

'Graying' teachers may threaten improvements in school systems

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NEW YORK — America's teaching force is aging, and reformers fear the trend could thwart the drive toward school improvement.

During the last 20 years, the average age of the nation's 2.3 million public school teachers rose from 36 to 41, according to statistics from the National Education Association. Unpublished data from the 1988 Current Population Survey of the Census Bureau shows that 48.4 percent are 40 or older.

Educators have usually invoked such statistics as evidence that mass teacher retirements lie ahead — with no cer-

tainty that the profession is attractive enough to draw young recruits.

Half to 54 percent of the nation's teachers will be eligible for retirement by the year 2000, said Jewell Gould, research director of the American Federation of Teachers.

This "graying" of the profession contains other worrisome messages, several reformers believe. Age statistics suggest that a decade of school reform has been at least partly misdirected.

"School reformers haven't looked a lot at the fact that in a decade, many of the teachers who will be in the schools

are not there now," said Linda Darling-Hammond, a professor at Columbia Teachers College and an authority on the teaching profession.

Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, said the numbers mean the nation had better pay more heed to improving the training of the next generation of teachers. He said this group will carry the burden of reform for years to come.

He said it was a mistake to focus almost exclusively on present teachers. "Both older and younger teachers have to be considered, but if I were to

draw a conclusion, I'd say we have been far too neglectful of educating the new generation of teachers who will be determining where schools will be going in the first quarter of the 21st century," said Boyer in a recent interview.

Court removes IRS agent from case

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A judge said an Internal Revenue Service agent was incompetent and rude in her dealings with a couple who owed back taxes.

U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edenfield on Monday removed IRS agent Sheryl Heyward from the case of Brenda and Alan Stout, owners of a

Garden City convenience store.

"The combination of incompetence and rudeness with which the Stouts were treated at the hands of Heyward and her supervisor is unacceptable," the judge's order said, adding that it "demonstrates the IRS's lack of organization and respect for the taxpayers."

The judge last month voided a search warrant he had approved for a search of the Stout's business. The affidavit contended Mrs. Stout was switching bank accounts in an effort to conceal assets and avoid paying \$10,900 in back taxes.

The Stouts have complained that IRS officials gave them four different figures to satisfy the taxes. Their business was raided May 10 by six agents who took \$2.46 belonging to an employee and money collected from the sale of novelty clowns by a private citizen, evidence showed.

The agents also rifled through business records, froze the company's bank account and filed a lien on the company that supplies the business oil and gas.

The Stouts are now trying to sell their business to satisfy the IRS bill.

Business

flected disagreement with the site among committee members.

"If the committee had trouble reaching an agreement, I am concerned with that and will speak to Chairman Sanders," Hardin said. He said no one from the committee had recommended an alternative site to him.

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the undergraduate student body out on the fringe of campus will contribute to all sorts of problems."

Plans for the \$30 million business school include a high-rise parking deck to be built near the Dean Dome. One committee member said he thought the deck "would assuage complaints of some of the 'big rams' (Education Foundation members) about parking at the Dean Dome."

The committee, which consists of eight faculty members, two undergraduates and one graduate student, had discussed the proposed site at its April meeting, but decided to postpone a vote because commuting and scheduling problems had not been resolved.

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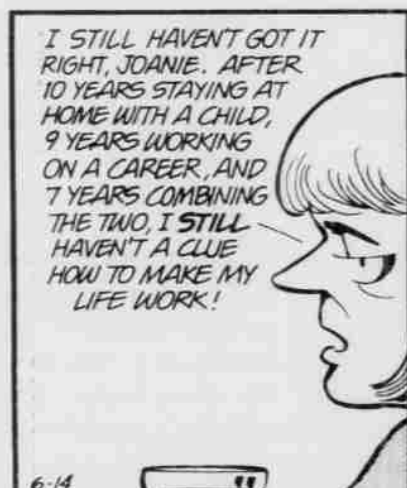
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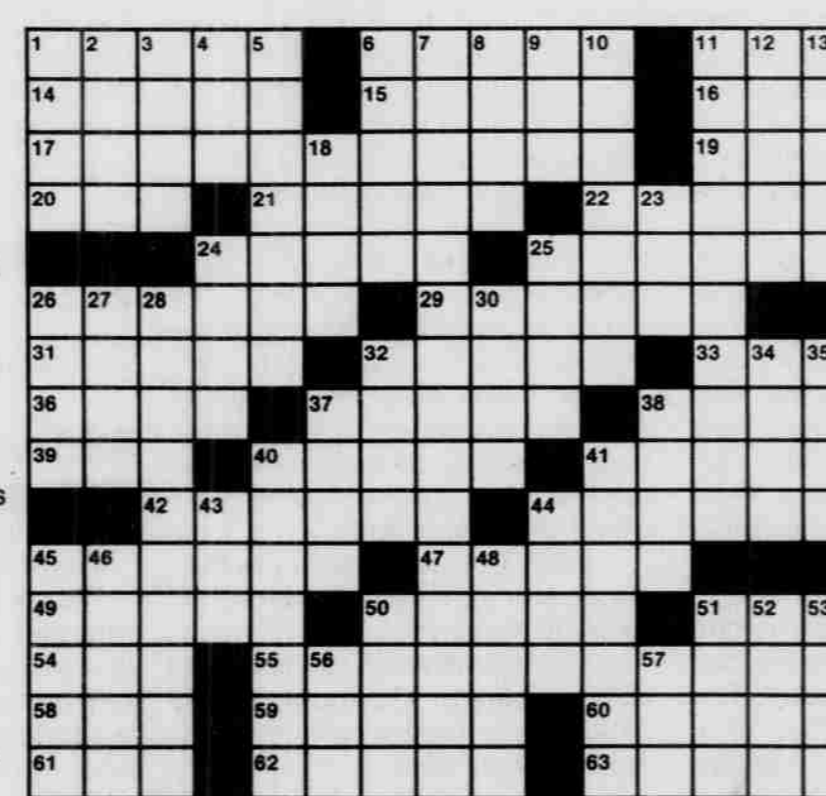
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