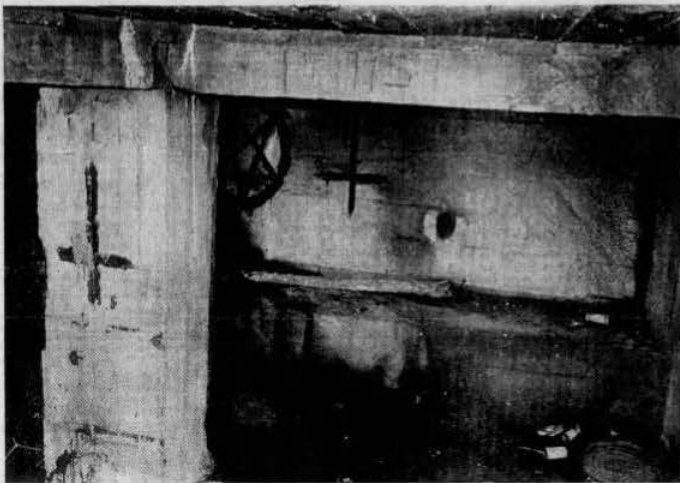


Satanic cult at Utermeyer linked to 'Son of Sam'



'Devil's Cave,' with Satanic markings, in Utermeyer Park

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A Satanic cult that operated in north-west Yonkers was apparently linked to David Berkowitz and the 'Son of Sam' killings.

Sources have told Gannett Westchester Newspapers that cult members may have aided Berkowitz, the self-confessed 'Son of Sam' killer, in the murder spree that left six dead and seven wounded in 1976-77.

The apparent link between Berkowitz and the devil worshippers is a primary focus of the newly re-opened probe by the Queens District Attorney's Office into the 'Son of Sam' killings.

The probe was undertaken after three newspapers, in a series of recent investigative reports, demonstrated the probability that Berkowitz did not act alone, as he said he did in the 'Son of Sam' killings.

In addition to Berkowitz, the late John Carr — the real life son of Sam Carr and Berkowitz neighbor — was also apparently linked to the Yonkers cult, investigators believe.

The cult conducted its rituals just a mile from Berkowitz' home at a location that was referred to in the 'Son of Sam' letter to New York Daily News columnist Jimmy Breslin in June 1977.

The letter's first sentence apparently referred both to the cult's meeting location and the rituals it held.

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The letter, which contained a number of occult references, began: 'Hello from the gutters of NYC which are filled with dog manure, vomit, stale wine, urine and blood.'

Meeting at midnight in the wooded, abandoned recesses of Utermeyer Park, the cult held its rituals on and near the old Croton Aqueduct, known to some neighborhood youths as 'the gutters' and the 'sewers.' The next line in the Breslin letter began: 'Hello from the sewers.'

'We always called it 'the gutters,' said a local teenager named Vance who asked that his last name be withheld. 'That sign you see spray-painted (graffiti) at the site? — NCP, we always said mount, 'steer gutters' path.'

An aqueduct, as a conduit of water, is by definition a 'gutter' or 'sewer.' The Croton Aqueduct, no longer in use, is an underground tunnel about eight feet in diameter that winds some 25 miles from Croton Reservoir in northern Westchester to New York City. A wide path on top of it follows its course through wooded areas and residential neighborhoods.

New York City's drinking water once flowed through the aqueduct, making it, literally, 'the gutters of NYC.'

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Murder case copied script of last decade

By ED TRAPASSO

There is an eerie series of coincidences between the recent shooting murder of an elderly Yonkers woman and a similar crime that shocked Yonkers several years ago.

While there is no connection between the two crimes, the eye-opening similarities could have been borrowed from the plot of a paperback mystery novel.

It is almost as if the recent homicide of a 74-year-old grandmother was a re-enactment of another murder that occurred a decade ago, also in October, and also allegedly by a young door-to-door magazine salesman from Brooklyn.

