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Stephanie Bliss, 22, of Hawthorne takes a drink during a break before overtime play in a game to determine the gold medal winners in women's soccer yesterday at the Empire State Games in Albany. The Hudson Valley team lost in sudden death later but went home with the silver medal. Details, 1D, 7D

Yonkers

**DPW to use former dairy**  
Yonkers is centralizing some of its wide-spread Department of Public Works in a former dairy on Saw Mill River Road. The city's street lighting and fire hydrant repair departments are being moved from the city's old armory on North Broadway. Details, 3A

10 years of work is paying off

A Yonkers man has earned a degree in computing and management from Lehman College after 10 years of work in the Adult Degree Program at the Bronx school.

Pedro Baez Jr., 43, works for the Westchester County Department of Social Services by day. He attended school at night before completing his requirements June 4.

Baez said his college graduation was something he was inspired to accomplish by his parents, Pedro Sr. and Gudilia Baez of Manhattan, who brought him to the United States in 1959 from Puerto Rico. Details, 3A

WEATHER

**Clouds, rain**  
Today will be cloudy with the chance of showers; high 74 to 79. Tonight will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and the chance of a thunder shower; low 60 to 65. Tomorrow will be mostly cloudy and cool with scattered showers; high 70 to 75. 2B

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School-aid hike a record

Legislature prepares to pass \$750M rise; lawmakers OK \$2.4B school bond proposal

By Billy House Albany Bureau

ALBANY — Lawmakers were preparing this morning to adopt a record single-year increase of about \$750 million in state school funding for the 1997-98 academic year, bringing the total to more than \$11 billion.

"That would be, more or less, a 6.5 percent average hike for districts," said Assembly Education Chairman Steven Sanders, D-Manhattan.

That big boost, nearly twice the combined increase of the previous

two budget years, won't even include any of the \$500 million that the Legislature has also agreed to supply during four years to make prekindergarten for 4-year-olds and full-day kindergarten available statewide.

Those added dollars to districts won't begin to flow until the 1998-99 school year, Sanders said.

State money makes up about 38 percent of the total school spending in New York, while local money makes up most of the rest.

As for the rest of the \$67 billion state budget, legislators were preparing for one of their infamous all-night sessions to complete work.

Just before midnight, lawmakers passed a school bond proposal that will let state voters determine on Nov. 4 whether to authorize \$2.4 billion in bonding to fix schools in

disrepair. However, the bill contains no guidelines on how the money would be allocated should the bond act receive voter approval.

As for the rest of the budget bill, lawmakers were unsure when the job, 125 days past the April 1 deadline, would be finished.

Through billed by Gov. George Pataki and legislative leaders as a record \$750 million increase, Sanders explained that between \$50 million and \$100 million isn't new money but restoring previous funding that Pataki had sought to cut.

Still, even a \$500 million increase is significantly more than Pataki's original budget plan to raise operating aid for schools by about \$302 million, announced in January.

Even the Board of Regents, which is intended to be the state's top advocate for education, had asked for only a \$306 million increase in

school aid, less than half of what the Legislature came through with.

Despite the state total, not all of the state's nearly 750 public school districts will necessarily get a 6.5 percent boost, Sanders emphasized.

Computer printouts being distributed last night to lawmakers are expected to show that some will get more and some less, based on the state's complicated formula of 40 different aid categories, most of which are based on incomes and property values in districts.

But other factors can affect a district's total, such as a drop in activity in school-building construction or bus purchases from the previous year — areas for which the state partially reimburses districts the following year — or shrinking school populations.

Some aid categories also have save-harmless provisions that pro-

hibit a cut in that type of aid to a district, even if circumstances change that would usually require less money.

The Legislature is also not attempting any politically volatile shifts in funding among regions of the state. For instance, New York City will continue to receive about 34.5 percent of the total funding, although it has about 39 percent of the state's school population.

"The good news is that it's a great year for school districts in terms of overall school aid," said Louis Grumet, executive director of the New York State School Boards Association.

"The bad news is that the budget is being adopted so late in the year that districts can't immediately implement many of the good programs for early childhood education and all-day kindergarten," Grumet said.

