

Nations united



(AP Laserphoto)

Judith Timg, dressed in a Peruvian outfit, second from left, and Arieta Hallicki, in Polish attire, second from right, pose with other children during a parade celebrating the United Nations' 44th anniversary in New York Tuesday. About 400 students from PS 116 in Manhattan dressed in their native costumes for the celebration.

Efforts begin to correct school financing

AUSTIN (AP) - A \$1 billion appropriation for Texas' public schools next year would show that the Legislature is trying to correct what has been ruled an unconstitutional school finance system, says the chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

"I think to show good faith... a billion dollars is about the most the system can assimilate right now, and use," Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said this week.

The state Supreme Court ruled 9-0 that Texas' school finance system is unconstitutional because of large disparities in funding for students in low- and high-wealth districts.

Following that ruling, Gov. Bill Clements announced that a special task force would be appointed to devise a plan to meet the constitutional test for an "efficient" finance system.

The House Public Education Committee reviewed the court opinion Monday.

Parker made a brief appearance and talked to reporters. He said he would present a school finance bill Nov. 14, and it would be heard by his education committee Nov. 15.

He said his proposal would probably require a tax increase but would not recommend a specific levy.

A special legislative session also convenes Nov. 14, but Clements said school finance will be considered in another special session next spring.

Austin lawyer Will Davis, chairman of the School Finance Committee of the State Board of Education, said his committee would meet Nov. 3, and the education board would make its recommendations in January or February.

Davis and Parker mentioned the possibility of the Legislature adopting a finance system in which school districts would be guaranteed so much state money per student if the district achieved a certain local property tax rate set by legislators.

"The answers have been pretty well known as to how to make the system efficient, suitable, equitable, fair. What we've lacked is not the answers, but the political will to do it," Davis told the House committee.

"I don't think we can achieve efficiency... in the state system without a substantial infusion of state revenue.

... There are not sufficient revenues currently in the system from state revenue to provide a suitable, adequate, efficient system," Davis said.

Parker said he probably would ask Clements for approximately \$250 million.

Record bust yields indictments

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Five men have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of smuggling cocaine into Los Angeles in an operation that ended with a record 21-ton seizure of cocaine in a Sylmar warehouse.

Arrested in connection with the Sept. 28 warehouse raid, the five operated businesses in El Paso, Ruidoso, N.M.; and Los Angeles that were designed to distribute "ton-quantities of cocaine," according to the conspiracy indictment.

Charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a narcotic drug controlled substance were Carlos Tapia Ponce, 68, a Mexican national; his son, Hector Tapia Anchondo, 38; James Romero McTague, 41, of El Paso; Jose Ignacio Mauricio Monroy, 36, of Mexico City; and Hugo Fernando Castillon Alvarez, 32, of Los Angeles.

All allegedly intended to distribute about 42,000 pounds of cocaine seized in the Sylmar raid, according to the indictment.

Miguel Garcia Chavez, 34, was charged with possession with intent to distribute 20 kilos of cocaine.

All face sentences of between 10 years to life in prison and fines

of up to \$4 million each upon convictions, said Grace Denton, a spokeswoman with the U.S. Attorney.

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- U. S. Attorney Gary Feess

A post-arraignment hearing was scheduled for Monday to select a federal judge, Denton said. All six were in federal custody without bail.

"This is a case of enormous significance and could not have been done without the cooperation of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at all levels," said acting U.S. Attorney Gary Feess.

Authorities claim Tapia Ponce and Tapia Anchondo ran the U.S. leg of the alleged smuggling operation that is believed to have imported tons of Colombian cocaine through Mexico.

The two were arrested in Las Vegas after the Sylmar raid.

McTague allegedly supervised the Sylmar warehouse. Authorities say McTague claimed the Sylmar operation had moved 60 tons of cocaine before the raid.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's office dismissed charges against the men earlier this month so that the federal charges, carrying significantly higher penalties, could be pursued.

Also Tuesday, Los Angeles County supervisors honored the law enforcement agencies that participated in the Sylmar raid.

"These five police departments are the 'Davids' of Los Angeles County," said supervisor Mike Antonovich.

Commendations were presented to the chiefs of the Arcadia, Bell, Huntington Park, Maywood and South Gate police departments. Officers from those departments participated in the Sylmar operation with agents from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Others honored were DEA Special Agent John Zienter, County District Attorney Ira Reiner and ATF agents Rodney Watson, Robert Wall and Michael Huckaby.

