

# 'Sam' theories revived at hearing

NEW YORK (AP) — A disciplinary trial against a police detective charged with violating departmental regulations while investigating whether David Berkowitz had help as the Son of Sam ended this week.

Deputy Commissioner of Trials Arnold N. Kriss reserved decision on nine charges against Detective Henry Cinotti, a 17-year veteran whose confidential information sparked a secret Police Department re-investigation into the theory Berkowitz had accomplices.

The department remains steadfast in its position that Berkowitz acted alone.

Kriss said it would be several months before he made his recommendations, which go to Police Commissioner Robert McGuire. Cinotti could appeal McGuire's finding to the state Supreme Court.

In the meantime, he will remain on modified assignment, a type of policeman's limbo minus shield and gun.

Kriss denied a motion by defense attorney Charles Simpson to restore his client to full duty pending the outcome.

The major charges against Cinotti are that he disobeyed orders, gave freelance writer Murray Terry confidential information, failed to reveal his

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informant's identity, took an unauthorized trip to Minot, N.D., in the company of Terry and witness in North Dakota interrogated witnesses in Terry's presence. When Cinotti was arrested he told police he killed the multiple victims at the command of his neighbor Sam Carr. He confessed to all the crimes but in letters written since from his prison cell he has hinted that he may have had accomplices.

Because of the Son of Sam label, some conspiracy speculation has centered on the two sons of Sam Carr, John and Michael. Both have died since Berkowitz was arrested.

John Carr died in February 1978 in Minot, N.D., of possible self-inflicted gunshot wounds. There has been no final determination whether it was suicide or homicide. Michael Carr, 21, was killed in a car accident here last October.

Arguments in the

quasi-legal proceeding that began in May were not limited directly to the departmental allegations. The case against Cinotti also served as a forum for the multiple accomplice theory, which has haunted about since Berkowitz was arrested in August 1977.

In his closing arguments, Simpson contended the department had failed to prove any of the charges, some of which he termed frivolous.

Department prosecutor Ed Smith countered in obvious reference to the debate over the Son of Sam conspiracy angle, that "sure you have shredded away the attempt at sensationalism and take away the window dressing you have a case of murder/innocent."

Cinotti had plainly failed to obey superior orders, Smith alleged. "Without discipline we would have multiple chaos." As for a



DAVID BERKOWITZ, 'Son of Sam' killer

claims that Cinotti protected his informant's identity with good cause, Smith contended, it "does not stand up."

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According to the memos, the department ended its three-month multiple accomplice

investigation in November after determining the woman was Cinotti's informant.

According to transcripts of interviews, Cinotti's superiors held with the detective prior to the filing of charges, he repeatedly refused to divulge his source.

It was alleged that Cinotti refused to reveal his source, not to protect the person's identity, but because he "knew that if the source of his information was revealed, there would be serious questions as to the credibility and reliability of this information."

Cinotti frequently worshipped with Mrs. Lueken, whose vigils are now conducted at the site of the old Vatican Pavilion on what was the site of the city's last World's Fair. Two of the departmental charges against Cinotti are allegations he interfered with a press photographer covering a vigil there Feb. 1, 1978, then failed to inform superiors when the informant filed harassment charges.

When the detective took the stand during his trial, he maintained that the source of his information about another Son of Sam suspect was a woman who worked as an editor for IBM whose freelance articles on the conspiracy theory have

been published by the Gansevoort, White-Hunter Newspapers.

During the trial when Smith asked specifically if Mrs. Lueken was "another" of his sources, Cinotti refused to answer, declaring: "I'm not at liberty to say."

Cinotti acknowledged under questioning that he had been ordered not to talk to reporters about the case but contended that since Terry was a source he did not think that his superiors would have meant to include him in their order.

Cinotti said he had spoken to Terry before he was ordered not to talk to reporters.

"Since Terry had been giving me information, I thought it would be worthwhile to keep contact with him," Cinotti testified. Cinotti maintained that throughout his conversations with Terry, the writer frequently provided him with information but that he never told Terry anything confidential.

Cinotti said he refused to reveal his source to his immediate superior because he was afraid of leaks. But testimony showed he held that position at a time when he admits he was talking to a reporter while specifically ordered not to.

Both men, Terry testified also — said they went to Minot independently, but in their testimony they admitted sitting next to each other on the same plane, eating together, meeting with the same people and returning

## People



### One hump or two?

Jeff Hays of Boston, representing Columbia Pictures, rides "Ruthie," a 12-year-old dromedary from a New Hampshire wild animal farm, through Boston's Copley Square. The idea was to publicize the opening of "Wholly Moses" in Boston on Friday. Behind them is the John Hancock building.

## Vanderbilt drops apartment suit

NEW YORK (AP) — Heress and designer Gloria Vanderbilt dropped her court fight to force the board of the River House apartments to let her buy a lavish \$11 million duplex overlooking the East River.

Miss Vanderbilt filed suit last month in Supreme Court just complained to the city Human Rights Commission, charging that sex and racial discrimination were the reasons she was turned down.

She had charged the River House board was worried she might marry Bobby Short, the black café entertainer who has appeared with her in TV ads promoting her fashion designs. The building's board maintained Miss Vanderbilt didn't have the money to buy the apartment.

She gave up the suit Thursday in a single-page document signed by Acting Justice Norman Hyslop.

## Troopers in disguise

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The word is out: Beware of hitchhikers along Connecticut's interstate highways, because they might be state troopers armed with radar guns.

State police tried their hitchhiker ploy in commercial vehicles this week. A loose trooper, dressed casually, roared off the shoulder of Interstate 81 near here with his knap sack close at hand, police said.

