



EDUCATION COMPACT — Connecticut Education Commissioner Gerald N. Tirozzi, left, signs an agreement Wednesday in Boston to establish a regional teaching certificate in the six New England states and New York as New Hampshire Educational Commissioner John MacDonald looks on. Rhode Island Assistant Education Commissioner Edward L. Dambuchis is at right.

Education compact will ease certification requirements

BOSTON — An agreement aimed at drawing the most talented teachers to the Northeast has been signed by top education officials representing seven states, and will go into effect April 1, 1990. "This must be the most attractive section of the country for teachers if we want to attract the kind of talent we are used to in New England," Harold Reynolds Jr., commissioner of education in Massachusetts, said Wednesday after the agreement was signed during a conference here. The pact, billed as the nation's first common market for educators, will loosen the certification restrictions that prohibit teachers from easily moving across state lines. Under the plan, teachers armed with a Northeast Regional Credential who move within the Northeast would have two years to fulfill any unmet requirements for certification in their new state of residence.

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Upjohn set to close plant; 180 N. Haven jobs at stake

NORTH HAVEN (AP) — The Upjohn Co. has decided to close its unprofitable North Haven chemical plant, and it says political difficulties it encountered in the town influenced the decision. Upjohn said Wednesday it will phase out operations at the plant over the next three years so that it can concentrate on its pharmaceutical business. Upjohn employs about 180 people at the plant in the manufacture of industrial and specialty chemicals. The company has been doing business at the site since 1962. "Now, they (Upjohn) will obey the law and not one dime more. That's unfortunate," Morrison said. Gawrych said he does not believe

Feline AIDS strain no threat to humans

WATERBURY (AP) — A fatal virus resembling the AIDS-causing virus in humans has been found in sick cats, and researchers say it affects the felines much the same way as the HIV virus affects humans. The feline immunodeficiency virus, or FIV, also known as cat AIDS, suppresses the feline's immune system, leaving animals with symptoms ranging from weight loss to chronic infection, veterinarians say. Dr. Steven M. Price of the Waterbury Animal Hospital said he has seen more than a dozen cats that have tested positive for FIV since the virus was isolated. Some researchers say that more than 10 percent of outside or stray cats that are sick may have the virus. "It's worldwide," said Dr. Margaret Barr, a doctoral candidate and FIV researcher at the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. "But it doesn't spread rapidly in the cat population and it's not dangerous to people." After the Waterbury Republican published a story about the FIV virus Wednesday, Waterbury health officials issued a statement to reassure pet owners that the virus affecting cats isn't the same virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome in humans. Laura Minor, director of the Waterbury AIDS Education Program, said she received about a dozen inquiries from people who didn't understand what cat AIDS or FIV is. "People who panicked when seeing the headline should go through and read the entire article," she said.

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WALKING ON WATER — Barges, background, are frozen in Mississippi River near Alton, Ill. River transportation has been halted by ice and low water.

Ice closes Mississippi River, 1,000 barges are left stranded

ALTON, Ill. — The ice block on the Mississippi River has created a traffic jam of 1,000 barges, giving some pilots time to catch up on their reading. "Right now, it's 'Southern Outlook,'" Roy East said by CB radio Wednesday from his tugboat, tied up with 22 barges on an island in the icy river just north of Alton. "Mostly it's just sit up here, and hurry up and wait." A 200-mile stretch of the Mississippi, from Alton, just north of St. Louis, down to Cairo in southern Illinois, was closed indefinitely to barge traffic Monday night by the Coast Guard because ice and low water had combined to make navigation unsafe. The shutdown comes at the slowest time of year for barge traffic on the river, but it still worries shipping officials who fear damage to barges stuck in and around the ice and mounting costs of idled towboats. Up to 1,000 barges are sidelined in the St. Louis harbor, a 20-mile section of the river, below a huge ice bridge that has formed just north of the city at the confluence of the Missouri River, according to the Coast Guard. Other barges are idled elsewhere on the river. Tom Garrett, the captain of the towboat Illini, docked at Alton, said he had rarely seen such a build up at the confluence. "Usually that Missouri River keeps everything pretty clear," Garrett said. "I figure it's going to last a long time because we're not going to get any hot water. I'm sure it's formed because there was little current from the Missouri to keep it clear, due to record low water levels." On Wednesday, officials considered breaking up the jam with dynamite. But with sub-zero temperatures expected for the next several days, ice would simply reform. "The cold weather's coming and it will only make more ice, so we don't know what's going to happen," Rand said. Back in Alton, Roy East had managed to pilot his tugboat to the Cairo to Alton before the river was closed. But he said the Ohio River Co. is sidelining his boat because of ice problems farther upstream on the Illinois River.