TWENTIETH SON OF SAM ANNIVERSARY



THEN AND NOW: David Berkowitz is escorted to a car for his 1977 trip to New York City. Headquarters in photo at right. Berkowitz, left, is a prison minister today.

Son of Sam: Lone killer?

20 years later, some look for Berkowitz accomplices

By Bill Varner Staff Writer

After 20 years, three bullet holes still scar a pane of glass and aluminum siding at 18 Wicker St. in Yonkers, the home of Joachim and Maria Neto.

Their 41-year-old niece, Andrea Ramos, remembers when someone opened fire on the house on Christmas Eve 1976, killing the family's dog. Ramos also recalls the bizarre campaign of terror waged against the Netos family throughout that winter, a Molotov cocktail flung onto their front stoop, anonymous phone calls complaining about the dog's barking, and an unsigned letter about demons in their attic and orgies in their basement.

Only after David Berkowitz was arrested Aug. 10, 1977, did Ramos and the Netos realize that they'd been targeted by the man who later said he terrorized New York City as the "Son of Sam." Berkowitz pleaded guilty to killing six people and wounding seven in eight separate attacks between



Berkowitz leaves State Supreme Court in Brooklyn in a Corrections Department van in 1978.

July 29, 1976, and July 31, 1977, all while living at an apartment at 35 (now 42) Pine St., less than a block from the Netos' home.

"I was so scared I wouldn't go out at night," Ramos said. "I



Berkowitz still making excuses for crimes, doctor says. 2A

■ Excerpts from letter written by killer. 2A

put my hair up because they said he was shooting people with long dark hair."

In a recent letter to Gannett Suburban Newspapers from Sullivan Correctional Facility in Fallsburg, N.Y., where he is

serving a life sentence, Berkowitz said his "tragic past is fast becoming a distant memory."

That may be true for inmate 78A1976, who conducts Bible study classes and says he was saved from Satan by Jesus Christ in 1967. But memories of one of the most infamous murder cases in recent U.S. history remain vivid throughout the New York City area, especially in Westchester, where many key events occurred.

Indeed, a handful of people who never stopped investigating the Son of Sam shootings say new information may lead to charges against people they say are Berkowitz accomplices.

"People have provided information within the last seven or eight months, so I expect major

Rye residents' contributions help Dunn

Spano builds on regional support for county exec race

By Ed Tagliareri Staff Writer

In their race for Westchester county executive, the two major party candidates are tapping vastly different sources for hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions, according to a computer-assisted analysis of

campaign records by Gannett Suburban Newspapers.

Republican Ted Dunn has started out raising money from a narrow base, albeit a wealthy one. Nearly 40 percent of his contributions, not counting the money that he has personally put into his campaign, comes from Rye, the well-heeled community in which he serves as mayor.

Dunn is using that money to help broaden his appeal through

mass mailings and commercials.

Andrew Spano, the Democratic candidate, is working from a more regional power base. A former three-term county clerk who was active in state issues, he is collecting money almost equally from inside and outside Westchester.

The campaign said the information did not surprise them.

"The fact that people in Rye gave so generously says some-

thing about their opinion of their man," said Annette Guarino, Dunn's campaign manager.

Larry Schwartz, Spano's campaign manager, said the large amount of Manhattan-based contributions came from a fund-raising event hosted by former Westchester Democratic Chairman Dennis Mehel in May in New York City.

"Many of the people who gave

Drivers strike against UPS

Firm usually moves 12M parcels a day

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Teamsters union struck United Parcel Service early today after talks with the nation's largest package delivery service broke down over issues ranging from part-time work to pensions.

"We have exhausted every possible approach to try to resolve the problem," Teamsters President Ron Carey declared as he left the bargaining table late last night. "At this point it's just a waste of time."

Workers at UPS offices and distribution centers around the country walked off the job at 12:01 a.m. E.D.T. A union spokesman said all 206 locals that represent UPS workers were on strike.

The strike by 185,000 Teamsters at UPS threatened to interrupt package deliveries for hundreds of thousands of businesses across the country. UPS handles 12 million parcels and documents a day, and analysts say rival carriers won't be able to absorb the overflow.

