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House does outreach to both children and the elderly. UF-Gainesville also has a community-service housing program. "The trend for volunteering (houses) is on the rise," Lansett said. Ethnic and language houses have expanded beyond the traditional languages taught in high schools—Spanish, French and German. Amherst College in Massachusetts has a Russian House and Stanford University's Slavianskii Dorm offers a Slavic/East European theme. Native American and Asian houses are also becoming more common.

Themes for special housing at some schools are decided entirely by the students. At others, houses are suggested by both students and faculty. Theme houses are more common in the northeastern United States and on the West Coast. Generally, southeastern universities, excluding Florida, do not offer as many programs. But as the alternative housing movement gains popularity, UNC students could soon have more options. Bosley said he enjoyed living in a cooperative community. "It's one of the coolest places to live on campus."

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Pham agreed that part of the solution was for Asian Americans to vocalize their needs more, but the government also needed to get more involved. "It's partially contingent on the Asian community to speak up, but there's also the responsibility of the government to figure out what (the) needs in the community are," Pham said. "If your eyes are open, if you're looking hard, then you'll realize there are problems." Some of these issues, Asian Americans say, include affirmative action, employment discrimination and language barriers. Although many people associate affirmative action with getting into the University, Pham says, that is not the problem. "The problem is that even people that are really successful in their academic careers are not always as equally successful in getting promoted in their chosen fields," she said. This discrimination against Asian Americans is sometimes due to language barriers, which are a particular problem as far as emergency management is concerned, Pham said. "What if another hurricane like Floyd comes through and emergency warnings are issued in two languages, English and Spanish?" she said. "There's an entire population of people who understand neither of those languages, and those are the Asians. "I think (officials) need to broaden their scope of who they are serving. Asian Americans are the second largest minority population. Not Latinos."

According to the 1990 census, the 4.3 percent Asian American population in Chapel Hill topped the 1.6 percent Hispanic makeup. Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the police were prepared to deal with non-English-speaking Asian Americans if they needed to, however. "On occasion we've come across Asians who didn't speak English," she said. "We do have resources to work around the problem. We have an officer that speaks Chinese and Language Line." Language Line is a phone service which allows an interpreter to translate from English to almost any other language. But even with such safeguards in place, other issues continue to plague Asian-American issues finding their way into the political spotlight. One major reason is the lack of cohesiveness in their community, said Francis Ahn, co-president of UNC's Asian Students Association. This can be accounted for by subdivisions based on various nationalities including Korean, Taiwanese, Japanese, Chinese and Vietnamese. Ahn said the Asian-American community was divided because the people who comprised it came from so many different countries and backgrounds. It is often hard for them to identify with each other when each country has its own distinct culture and even subgroups that exist within each of these cultures, he said. Shuji Yamaguchi, a representative for the Chapel Hill-Durham Nihonjin Kai,

an informal group designed to help Japanese immigrants adjust to life in the area, agreed, but said the melting pot of America was helping the various cultures merge together. "The obvious differences still exist among these subdivisions, especially language, culture, custom and behavior," he said. "But each Asian-American culture is also different from that of its mother country. They are gradually moving towards mixing together." Unity among the races would give Asian Americans a stronger voice, Ahn said. "Here in Chapel Hill, the Asian group is not as solidified and strong, and we're working to change that," he said. "There's only a small amount of people in each culture, and unless we come together, we won't be heard and represented in government." Another significant reason Asian-American problems are under-addressed is what Pham calls "model minorityness," where Asians are stereotyped as being equal with the majority. The result is that Asian communities are underserved, Pham said. "Asians for a long time have been the minority that the majority points to and says, 'Why can't you be like them? Why can't you get an education? Why can't you follow the laws? Then you can reap the benefits,'" she said. "The problem is that not all Asians are reaping the benefits."

The family support they had in Taiwan. "I feel like the kids are missing their grandparents," she said. "All the American kids spend time with their grandparents during Thanksgiving and Christmas—mine can't." Chou said she looked forward to the when time her children could go to Taiwan and meet their relatives and learn about their history. For this reason, she wants them to learn Taiwanese. Both English and Taiwanese are spoken at the Chou household. Chou said she speaks both languages with her children, yet she communicates with her husband only in Taiwanese. Despite the absence of her extended family, Chou said she was sure that raising her children in the United States was a good idea because an education here gave them more opportunities. "American educators stress creativity and individuality," she said. "These are things that are overlooked in Taiwan." Chou struggles to affirm her children's academic progress. She said Taiwanese culture did not embrace posi-

