

BUSINESS

Business In Brief

Ro-Vic Inc. hosts talk

Ro-Vic Inc. of Manchester, a distributor of industrial chemicals and cleaning supplies, announced Friday that Thomas L. House, Product Development Chemist for Spartan Chemical Co. of Toledo, Ohio, will be the guest speaker at a seminar titled "Production and Processing Chemicals."

The two-hour program, highlighting cutting oils and cleaning degreasers, will be held at the Quality Inn in Vernon on Friday, Feb. 15, at 9 a.m. For reservations or information, call 646-3322.

Thomas L. House

Attorneys form partnership

Three Manchester attorneys have formed the law firm of Pieper, Barlow and Bannon with offices at 172 E. Center St. The attorneys are Sanford J. Pieper, Malcolm F. Barlow and Gayle C. Bannon.

Pieper received his undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut and his law degree from Boston University School of Law. He became a member of the Connecticut Bar in 1956.

Barlow received his undergraduate and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Connecticut.

Bannon graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Houston.

Wilson joins Howland firm

Daniel Wilson of Manchester has joined the commercial real estate and development firm of Warren E. Howland Inc., at 538 Main St.

Wilson will participate in the marketing and management of commercial and industrial real estate. Some of Howland's projects in which he will be involved are the Watkins Centre office condominiums, Riverbend Industrial Park and a new office building to be built this spring in South Windsor.

A native of Manchester, Wilson received a bachelor's degree in finance at the University of Connecticut and a master's degree from Northeastern University in Boston, where he lived until moving back to Manchester recently.

Gemmill gains hospital post

Cynthia Gemmill of Manchester has been named trauma clinician at Hartford Hospital. The new position is funded through the Combined Hospitals Fund.

Gemmill attended the University of Connecticut. She earned an associate's degree in nursing from Greater Hartford Community College, and a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Hartford. She is pursuing a master's degree in human resources management at the Hartford Graduate Center.

Gemmill is a certified emergency nurse and is prepared in advanced trauma and advanced cardiac life support.

Dollar opens at record high

LONDON — The U.S. dollar opened at record levels throughout Europe today, climbing beyond record closings set at the end of trading last week. Gold rose marginally in London and held steady in Zurich.

Bullion held its \$300.50 an ounce price in Zurich, while silver slipped fractionally to \$6.10 an ounce from 6.15 Friday. In London, the precious metal opened at \$200.00 an ounce, up slightly from Friday's \$209.25 close.

Sales tax tables promise savings

If you're a typical individual, you haven't any records of how much you spent in sales tax payments. But in an almost too-good-to-be-true attitude, the Internal Revenue Service has supplied tables that allow you to claim a "blank check," with no questions asked about sales tax deductions, even though you have no sales receipts and don't want to spend the time necessary to dig them out. These tables are found in the IRS instruction booklet accompanying your return forms. It contains Optional State Sales Tax Tables for the states and Washington, D.C., that have state and/or local sales taxes.

You may claim a sales tax deduction based on your income and family size regardless of your actual sales tax payments.

NOTE: You may be needlessly overpaying your taxes if you don't make a minimum use of these tables. Other money-saving tips:

• **DON'T OVERLOOK THE SMALL FOOTNOTES** at the bottom of the tables. You may get a bigger sales tax deduction than is shown in the table itself. Small footnotes after New York, for instance, explains that New York City residents can add 10 percent to the amount shown in the table for New York residents.

Thus, if the table shows allowable sales taxes of \$302, a New York City resident can add \$33 (10 percent of \$302) for a total of \$635.

• The "income" on which the sales tax may be claimed is not only the adjusted gross income shown on line 23 of your Form 1040. The income also includes non-taxable income such as a non-taxable part of Social Security, veterans' and railroad retirement benefits, workers' compensation, dividends exclusion, deduction for a married couple when both work and public assistance payments.

• **SPECIAL TIP:** Don't overlook the fact that you are entitled to an investment credit for '84 if you are an employee or self-employed and bought a car, computer, typewriter, the like, for use at work. (Not if you bought the item for strictly personal reasons.) You can claim a direct credit against your 1984 tax of 6 percent of the cost of a car, which has an IRS



Your Money's Worth

Sylvia Porter

The IRS also has informally indicated it includes as well such items as gifts, prizes, awards, non-taxable insurance proceeds. The IRS doesn't say so, but this would seem to include a tax-exempt interest, too.

The sales tax table is not all-inclusive. You can add in purchasing a car, motorcycle, motor home, truck, boat, plane, home (mobile or prefabricated) or material to build a new home if the tax rate was the same as the general sales tax and your sales receipt shows how much tax you paid.

Say you bought a new or used car in 1984 for \$9,000 and paid a sales tax of \$720. Say, too, your tax table shows you can claim \$590 for sales taxes. You can add your \$720 car sales tax to the \$390 sales tax table amount and deduct sales taxes of \$1,110.

When adding depreciation and all other deductible actual expenses of using a car, you may find this total is more than you can claim under the 20-cent/11-cent mileage formula. Then, claim your actual expenses if you have the records to do so. On 1984 business life, you can claim depreciation with an IRS five-year cost less half the investment credit regardless of when you bought the property in '84. Or you can write off up to \$5,000 of your purchase price in '84. (You don't get the investment credit on the \$5,000 written off.)

WARNING: If a "luxury" car — costing more than \$16,666 — is bought after June 18, 1984, the investment credit is limited to \$1,000 and the depreciation write-off is limited to \$4,000 for the first taxable year and \$6,000 thereafter.

Former Burger Chef is central room

Fish company shows off its new building

By Susan Vaughn
Herald Reporter

While sitting in the rose and lavender colonial sitting room of the new D.W. Fish Building on Main Street, it is hard to imagine that the room once housed a fast-food restaurant and a fruit stand.

The concrete block walls of the room — which once was an entire Burger Chef restaurant — are now well camouflaged by dusty rose wallpaper, a chair rail and a huge fieldstone fireplace. The room is the greeting place for Fish's real estate clients.

Tony Wasilefsky, manager of the D.W. Fish Realty Co., said Friday at the opening of the new 6,000-square-foot office building that a number of tenants have occupied that same space in its approximately 15-year history at 343 Main St. He displayed a photo album documenting the evolution of the building from the Burger Chef Restaurant to Fred's Fruit Land to the first D.W. Fish office.

The former freezer in the cellar of the building, which is the only other original part that remains, is now a lounge area.

The recent major brick addition around the old core building includes spacious offices for three current tenants and an unfinished 1,200-foot unfinished section awaiting a fourth tenant.

In addition to 11 real estate agents in the realty company, the building houses the joint offices of four attorneys — Nicholas Sevigne, Richard S. Soranto, William B. Collins and Peter J. Petrone — and the D.W. Fish Mortgage Co. Wasilefsky said he hopes to get another tenant who works in finance. The attorneys do most of the work on closings for home purchases for Fish.

The idea behind the new facilities is to make it a "one-stop financial center," Wasilefsky said.

The recent renovation to the D.W. Fish Building is the second major one for the realty company since it acquired the building about four years ago, Wasilefsky said. During the first renovation, the company added a new facade and decorated the offices in a contemporary style designed by Rick Repko of Hartford.

The recent redecorating was done by Ethan Allen of Springfield and Contemporary Expressions of Norwich and blends colonial and contemporary furnishings.



Herald photo by Pinta

Michael White, top salesman for the D.W. Fish Realty Co., and Tony Wasilefsky, manager, chat over refreshments during the opening of the D.W. Fish Building Friday evening. Standing at right in the waiting room is Thomas

Ferguson, a real estate agent for Pinta. The room — complete with fieldstone fireplace, fish tanks and comfortable furnishings — was once the Burger Chef restaurant.

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Manchester, Conn. — A City of Village Charm

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This cramped kitchen at 791 Main St. lacks hot running water, which is in violation of the housing code.

Mary Jarvis, 67, complains about conditions at her 791 Main St. apartment.

Inspections could mean big changes

Above the cars, the stoplights and the small shops that line Manchester's downtown Main Street, there is an unglamorous world of apartments and rooms for rent.

Many of the more than 100 people who live there are on fixed incomes, Herald reporter Sarah E. Hall found when she conducted extensive research in the area this winter. Some are young couples scraping along on odd jobs. Some are middle-aged workers or disabled veterans. And quite a few are elderly people making do on Social Security payments.

All these Main Street tenants — as well

as their landlords — may be affected by a series of door-to-door inspections the town started last month.

The inspections are the first systematic checks of Manchester apartments to be conducted in six years, and could dramatically change this little-noticed world above Main Street.