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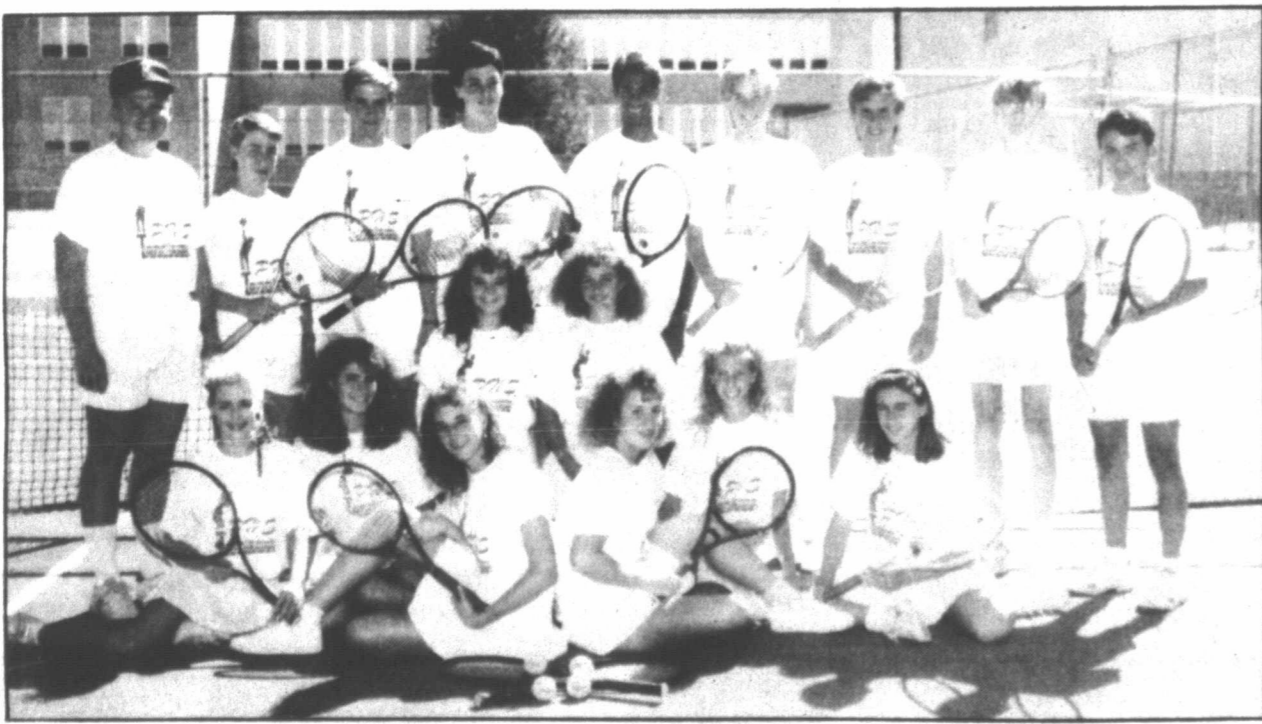
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Sales of existing homes show increase for second month

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sales of existing homes rose for the second consecutive month in September, climbing 4.3 percent to the highest level this year, a real estate trade group said today.

The National Association of Realtors credited lower mortgage rates for the spurt in home sales, which rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.63 million units.

Sanctions urged for high school over racial slurs

AUSTIN (AP) - School district officials and the University Interscholastic League are investigating racial slurs against predominantly black LBJ High School during a football game with nearby Westlake High School.

The Austin chapter of the NAACP filed a formal complaint Monday with the UIL, which oversees extracurricular activities.

A separate investigation will be conducted by school officials, said Austin school superintendent John Ellis.

LBJ students and parents are demanding that Westlake be restricted from interscholastic activities because of the slurs. There are allegations that other mostly black schools have faced similar harassment from Westlake.

During the Oct. 13 football game at the Westlake stadium, parents and students said, racial and obscene phrases were written on stadium seats where the LBJ band was sitting, and band members were verbally abused when they prepared to play at half-time.

A sign saying "n...r go home" was briefly displayed, and the same message was scrawled on bathroom walls, they said.

Westlake is in the nearby Eanes Independent School District, but both schools are included in the UIL's District 25-5A.

Eanes superintendent Don Rogers has promised an investigation.