Inside the knapsack was a battery-operated radar gun and about a mile down the road was a second trooper in his car ready to nab all offenders detected by their colleagues. Fifteen men, including Chrysler Chairman Lee A. Iacocca's personal crusade to save the car maker.



Frank Sinatra

Frank Sinatra has offered to act as a commercial spokesman for Chrysler Corp. for 11 years for the time being, saying he is "impressed with" Chrysler Chairman Lee A. Iacocca's personal crusade to save the car maker.

## County planners divide responsibility

By SHEILA MAGEE Staff Writer

Water quality and transportation are two of the issues that the Warren County Planning Board will be tackling first in its new emphasis on long-range planning.

The county board of supervisors has separated the professional planners who work for the county from the planning board, setting up a planning department and a planning committee of the board of supervisors to oversee the professional staff.

Queensbury Supervisor Frances Walter, chairman

of the planning committee, attended this week's planning board session as did Hague Supervisor Richard Bolton, vice chairman of the committee, to discuss the division of responsibilities between the planning committee and the planning board.

It was agreed that the planning committee will assist the board of supervisors in planning to determine policy, will supervise the planning department and will identify problems, issues, goals and objectives.

The planning board, an appointed group of citizen

volunteers, will continue to review zoning referrals. The board also will act as the advisory arm of the planning committee, and will identify issues, goals, objectives and problems in the county.

As an example, it was stated that recent day-to-day planning overseen by the planning committee have included the effort to develop a solid waste transfer system and the expansion of office space and the hiring of additional personnel to administer federal housing grants.

The planning board, on the other hand, will be able

to give more time and study to long-term issues such as water control and transportation.

In considering its zoning referrals this month, the planning board reviewed the action of the local planning boards in all cases, deciding that the requests had no significant county-wide impact.

In Queensbury the board approved a request of William Steed, College Hill Road, to add a garage to an existing residence, a request from Paul J. Ferguson, of Federal Hill Road, to replace a non-conforming structure with a new non-conforming structure with a reduced setback and of Charles Rusen to transfer a small parcel of land to a neighbor.

In Lake George, the board denied the request of David Clark to build a house addition with a setback of seven feet rather than the required 20 feet.

## Flag Day to be marked

Glens Falls Lodge 81, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will conduct its annual Flag Day program at 1 p.m. today at the Elks Home on Church Road in Queensbury.

Events will take place at the outdoor pavilion. Flag Day originated with the Grand Lodge of Elks in 1907 and, since then, all member lodges — now numbering more than 4,000 — have celebrated the occasion.

In 1949, 42 years after the first Flag Day, the Congress proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day for the entire nation. Exalted Ruler Stan Samson and officers of the lodge will enfold today's local ceremonies. Anyone wishing to properly dispose of a flag may bring them to the Elks Home. The program is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

## Modular home to be sold

SARATOGA SPRINGS — A modular home, constructed by the Saratoga BOMCO Building Trades II students will be auctioned today, at 1 p.m. at the Donald Myers Educational Center, Henning Road.

The house will open for inspection there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Saratoga Historical Society was the financial sponsor for the modular home, which features three bedrooms, living room, bathroom, kitchen-dining area, and has vinyl siding.

## 51 graduate at SMA

Fifty-one seniors graduated from St. Mary's Academy of the North Country in connection with exercises Friday evening in the academy's Great Hall.

Receiving their diplomas were: Suzanne Vane Allen, Regent diploma; Maria Rubena Arevalo, Donald Edward Babson, Regent diploma; Antonietta Mary Bavaro, Ann Marie Bogin, Regent diploma; Christopher D. Bottani, Brian S. Bushey, Ronald

Adam Castellon, Regent diploma; Lorain John Chapman, Regent diploma; Ann Marie Chien, Regent diploma; Julie Ann Clark, Kathleen Marie Collins, Regent diploma; Regina Angela Cooley, Joan Regina Connelly, Maria D'Angelo, Regent diploma; James L. David, Patricia Ann Della, Ronald J. Dingman, Colleen Donnelly, Joseph Patrick Dougherty, Regent diploma; John Joseph Dunbar, Michelle L. Dupel, Regent diploma.

Edward Gerard Farhart, Regent diploma; Kevin Joseph Farley, Regent diploma; Diana Angeline Funnello, Anthony John Giffard, Anna Maria Girard, Mariel Teresa Green, Regent diploma with honors; Randy Joseph Greene, Emily Elizabeth Hans, Regent diploma.

Gerard P. Hubinsky, Andrew Kresnan Jamieson, Regent diploma with honors; Patrick D. Mannix, Regent diploma; Mark McCormack, Edward Francis McManus, Regent diploma; Heidi Ann Marie Nayler, Rosemary Nerf, Robert James Newton, III, Regent diploma.

Nancy Ann Nichols, Regent diploma; John Paul Nolan, John Michael O'Neil, Margaret Claire Paganelli,

Regent diploma; Theresa Adele Phillon, Timothy Gerard Place, Regent diploma; Ann Marie Polvere, Regent diploma; Amy Sue Ann Roberts, Regent diploma with honors; J. Jeffrey Savelle, Doreen G. Sciancalepore, Regent diploma; Sandra Anne Semmitt, Kevin Peter Taylor, Regent diploma with honors; Julia J. Tuth, Regent diploma.

## Immunization clinic planned

Dr. Harold Luria, Glens Falls health officer, will conduct an immunization clinic from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Health Center, 41 Hedge St.

He will be assisted by the Warren County Public Health Nursing Service. No appointment is necessary, but the children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

The clinic is open to all infants, preschoolers and school children in Warren County.

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