For example, rents may rise if the town orders extensive renovations. Some tenants may be evicted if landlords have to tear down walls and enlarge the many illegal one-room units that are rented out.

code itself will change. Houses and apartment buildings all over Manchester could feel the impact, for town officials say they plan to continue inspections in other neighborhoods.

Building and health officials say these inspections will help upgrade rundown apartments, making life better and safer for the tenants. Landlords wonder how much it will cost, and tenants wonder where they will end up.

Hall conducted a series of interviews over the past few months to determine the possible impact of the town inspection program. The results are on pages 4 and 5 today.

Parks cut not the only one

Teachers' pension woes puzzle administrators

By Bill Yinglino
Herald Reporter

In 1980, Christine Parks retired from 28 years of teaching in the Manchester school system.

Encouraged by an early retirement incentive plan offered by the school district, she was told she would receive a \$3,000-per-year pension for a fixed number of years.

Things were fine until January, when she received a 1985 payment of only \$1,500 — half of what she was expecting. Included with the payment was a letter saying that there had been an error, and that she was no longer to receive the annual payment of \$3,000.

"This has put her under a tremendous burden," Parks' sister, Frances Lombardo, told members of the Board of Education Monday during their meeting

at Robertson School. Lombardo attended the meeting to speak on her sister's behalf.

Diabetes and a heart condition for which she has undergone open heart surgery, Lombardo said, "I don't understand how an agreement can be broken," she said.

PARKS' DAUGHTER, Lisa Silks, who teaches in the school system, told school board members that her parents had purchased a house, counting on the money from their pensions. Parks' husband Harold also retired from teaching in town schools under the incentive plan, Silks said.

"I don't know if they would have done it," Silks said of the purchase and her parents' combined early retirement. "It's something she can't handle and shouldn't have to. I think if they (officials) made an

error, they should have to stick to the agreement."

Silks said her father has had no pension problems to date.

But Christina Parks is not the only former teacher who has had problems with her pension. Assistant Superintendent Wilson E. Deakin said at the meeting that 10 or 11 other teachers who had been encouraged to retire early under this one-time offer had similar problems.

Members of the school board, while acknowledging that the problem exists, refused to comment on the matter until they receive a full report from Deakin, and discuss the matter at their next meeting Feb. 25. School Superintendent James P. Kennedy said the matter had been referred to the town attorney and refused to discuss it at the meeting.

Several board members said that Monday night was the first where they had heard anything about the pension problem.

MEMBER RICHARD DYER said he had heard that there was concern among administration officials over the matter, but that he knew few specifics.

"All we know is that there's a problem," board Chairman Leonard Scuder said today.

Scuder said the early retirement incentive plan was implemented for about two years to attract younger teachers and then was dropped because of low enrollment. "Few took advantage of it," Scuder said.

Although administrators said they have not yet discovered the root of the problem, Dyer said it may have been a mathematical error. "Apparently there's some con-

cern that there may have been a miscalculation," he said. "But where the error lies, whether it was a miscalculation or a misunderstanding, I don't know."

"Don't think anybody's hiding anything," he said.

Officials say they know so little about the matter that they are going to first discuss the matter in public or executive session.

"The matter was brought up in public and I think we ought to respond in public," Dyer said. However, he added that he is going to reserve his judgment on the matter until he hears more of the specifics.

Deakin told the board that the matter is a confidential personnel matter so he knows of no way that it can be discussed other than in executive session.

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Report charges White House deception

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The administration has provided Congress "insufficient, misleading and in some cases false information" about U.S. involvement in El Salvador, says a sharply worded report released today by three congressmen.

William Blacklow, an aide to Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., said Miller and Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., and Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, planned to release the report on U.S. policy in El Salvador today.

Miller said earlier Monday, "The conclusion of the report is clearly that they've been less than candid with the Congress. In fact, they have deceived the Congress."

Blacklow said, "I think when (Secretary of State George) Shultz and the rest come up to the Hill at the end of next week to make their pitch for military aid in the region, they're going to have some heavy explaining to do."

"What the report shows is that when the administration asks for dollars for one purpose, quite often it is used for another. ... The real question will be how they manage to juggle the figures around this time," he said.

The administration declined to comment on the report Monday.

Release of the report comes a week after President Reagan renewed his drive for funding in Central America, including \$24 million for CIA-backed "contras" fighting to overthrow Nicaragua's Marxist-led government.

The report concludes that administration has provided "insufficient, misleading and in some cases false information to Congress about what the United States is doing in El Salvador."

Among the report's accusations is that the Pentagon routinely has "almost twice as many U.S. advisers" in El Salvador as the administration admits. There is

supposed to be a limit of \$5 military advisers.

The report also said El Salvador, despite administration denials, has intensified the air war against civilian targets, indiscriminately attacking villages thought to sympathize with anti-government guerrillas.

It said military aid to El Salvador is twice as great as economic aid, despite administration claims that economic help far outweighs the military.

"The report shows the economic and humanitarian aid amounts to only 15 percent of the money being sent down there," Blacklow said.

Vietnam says it will return GIs' remains

By Paul Anderson
United Press International

BANGKOK, Thailand — Vietnam has agreed to turn over the remains of five more Americans killed during the Vietnam War, a U.S. Embassy official announced today.

The embassy said talks in Hanoi last week between the United States and Vietnam had resulted in new information on "several" cases involving American soldiers who were listed as missing in action during the Vietnam War.

Lt. Col. Paul Mather, the MIA-POW officer at the Bangkok embassy, said the Vietnamese agreed to turn over the remains of five more Americans killed during the war, but no date had been set for the transfer of the remains.

The United States hopes to receive the bones "as soon as possible," Mather said.

Since 1975, Vietnam has returned the remains of 73 U.S. servicemen. Two other sets of remains turned over to the United States have not been positively identified, Mather said.

The U.S. military talks in Hanoi last week were part of a series of meetings on MIA's since December 1982. After the U.S. mission left Vietnam Saturday, Radio Hanoi said Vietnam had "newly found" information on missing American servicemen, Mather said.

In Laos, a U.S.-Laotian team today continued to search for the remains of at least 13 Americans who were aboard a military transport plane shot down over Laos in 1972.

Terry Tull, the American charge d'affaires in the Laotian capital of Vientiane, returned today from the crash site of the American C-130 Hercules transport in southern Laos.

"All of the arrangements made by the Lao side for this search appear to be fine," he said in a telephone interview. "It looks like things are off to a good start."

A 12-member American team flew to Laos Sunday to begin the first joint search with a communist government to determine the fate

of some of the nearly 2,485 Americans still classified as MIA's in Indochina.

The C-130 was shot down near Pakse, 285 miles southeast of Vientiane, on Dec. 21, 1972, apparently killing 13 of the 15 men aboard. Two crew members parachuted to safety.

The 13 men who did not escape the plane crash, along with 547 other Americans who disappeared in Laos during the war, remain classified as missing in action nearly 10 years after the end of the fighting in 1975.

Tull said actual excavation work on the crash site about 25 miles northeast of Pakse began Monday in a large clearing at the base of the towering Bloem's Plateau.

The remote crash site was reached by helicopter from the provincial capital of Pakse. The American MIA team is camping near the excavation site.

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Cordless phones get heat

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The maker of certain types of cordless telephones has been slapped with a \$50 million class action suit claiming phones which ring through the earpiece cause permanent hearing loss to thousands of people.

"We don't even know the entire scope of the problem... how many people have been injured. A class is going to have to determine that," attorney Steven G. Schumauer of St. Louis said during a news conference Monday.

Schumauer said the suit was filed in U.S. District Court in St. Louis, but he announced it in Los Angeles because the city has the largest concentration of cordless phones in the country.

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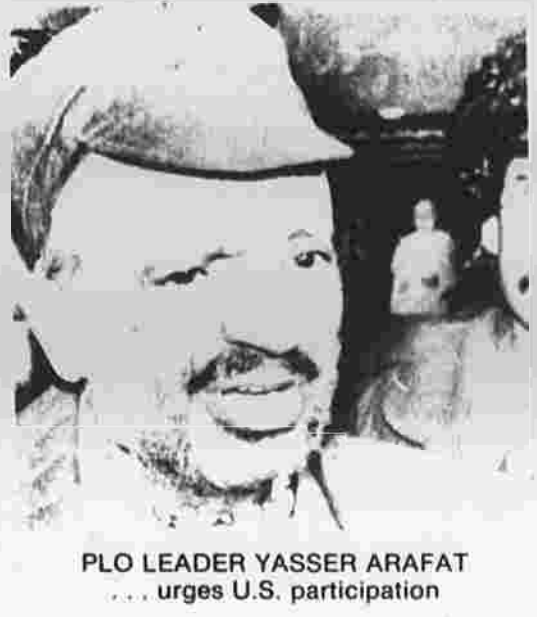
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Israeli recognition weighed PLO, Jordan agree on Mideast plan

By Samira Kowar
United Press International

AMMAN, Jordan — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat today urged the Reagan administration to recognize the rights of the Palestinian people to a homeland after agreeing to work with Jordan on a joint plan for Middle East peace.

