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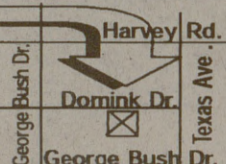
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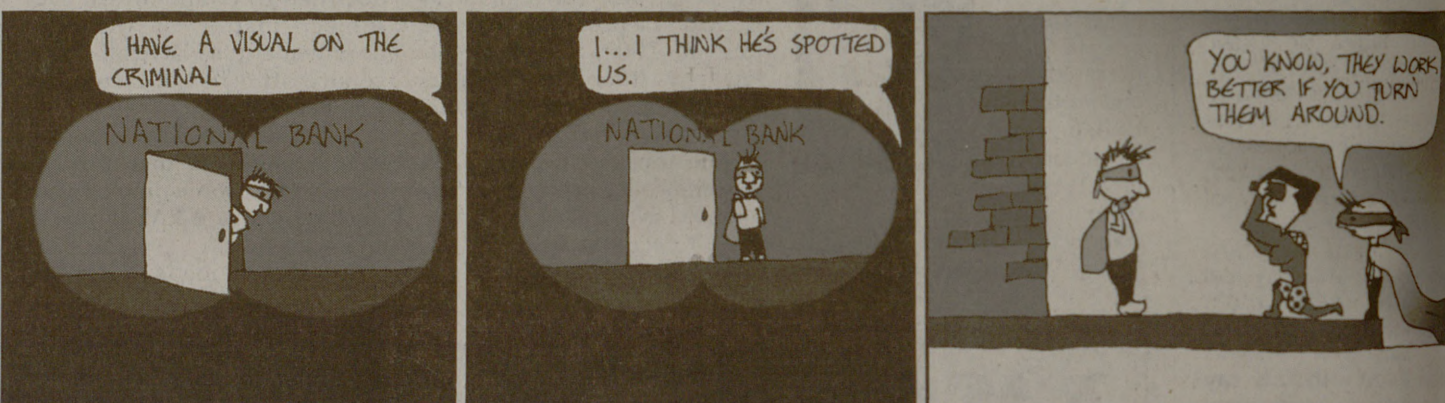
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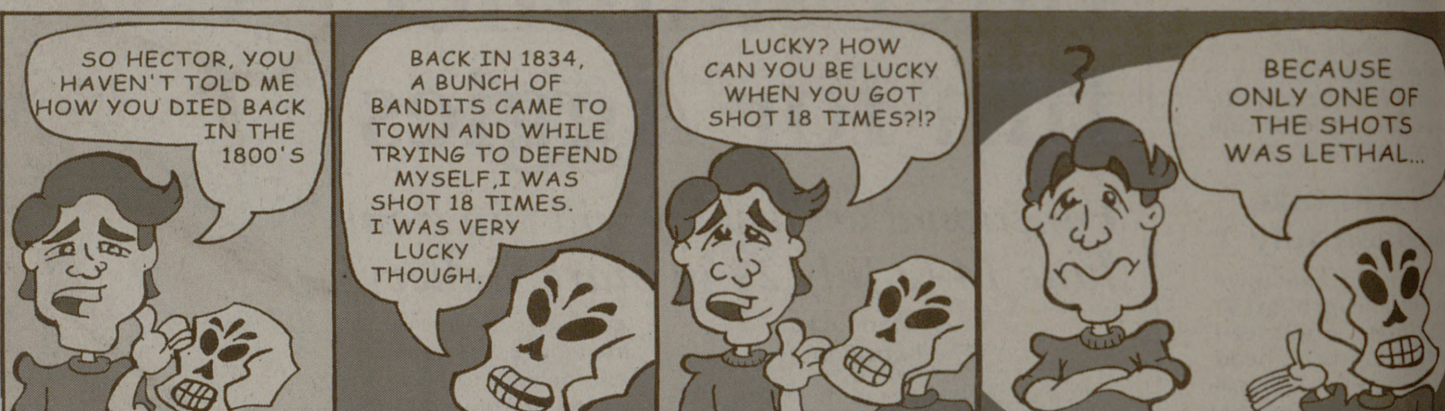
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warned residents of Bolivar Peninsula, a 32-mile strip along the coast, that they may be cut off by 5-foot tides.

By dusk, however, the weather was clearing and winds subsiding on the island.

Galveston Mayor Roger Quiroga said a voluntary evacuation had been recommended for residents along the western side of the island, which is not protected by the seawall built after the great 1900 storm that killed about 6,000 people.

"We might get a little beach erosion from this system but all in all, it's just a wake-up call and we're getting a lot of much-needed rain on the island," Quiroga said.

In Jefferson County, in far southeast Texas, assistant emergency management coordinator Darlene Koch said campers at Sea Rim State Park were moved to higher ground. Residents were advised sections of Texas Highway 87, which borders the Gulf of Mexico and

frequently floods, already were covered with water Tuesday afternoon, Koch said.

Galveston had not been struck by a tropical storm since 1998, when Frances stalled off the coast and caused severely eroded beaches and widespread flooding in the Houston-Galveston area.

Traditionally Texas is considered most vulnerable to tropical systems from late July through mid-September. Allison formed on just the fifth day of the Atlantic hurricane season, much earlier than usual.

"It's something that really wasn't anticipated this soon into the season," Duffey said. "Thankfully, it's moving fast enough that it probably won't cause too much damage. The winds at this time aren't dangerous as long as people stay inside and tie down their outdoor furniture so it doesn't become flying missiles."

The storm was projected to veer northeast as it moved inland, possibly bringing rain to East Texas, northern Louisiana and Arkansas.

GALLERIES

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son, is actually the one who started Tiffany's jewelry store in New York," said Aleisha Force, an administrative assistant and coordinator at the galleries. Lamps produced by Tiffany's jewelry store bearing stained-glass shades have become hot collectibles over the last two decades.

"The window has already arrived and is in storage while they try to decide how to display the piece for the best view," Force said. "We are very fortunate to be able to show this piece."

Similar windows that have been created may only be seen at the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Art in New York and the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.

News in Brief

Man's body found decomposing in business' chimney

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas (AP) — Authorities have identified the skeletal remains of a man found lodged last summer in the chimney of a marriage counseling business.

Mount Pleasant police said the body is that of 23-year-old Esteban Cassio, who has been missing since January 1996.

Lt. Jeff Barnett said DNA from the body was compared

with samples from Cassio's parents. Also clothing and personal belongings matched those described as Cassio's.

Cassio's parents said they did not wish to comment on the identification of the remains.

Barnett said there is no evidence of foul play in the death.

He said Cassio likely climbed into the chimney thinking he could get inside the structure, which at the time was a vacant house, to seek shelter from the cold.

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