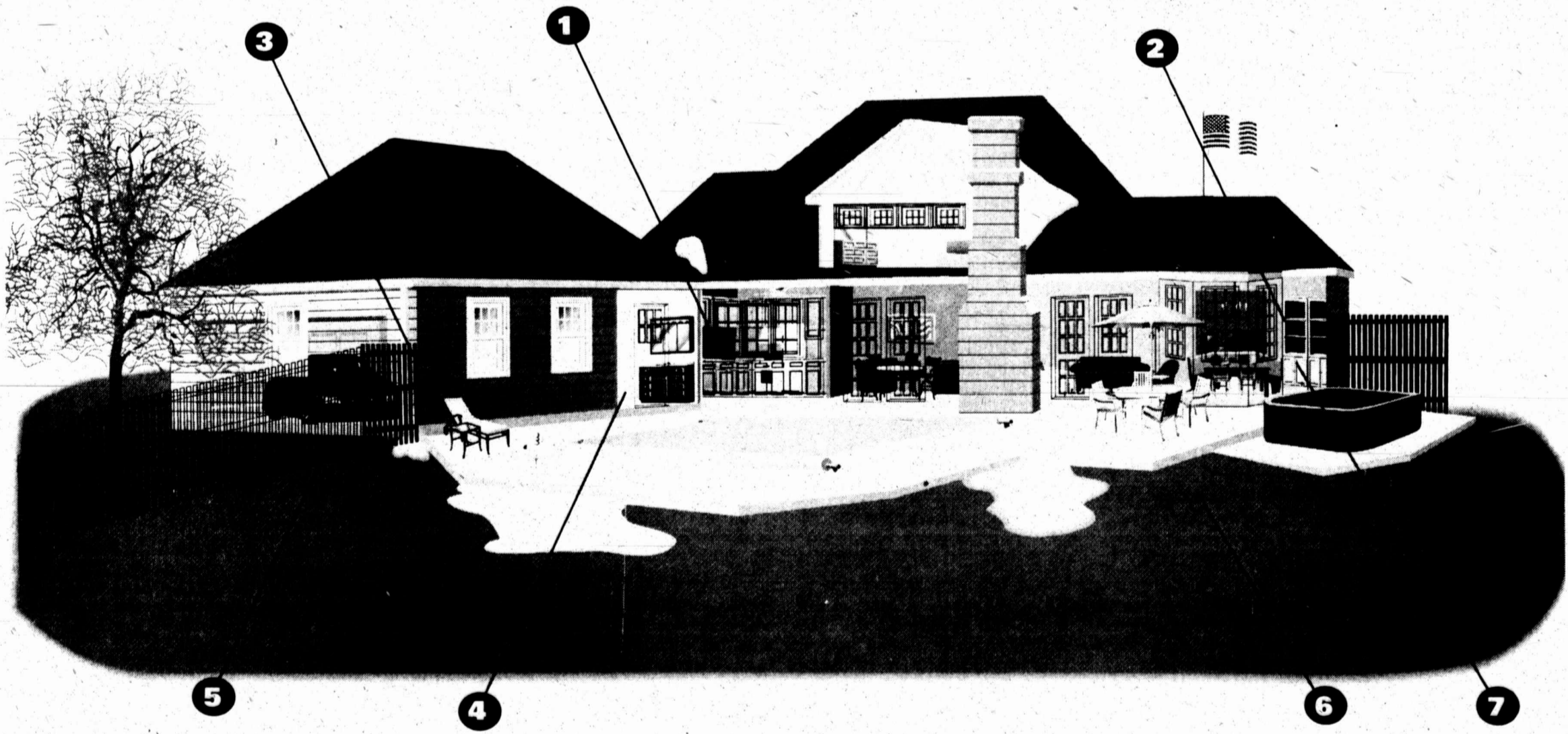
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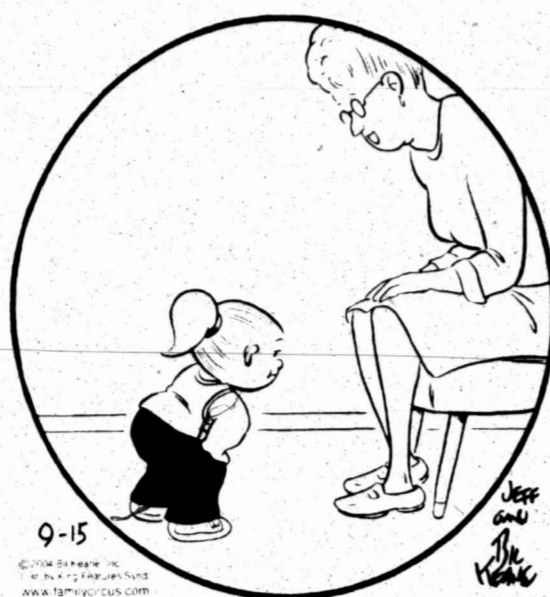
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This Date In History

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Birthdays: Bluesman Snooky Pryor is 83. Actor-director Jackie Cooper is 82. Singer-musician Bobby Short is 80. Actor Forrest Compton is 79. Comedian Norm Crosby is 77. Actor Henry Darrow is 71. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry is 66. Football Hall-of-Famer Merlin Olsen is 64. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 59. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 58. Movie director Oliver Stone is 58. Actress Wendie Jo Sperber is 46. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 44. Former football player Dan Marino is 43. Actor Danny Nucci is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle: ACID, ATBAT, LOLA, DUDE, THERE, EPIC, DRILL, TEAMS, VENT, LEON, IONS, SPECKS, ESTHER, TRILL, ANNA, HEEHAW, BEAM, ERGO, DEBIT, ALUM, YARDS, ALMA, RIDER, BREW, DEPT, NA, ROBI, SAME, SPACE, TDATE, STATES, DECOMIT, WIRE, SAWTHROUGH, ALLI, ELITE, ASEA, NEON, TINES, KERN