The agreement with Jordan's King Hussein Monday is aimed at reaching a "just solution for the Middle East crisis," the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization told reporters at Amman military airport before leaving early today. His destination was not known.

A senior Jordanian official Monday said the accord calls for Jordan and the PLO to seek a settlement based on a

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on Mideast initiative
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and its "completely biased" policies toward Israel and urged the United States "to be fair" and recognize the "self-determination of the Palestinian people."

Although self-determination is "one of the main principles of the American nation, here with five million Palestinians, they completely neglect this right," he said.

He recalled the 1982 massacre of some 5,000 Palestinian and Lebanese civilians at the Sabra and Chatila refugee camps that followed the PLO's pullout from Beirut, a move largely brokered by U.S. envoy Philip Habib.

"Still I remember the agreement signed between me and the special envoy of President Reagan, Philip Habib, after which we faced this massacre of Sabra and Chatila."

Arafat said, "How can I trust this administration?"

Word of the agreement reached Washington as King Fahd of Saudi Arabia met with President Reagan, who told the visiting monarch that the key to peace lies in "direct negotiations" between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

It was not clear if the agreement would include Arafat's endorsement of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, which Hussein has insisted must be the basis for any Middle East peace settlement.

The resolution calls for Israel to withdraw from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights — lands it seized during the 1967 war — and for Arab nations to recognize Israel's right to exist within secure boundaries.

Peopletalk

From the heavens

James Irwin walked on the moon as an astronaut but says his new job will take him to even higher levels. Irwin returned to Texas Sunday to a church in the shadow of the Johnson Space Center that he ordained a Baptist minister. Irwin, a retired Air Force colonel who now lives in Colorado, quoted from the Bible during his walk on the moon during the 1971 Apollo 15 mission and said he felt the power of God while running and jumping across the lunar landscape. But he says his new career will offer a greater challenge than his days as an astronaut.

"It's always tougher when you're dealing with human problems," he said. "It was easy to deal with technical things, switches and controls in a spacecraft — much easier than dealing with human problems."

Fixing jazzmen's chops

Horn players developed a precisely tuned ring of facial muscles called embouchure — or chops — that allows them to control pitch and when jazzmen bust their teeth they go to Jacksonville, Fla., dentist Milton McKnight to get their chops fixed.

McKnight has restored the damaged teeth of musicians from around the country since addressing a 1975 international horn workshop in Montreal. One of McKnight's most recent patients was a New York City horn player who struggled to regain his chops for nearly a year after getting two front teeth filed by a dentist.

"The best analogy might be to imagine a world champion ice skater who has perfected a routine and suddenly has to do it with somebody else's shoes," McKnight said. "That's what it feels like for a brass player who has spent 10 years developing this ring of muscle..."

Globetrotting history

The Harlem Globetrotters dribbled into the Smithsonian Institution Monday to make a contribution to the National Museum of American History. The basketball tricksters donated uniforms, warmup suits, books, posters and pictures to the museum's "Constellation of Black Stars" exhibit, which also includes Roberto Clemente's batting helmet, Jim Brown's football jersey and George Foreman's boxing gloves.

Quote of the day

Education Secretary William Bennett, denying he is under pressure to defend Reagan administration proposals to cut student aid, said, "The notion that I am here somehow under coercion, that I have to swallow the philosophy of the administration somehow under duress, is simply counter-factual."

Almanac

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 1985 with 322 to follow.

This is Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

The moon is in its last quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus and Mars.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aquarius. They include Polish-born American Revolutionary war hero Thaddeus Kosciuszko in 1746; Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States, in 1809; Charles Darwin, also in 1809; American labor leader John L. Lewis in 1880, and baseball player and sports commentator Joe Garagiola in 1926.

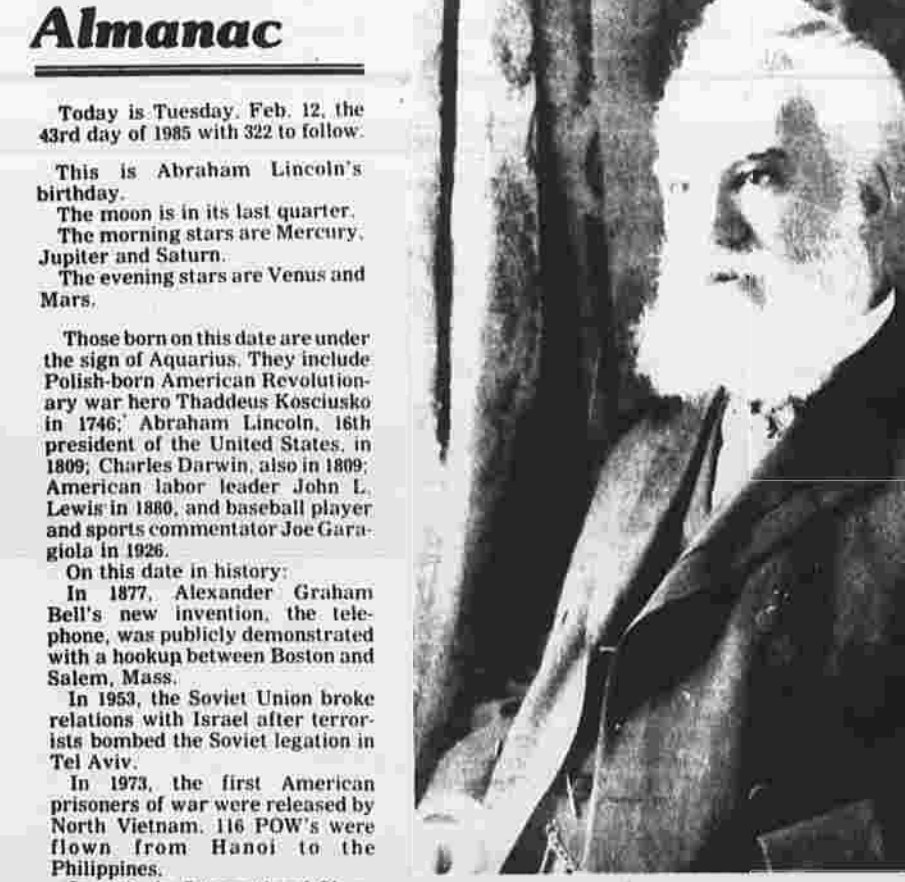
On this date in history:

In 1877, Alexander Graham Bell's new invention, the telephone, was publicly demonstrated with a hookup between Boston and Salem, Mass.

In 1953, the Soviet Union broke relations with Israel after terrorists bombed the Soviet legation in Tel Aviv.

In 1973, the first American prisoners of war were released from North Vietnam. 116 POW's were flown from Hanoi to the Philippines.

In 1980, the International Olympics Committee rejected a U.S. proposal to postpone, cancel or move the site of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow as a protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.



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Weather

Today's forecast

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Cloudy today. Rain developing along the coast. Snow and sleet developing inland. The snow and sleet will change to rain in most areas during the afternoon but either mix with or change to rain in the Berkshires. Any snow accumulation will be less than 2 inches except in the Berkshires where 1 to 3 inches is possible. Tonight, rainy and windy. The rain may mix with or change back to snow at times over inland sections. A few thunderstorms are possible with locally heavy rain, especially near the coast. Wednesday morning a mixture of rain and snow inland, drizzle and rain along the coast. Cloudy with snow flurries Wednesday afternoon. Not as windy. Temperatures in the 30s today, remaining in the 30s tonight and Wednesday.

Maine: Becoming cloudy today. A chance of snow this afternoon extreme south west. Highs 30 to 40. Snow tonight, except only a chance north. Lows 20 to 30. Windy Wednesday with snow, snow mixing with rain south and changing to rain east coast. Highs 32 to 40.

New Hampshire: Cloudy today, a chance of snow this afternoon. Highs in the 30s. Snow developing tonight, may mix with sleet and rain southeast. Lows 25 to 32. Snow and windy Wednesday, snow mixing with sleet and rain south and mostly rain at the coast. Highs in the 30s.

Vermont: Cloudy today with snow south this afternoon. Highs 25 to 35. Snow tonight and Wednesday, possibly mixed with sleet and freezing rain at times south this evening. Lows tonight 25 to 30. Temperatures holding steady Wednesday 25 to 30.