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Marrow transplants failure as AIDS treatment, says study

NEW YORK (AP) — An unpublished government study of 16 AIDS patients shows that bone marrow transplantation has so far been a failure as an AIDS treatment, one of the study's authors says. In June, researchers at Johns Hopkins University said in a widely reported announcement that a bone marrow transplant combined with the anti-AIDS drug AZT might have eliminated the AIDS virus from one patient. The patient died before the researchers knew for certain. Interest in the Hopkins case was revived when it was reported again Tuesday in The New York Times. On Wednesday, Dr. Clifford Lane of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said his study of 16 patients produced "16 failures." The researchers found "only transient improvement in immunity in patients getting AZT and bone marrow transplants." Lane's study used identical twins, so that a perfect bone marrow match could be obtained for each patient from his twin. The Hopkins study did not use twins, and so it was necessary to destroy, or "ablate," the patient's immune system with chemotherapy and radiation before the transplant. The Hopkins patient was one of about 10 U.S. AIDS patients who have had their immune systems destroyed before transplants, Lane said. The outcome in those cases was worse than in his study. "Every case I know of where the recipient was ablated, the recipient died," Lane said. "There are lots of us who haven't published our results because they've been so dismal," said Dr. Ronald Mitsuya of the University of California, Los Angeles, who has handled four such cases. "All we can say is that it's an interesting concept and that additional patients will need to be studied." Bone marrow transplantation, used most commonly to treat rare genetic immune disorders and certain forms of cancer, is risky and expensive. The cost averages about \$125,000, and 85 percent to 90 percent of recipients over age 35 die from the procedure, said Dr. Richard O'Reilly, chief of bone marrow transplantation at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. The mortality rate drops below 15 percent in children, he said. It is unlikely, therefore, that the technique could be used on a large scale to treat patients, some researchers said. "You have to be young, you have to be rich, and you have to be willing to risk a one-in-four chance that the cure will kill you," said Dr. Mark Jacobson, an AIDS specialist at the University of California, San Francisco. "I don't think you can foreclose the possibility that it might have a role in AIDS therapy in the future," said Dr. Samuel Broder, director of the National Cancer Institute. "But you always have to use a lot of caution. What you do in a clinical investigative setting and what becomes therapy for the hundreds of thousands of people infected with HIV are not really the same things." Researchers are continuing their studies in the belief that the technique could provide clues to more practical AIDS treatments. "This has always been an important avenue to pursue," said Dr. Thomas Merigan, director of the Center for AIDS Research at Stanford University. If that's all we can say,

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(8) 32 Wheel of Fortune (C)
(8) County Show (C) (In Stereo)
(1) People's Choice
(2) Kate & Alice (C)
(24) 87 MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour
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(36) Cheers (C)
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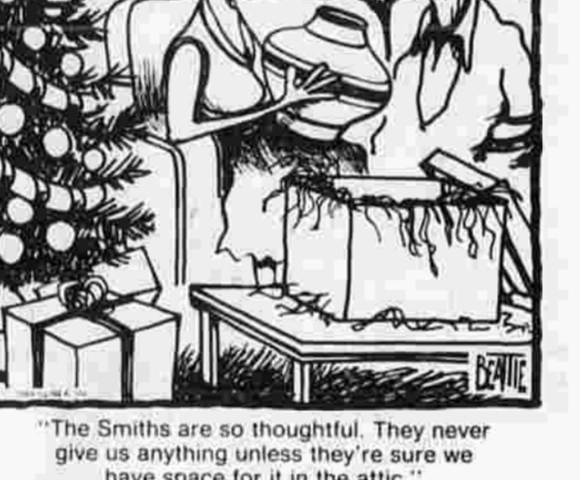
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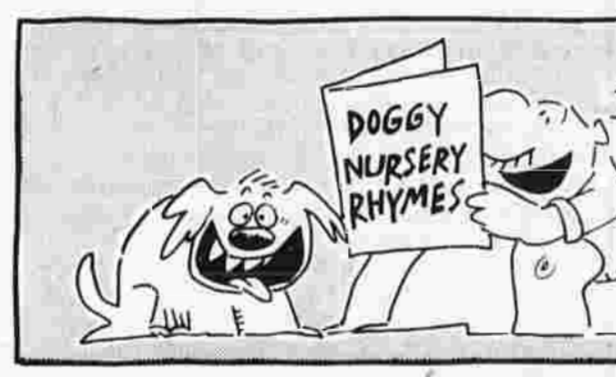
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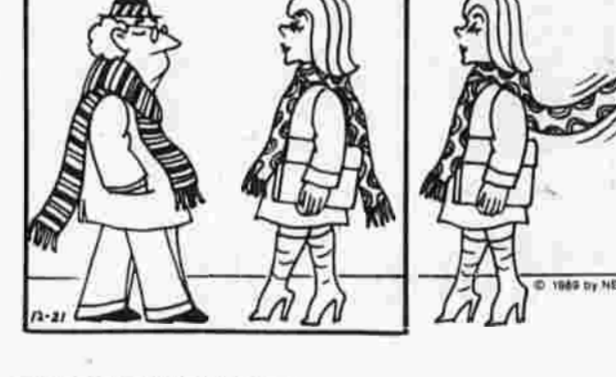
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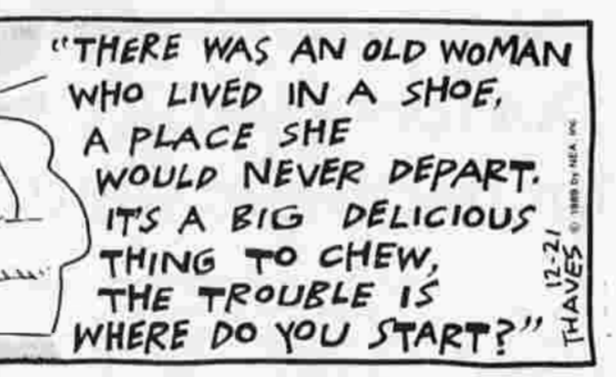
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