"We're going to look into it," Rogers said. "Our students take it very seriously, along with our administration. The actions of a few can reflect very badly on all of them."

Rogers said Westlake Principal John Matysek addressed the student body over the intercom system Monday and read a letter of apology he wrote last week to LBJ Principal Dorothy Orebo.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People complaint to the UIL charged there had been racial incidents between Westlake students and other schools.

Bailey Marshall, UIL executive director, said the school could be reprimanded, placed on probation or suspended from participating in district activities in football. The district committee's decision can be appealed to a state UIL committee.

At a news conference Monday at LBJ High School, several students and parents expressed dismay at the racial slurs and obscene language.

"I am infuriated, insulted, and find these actions intolerable," said Sandra Martin, president of the student senate and a band member. "I would like to make a strong suggestion that Westlake be withdrawn from our district until they show they can act like human beings."

David Houston, co-president of the LBJ booster club, said, "This has been going on for years. I think Westlake needs to be out of our district."

Rogers said he thought some of the problem was "a lot of misunderstanding that might have resulted from our homecoming activities."

Students reported seeing a black dummy in LBJ colors hanging from a tree as they left Westlake after the game, but Rogers said the only dummy found was one directed by Westlake seniors at Westlake freshmen. The dummy had a brown paper bag over its head and was wearing a plaid shirt, not LBJ's colors.

"But hanging there in the dark, there's no telling how it would have been perceived," he said.

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For a year, the Federal Reserve pushed interest rates higher to battle inflationary pressures. But since the spring, the central bank has been gradually easing its grip on mortgage pressures, allowing mortgage rates and a variety of other con-

sumer and business loan rates to fall.

At the end of last week, fixed-rate mortgages had dipped back below 10 percent, averaging 9.92 percent, according to a weekly survey conducted by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Last spring, mortgage rates hit a peak of 11.22 percent.

The national median price for an existing single-family home fell from August to September by \$1,400 to \$93,400. This was still 5.5

percent higher than a median priced home sold for a year ago. The median is the point at which half the homes sell for more and half for less.

Regionally, the sales advanced was paced by a 12.7 percent increase in the West, where homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 620,000 units in September.

Sales were up 3.7 percent in the South to an annual rate of 1.40 million units, while sales rose 1 percent

in the Midwest to an annual rate of 990,000 units.

Sales were unchanged in the Northeast at 590,000 units. This is down 9.2 percent from a year ago. Home sales in the Northeast have been in a slump this year because

surging home costs have priced many buyers out of the market.

The national sales pace of 3.63 million units was the fastest clip since homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.92 million units last December.

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Blind caseworker helps others deal with disability

By ELIZABETH KAUFMAN
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK (AP) - The 16-year-old boy lay in the hospital bed - alive despite a bullet he fired into his skull, blind because of it.

Doctors and family had told him he was going to live. It was up to a stranger to tell him how.

That stranger was Judy Jackson. Slipping between protocol and paperwork, the Texas Commission for the Blind children's caseworker eases herself into client's lives.

She said she has no special pass permitting her infiltration. But she does have a unique understanding — she is blind. In fact, the Lubbock woman is the only blind children's caseworker of 35 statewide, and is one of three ever.

The 28-year-old San Antonio native was born with congenital glaucoma, meaning the disease was not progressive, but caused complete blindness at birth. She was reared in a foster home and sent to public school. As a child, she said, other children accepted her lack of sight. As she grew older, however, peers grew more uncomfortable. Humor became her method of easing their apprehension.

Don't look for hand-delivered stories of her malaise, however. "My blindness has never been a problem. It's always been there, and that's just the way it is," she said.

Only about five to 10 of the some 200 children she sees in her 19-county region are completely blind. "I see children ages zero to 16. Our main goal is to prevent blindness and to help children and their parents become their own advocates. We work with children who have 20/20 vision, but their eyes are crossed, or they have 20/30 vision and the eye is lazy," she explained.

She travels about two days a week. The commission pays for her driver.

Besides visiting homes, she provides in-services for professionals. At Big Spring State Hospital, for example, "I'll tell them that a blind person needs to be made aware of his environment, but he doesn't need to be assisted in making each step for his environment."

"I'll talk about feeding - are they holding a fork properly? Do they know how to cut their meat? About how to use the fork as a guide," she said.