The elderly woman, Mary Madras, was found inside the kitchen of her private home at 36 Vinyard Ave. last Friday night with a small caliber bullet hole in her stomach and several lacerations on her scalp. She was the apparent victim of a robbery.

The police probe pointed to a door-to-door magazine salesman who neighbors reported seeing canvassing the west Yonkers neighborhood. And shortly before midnight Saturday, Angelo Williams, 19, was in custody, charged with second-degree murder.

It was at 1 p.m. on Oct. 7, 1969 that Patrick Wallace, 40, a father of eight, was seen by his stained wife and daughter standing into his southwest Yonkers apartment at 145 MacDonnell Ave., with a mortal knife wound in his neck.

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McLean Avenue incident

Sniper suspect surrenders

By STEVE CLARK

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Police arrested a 23-year-old sniper suspect in his South Yonkers apartment Tuesday night, after the man fired repeated rounds from a .22 caliber rifle at police, pedestrians, vehicles and buildings.

Myron Tallor, who lives on the first floor of a 2 1/2 room co-op at 386 McLean

Ave., was charged with attempted murder and reckless-endangerment. Police said Tallor, who was scheduled to be arraigned today in Yonkers Special Sessions Court, has a history of mental illness and drug use.

He was previously arrested twice on sitting marijuana in Yonkers last winter and in Fayetteville, N.C. in December, 1978. The Yonkers offense resulted in

a \$250 fine and a conditional discharge.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., an elderly woman reported to police that she was walking her dog on McLean Avenue when two shots — BBshots, she thought — whizzed past her head. Shortly thereafter, gunfire shattered window panes on a parked car and a nearby apartment.

Uniformed and plainclothes police surrounded the building in an attempt to prevent Tallor's escape. Traffic was immediately cut off once police spotted the suspect, sitting on his bed and clothed in an orange robe.

'It was something out of a movie,' said one resident of the building. 'I thought at first it was the noise from a car, but then my son said he saw police cars surrounding the place.'

Police officers William Korwath and Louis Ferrara of the emergency squad entered the building in an attempt to convince Tallor to surrender. As they approached his doorway, Tallor swore at them and fired several rounds as he fled from the apartment. Korwath and Ferrara first took Tallor returned to the apartment and held the door.

Dr. Herman Tallor, a medical doctor who lives in the Bronx, was summoned to talk to his son. The father, however, was not allowed to enter the apartment because there was fear for his safety.

After five or six repeated times between Tallor and Korwath and Ferrara,

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Mother held in abuse

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A 23-year-old Yonkers woman was arrested Tuesday evening on charges that she physically abused and beat her 3-year-old son.

Carlton Hall, of 135 Stanley Ave., was charged with endangering the welfare of her child, Timothy, and assault, third degree. She was scheduled for arraignment early today in Yonkers court.

Mr. Hall, whose son was born when she was 14, was arrested at her home Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. by Kenneth Elinan and Walter Burger, two detectives with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Elinan said that his unit received a tip that Timothy may have been physically abused so investigators went to his Yonkers school last Friday. They then took him to St. Joseph's Hospital, where doctors said

he required hospitalization. Elinan said that Timothy had numerous bruises, including a severe eye bruise. Elinan also said that it appeared that the boy was beaten with a coat hanger and a belt.

Timothy, Elinan added, seems to be suffering from emotional problems and will be taken to the Westchester County Medical Center at Valhalla for treatment.

While at St. Joseph's, Timothy reportedly tried to commit suicide by leaping out of a window and a doctor stopped him, a source said.

Elinan and Burger arrested Ms. Hall without incident at her home, which she shared with her two other children, her father and her brothers and sisters.

The detectives from the prevention of cruelty to children unit investigated the matter in conjunction with the Domestic Violence Bureau of the Westchester District Attorney's office.

Dispute grows over landlord-tenant panel

By JIM CAVANAUGH

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A way for tenants and landlords to iron out disputes, or just another layer of bureaucracy that won't help anybody?

