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Housing trends called grim but change possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of new houses in the United States could more than double by the end of the decade, a new study says. And its author says that could lead to "a politically dangerous" division between the haves and a growing number of have-nots.

The solution, says the author: Smaller houses on smaller lots, fewer frills and better use of wood and other dwindling resources. And enlightened government help.

More attention to population growth is also necessary "to reduce housing demand in the next century," says the report, which was released by Worldwatch Institute and underwritten by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

Officials of the institute describe it as "an independent, nonprofit research organization created to analyze and to focus attention on global problems."

In all, the tone of the new report is sober, relieved only by author Bruce Stokes' contention that there is still time to make the choices necessary to make sure Americans are housed decently in the future.

Stokes, a senior researcher with the institute, cites dozens of other studies and reports to make his case that problems are growing, and he argues vigorously for more aggressive work toward solutions.

"Few governments have begun to plant the trees needed for lumber, to plan the public services or to develop the land-use policies essential for meeting future housing demand," he says. "If little or no action is taken to stop the trends, housing will continue to get more expensive but it will still be available to the rich and even to the moderately well-to-do if they are willing to spend 50 percent or more of their income, Stokes concludes."

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D.A. says Berkowitz was not alone

By MAURY TERRY
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Queens District Attorney John Santucci, breaking his silence on his reopened investigation of the Son of Sam murder, says he believes David Berkowitz did not act alone.

In an exclusive interview, Queens top law enforcement official said that after two years of evaluating the evidence of a conspiracy, "I believe that David Berkowitz did not act alone — that in fact others did cooperate, aid and abet him in the commission of these crimes. In fact, it has crossed my mind that this 44-caliber pistol, which was the weapon used in the shootings that we witnessed, was passed around among a number of people."

Santucci said that four members of his staff are involved in the investigation. The probe began in late 1978, after Gannett Westchester Rockland Newspapers published articles demonstrating the likelihood that Berkowitz acted with

others in the year-long killing spree, which left six dead and seven wounded in 1974-1977. Five of the eight separate 44 caliber attacks occurred in Santucci's jurisdiction.

Addressing some specifics of the case, Santucci said that sharply differing police composite sketches of the killer, reports of two vehicles at some of the crime scenes, and other evidence concerning "the time frame in (the killer) getting from one place to another," as described by witnesses, are among the reasons he believes Berkowitz was assisted by accomplices.

Berkowitz, arrested outside his Yonkers apartment in August, 1977, pleaded guilty to being the lone gunman in the shootings.

But since then, in letters to this reporter, Berkowitz wrote that the killings were actually the work of a Yonkers-based satanic cult to which he said he belonged. He named the late John Carr, son of his neighbor, Sam Carr, as one accomplice, adding that "many others" also were part of the conspiracy.

Referring to those other alleged conspirators, Santucci said, "I have ideas as to who would be most valuable to me to talk to. I have independent suspicions. Whether I'll be successful in talking to them, or accumulating any further evidence, I don't know at this point."

At the time he announced his new investigation, Santucci credited the newspaper accounts for prompting the probe. He also said he would not comment on the inquiry until an appropriate time.

In agreeing to the interview, Santucci said, "I didn't want to speak out on (the investigation), and I did so reluctantly."

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Was 'Sam' linked to Calif. death?

By MAURY TERRY
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As dawn broke on a warm California morning in October 1974, an all-night search for Arlis Perry ended. Her body, naked, from the waist down, sexually abused and brutalized was discovered by a night watchman behind the closed doors of the small chapel at Stanford Memorial Church, at Stanford University in Palo Alto.

It appeared to be a sex crime. But there were investigators on the case who immediately labeled it a cult killing because of the location of the assault.

For five years the investigation would go nowhere. Investigative leads were scarce. The 19-year-old newlywed had arrived in California from her childhood home of Bismarck, N.D., little more than a month before she was murdered.

But in November 1979, without explanation, letters and newspaper stories would be sent anonymously to the Santa Clara Sheriff's Department suggesting a link between the 1974-1977 "Son of Sam" slayings in New York City and the murder of Arlis Perry.

