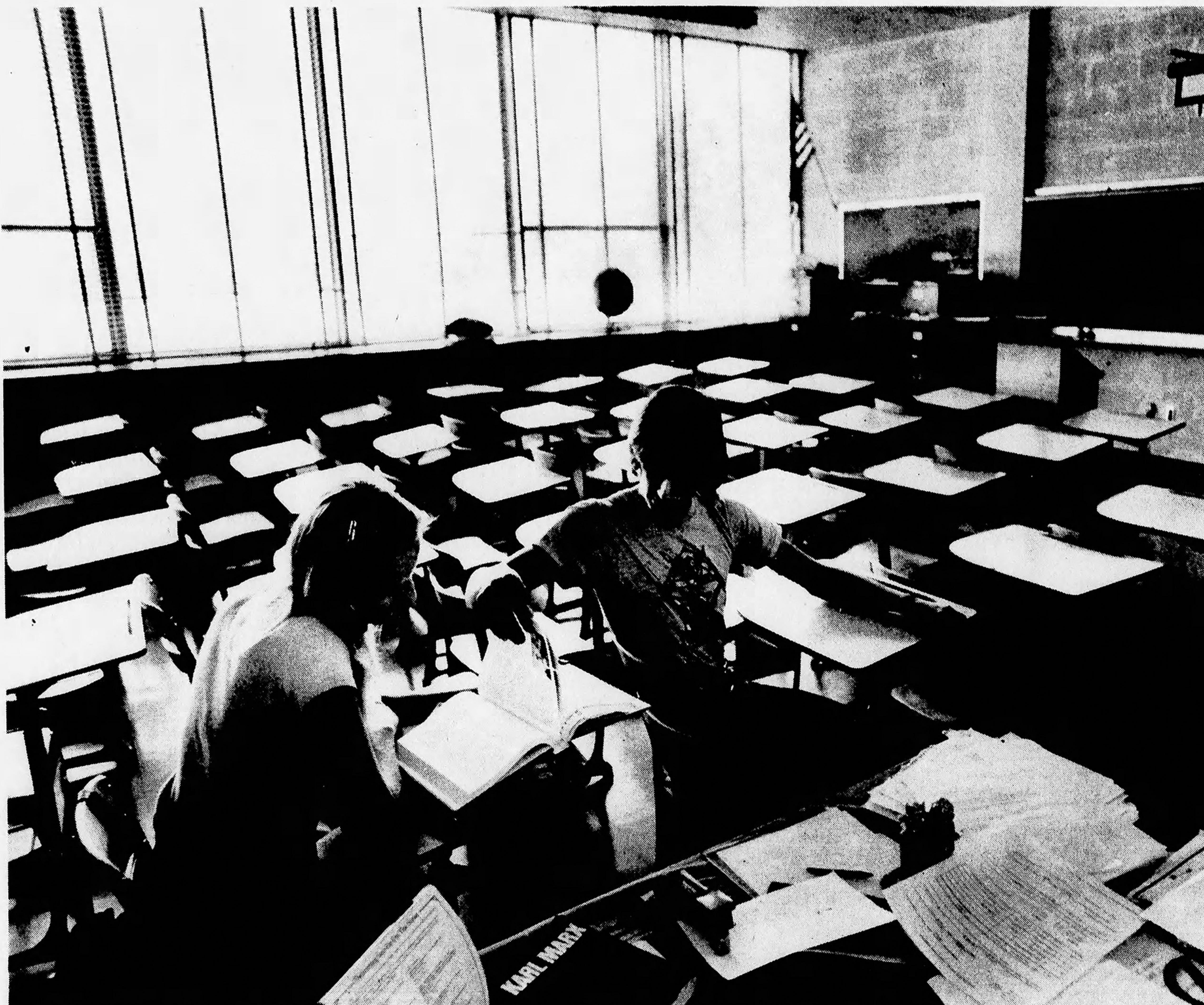


School-strike injunction sought



Seniors Diana Wright and Duane Carrasco were the third-period government class yesterday at Catalina High

67% of teachers, many students out

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Only hours after a teachers' strike paralyzied its schools, the Tucson Unified School District board yesterday told its attorney to seek a court injunction "in order to try to return the schools to normal and protect the rights of the students and taxpayers."