The Yonkers City Council appointed five members to the new Landlord Tenant Council Tuesday night amid opposing viewpoints as to whether it will work.

The City Council first authorized the Landlord-Tenant Council early this year. According to the provisions of a state law spelling out just what councils can do, it can mediate disputes between landlords and tenants. It has no statutory power of its own, and if it cannot bring two parties together, can only refer them to the provisions of state housing law. Nonetheless, the City Council, which approved formation of the council by a unanimous vote, thought it might cool tempers plus act as an advisor on landlord-tenant issues. The council would have no power over the county Rent Guidelines Board.

But from the start things began to go sour. First no one wanted to be on the panel, which was supposed to have three tenant representatives, three landlord representatives, and one impartial member.

Following advertisements in newspapers placed by City Hall, five people did apply. But when it came time to make the appointments, official at Tuesday's Council meeting Mayor Angelo Martinelli, he decided it was no longer a good idea.

An unnecessary and dangerous level of bureaucracy, which could very well impede efforts aimed at enforcing and protecting the rights of tenants.

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Mayoral debate

Is Yonkers on the move, as Republican Mayor Angelo Martinelli claims? Or is it really not, as Democratic challenger Councilman Gerald Loehr claims?

Read their answers for yourself at the transcript of The Herald Statesman's mayoral debate begins today on page A-1.

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Prime Minister Begin won his first test in the winter session of the Israeli Parliament as predicted, defeating a parcel of five no-confidence motions by a 16-vote margin.

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Upstate town may be county utility model

Fourth in a series

By MICHAEL RODDY

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SYRACUSE — The town of Massena, along the St. Lawrence River at the border of New York and Canada, is blazing the trail for Westchester on the road to municipal power.

But along with the legal precedents it is setting, the Massena case is proving that the journey to municipal power can be hardscrabble and expensive.

The town is attempting to do much the same thing that Westchester is proposing, which is to condemn property of its local power company, the Niagara Mohawk Power Co., based in Syracuse. The purpose is to establish a municipally owned power system that would get its electricity from the state Power Authority, which generates inexpensive hydroelectric current at the Robert Moses Dam in Massena.

The distance from Massena's homes and businesses to the dam is short, but it is taking Massena a long time to get its municipal power system going.

Massena, like Westchester, was offered the option to set up a public utility agency in a referendum on May 20, 1978. This Election Day, Nov. 4, Westchester voters will decide whether to set up a county agency that could eventually replace Con Edison.

The Niagara Mohawk Co. like Con Edison, spent a large amount of money to develop the referendum. A utility spokesman confirmed that about \$200,000 was spent on newspaper advertising, door-to-door canvassing of voters and other publicity.

The referendum passed by a three-to-two majority of the voters in the town, whose population is 14,000. But more than the 1978 law, Massena has yet to have one lightbulb burning with the municipal company's power. The reason is litigation.

At the federal court here, Massena's attorneys have lodged an antitrust action charging Niagara Mohawk with restraint of trade for declining to deliver the electricity Massena is supposed to get from the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY).

Massena's attorneys are making a similar case before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington concerning the obligation of Niagara Mohawk to "obey" the PASNY power to the town.

And in Albany the town is embroiled in a condemnation suit to determine the value of the utility properties the town needs for its system.

While the attorneys argue the fine points of antitrust and utility law, the lights remain on in Massena because Niagara Mohawk has obtained an injunction blocking the town from taking over the

equipment. He did not anticipate the delays and the enormous effort to protect one-half of one percent of their business.

His Washington firm of Deacon, Weinberg, Palmer and Miller also has acted as Westchester's legal consultant on municipal power.

A spokesman for Niagara Mohawk said Massena actually represents one-tenth of one percent of the company's business. Niagara Mohawk is the state's largest utility in terms of the area it covers, 34,000 square miles in 37 state counties.

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