After speaking with police in North Dakota and with this reporter, Det. Sgt. Ken Kahn in Santa Clara decided to travel to New York's Attica prison to meet Berkowitz, after h, where in December, 1979, he and another detective met with a reticent David Berkowitz, the cultist and self-confessed killer of young women.

"He was a little evasive at first," said Kahn of his interview with Berkowitz. "When they first brought him into the room he said 'Hey, I don't want to talk to you.' We said, 'We'd just like a minute of your time.' We ended up talking to him for 35 minutes."

Kahn said that in his letters and at that interview Berkowitz displayed an unusually detailed knowledge of the case, providing "some of the best, most solid

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Papal election plot?

A legal publication will report this week that a priest wanted to get Cardinal John P. Cody removed from office as part of an alleged plot to rig a papal election. C1.

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County aid plan studied

By BRIAN TUMULTY
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Two top Westchester elected officials have varying opinions about the likelihood of Yonkers' getting \$1.1 million in special financial assistance from the county within the next few weeks, although both agreed it will eventually be allocated before the city has to make massive Dec. 1 cuts.

County Executive Alfred B. DeBellio was optimistic about the prospects for the money's being allocated soon, although he would not predict when.

In contrast, Andrew P. O'Rourke, chairman of the County Board of Legislators, predicted Friday that the special financial assistance won't be agreed upon until the last minute.

O'Rourke, a Yonkers Republican, said the current situation created mainly of "a lot of posturing" and the negoti-

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Hot stuff

Bill Bridges, a judge at the first New York Chili Cook-off, gets into his work with relish. The contest at Playland Amusement Park Saturday helped raise funds for the Rye Nature Center. — Staff photo by Steve Stubbs

Convention center: No decision soon

By MICHAEL RODDY
Staff Writer

The controversial issue of where Westchester should build a new convention complex to replace the aging County Center in White Plains apparently will not be decided until after the November election.

County Executive Alfred DeBellio, in a recent interview, confirmed what many municipal officials already suspected when he said, "I'm not going to rush it."

DeBellio said flatly there would be no decision before the Nov. 3 election and

he said that, if he wins a third term, it would be several months before a decision is made.

"This is not going to be done immediately after the election," DeBellio said. DeBellio's position will leave several communities waiting in suspense, which is where they've been for more than six months.

The cities of Yonkers, New Rochelle, White Plains and Mount Vernon and the Town of Mount Pleasant all submitted proposals at the beginning of this year asking that the county put the center in their communities.

Poekskill and Rye also have expressed

interest.

"We haven't heard anything since," said Edward Steinberg, executive director of the White Plains Urban Renewal Agency.

The reasons for the delay are difficult to pinpoint.

On the surface, it would appear that the DeBellio administration is reluctant to select one community from among the contenders at the risk of offending the others during an election year.

William Regan, assistant to Yonkers Mayor Gerald Loebe, said it probably was "politically expedient" of DeBellio not to make the decision before Novem-

ber.

"Obviously, the county will not do anything during an election campaign," Steinberg agreed. "If the county made any decision at all, it would alienate more people than it would please."

Other factors also appear to be playing a role. These include uncertainty about federal financing for the center, whether it necessarily would be a boon for the community where it is built and second thoughts about whether the convention center is needed at all.

The convention center that DeBellio Please see CENTER on page A1

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tantly today at your request. But I know you've spent a great deal of time on this investigation. Some of the things you've written I've agreed with; others I've had some reservations on. But very frankly, it's mainly because of your efforts in the case that I've agreed to speak to you."

Following are some of the highlights of the interview.

Q. Except for you, the rest of New York City's law enforcement establishment looked the other way when evidence of a conspiracy began appearing. Why did you decide to persevere this case?

A. When David Berkowitz was arrested, I was at Police Plaza (New York City police headquarters) and I was involved in the taking of his statements and thereafter in the court negotiations. Throughout, I indicated I had some reservations in the matter. Not in regard to the guilt or innocence of David Berkowitz. I was absolutely convinced that he was guilty of the crimes charged. My question was from the outset and remains today whether or not Berkowitz acted alone.

Q. The other district attorneys and the police were hoping that Berkowitz would plead guilty, so that a trial could be avoided. But again, you alone wanted to see a trial. Why?