Horace unleashes his horrors

A mechanic's lien filed by Louis C. Damato III, doing business as Frank Damato and acting against Biglow Brook Condominiums, was replaced with a surety bond for \$5,944. Public records summarized in the Herald last week were incorrect.

His red-letter day

Fritz Klein, who earns his living portraying Abraham Lincoln at conventions, schools and other places across the country, stands in front of the Lincoln home in Springfield, Ill., Sunday.

Pre-analysis needed

All MacGraw has been in analysis since she was married to Steve McQueen and says a little therapy wouldn't hurt the nation's public schoolchildren.

"I'm reluctant to talk about therapy because to a lot of people it sounds like I'm just some neurotic Hollywood actress," MacGraw, a recent addition to the cast of "Dynasty," says in the March issue of McCall's. "But I really think that therapy should be incorporated into the public-school curriculum — so it could be made available to everyone."

She is in favor of therapy because it "is about truth and making changes in yourself that can help you to become a better, healthier, more positive person."

Despite appearances, MacGraw says her life has been filled with many disappointments and fears about her career, most recently after she got bad reviews for her work in the television special "Winds of War."

"I never thought I'd work again. Hurt! I was devastated," she said. "I felt absolutely worthless..."

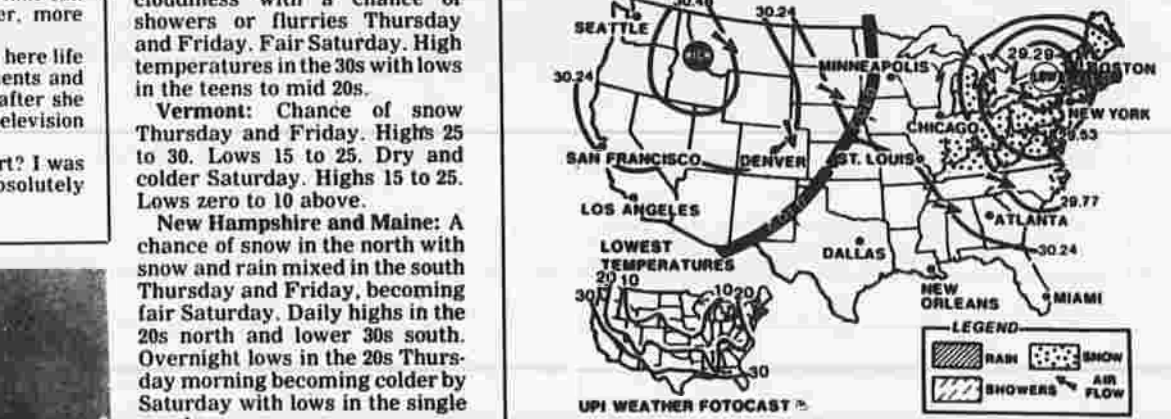
Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England: Thursday through Saturday.

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Variable cloudiness with a chance of showers or flurries Thursday and Friday. Fair Saturday. High temperatures in the 30s with lows in the teens to mid 20s.

Vermont: Chance of snow Thursday and Friday. Highs 25 to 30. Lows 15 to 25. Dry, cooler Saturday. Highs 15 to 25. Lows zero to 10 above.

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Across the nation

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Kennedy supports elimination of filmstrips from course

By Bill Yingling
Herald Reporter

The Manchester superintendent of schools Monday night came out in support of eliminating a filmstrip series on sexually transmitted diseases from the junior high school health education curriculum.

Speaking at a Board of Education meeting, Superintendent James P. Kennedy voiced his support for recommendations issued by the district's Instructional Materials Review Committee, including one that the series be eliminated. The panel found the course valuable, but deemed the six-part series "Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Causes, Prevention, and Cure" inappropriate for eighth-grade students.

LAST NOVEMBER, the school board received 11 written complaints signed by 14 different people about parts of the course that focused on teenage pregnancy and death. One complainant protesting the subject matter of the course included a petition that carried 188 names.

The five-member Instructional Materials Review Committee — which comprises three library-media specialists, Manchester High School Principal Jacob Ludes and English Department Chairman LaRoy Hay — then evaluated the course in response to the complaints.

The committee's initial report was released Jan. 28. It concluded that providing the course is "the proper responsibility of a public school," but suggested several changes.

Monday night, Kennedy distributed to the board a supplementary set of recommendations released this week by the committee, including the one on the filmstrips.

The panel said in the supplementary report that upon Kennedy's request this month it had reviewed the series on sexually transmitted diseases and a second entitled, "Becoming Woman/Becoming Man."

It said the second series — which, among other things, "deals briefly with the subject of masturbation in a factual manner" — is highly instructional, and certainly informative.

The report said the material is not sexually suggestive and "is clearly designed for junior high students."

CONCERNING THE FILMSTRIPS on sexually transmitted diseases, the report said: "The series, while not central to the course, has been used from time to time. The committee recommends that more age-appropriate alternate material be found."

In a prepared text distributed to board members and the audience Monday, Kennedy made the following recommendations:

"That the school board affirm its support for the required course. That it endorse the reports of the Instructional Materials Review Committee dated January and February, 1985.

• And that it endorse the administrative recommendation to review all written and visual materials to be included in the health-course unit entitled 'Life Cycles' before March 22. In order to do so, he suggested that the board conduct public workshops on Mar. 20 and April 13 in which all of the material would be presented.

The unit, which deals with growth, development and human sexuality, is now taught midway through the semester. Kennedy said the unit should be taught late in the semester "to facilitate the rights of parents to limit the participation of their children in this unit." Instruction should not begin until May, he recommended.

Kennedy said he made the recommendation on the workshops so the unit could be evaluated in an orderly fashion. He said the review committee is currently evaluating

complaints on a "piecemeal" basis, a practice he would prefer to avoid.

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MCC enrollment is down slightly

Total enrollment at Manchester Community College dropped by 2.1 percent in 1984, contributing to a general decline at Connecticut colleges and universities last year, according to figures released by the Department of Higher Education this week.

The declines at public institutions were due mostly to losses at two-year colleges, the report indicated.

MCC's total attendance of 6,231 represented a decline of 2.1 percent from the previous year.

The "full-time equivalency" count of 3,118 represented a 4.2 percent drop. The full-time equivalency is based on the total number of credit hours for which students register.

Overall enrollment during the fall 1984 semester at Connecticut colleges and universities dropped 1.8 percent from last year's total enrollment of 101,245 students, the figures indicated. Full-time equivalent enrollment was down 2.6 percent overall.

Independent four-year colleges also contributed to the decline, showing a 1.3 percent drop with 80,859 students enrolled.

The report also indicated that undergraduate enrollments dropped for the first time since 1978, with 2,990 fewer students than 1983. It said part-time enrollments declined for the first time ever and were down by 2.3 percent.

The enrollments reflect a projected pattern of gradual declines in college enrollments which are expected to last into the 1990s.

The report was prepared by Norma Foreman Glasgow, commissioner of higher education.

For the Record

A mechanic's lien filed by Louis C. Damato III, doing business as Frank Damato and acting against Biglow Brook Condominiums, was replaced with a surety bond for \$5,944. Public records summarized in the Herald last week were incorrect.



Throw away the key
"Officer" Donna R. Mercier, left, locks up three "prisoners" who will spend Wednesday in mock captivity at the mercy of friends, relatives and acquaintances who can bail them out with a donation to the American Heart Association of Greater Hartford. From left at the Manchester police lockup are Thomas H. Ferguson of the D.W. Fish Realty Co.; Jacob Ludes, principal of Manchester High School; and Father Bill Charbonneau, principal of East Catholic High School. Mercier, a town director, is the chairman of this year's heart association drive.

Crestfield loses 1st round of NLRB proceeding

By Kathy Gormus
Herald Reporter

HARTFORD — The Crestfield-Penwood nursing home in Manchester has lost the first round of its bid to have the results of a December union election at the home declared invalid.

A National Labor Relations Board hearing officer Monday revoked a subpoena served on Jerome P. Brown, president of the New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199.

The subpoena included a request for union records that the nursing home's attorney Alan J. Scheer of Hartford, said were crucial to proving his claim that the executive board of the national union may have violated its constitution when it voted in June to disaffiliate itself from the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union.

The claim was among several objections to certification of the union as the bargaining agent for some of the nursing home's employees filed by the home's owners shortly after the Dec. 8 election. Workers at the Vernon Street nursing home voted 48 to 40 to have District 1199 represent them in contract negotiations.

Hearing officer Mark W. Engstrom issued no ruling Monday on the objections and gave both sides until Feb. 19 to file briefs on the case.