Mrs. Jackson's career started as a special education teacher in Van Horn. There, she learned to work with some of the same problems she now treats. About half of the children served by the commission have special needs beyond sight impairment, said Juanita Barker, the Austin-based commission regional



(AP Laserphoto)

Blind caseworker Judy Jackson with the Commission for the Blind types a letter to a friend on her braille machine. She's been blind since birth.

supervisor for the children's program.

"I have gotten to know Judy very well. She serves as a wonderful role model, maybe even more so for the parents than the kids. They think, 'My poor baby, he's not going to be able to do anything.' Then they meet her, and they say, 'Hey, he can do this.'" Mrs. Barker said.

Mrs. Jackson began her career as a caseworker in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. "I had one client in Fort Worth where I wrote many letters to the kid and the family. I went so far as to say, 'I have my paycheck, I live alone. Don't tell me it's not possible.' I've certainly made some crucial mistakes. I think that's the biggest message to communicate to parents and the disabled parents and the disabled - everybody makes mistakes," she said.

Mrs. Jackson said preconceived but unfounded notions cause sighted people to make mistakes in their treatment of the blind.

"If I do something that's not exactly right, (people think) it's not that I'm ignorant, it's because I'm blind," she explained. "Probably the thing that frustrates me more than anything is 'Oh, I'm so proud of you,' or being at airports, they'll ask the person I'm with, 'Does she

need assistance?' I'll interrupt. Automatically, it's assumed if you're blind, you're deaf and you're mute."

She said her husband of about three months, John Jackson, doesn't roll along on stereotypes. The 25-year-old occupational therapist, a native of Anderson, S.C., first met his wife in church last October. He said he was initially attracted to her sense of humor. She was attracted to

his singing voice - he performs in the choir. If either had any difficulty adjusting the relationship - John has his sight - it was Mrs. Jackson. "I was very nervous around him at first," she said, laughing.

John said it hasn't taken much effort to understand his wife's world. He proposed to her last Valentine's Day with a braille note, written on the machine she taught him to use.

"I prayed for somebody with John's qualities very specifically," she said. "I'm a very goal-oriented person. Professionally, I have done everything I had wanted to do. There's not a job I wanted more than working with the commission. One of the more significant reasons was they gave me so much support growing up," she said. Judy Adams, the foster child, wanted to go to college - and the commission paid for her books, her schooling, and her readers and saw to it that she had an orientation instructor at Texas Tech University. When she graduated, they paid for her moving expenses to Van Horn and for someone to orient her.

When she started in Fort Worth working for the commission nearly two years ago, Mrs. Jackson said, she was angry, though she doesn't know why. Her only elaboration: "I'd just been hurt."

But then she met Billy and Sandra Morrow, who became like a family to her. She spends Christmas and Thanksgiving with them, and Billy, with her foster father, gave her away at her wedding.

Now, Mrs. Jackson said she has just one problem. Her life is too perfect. It's time, she said to look for new goals.

"She's one of those people who, if somebody tells her it can't be done, you can be sure she's going to find a way to do it," Ms. Barker said. "She's one of those that lack of vision can't get in her way."

When she's not working, Mrs. Jackson enjoys shopping, attending church-related activities and playing her favorite instrument. "I play the radio excellently," she said, laughing.

She organizes her clothes by texture and labels foods with braille stickers. When she feels like cooking, her husband reads her the instructions.

She used to play beep baseball in Fort Worth. The pitcher and batter are on the same team, while the pitchers and the outfielders are on opposing teams. "You have a battery-operated ball and makes that beep. If you get to the base before they get the ball, it's a point," she explained. Blind athletes who don't enjoy the bat and ball sport can participate in beep soccer, beep basketball, or the more freewheeling beep Frisbee.

"You can ride tandem bicycles; I love to. We have talked about getting one."

"Blind people have likes and dislikes just like the sighted people," she said.

The workplace is perhaps the place where innovations make the most difference for Mrs. Jackson. "One hundred years ago," she said, as she walked around her office, taking care of small incidentals, "There was no hope."

But today, she tells time on a watch with raised letters on the keys, and stick-on pads alert her to the home row. The voice activation tells her each letter she types, and she prints out her work on a braille printer.

She removed a favorite poem from the printer, entitled "How Come?" As she recited the words, it was difficult to determine which was moving faster — her fingers or her speech. The poem demands to understand the boundaries created by prejudice.