The talks fell apart after about two hours of discussions yesterday. Dave Murray, UPS' chief negotiator called the Teamsters' action "highly irresponsible" and called on union leaders to submit the offer, which had remained unchanged since Wednesday — for a vote.

"Instead of setting up picket lines, they should be sending that final offer out for a vote," Murray said. "Let the people decide."

Leaving the offices of the federal mediator, where the two sides had been negotiating, Carey said, "The company has failed to recognize the needs of our members."

In addition to increased wages and safety standards, the Teamsters wanted an end to subcontracting and more full-time jobs. About two-thirds of the Teamsters at UPS are part-time workers.

UPS and the union talked for slightly more than two hours last night, but shortly after 10 p.m., Carey emerged and said the talks were getting nowhere and were "a waste of time."

The Teamsters contract covers nearly two-thirds of the delivery service's 302,000 U.S. employees. Their contract expired Thursday.

"We're motivated very strongly to try to reach a settlement and to try to prevent a strike because we understand that there are tens of thousands of people who would be directly impacted by a strike," Wells said.

Sam: Some think Berkowitz didn't act alone

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developments before the anniversary year is out," said Maury Terry, a freelance writer who has been investigating the case for 20 years.

Terry wrote a series of articles in Westchester Rockland Newspapers, the predecessor of Gannett Suburban Newspapers, from 1979 to 1981, saying Berkowitz was part of a Satanic cult based in Yonkers with ties to other groups and violent crimes that occurred throughout the nation.

Berkowitz at first said he acted alone, on the orders of demons personified by Sam Carr, who lived around the corner from the Nets on Warburton Avenue. Later, Berkowitz told Terry and others that a cult of about two dozen men and women planned the Son of Sam crimes and he pulled the trigger in only two of the attacks.

Case closed

Although New York City police quickly closed the case, Terry's evidence played a role in the section of former Queens District Attorney John Santucci to reopen the investigation in 1979. Santucci also concluded that Berkowitz did not act alone but, lacking enough evidence to file charges, he ended the probe in 1983. However, the Queens District Attorney's Office kept "an open mind" on the case until Santucci left office in 1984.

Since then, said Greg Lasak, Queens assistant executive district attorney, the Son of Sam case has been considered closed. The same is true in Brooklyn and the Bronx, the other communities where the Son of Sam attacks, said representatives of district attorneys there.

Still, for some, questions about the crimes won't go away. "There is not one shred of evidence that he acted by himself," Terry said.

He cited divergent eyewitness descriptions of the shooter, handwriting analysis of letters that son of Sam wrote to police and newspaper columnist Jimmy Breslin, plus extensive evidence that a Satanic cult involving Berkowitz and Carr's two sons, John and Michael, regularly met in Utermeyer Park in Yonkers.

Terry believes that the cult also met in South Salem, North Salem and the Brewster area and

Psychiatrist: Son of Sam makes excuses for crimes

By Bill Varner Staff Writer

HAMDEN, Conn. — David Berkowitz tried to make excuses for killing six people and wounding seven in the "Son of Sam" shooting spree that terrorized New York City 20 years ago and he's still trying, says the psychiatrist who treated him till he stood trial in 1978.

Dr. David Abrahamson analyzed a letter that Berkowitz wrote to Gannett Suburban Newspapers from Sullivan Correctional Facility in Fallburg, N.Y. In the June 5 letter, Berkowitz said that at the time of the Son of Sam attacks, Satan had "completely taken over my mind and body" and "my mind and body had become poisoned."

"That's a delusion," Abrahamson said. "He still has to excuse himself. It's the same thing as saying he wasn't alone."

Alone among the four psychiatrists who examined Berkowitz after his arrest, Abrahamson concluded that the 24-year-old postal worker was motivated by repressed sexual urges but was not insane. He did not believe the initial Berkowitz story, that he received his orders to kill from a dog owned by Sam Carr, who lived near Berkowitz in Yonkers.

Abrahamson, now 67 and living in a senior citizen center in Hamden, also believed from the start, and still maintains, that his most famous patient acted alone in the Son of Sam crimes.