A. There was a question as to Berkowitz' sanity at the outset, and the very early reports from the psychiatrists were that he was not capable of standing trial. I opposed this. I went into court personally and said the findings were totally out of focus. I insisted on new reports and thereaf-

ter the examinations provided a different result.

"I did want to see a trial because I wanted to determine whether some of these (conspiracy) questions in my mind—and certainly I think in the minds of others—could not be resolved. And I think they should be resolved."

Q. What is the current status of your investigation?

A. I have an assistant district attorney assigned to the case. I have a research man looking into the background of the case and all the facts that surrounded these occurrences; and I have two detectives who are at their disposal to see what they can compile for me.

Q. After nearly two years now of your investigation, do you personally believe David Berkowitz was not alone in the Son of Sam murders?

A. I believe that David Berkowitz did not act alone—that in fact others did cooperate, aid, and abet him in the commission of these crimes. In fact, I had crossed my mind that this 11-caliber pistol, which was the weapon used in the shootings we witnessed, was passed around among a number of people.

Q. Regarding some specific crime scene evidence, there are composite sketches that look nothing like Berkowitz, and there are strong reports of two people and two cars at some of the scenes. Are these among the reasons you believe he wasn't alone?

A. What you're pointing out is exactly what caused the concern in my mind. We've had a number of murders in recent years of some very prominent people and following the killings there were theories advanced



Queens D.A. John Santucci

that the individuals who committed the crime was not acting alone. I'm talking about John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and others. The questions were left unanswered.

"In this case, the sketches of the individuals—the composite—were of wide divergence from (Berkowitz). That was one problem. Allegations that there was more than one vehicle involved (and) the time frame in the killers getting from one place to another gave us serious questions.

"I think that no matter how these issues are resolved—they should be resolved. I purpose I think it is in the public interest that we

know. If there are people out there who were involved with Berkowitz, they may be doing the same thing today—and I think part of my function is to prevent things from happening—and this is the way I have to do it. And so I've been involved in looking into this case and having people spend time on it.

Q. Not to compromise any progress you may have made, but there have been some possible suspects identified. Do you have any particular people in mind?

A. I have ideas as to who would be most valuable to me to talk to. I have independent suspicions. Whether I'll be successful in talking to them, or accumulating any further evidence, I don't know at this point. There are also people I would like to talk to who are no longer available to me. Where each of them is at the present time, I don't know. I also have some people in mind whose whereabouts I know—but who wouldn't be helpful to me.

Q. Has the unusual number of deaths involving people now known to have been connected to Berkowitz in some way hindered your probe?

A. We've looked into some of these incidents you've talked about and yes, there are an unusual number of people who are no longer living. The probe certainly would have been easier if all the principals, or all the people involved peripherally or directly, were still alive. But unfortunately, many are not.

Q. Berkowitz has named the late John Carr as one of his accomplices. Would you care to comment on Carr's role in the case?

A. I don't think it would be appropriate to comment because John Carr is dead, and I think any comment by me would serve no purpose.

in Brooklyn is not in your jurisdiction. But as an observer, do you think that in light of all the evidence that's been uncovered since Berkowitz' arrest, he actually pulled the trigger that night?

A. I would not even speculate on something that happened outside my jurisdiction.

Q. Well, put another way, based on the evidence, does there appear to be one scene in particular where it is apparent Berkowitz was not alone?

A. In the context of the preceding question, I don't desire answer this question. **Q.** In our investigation, we've found that contrary to some myths circulating after Berkowitz' arrest, he was not the instigator and the latter he was made out to be by others. Have you arrived at the same conclusion?

A. It is my understanding, and the evidence I have available to me indicates that he was perfectly sane, knew exactly what he was doing, and that he did have a circle of friends he was involved with.

Q. At this point in time, do you feel you have a reasonable chance of solving this case?

A. I think an answer may be found as to whether or not other people did act in concert with Berkowitz. Whether or not it would lead to indictments, whether or not it would be hard evidence is very debatable. But my principal goal is to find out...to settle the issue. To know whether or not others were involved. Whether or not the fact the gun passed around. Whether or not (Berkowitz) was aided and abetted by others. Should I be able to certify any one of those incidents—any one of those probabilities—then of course I would try to get enough evidence to prosecute. But that's a little more difficult than just settling the question.