It's not a question Mrs. Jackson ponders at great length for herself, and she said nothing makes her happier to meet a child in danger of losing his sight, or who is newly blind, who doesn't worry either.

"It's neat to see kids that really know what it's about, who say 'Hey, it is going to be OK,'" she said.

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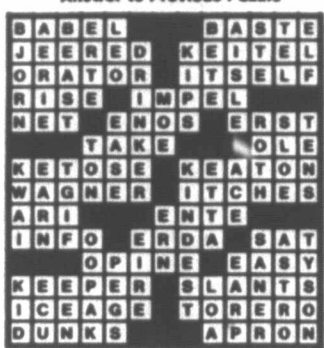
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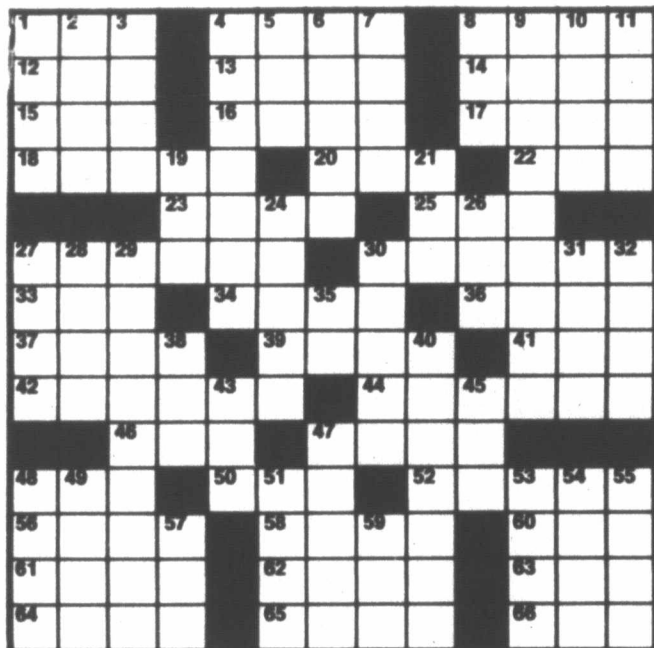
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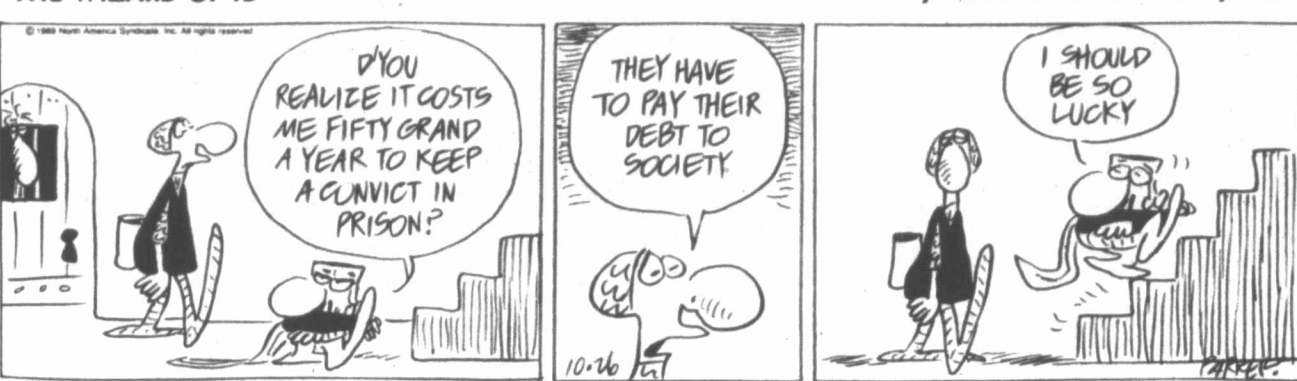


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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Not everyone with whom you'll be involved today will abide by the lofty standards you set for yourself. Keep this in mind if you have to negotiate something with a person you don't know too well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll have a sharp eye for details today, but your vision could be a bit distorted in seeing the big picture. Be sure to wear your bifocals so you can see both.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Schedule your time today so that your duties are given priority over your pleasurable pursuits. Without an agenda, productive hours may be squandered.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There is a danger today that you may base your judgment upon a faulty premise. Instead of making impulsive agreements, go on a fact-finding mission first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A project in which you're presently interested may not be as easy to execute as it looks on the drawing board. Don't use this as an excuse to call it quits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Extravagant urges could overwhelm you today if you lack financial discipline. Be prudent in money matters and buy only what you absolutely need.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In order to promote good will among your peers today you might promise or give them more than you should. Be generous, but, by the same token, also be practical.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's imperative today that you are able to distinguish the difference between positive thinking and wishful expectations. The former enhances success, the latter courts failure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Material trends continue to favor you at this time, but nothing of value is likely to be gained if you take your opportunities for granted. Capitalize on your advantages.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Objectives you are usually able to achieve with relative ease could prove to be rather difficult today, especially those that have competitive elements. Don't underestimate your opposition.