"Only one man did it," he said. "The cult was a fantasy, a story he came out with later to dilute his involvement, make less than that it was."

Abrahamson said he still receives inquiries about Berkowitz, with whom he corresponded until the mid-1980s. "He is very intelligent. I liked him because I had semi-respect for his mind. I felt sorry for him in many ways," he said.

Abrahamson also suspects that Berkowitz's conversion to Christianity 10 years ago is not entirely genuine.

"He is trying to do good or give a good impression of himself," he said. "It's just one way for him to exist. He's just the same as he was, still excusing himself."

The Department of Corrections would not permit the prison chaplain to be interviewed. However, a minister from Texas who established a relationship with Berkowitz nine years ago and has visited him many times since then testified to his sincerity.

"David is a strong believer; he is very solid," said Don Dickerman of Hurst, Texas. "He is not the man a lot of people think he is or was."

Jack Casars, his landlord in New Rochelle in early 1976, said reports of other dead dogs in Yonkers. In early August, they were looking for Berkowitz when New York City police called to say his car had been ticketed in Brooklyn the same night and in the same area where Stacy Moskowitz became Son of Sam's last verified victim. New York and Yonkers police quickly identified Berkowitz as a prime suspect, and he was arrested the next day.

"He acted alone. The cult theory is a crock," Chamberlain said. "I know because the New York City police told me that (Berkowitz) knew things they never let out that only the killer would know."

Queen's resident John Diel, who was in a car with Christine Freund when she was shot to death in Forest Hills, Queens, on Jan. 30, 1977, was asked to look at pictures of possible suspects in the shooting as recently as 1989.

Diel is also convinced that Berkowitz was a lone gunman. Chamberlain and his partner, Pete Intervall, who also is still with the Yonkers police force, were investigating a threatening

letter that Berkowitz wrote to Jack Casars, his landlord in New Rochelle in early 1976, said reports of other dead dogs in Yonkers. In early August, they were looking for Berkowitz when New York City police called to say his car had been ticketed in Brooklyn the same night and in the same area where Stacy Moskowitz became Son of Sam's last verified victim.

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Local News

Victim in a coma

A man is in a coma after being injured by two others were injured yesterday in what White Plains police described as a gang beating in the city. 10A

Nation

Lugar takes on Helms

The No. 2 Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee says he would support going around Sen. Jesse Helms to convene a hearing for William Weir as ambassador to Mexico. 4B

World

Money withheld

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat grapples with a new crisis — how to meet his payroll after Israel makes good on a threat to withhold millions of dollars from his government in the wake of last week's devastating market bombings. 1B

Business

Finding vintage bytes

More cyberbytes are being refurbished PCs, with savings of 25 to 30 percent. Some estimate that by next year 30 percent of all personal computer purchases will be for used machines. 6B

Opinion

Set spending plan

While New York state voters put their trust in Gov. George Pataki in approving \$1.75 billion to clean up the environment, Pataki and legislative leaders apparently find the pork-barrel prospect of doling out millions across the state too appetizing to change. 8A

Lifestyles

Job hunting

A growing breed of job hunters and employers use the Internet to find each other. Fans say the Internet puts the right people in jobs faster than typical paper trails and cold calls. Skypes say nothing beats old-fashioned recruiting, especially for high-end jobs. 1C

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Powderball number: 10

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I-684 lanes closed
The right lanes on Interstate 684 between Exit 8 and Exit 10 (Interstate 84) in Brewster will be closed northbound from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and southbound from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

'I am very sorry for the things that have happened in the past'

Berkowitz writes of 'devastating choices'

The following are excerpts from a letter written June 5 from Sullivan Correctional Facility in Fallburg, N.Y., by David Berkowitz to Gannett Suburban Newspapers.

"I am very sorry for the things that have happened in the past. The period when the 'Son of Sam' shootings were going on

was a nightmare for me. Several years prior to this crime spree, I made some very bad and devastating choices. My mind and soul had become poisoned. Looking back some 20 years later, I believe with all my heart and I am convinced without a doubt, Satan had completely taken over my mind and body. I am not making excuses. I claim full responsibility and all the blame for the tragedy that happened and

for the loss of life. Yet, I know that the devil is a real being — whether or not others believe so — and I did purposely allow him to control me.