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THE Daily Crossword

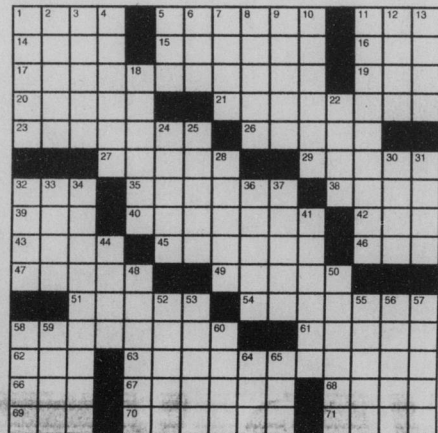
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cezanne or Gauguin
 - 5 Northern Ireland
 - 11 Mata Hari, e.g.
 - 14 Complexion woe
 - 15 Greek goddess of the moon
 - 16 Round legume
 - 17 Barber speech items?
 - 19 Ballplayer Dykstra
 - 20 Lukewarm
 - 21 Acquiring canines
 - 23 Values highly
 - 26 Tasty tidbit
 - 27 Nose
 - 29 Irritated
 - 32 Hair fashions
 - 35 Least active
 - 38 Lasso
 - 39 Pres. Lincoln
 - 40 Pare off?
 - 42 Solidify
 - 43 Seedy bar
 - 45 Comparative construction
 - 46 Visualize
 - 47 Goblet shafts
 - 49 Grin
 - 51 Dove and Rudner
 - 54 Military greeter
 - 58 Takes back
- DOWN**
- 1 Costume jewelry
 - 2 Dull pains
 - 3 Not likely
 - 4 Imposes, as taxes
 - 5 Drug info org.
 - 6 Lion's name?
 - 7 Narrow cut
 - 8 Religious belief
 - 9 Decide to compete
 - 10 Napper
 - 11 Divide ships' records?
 - 12 Hammer part
 - 13 Yin's counterpart
 - 18 Paraisaical
 - 22 Filament
 - 24 __ operandi
 - 25 Conductor Georg
 - 28 Opposing sides
 - 30 Rapier's cousin
 - 31 Remove text
 - 32 Pops
 - 33 Death notice,

- 34 Destroy cravats?
- 36 Does the crawl
- 37 Shire of "Rocky"
- 41 Disney classic, "Old __"
- 44 Eastern ruler
- 48 Well-grounded
- 50 Old World
- 52 Building lots
- 53 Editorial directives
- 55 Road shows
- 56 Best and Ferber
- 57 Change color again
- 58 Fence piece
- 59 Blues great Fitzgerald
- 60 Fill to the maximum
- 64 Kesey or Follett
- 65 College seniors' test: abbr.

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the minority presence in her neighborhood, Birch Meadows, a subdivision built in 1994, located off U.S. 15-501. She said in this environment she felt comfortable asking her neighbors for favors. "Out of 32 families in the neighborhood, five are from Taiwan, five from China and one each from Sri Lanka and India," she said. "Here you feel like you are not a minority. It is like a family. Here, I can ask them to get my mail when we travel—and the parents baby-sit for each other." Living in the neighborhood developed an attitude of tolerance in her children because they play with a diverse group of friends, she said. "My kids have friends from all different cultures, and they don't show a preference for one over the other," Chou said. Although the neighborhood friends were a positive influence on her children, she said it could not replace

itive reinforcement like American culture. When Chou encourages her children by saying "good job," they get frustrated with her and feel like she is not being as encouraging as she could be. "My children ask me, 'Mom, why can't you give me a compliment? Why do you only say 'good'?' she said. "I forget that in America, 'good' doesn't mean much, something is supposed to be 'excellent' or 'terrific.'" Despite the cultural differences her children do not yet understand because they have always lived in America, Chou said she looked on the positive side of being a minority in Chapel Hill. She listed a few things that Americans could do to make her and other Asian-Americans feel more welcome. "Be patient with us. Invite us places. Be our friend and have an open heart. Realize that we are different. Educate us and give us opportunities to get involved."

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DRINKING QUIZ #2 IN A SERIES

Your sorority sister borrowed your formal dress and returned it with a big barf stain. The best method for removal is:



A

Using a toothbrush, scrub area with baking soda and ammonia.

B

White vinegar and mineral spirits heated to a boil then poured from a height.

C

Steam out, filling steamer with one part club soda to one part hydrogen peroxide.

D

NONE OF ABOVE.*

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