The school board took the action in a five-minute public session after 1,860 — almost 67 percent — of 2,780 district teachers stayed off the job, according to official district tallies. The Tucson Education Association, which represents about 2,400 district teachers, said 2,200 teachers were supporting the walkout in its first day.

William Brammer, the district's attorney, said he would file for a 10-day restraining order against the striking teachers in Superior Court today. A hearing is planned for 4 p.m. before Judge Jack Marks.

The district administration calls the walkout illegal, on the basis of a state attorney general opinion made during the 1971 Scottsdale teachers' strike.

The trustees also instructed Brammer yesterday to get a court ruling on whether the board can "summarily dismiss" teachers and classified employees for striking, on grounds of "abandoning their contracts." The last part of the board's motion calls for Brammer to seek compensatory and punitive damages against officers of the TEA, the Arizona Education Association and the National Education Association.

Brammer said compensatory damages would cover the district's legal fees, overtime pay, expenses for substitutes and possible vandalism of school property caused by the strike. He said punitive damages of \$50,000 or \$100,000 were "not unreasonable."

The board's motion passed 4-1, with Raul Grijalva dissenting. Board member Laura Almquist said before voting that the district will not necessarily use all the legal actions the trustees approved if progress is made in negotiations with teacher representatives.

Negotiations between the TEA and district officials continued most of the day as mediator William Simkin spoke with both teams in separate sessions between face-to-face meetings. Sources close to the talks said there were still wide gaps between the teams at the bargaining table.

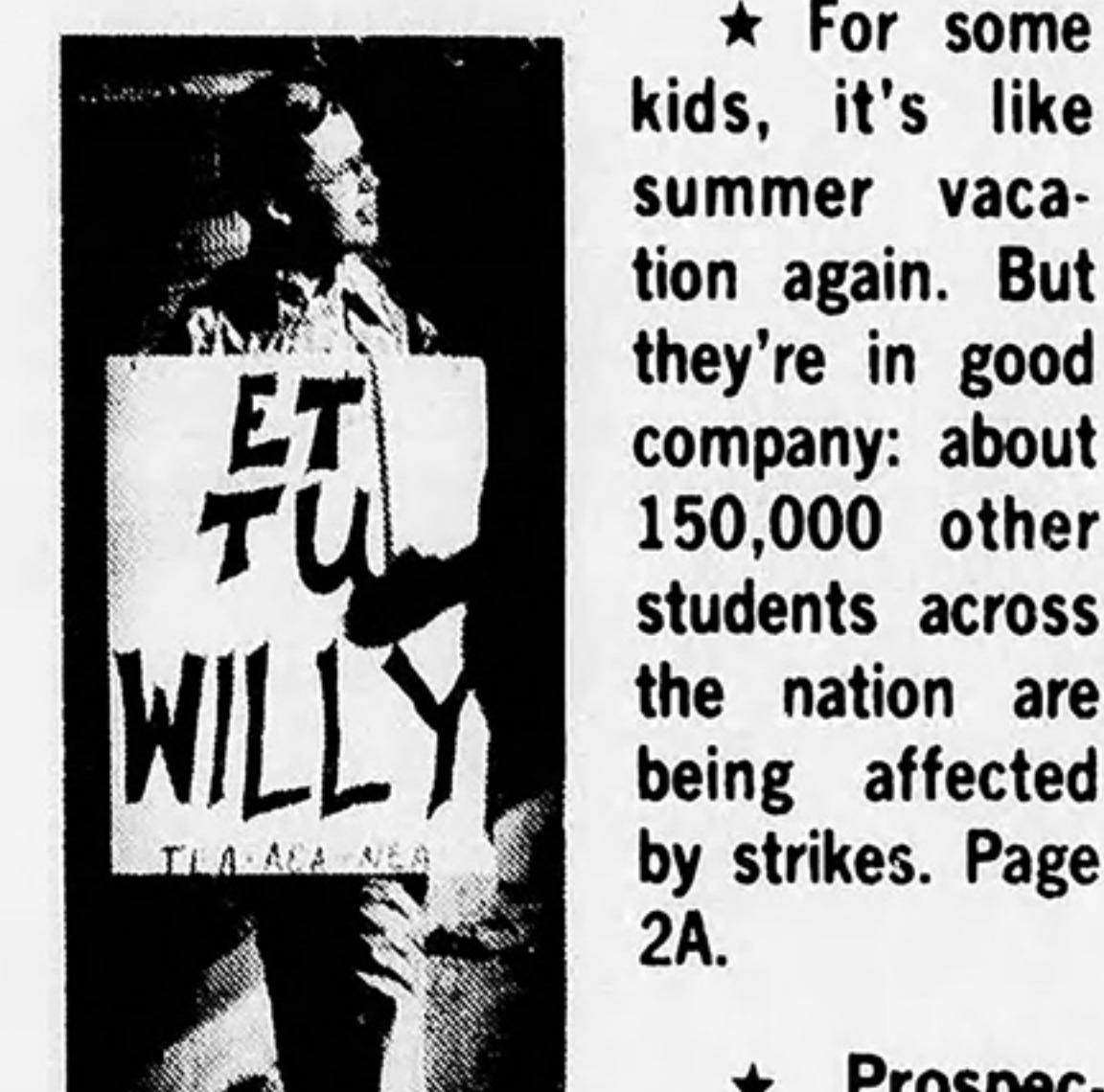
Yesterday from dawn until dusk, teachers, parents and students picketed all 99 district schools, after 57 percent of voting TEA members approved a strike at a mass meeting Sunday. Teacher absences ranged from 100 percent in Fort Lowell and Tolson elementary schools to under 25 percent at Collier and Schumaker elementary schools, according to district data.