PERRY

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leads we've had since the inception of the investigation."

"Well, the guy just ran chilli-up and down my spine," Kahn said of the interview.

"A detailed description (of the murder) had been released in one newspaper article (summer of 1979). But we could never substantiate whether Berkowitz had access to that article and it seems unlikely that he could have."

Up until that one detailed news account was released, he said, "We kept it pretty much a deep dark secret as to the location and type of wound. Somehow Berkowitz seems to have found that information out."

Ultimately, Kahn said, "Berkowitz indicated he had been at a cult meeting (in New York) where an individual got up and told about killing Arlis Perry. He told us he knew who killed Arlis and why. He said the answer was in Bismarck, not in California and that a cult had killed her. He wouldn't tell us who did it."

Berkowitz told Kahn that Mrs. Perry had been "followed to California... hunted, stalked and slain." He said the murder was linked to Mrs. Perry's efforts, as a deeply religious young woman, to convert satan worshippers in North Dakota to Christianity.

At the 1979 interview and in letters written from his prison cell — the same letters that were forwarded to Kahn in November 1979 — Berkowitz described the man at the cult meeting as someone he "looked up to and admired," a leader of a satanic cult who "killed often," and the one who had "openly bragged" about the brutal murder of Mrs. Perry.

Berkowitz's information indicated that the Perry case was not a random local sex murder, as some police had originally theorized.

"I really don't know much more about the particulars. I know who did it and why. I wasn't there when it happened. I was here in New York," he wrote.

Bismarck is a short distance south of Minot, N.D., the part-time residence of the late John Carr, who Berkowitz says participated in the 44-caliber killings.

Although Berkowitz says John Carr was not directly responsible for the Perry murder, he links her death to the Dakota cult underground, in which Carr was reportedly active.

"Bismarck, as you know, is only a little south of Minot," Berkowitz wrote. "Minot happens to be the second most important point of the new (Son of Sam) investigation, next to Yonkers. Why did I write about Mrs. Perry? Simply because I had already known where she once lived and I also knew it (the murder) was done by a cult. It was not a sex killing. How did I know? You figure it out." Berkowitz wrote.

Kahn, who is in charge of the Perry case, said, "We have no reason to disbelieve Berkowitz. It's been some of the best, most solid leads we've had since the inception of the investigation."

"After being in law enforcement for 18 1/2 years you go with an intuitive feeling now and then. I have nothing to substantiate it nor do I have anything to disprove it. Somewhere along the line he heard about the murder from a reliable source. It's just an intuitive feeling that there is more there and if he would just loosen up and tell us about it we might be able to solve the case."

"There is a lot of information that is consistent with what Berkowitz is telling us and it seems to fit into a logical pattern that may all soon, one day, come to light," Kahn said.

The California statements coincide with others by Queens District Attorney John Santucci, who said he believes Berkowitz did not act alone in the 44-caliber killings.

Earlier this year, in letters to this reporter, Berkowitz said the Son of Sam murders were carried out by members of a satanic cult to which he and John Carr belonged. Berkowitz's statements on the Perry killing would suggest the existence of a network of cult groups somehow linked to each other.

Santucci, while not specifically mentioning the Perry case, said he feared that people connected with Berkowitz might have committed other crimes around the country, and that one of the purposes of his investigation was to try to prevent any other killings.

Kahn said that after Mrs. Perry's death, "A rumor in Bismarck had it that she and a girlfriend had gone across the river to a neighboring town, Mandan, to try to convert some cult group to Christianity. We were never able to substantiate it. But with what Berkowitz came up with, there may be something to the story."

Kahn added that, "A few weeks after her death, her temporary grave marker in Bismarck was stolen. It may have been routine vandalism, or it may have been someone taking a particular trophy. We don't know. But we are satisfied Berkowitz has knowledge of the case."

A law enforcement source close to the New York Son of Sam investigation said that, "If Berkowitz wasn't serious he'd have been risking exposure as a fraud—the last thing he wants. If he was making it all up, he'd have no way of knowing if the police had some evidence that would have definitely made it a local crime and showed him to be a liar," the source said.

"But that hasn't been the case, and he was right on the wound, her description, and the church's description."

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