JOHN SAUTER, deputy director of the NLRB's Hartford office, said today there is no deadline for issuing a ruling.

In upholding a petition filed by the union to revoke Brown's subpoena, Engstrom said the question of who voted on disaffiliation from the RWDSU had already been established during the four-hour hearing in which both Brown and District 1199 Secretary Treasurer Larry Fox testified. Engstrom said obtaining the documents, which included union newsletters and nearly 10,000 ballots from a referendum on accepting a new charter from the AFL-CIO, would be unnecessary.

Scheer strongly protested, saying the testimony was inadequate to establish the union rules on who was to vote on disaffiliation. At one point during questioning from the union, Engstrom asked the exact wording of the ballot sent to union members on the question of accepting the AFL-CIO charter.

"I'm appalled that he represented with that sort of hole in it to be the basis for a decision in this case," Scheer told Engstrom.

John M. Creane of Milford, the attorney for the union, said the national union's action had no bearing on District 1199's organizing effort at Crestfield-Penwood.

"IT'S A DISTINCTION that's being fussed over in this case," he said.

Creane called the home's objections "absolutely ludicrous."

Scheer said after the hearing that he thought the nursing home's case had been prejudiced by Engstrom's ruling on the subpoena of union records.

The vote by the executive board of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees to disaffiliate from the RWDSU was at the core of the objections.

An objection claiming that supervisory workers were involved in the union-organizing drive at the home was withdrawn Monday. The nursing home argued that represented objection that because of the disaffiliation vote, workers at the home voted on a different union than that which they signed cards for.

However, that argument lost some of its weight after Engstrom said he had inspected the union cards signed by Crestfield-Penwood employees and found they contained no reference to the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union.

Brown testified that the national union's executive board, of which he is a member, voted in June to disaffiliate from the RWDSU. The action did not require the vote of union membership, he said.

Because the union has already negotiated contracts for a number of hospital employees, the nursing home's attempt to prove that it is not a legal union amounted to a "fishing expedition," he said.

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School budget approved

The school board Monday night unanimously approved Superintendent James P. Kennedy's \$24.8 million proposed budget for fiscal year 1985-86 with one change.

The board tagged onto the spending plan \$4,000 for additional staff improvements in the gifted student program — a program already targeted for substantial improvement.

Administrators are asking to spend \$147,000 on total budget improvements, an 8 percent increase over current school spending.

Along with improving the program for gifted students, the board also hopes to be able to expand the district's program for computer instruction and start a new administrative program that would allow teachers to become administrators.

The proposed budget will now be sent to the Manchester Board of Directors, which will either pass it or return it to the school board for cutting.

Kennedy said he is optimistic about the future of the budget this year. "It would be realistic for us to look for a budget without any cuts," he said.

Board member Richard Dyer urged members in the audience at the board meeting Monday to attend the meeting between school and town officials in which school officials will have to support their requests.

"It sometimes gets a little lonely up there when we have to justify this to the Board of Directors," Dyer said.

Some \$54,816 was appropriated for the gifted program during the current fiscal year. But in the 1985-86 school year, school officials want \$97,505 for the program.

The budget also includes a request for an increase of nearly \$31,000 to improve the district's computer instruction program.

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Program will reveal problems

By Sarah E. Hall
Herald Reporter

As town officials continue downtown building inspections, they will find that most downtown apartments are surprisingly well kept up. Others are run down and cluttered.

When one walks through them, it becomes apparent that violations of Manchester's housing code may exist in the best of them.

Cockroaches scurry about in many kitchen cabinets. Some walls are cracked, and others have peeling paint. At least a few apartments appear to lack proper wiring.

Most alarming — since it would require the most extensive work to correct — is the prevalence of illegal one-room apartments that lack private bathrooms. Nearly all of these are in old buildings, built long before the housing code was enacted in 1962.

The code demands that all rented apartments in multi-unit buildings have at least two rooms, with a minimum of 400 square feet of floor space. While there are several licensed rooming houses in town, none are on Main Street — and zoning laws prohibit the establishment of new ones.

Visits to half a dozen apartment buildings downtown revealed that well over 30 units in at least four buildings contain just one room. Few have private bathrooms, which are also mandatory under the code.

Ironically, some of the smallest apartments were in the cleanest, best maintained buildings. At 801 Main St., for example, the hallway bathrooms appeared spotless and corridors were well-swept. But building manager Ernest Deschenes said 18 of the 20 units there have just one room.

Down the street, in a building where the apartments were considerably more spacious, a hallway bathroom reeked. The toilet was filthy and the sink was filled with dirty dishes. Dead cockroaches lay on a soiled chair next to a basket overflowing with laundry.

Housing code regulations prohibit unsanitary conditions such as this. The code also covers dozens of other health and safety matters, ranging from rubbish disposal to minimum standards for light and heating.

Each apartment, for example, must have hot and cold running water in its kitchen area. Every habitable room must have at least one window and two electrical outlets. Landlords are responsible for insect extermination whenever two or more apartments or any common area is affected.

Even the larger, three- and four-room apartments along Main Street may not satisfy the housing code's space requirements — because the total floor area must be increased by at least 120 square feet for each additional room above two.



Bed, stove and stereo are squeezed into this one-room apartment at 801 Main St. A number of appliances are plugged into the electrical outlet above the stove. Under the town housing code, efficiency apartments are prohibited.

Officials say inspections will help downtown

By Sarah E. Hall
Herald Reporter

Downtown rents may rise as inspectors order correction of housing code violations, but allowing apartments to deteriorate carries hefty costs of its own, according to Manchester Health Director Ronald Kraatz.

"If you have a place that is allowed to run down, then you have tenants who are more likely to abuse it," Kraatz said in a recent interview. "When the town inspects apartments regularly, you pick up problems when they're small and get them corrected."

The need for low-cost apartments must be weighed against the need to maintain health and safety standards, Kraatz said. He said regular inspections could prevent slum-like conditions from developing downtown.

Town General Manager Robert E. Weiss said that even evictions are justified in cases where apartments are "bad enough to adversely affect someone's health or safety."

BUT THE HOUSING standards themselves may need updating, according to several town officials. Kraatz agreed that some standards may need revising, but he said inspections cannot wait for a lengthy review process.

"We have no option regarding enforcement of the code," Kraatz said.

For the past six years, the town has inspected apartments on a complaints-only basis. Manchester lost \$25,000 a year in funding for systematic inspections when residents voted to withdraw from the Community Development Block Grant Program in 1979.

Some question remains as to whether existing health and building department staff can handle the added workload. Current plans call for two inspectors — one from the health department and one from the building department — to spend one day per week checking apartments.

But Kraatz and others have said that it is not enough time. He has no complaints about the old buildings in town.

"I think we're very light on staff, obviously, to do an adequate job," said Weiss. "The inspectors already have a very heavy load with new construction."

WEISS SAID he wants to see what the existing staff can accomplish before requesting more workers, however. He argued that the time spent on inspections will be justified even if no violations are found — "in the same way that having a police cruiser on the highway tends to slow down traffic."

Most town officials who were interviewed said that in light of the enforcement proceeding last year at the Orford Building at 869 Main St., they have no choice but to enforce the code.

At the time, a lawyer representing landlord George Marlow threatened to sue the town for singling out his client's building.

"If you do one, you do them all," said town Building Department head Russell Davidson, who favors a system of inspecting all apartments before they are rented out to new tenants. "You can't inspect somebody's property on Main Street and not his property on the other side of town."

But Weiss said that does not mean landlords should fear ruthless enforcement. "Our objective is to achieve conformant buildings, not to be unreasonable," he said. "We've got to recognize that we're operating in old buildings."

In particular, Weiss said he is not sure that the town will consider minimum space requirements a "straitjacket rule."

Any landlord who feels a particular enforcement order is unfair can seek a variance from the Housing Code Enforcement Committee, Weiss pointed out.

HUMAN SERVICES Director Hanna Marcus said she is convinced that in the long run, the inspections will yield positive results. "But in the meantime, there may be some moments of stress," she said.

Marcus said she was concerned that rent increases would upset some of the department's elderly clients. "An increase in their rent would be a disruption in their lives, to say the least," she said.

Evictions are another possibility, Marcus said. "Any such displacement in an elderly person's life can be a crisis," she said.

"The people who are most intimidated are the people who have been there for a long, long time," said health department sanitarian John Salcius. "They're afraid."

Social Services Director Ellen Jones said housing code enforcement worries some of her clients, "because they know the inspections may result in not having shelter."

Nearly half of the approximately 100 clients currently on town



RONALD KRAATZ
... deterioration hurts



ROBERT WEISS
... 'reasonable' program

welfare live downtown, Jones said. She said it is difficult to find homes for welfare clients "because we don't have enough low-income housing in Manchester."