However, all district schools remained

officially open for a full day, as 920 regular teachers, more than 800 substitutes and more than 100 administrators and support personnel took over classes, by the district's count. The district figures show that, with few exceptions, the majority of district bus drivers, cafeteria workers and

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custodian and maintenance workers reported for work.

Attendance for the district's 57,000 students was less than half of normal, with 50 percent attending elementary classes, 50 percent attending junior-high classes and 25 percent attending high school, according to district statistics. The poor high-school turnout was expected, Superintendent Wilbur H. Lewis said.

The extent of pupil learning that went on during the day varied from class to class, and was the subject of differing views between TEA and district officials all day.

Aside from about 300 certified district substitutes on regular call, about 400 of the emergency instructors recently hired for \$55 a day did not have certification yesterday during class time, said Carl E. Lopez, director of personnel. The Arizona Department of Education workers whom Lopez was expecting to operate emergency certification at district head-

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'We ain't gonna learn nothing'

(Arizona Daily Star reporters Keith Rosenblum and Jerry Mahoney were among the emergency substitute teachers hastily put into classrooms yesterday by Tucson Unified School District officials in the wake of the teacher strike. Neither reporter is trained or certified as a teacher. Neither reporter will collect the \$55 per day pay that went with the job.)

"Mr. Rosenblum, you're a bore. This class is boring. This whole day has been boring. You mean to tell me they're paying you \$55 to sit here and do nothing?"

Unfortunately, what the question lacked in tact it made up in accuracy.

For the 30 percent of Cholla High School's student body who showed up for classes yesterday, school was boring.

It was boring because students sat idle.

They sat idle because teachers had told them Friday to leave their books at home. Most students were bookless, and they accused teachers of being brainless.

In my case, my first day on the job as a substitute math teacher, I concurred.

"This algebra you're learning," I said grabbing one of the few texts I saw in my first class, "it looks rather peculiar to me. But I'm sure it's nothing too difficult; let's give it a try."

I had told the district I could handle a physical education or an English class.

"Well, you're a math teacher now," said an administrator at Cholla as if he were the Wizard of Oz handing me a brain.

It made little difference. It quickly became clear that maintaining order — "babysitting," the students called it for seven

straight periods — was the true objective of Strike Day 1.

"We ain't gonna learn nothing in here," yelled a student. His peers concurred boisterously.

I admitted that we weren't headed for any algebraic revelations, so we tried a number of round-table discussions. Why had the students crossed picket lines? How could they come to class unprepared? I tried to turn the tables.

A show of hands indicated that all of the students in class had been told to come by their parents. All said they would be on the picket line or at home if not for parental wishes.

Period after period, the same blank faces. When they saw my foreign face in

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Slide sends homes tumbling in Calif.

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A huge landslide jolted this fashionable seaside resort early yesterday, sending at least 24 expensive homes slithering down hillsides and leaving others teetering precariously on crumbling cliffs.