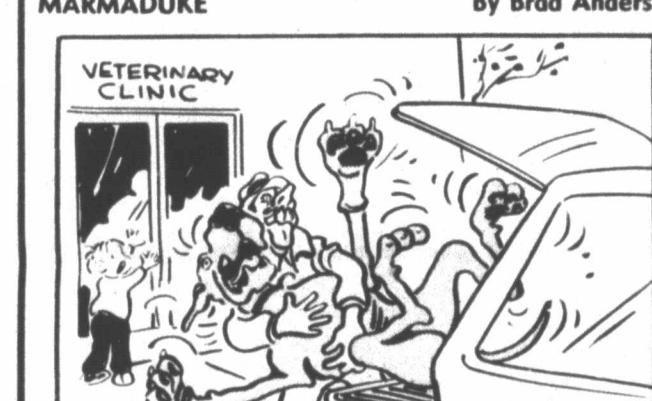
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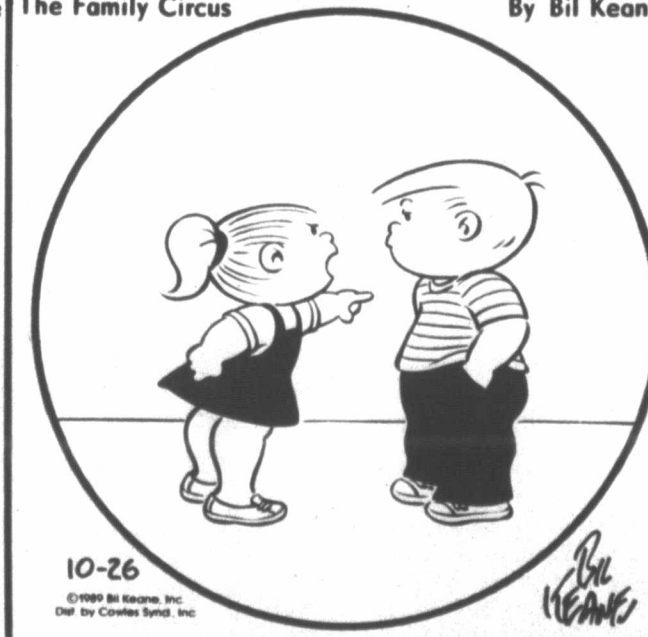
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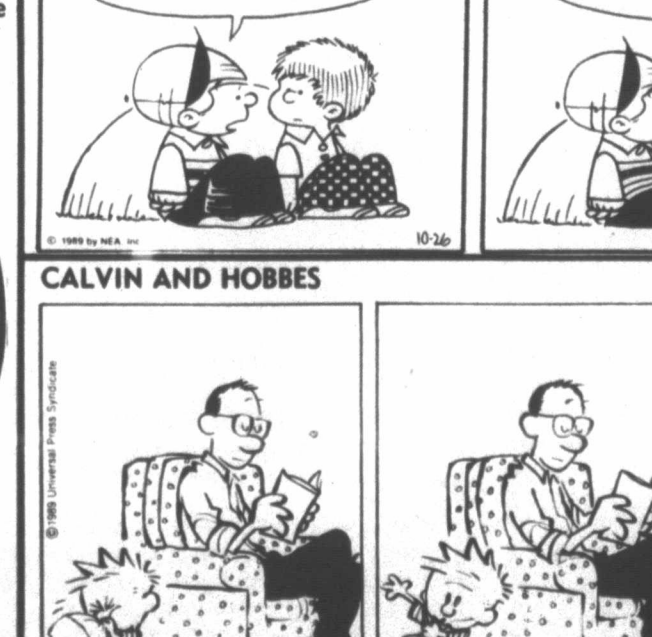
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