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Tenants are mixed about housing and inspections

Some criticize units, others fear program will mean high rents

By Sarah E. Hall
Herald Reporter

Tenants of Main Street apartments range from younger working couples to disabled veterans and aged widows. Their reactions to the town housing inspection program are as varied as their backgrounds.

But in a series of interviews, most expressed fears that rents will rise if landlords are forced to perform extensive renovations. Many were confused about the town's intentions, and wondered aloud about possible evictions.

In one instance, people living in the same building gave vastly different descriptions of other conditions there. A sampling of the people who may be affected by the inspections follows.

• **LYLE VINCENT** works sporadically as a handyman. His bed, strewn with tools, sits a couple of feet away from a stove in his single room at 801 Main St.

"I'm quite comfortable here," he says. His small room is cramped but neat, and costs him \$50 per week. Vincent, 30, was surprised to learn that efficiency apartments like his are illegal.

• **MARY JARVIS**, 67, has lived in a two-room apartment at 791 Main St. for more than five years. She has dark circles under her eyes. The noise and the cold keep her up at night, she says.

Jarvis complains bitterly of other conditions in the apartment complex, which shares a building with Winger's Gymnastics School. But she thinks the planned inspections may help.

"We're glad they're doing it," she says. "A lot of places need repairing and fixing."

Jarvis lives on Social Security and pays \$185 a month rent for a tiny kitchen and a full-sized bedroom. She shares a bathroom with people down the hall.

"It's filthy," she says. She says other tenants do dishes in the bathroom sink and leave the floor flooded with water.

Her own kitchen sink has no hot water — another apparent violation of the housing code. "As soon as I can get out of here, I'll go," Jarvis says. She wants to live in housing for the elderly, but the waiting lists are long.

• **A YOUNG MAN** who lives in one Main Street building tells a reporter she can interview him if she doesn't mind the squalor inside his apartment — and if he can smoke hashish.

His living room floor is covered with beer cans, ash trays, newspapers, paper cups. A cat meows sideways on the mess, while her owner lights a pipe and watches a color TV.

The man complains that the woman next door hoards a rotten food and other garbage, attracting cockroaches. One 15-amp line provides all the electricity in the apartment, he says.

News of the planned inspections comes as a surprise. But the man presumes they'll "probably be a waste of time and money."

"It's going to take years," he says. "It'll go through litigation."

• **DOROTHY VRANAS** and her working husband pay \$350 a month for their three-room apartment at 825 Main St., and say it's worth it. The middle-aged couple has lived there three years.

The landlady "keeps this place nice and clean," and has someone come in to scrub the hallways often, Vranas says. Unlike most Main Street tenants, she reports no problems with cockroaches.

• **THE WOMAN IS 87** years old and does not want her name to appear in the newspaper. She has lived in a one-room efficiency apartment at 843 Main St. for 30 years. Town inspectors have declared that it violates the housing code.

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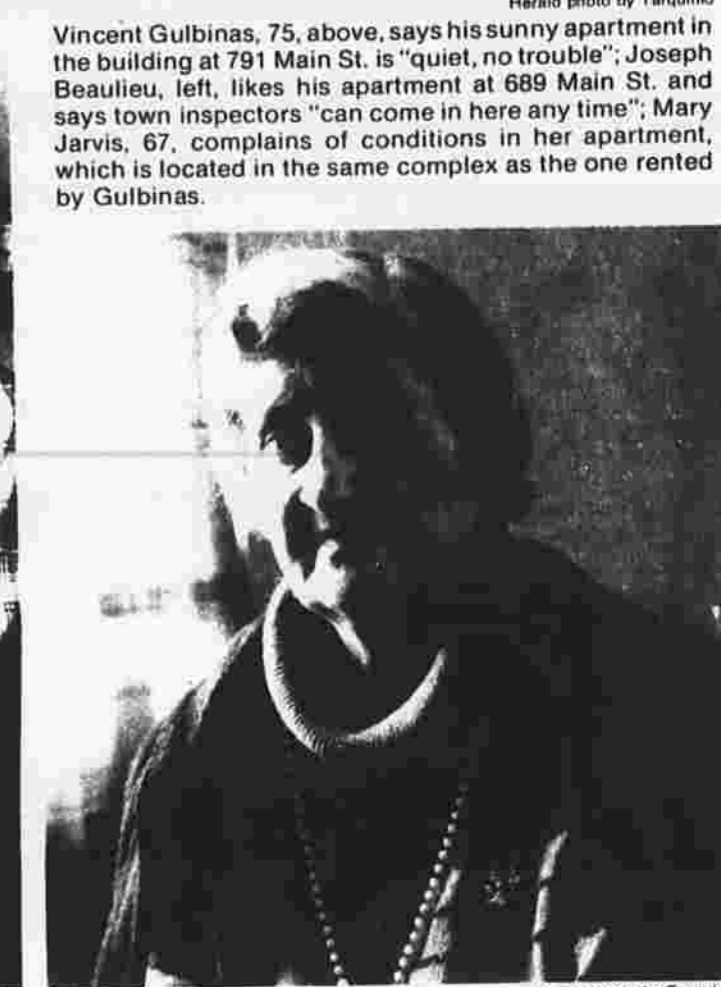
Another landlord agreed that tenants will have to shoulder some of the financial burden if extensive renovations are required. "Somebody's got to pay for it," said Domenico Zaino, who owns apartment buildings at 689 and 799 Main St. with his brother Paul.

• **VINCENT GULBINAS** is 75 years old, and speaks with a heavy Lithuanian accent. His two-room apartment overlooking Main Street is sunny and spotlessly clean.

"Mine is okay, everything," he says. "It's quiet, no trouble." A bunch of Father's Day cards are taped to one wall, while a vase filled with plastic roses adorns his TV set.

He shares a bathroom with neighbors in the 791 Main St. complex. His only complaint is that his ceiling leaks sometimes.

• **SANDRA LASSEN** of 1097 Main St. tells her



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stories about squalid conditions in apartments up the street, where she used to work and her brother used to rent a place.

But she likes the 3 1/2-room apartment where she and her young daughter live, and praises its management. "My landlady saw one cockroach and she had a fit," Lassen says. She works at the Manchester Early Learning Center, and pays \$400 a month rent — far more than most Main Street tenants.

• **ALLAN COVEY** is a retired man with emphysema, and lives on his Social Security check. He lives in two small rooms at 801 Main St. with his wife, Lucille, and guesses that housing code enforcement action in his building would inflate his \$60-a-week rent.

"But I don't worry," he says. "I'd just have to cut down on the food, that's all. Course we don't have any luxury meals."

Census data tells Main Street story

The 1980 census shows that the central downtown area — including the part of Main Street bordered by the Center and Hartford Road — houses the highest percentage of poor people in Manchester.

In a 1983 study prepared for the Department of Human Services, this area received the worst socio-economic distress score statewide. Overcrowding, a lack of complete plumbing and high percentages of elderly people and single-parent families were cited as problems.

Lucinda Hill Gerson, author of the 1983

study, concluded that the downtown area has an extremely low socio-economic distress score of 2.3. (A low number reflects a poor score.) Manchester as a whole was rated at 5.6 points.

Here is the breakdown of the data:

- 3,511 Families: 782
- 310 people, or 8.5 percent of all inhabitants — the highest percentage in any of the town's 13 census tracts — live below the poverty level.
- 755 people, or 21.5 percent, are 60 years old or older. Of those, 251 live alone.

highest percentages townwide in these respects:

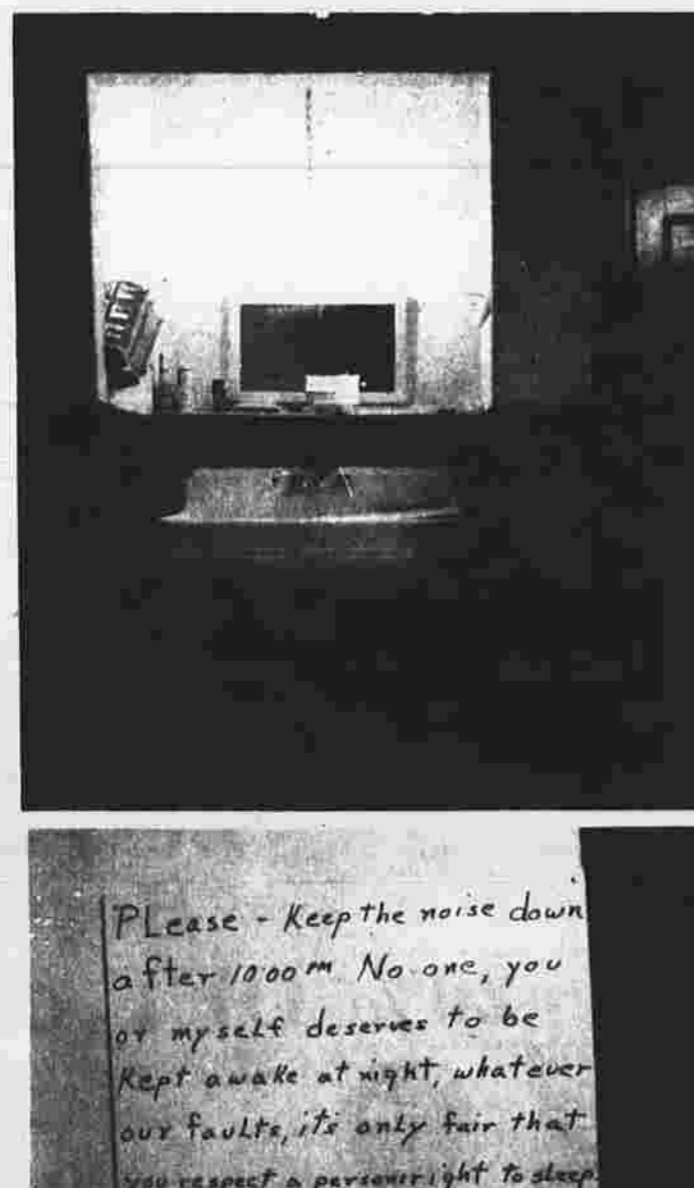
- 467 people, or 13.30 percent, live within 124 percent of the poverty level.
- 997 people, or 28.4 percent, live within 199 percent of the poverty level.
- 6.3 percent of all households receive public assistance.
- 28.4 percent of all children under 18 are in single-parent households.
- 24.5 percent of all persons 5 years old and older have moved to Manchester from outside Hartford County in the last five years.

The downtown area also showed the



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At left, halls are clean in the apartment building at 801 Main St., though each door leads to a one-room apartment; above right, this sink is shared by tenants in the building; the sign below appears in the hallway of the building.



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Tuning up for a big night

Members of Manchester's tri-band group Monday hold a dress rehearsal for a concert Thursday night at Manchester High School. The conductor for the rehearsal was Larry Allen, head of the Glastonbury High School Music Department. The band consists of about

200 members of the combined concert bands of Iling and Bennet junior high schools and Manchester High School. Sponsored by the Friends of Music Organization, the concert will be in the MHS auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Manchester In Brief

Registrars start reaching out

Voter-registration sessions will be held every week from now until Oct. 15, under the Voter Outreach program being conducted by the Manchester registrars of voters. The sessions will be held at Marshall's Mall in the Manchester Parkade. Sessions this week will be Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A news release from the registrars — Democrat Herbert J. Stevenson and Republican Mary Willhide — said that last year 1,105 people became voters in sessions at various locations in town. More than 80 volunteer assistant registrars served at the sessions.

At the sessions, voter registration will be taken for residents of any town in Connecticut. The assistant registrars will also handle changes of address for Manchester residents and changes in party enrollment.

Howland asks zone change

Real estate developer Warren Howland is seeking a zone change for a small lot on Ford Street behind his real estate office. A spokesman for Howland said today that Howland wants to expand his office. Howland submitted an application to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a change from Residence B to Business III for a 116-foot by 62-foot lot at 24 Ford St. There is now a two-family house is on the property.

School board denies grievance

The Manchester Board of Education Monday voted to deny the Manchester Education Association's grievance over school class size. A grievance filed by the teachers' union last November lists 11 teachers in the town's two junior high schools who have class sizes in excess of the district's 125-student guideline. However, MEA's contractual limit is 33 students per class, and Assistant Superintendent Wilson E. Deakin said none of the teachers have classes in excess of that number. Therefore, the officials contended, the school district is not breaking its contract.

Zinsser introduces child bill

State Sen. Carl A. Zinsser, R-Manchester, has introduced a bill which would establish a 15-member board or commission to administer the Children's Trust Fund set up by the Legislature in 1983. The board would be made up of business, government and child advocacy organizations and would be able to seek outside contributions to the fund, Zinsser said in a news release. The fund is now administered by the state Department of Children and Youth Services. Zinsser's bill also suggests that a percentage of income from the state lottery be placed in the trust fund, he said. The fund was initially set up in response to legislation introduced by Zinsser, but he has complained that inadequate funding has made it a trust fund in name only.

Purdy seeks rezoning

The Purdy Corp. and Andrew Anasdi Sr. and Andrew Anasdi Jr. are asking the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone to industrial much of the property along Adams Street which was approved for excavation last week. The request for a zone change includes 15.5 acres comprising seven Residence A parcels and two parcels currently zoned as Planned Residential Development. The Purdy Corp. at 586 Hilliard St. is adjacent to the property for which the change is being sought. The company manufactures aircraft engine parts. The PZC denied a request by Purdy last fall for a zone change on some of the same parcels. At that time, Purdy indicated the request was to allow expansion of its manufacturing operations. Purdy officials were unavailable today for comment on the new application. Purdy Corp. owns three parcels in the PRD zone and Anasdi owns most of the sections in the Residence A zone. Several parcels which abut Adams Street are occupied by houses. The properties that would be included in the zone change include 329, 331, 333-337, 355, 361, 361, 365-367, 373 and 375-77 Adams St. The properties including the dwellings on Adams Street and an inland wetlands area were not part of the excavation area. The PZC approved the excavation permit for a gravel and sand pit for two years. Several residents in the area objected to the proposal at a public hearing.

Fire Calls

Manchester
Monday, 8:50 a.m. — smoke investigation, Center Springs Park (Town).
Monday, 10:13 a.m. — chimney fire, 209 Grissom Road (Town, Paramedics).
Monday, 10:30 a.m. — medical call, 18 Lilac St. (Town, Paramedics).
Monday, 12:47 p.m. — alarm, Manchester Community College, Bidwell Street (Town).
Monday, 5:13 p.m. — stove fire, 86 Benton St. (Town).
Monday, 8:40 p.m. — service call, 153 Main St. (Eighth District).

Tolland County
Monday, 5:31 p.m. — motor vehicle accident, 1250 Cedar Swamp Road, Coventry (North Coventry).

Education chief backs cut in aid

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Education Secretary William Bennett is endorsing President Reagan's proposal to cut in student aid that he says may force some middle-class youngsters to give up stereos, cars and beach vacations. "You have to look at the major picture," Bennett said Monday. "I'm holding his first news conference as education secretary. I think the administration is absolutely right."

Reagan caused a firestorm of debate last week when he proposed that a \$4,000 cap be imposed on annual federal aid to any student and that no assistance go to a student whose family income tops \$22,500.

Bennett's predecessor, Terrell Bell, who resigned Dec. 31 to return to private life, has maintained the proposal would "clobber students" and "hurt colleges." He predicts congress will reject the measure.

New York University President

John Brademas, in addressing the opening of a conference Sunday by the American Association of Colleges, said Reagan's proposal amounts to a "declaration of war on middle-income America."

Replied Bennett, "It seems to me that the reaction to the administration's proposal, which I think is a sound proposal, is way out of line."

Bennett said the proposals would reduce the record federal deficit while assuring that needy students can get a college education.

He said, however, it could force some middle-class students to go to less-expensive schools or make "divestitures — like a stereo, divestiture, an automobile divestiture or a three weeks at the beach divestiture."

"The federal government is saying, that we want to provide opportunity for students to go to college who might not otherwise be able to go," Bennett said.

Obituaries

Ellen Joyce Tefft

Ellen Joyce Tefft, 32, of 82 Garden St., died Sunday. She was born in Hartford June 5, 1952, the daughter of Ruth (Wimble) Tefft of Manchester and the late Howard Tefft. She had lived in Hartford before moving back to Manchester three years ago. Besides her mother, she is survived by a son, Shawn Tefft of Manchester; a daughter, Melissa Tefft of Simsbury; three brothers, Louis Tefft of East Hartford; Roy Tefft of Manchester and Howard Tefft of Springfield, Mass.; and three sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Judy) St. Germain of Vernon, Mrs. Richard (Ruth) Masko and Mrs. Dominic (Patricia) DeMaio, both of East Hartford.

The funeral will be Thursday at 8:15 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., with a mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. at St. James Church. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Calling hours will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ellen Tefft Memorial Fund, care of Judith St. Germain, 323 Kelly Road, Vernon, 06066.