Several persons were injured and dozens of families were forced to flee their homes in nightclothes when the pre-dawn slide shattered the stillness of mist-shrouded Blue Bird Canyon.

About two dozen homes in the \$100,000 to

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\$300,000 range were destroyed and at least six others were damaged, police officials said. Several more homes were still threatened by the mysterious slide that began at 5:50 a.m. and continued, slowly, throughout the day.

Some homes were smashed to pieces and tumbled into a half-mile-long crevasse as much as 40 feet wide and 40 feet deep. Other houses — some intact — and trees, fences, chunks of roadway and automobiles slid several yards down hillsides.

Several homes were hanging perilously alongside craters formed by the collapsing ground.

"I was just standing there shaving," said stunned resident John Wolfe.

"I could hear the breaking of wood like kindling. Everybody ran outside, it was a disaster happening right at our feet. Walls were falling. It was an unreal scene."

At least 200 persons were evacuated from the slide area, in wooded hills about a half-mile from this city's quaint beach-front business district.

The slide section was sealed off to virtually everyone because of continuous ground movement and possible health hazards posed by broken sewage lines. Even anxious victims were not allowed back to examine what was left of their homes.

Despite the major damage, only a few residents were injured, mostly from flying glass and debris.

"I think it (the slide) probably moved slowly enough so everybody had time to get out," said Jon Ross, a Red Cross supervisor.

Geologists attributed the slide to heavy rains in the area early this year, but they were not certain when the ground would stop moving.

The area, about 50 miles south of Los Angeles, had long had a potential for a major slide because the homes were built before more stringent building codes were adopted in the last five to 10 years, geologists said.

John Crowley, 52, whose split-level home lost two rooms into the crevasse, said he woke up "because there were all these funny noises — it was a crackling sound, like the rafters were cracking."

When he, his wife and son ran outside, Crowley said, "We saw this crack in the street. Our car and driveway had dropped down about six feet. We were afraid of fire. The street kept opening up and falling. We got out of there."

"It was dark up there and the power poles were collapsing and the stench of natural gas was awful," Wolfe said.

"You could see the dreadful breaking up of the houses, glass shattering. Walls were falling."



Part of a Laguna Beach house hangs over the edge

Carter may visit Egypt — if treaty is signed there

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said yesterday President Carter has accepted an invitation to come to Egypt for the signing of an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty resulting from the historic Camp David accords.

Addressing his parliament on the summit accords, Sadat said they could not have been successful without Carter's "perseverance."

The White House said Carter wants to attend the signing, but press secretary Jody Powell said he did not know if it will be held in Egypt.

"President Carter will go down in history as one of the great leaders who changed the face of history from bitterness to love and from wars to peace," Sadat told the parliament.

"I tell our people that our history and the history of civilization will place Carter among those who changed history," Sadat said to thunderous applause.

Sadat's comments suggested Carter would receive a welcome surpassing that given former President Nixon in 1974 when he was cheered by millions of Egyptians.

Sadat had harsh words for Arab leaders critical of the Camp David accords and called him a traitor for signing the agreement with Israel.

He called Col. Moammar Khadafy of Libya "a crazy child."

He also called on leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization to end their "farcical" differences.

"This is what Egypt was able to have at this stage. . . . we do not claim to have reached a comprehensive settlement, but we have prepared the road toward a comprehensive settlement," Sadat said.

News

Hospital errors. Kino Community Hospital was designed for the wrong purpose at the wrong time, health planners say. Its 213 beds are all in private rooms, a feature designed to attract paying patients, but its heavy load of non-paying indigents means it may never be able to offer space to enough persons prepared to pay, according to administrator Douglas Bruce. Page 1B.

Lifestyle

Car insurance. The best way to buy automobile insurance is to do some comparison shopping among companies and agents. A survey by the Star indicates that for the same coverage, there is a wide divergence in premiums, even between two agents for the same firm. Page 1D.

Sports

Yankees wrap it up. Bucky Dent's three-run home run in the seventh inning gets New York going and Reggie Jackson's solo blast gives the Yankees the margin they need to beat Boston 5-4 and wrap up the American League East Division title. The Yankees open the AL playoffs today against the Royals in Kansas City. Page 1C.

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