Newsday Crossword

IMITATIVE by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Search thoroughly, 5 Dust particle, 10 Unwelcome obligation, 14 Lamb's pen name, 15 Miss Universe prize, 16 Monthly expense, 17 Tiny stream, 18 Happen, 19 Showroom model, 20 Kids' game, 23 Cousteau's middle name, 24 Johnny Mathis tune, 25 Midwest metropolis, 28 Port in a storm, 31 Green Hornet's assistant, 32 Appointed, 34 Hair mousse alternative, 37 Collectible book, 40 Feminine force, 41 More uncanny, 42 Author Wister, 43 Feats, 44 Building wing, 45 Pizza topping, 48 Clobber, 50 Burroughs creation, 57 Price increase, 58 Districts, 59 Improv gear, 60 Not bumpy, 61 Lipstick holder, 62 -fixe dinner, 63 Some wines, 64 Installs in office, 65 Backpacker's gear, 10 Predetermine, 11 Must-haves, 12 Like some goals, 13 Building floor, 21 Biologist's eggs, 22 Fix, as a manuscript, 25 Sign off on, 26 Hawaiian island, 27 Memo abbr., 28 Kachina makers, 29 Queens tennis stadium, 30 Go off at an angle, 32 Hudson Bay Indian, 33 Stony, 34 Formal wear, 35 Pentathlon, 36 Wild cat, 38 Actress Davis, 39 Court violation, 43 Doughnut orders, 44 Jungfrau, e.g., 45 Significant, 46 Unsophisticated, 47 Vexed, 48 Jungle creature, 49 Facilitates, 51 Takes a snooze, 52 Quiz choice, 53 Jealous wife of myth, 54 Quicksand, 55 Very similar, 56 First in line

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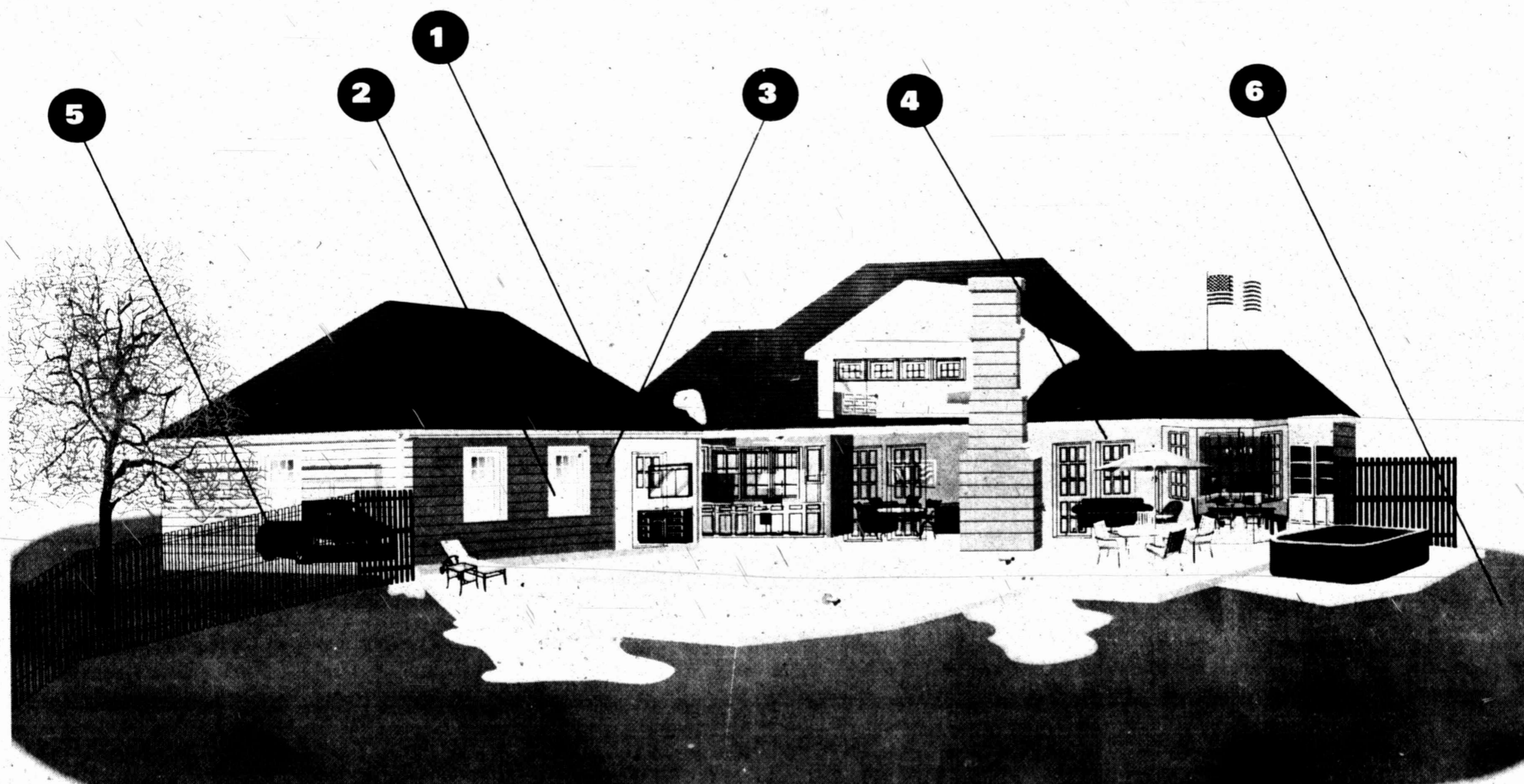
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