Celestino Augusto

Celestino (Phil) Augusto, 80, of Sanford, Fla., formerly of Hebron, died Sunday. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Sanford; a daughter, Eileen Marie Augusto of Milbridge, Maine; two sisters in Portugal; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday with a mass of Christian burial at All Souls Church in Sanford. Burial will be in Oaklawn Memorial Park, Lake Mary, Fla. The Granok Funeral Home, Sanford, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Alexina LaBrec

Alexina LaBrec, 87, of Danielson, died Monday at Canterbury Villa, Waterford, after a long illness. She was the mother of Paul R. LaBrec of Manchester. She is also survived by another son, Robert L. LaBrec of Putnam; a daughter, Jeanette Trudeau of Danbury; two sisters, Lenora Aubin of Attawagans and Florence

Butts of East Killingly; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. The funeral will be Thursday at 9:45 a.m. at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove St., Putnam, with a mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mary of the Visitation Church in Putnam. Burial will be at the convenience of the family at St. Mary's Cemetery in Putnam. Calling hours will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Eugene L. Holcomb
Eugene L. Holcomb, 42, of Liverpool, N.Y., died Sunday at Louis Holcomb, both in New York. He was the brother of Orvis Holcomb Jr. of Manchester.

Born Jan. 27, 1943, in Hartford, he had lived in Simsbury for many years, then in Springfield, Mass., before moving to New York two years ago. He was formerly a truck driver with Sears Roebuck and Co., Springfield.

Other survivors include three sons, Eugene Holcomb of Chicopee, Mass., Dean Holcomb and Louis Holcomb, both in New York; two daughters, Tina Holcomb of Springfield, Mass., and Annette Holcomb in Florida; his parents, Orvis G. and Lavina (Manning) Holcomb of Tariffville; three sisters, Mrs. Wallace (Elizabeth) Durgin of Bloomfield, Mrs. Alan (Gladys) Plette of Westfield, Mass., and Mrs. Helen Dushno of Winooski, Vt.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Vincent Funeral Home, 490 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury. He was the brother of Richard W. Sheehan of New York, 1984 New Britain Ave., West Hartford, with a mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. at the Church of St. Brigid, West Hartford. Burial will be in West Cemetery, Manchester.

Harry William Kenny
Harry William Kenny, 69, of East Hartford, died Saturday at his home. He was the brother of Anita Morrill of Manchester. Born in Rutland, Vt., he had lived in East Hartford for the past 30 years. He was a World War II Army veteran. Other survivors include his mother, Esther (Bruce) Balkus of East Hartford; four brothers, Lester Kenny Sr. of East Windsor, Jerry Kenny of South Windsor, Donald Kenny in Indiana and Daniel Balkus Jr. of Miami, Fla.; and two other sisters, Elaine Flenke of Woodstock and Jean Hayes of East Hartford.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the

Why Biz, Bip, Hop Spike?

By Adele Angio Focis Editor

Adoring grandfathers and fathers bestow them. So do best friends and uncles and cousins. Even enemies can join in the fun.

A nickname can last a lifetime. Just ask well-known Manchester citizens with well-known nicknames.

Art Holmes — better known as Spike Holmes — doesn't have to think long when he's asked how he got his nickname.

"My grandfather was a carpenter by trade," said Holmes, a co-owner of the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St.

One day, Holmes said, his grandfather Gordon Keeney was adding a porch to his parents' cottage at Coventry Lake. Holmes was only 2 at the time, and, like many 2-year-olds, he was intent on helping his grandpa. He kept getting in the way, handing him spikes, a type of nail his grandfather didn't want.

"So my grandfather hired a carpenter's apron on me and filled it with spikes," said Holmes. Then Keeney dubbed his grandson "Spike." The name stuck. It stuck through elementary school and high school and, even today, people still call him Spike.

PEOPLE STILL CALL James Fogarty 'Dutch.'

The name, the retired fire captain said, was bestowed on him when he was 8 years old by a boy named Jimmy Metcalf, who lived on Pleasant Street.

"When I was a kid, I used to get in Dutch all the time," Fogarty explained. Metcalf, who was a little older, first dubbed him Dutch when they were at the West Side Rec Center, playing baseball.

Fogarty in those days was full of the devil, riding people's gardens and getting into all kinds of mischief.

"I was the only person who ever called me 'Elsie' was my mother," Swenson said. "I'm going to be Bizzy 'til I die."

Fathers, it seems, are the biggest bestowers of nicknames.

Philomena "Fani" Prazani, one of the co-owners of Fani's Kitchen, said her father first called her "Fani" when she was just a young girl.

"It was my mother's name and my father just started calling me that," she said.

Raymond "Sonny" Damato would sympathize. "My father started calling me Sonny years ago," said Damato, who owns Damato Enterprises. He said people also call him by his father's name, Frank.

When he was about 28 years old, he opened a drive-in snack bar in East Hartford called Frankie's. People from East Hartford still call him Frankie.

Frankie, Raymond, Sonny — I answer to all of them," Damato said.

SOME PEOPLE with nicknames swear people would never recognize them by their "real" names.

Take Edgar "Red" Opitz, for instance. Opitz is one of the most avid pool players at the Manchester Senior Citizens Center. He often plays with Ernest "Toughy" Viot and Joseph "Bip" Carabino.

Everybody in those days had a nickname," said Viot. His nickname came about in grammar school. "I used to pitch. They'd say, 'He's toughy,'" said Viot. He went on to play in the Twilight League and the name stuck.

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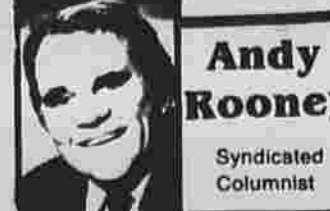
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Abortion dilemma thorny

If a writer puts his mind to it, it's possible for him to make almost everyone mad. I may do that today.

As a person who often agrees with the card-carrying, pinko, Commie, liberal, left-wing members of the Eastern establishment, I'm surprised to find myself against abortion. You won't find me out on the street with a placard or throwing a bomb at a clinic but I don't approve of abortion.

All the people in favor of giving women the right to choose an abortion believe most of the things I do. Generally speaking, I like the people in favor of abortion better than I like the ones against it, but I'm on the side of the people against it. It's even my impression that there's nothing more embarrassing than to look around and see who agrees with you.

I wish a lot of the babies brought into the world by parents who didn't want them had never been conceived but I cannot bring myself to believe that abortion is right under ordinary circumstances. I'd leave a lot of leeway for extraordinary circumstances.

THERE'S NO QUESTION we've got to do something about the population explosion but if we're going to cut down on the number of unwanted babies, it has to start across the road. The other kids would then take the potential stick and try to hit the longer stick.

"I was the guy with the pocketknife whittling the sticks," Mordavsky explained. "So I got the name Schmitzel."

Schmitzel — he wasn't sure of the spelling — means "whittling" in German. When he grew up and played volleyball, the name was shortened to "Spike."

"It stuck right to me," he said.

Too many of the people least capable of taking care of babies are having the most of them and they should be discouraged. It's appalling to read that 55 percent of all black babies in the United States are born to unwed mothers, many of whom are on welfare. It's amazing to note that, in Ethiopia, people who have been slowly starving to death for five years have produced four babies in that time.

Sex doesn't listen to sense, that's the trouble. When people feel like doing it, they do it, and some natural law seems to urge the doomed to do it more often. Given the urge for sex, people put the consequences out of their minds and hope to be lucky. If pregnancy were a certain result of every union, it might be enough to scare people off but sex is Russian roulette. Only about one in 10 is live so almost everyone's willing to take a chance.

CATHOLICS HAVE a casual way of picking and choosing which of their church's rules they live by. It's one of Catholicism's charms. Poles have shown that most Catholics don't live by their church's admonition against birth control and not many seem to pay much attention to the strictures against divorce when they want to get one. It has always seemed to me that everyone practices the most basic kind of birth control every day. I don't know where Catholics feel God enters into the ordinary, everyday lives we all have but any time a man or a woman suppresses the urge to propagate by having sex, it seems to me it's a form of birth control. But what do I know? Every newspaper has had its own editorial on the abortion issue. The New York Times, in an editorial a few weeks ago, called for tolerance from both groups. It was one of those "Let-us-now-make-every-effort-to" kind of editorials but the argument for and against abortion doesn't lend itself to tolerance, understanding or compromise. As they say, there's no such thing as being a little bit pregnant. Abortion is either right or it's wrong and we ought to decide. I've decided what I think. How's that for making almost everyone mad?

Sneak attack was on love's battlefield

By Fred and Jan Yager

NEW YORK — We met last year on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day, and passed away February 12, 1982. We cannot hold the hand of time or live again the past, but in our hearts are memories that will last forever.

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