"Today I have nothing but regret for the things I have done and for the lives that were lost. I wish I could go back and change things. I cannot, of course. But one thing I can do is move forward.

"I do not deserve it, but God has been good to me. Yes, I am a murderer. But by His grace I am now a minister.

"I know in my heart that Jesus Christ has completely forgiven me. I have shared my story of hope in many places, even in other countries, on radio and television and in the press. I am thankful for any opportunity to let others know that no matter what they are going through and

er happens in Westchester reverberates throughout the state. Westchester Democratic Chairman David Alpert said. He noted that Democrat Mario Cuomo lost in his race against Gov. George Pataki in 1994. Cuomo had won the county when he won his previous gubernatorial races.

Pataki and U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, both Republicans, face re-election next year.

Yonkers' Advantage Spano
Alpert also said that because Spano is better known than Dunn throughout Westchester, Spano's fund-raising will be more evenly spread out.

"If Dunn is just getting his money from Rye, he has not been able to build his own base in the party," Alpert said, noting that Rye carries 2 percent of the county's population.

Spano has raised about 50 percent more than Dunn in Yonkers, a key location for any county-wide candidate because the city contains about a quarter of the county's population.

But Guarino said Dunn's small fund-raising effort in Yonkers is not of great significance. He has raised \$11,555 compared with \$17,875 for Spano there.

"There was a very large field of candidates from all over and a very strong Yonkers candidate," he said, referring to 2 yonkers City Council President Vincenza Restiano, who had challenged Dunn for Yonkers nomination, then dropped out.

With Restiano in the race, Dunn's campaign figured that money would not be plentiful in Yonkers. Now that she is out, Dunn is campaigning in Yonkers regularly," Guarino said.

With the party kicked off its effort with a rally July 28 with Repub-

Dunn: Rye gives its mayor a fund raising boost

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work in Manhattan but live in Westchester," he said.

By the end of the campaign, Spano's contributors would represent a cross section of working families living in Westchester," Schwartz said.

Gannett Suburban Newspapers reviewed the financial disclosure records filed by the Dunn and Spano campaigns with the Westchester County Board of Elections. At Gannett's request, the campaign provided those records to the newspaper on computer disk.

According to the records, Dunn has collected \$231,782 from Rye, a city of 15,000 residents. That is nearly 40 percent of the \$581,479 that he has collected in contributions. He collected another \$59,425 from individuals and businesses from Manhattan and large amounts from White Plains, Bronxville and Harrison.

Dunn, a retired managing director of an investment banking firm, has pumped an additional \$728,559 into his campaign from his bank account either in contributions or loans. Adding his money, the campaign's treasury has swelled to more than \$1.3 million.

Eyes on Westchester

By contrast, Spano has ventured beyond his backyard and across the county's border for money. Of the \$342,808 that he has raised, nearly half, \$159,534, has come from people and businesses based in New York City, Long Island, upstate New York and even out of state.

Comparing the contributions

Table with columns: Area from which contributions came, Ted Dunn, Andrew Spano. Rows include Total, Rye (Dunn's hometown), Yorktown Heights (Spano's hometown), Manhattan, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, White Plains, Bronxville, All areas outside Westchester.

Sources: Friends of Andy Spano and Friends of Ted Dunn. Staff graphics.

Westchester. Mehiel said the fund-raising event that he sponsored at his Manhattan apartment raised more than \$40,000.

"They were people who have a New York City focus to their businesses and a Westchester residency," Mehiel said. "It enabled them to pop over after work for a couple hours and visit with Andy."

For example, Jory Murase, a lawyer and a friend of Spano's, has given \$5,000 to the campaign. Campaign records list him at a Manhattan address, which is where his office is located. But Murase lives in Irvington, Schwartz noted.

Still, Mehiel said Spano's fund-raising base is going to widen beyond Westchester.

"Democrats throughout the state see the importance of this race in the 1998 election," he said.

In statewide elections, what-