

No 'love' lost in tennis fight

By JENNIE TRITTEN
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Yonkers may have lost thousands of dollars in revenues in the last four years because the City Council rescinded a contract for a bubble operation at tennis courts at Adrus Field on Central Park Avenue.

A \$27,500 breach-of-contract settlement was made by the city following a four-year legal battle with George L. Lord of New York City who was the awarded the contract. Lord claimed the city lost \$550,000 in potential revenue because the bubble was never constructed.

The city did not appeal the case because it would have been too expensive said Corporation Counsel Eugene Fox.

Lord went to court when the Council rescinded its competitive contract awarded in 1973 after area residents and civic organizations protested.

Under the contract, Lord had agreed to pay the city \$8,240 in annual rent or 12 per cent of its gross profits, whichever was the greatest; permit the Parks Department to use the facility on off hours and remove the bubble during the summer making four courts available to the public.

Since the money-making bubble concept was first introduced to the Parks Board more than seven years ago by its chairman, Martin Rochelle, two private indoor tennis facilities have opened here.

After Lord's contract was rescinded, the board again talked about a bubble at tennis courts at Schultze Field in Northeast Yonkers, but area residents objected.

This month, the board tabled a proposal by the Glenn Tennis Corp. of Yonkers to put two bubbles over a portion of Ward Memorial Field and to build new courts and a clubhouse there. This site had previously been rejected by the board as it feared vandalism there.

The board questioned why the city had not sought public bidding as required under a 1973 ordinance and did not agree with a 99-year lease being sought at a \$1 annual fee. The site had been approved by the board for parking of police vehicles.

County set to accept new bus contract bids

By DONNA GREENE
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After months of delay which officials attribute to red tape, Westchester County will advertise Friday for bids from firms wishing to supply the county with 107 new buses.

The buses are expected to cost more than \$8 million, with the bulk of the funds coming from a grant made last year by the federal Urban Mass Transportation Adminis-

tration (UMTA).

If the contract is awarded on schedule in mid-October, the buses could be on the road by next July, Commissioner of Transportation R. Ralleggh D'Adamo said. He added that the county's bid specifications had been approved by UMTA.

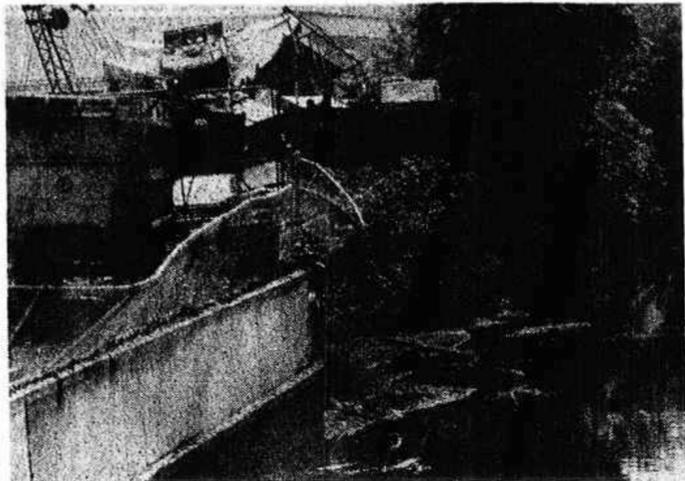
It was because the county had been awaiting this approval that the bus bids did not go out last February as officials had planned.

D'Adamo said he expects to receive at least two bids

by the Oct. 3 bid-opening date: from Rohr-Flexible and General Motors Corp.

The buses and other transportation improvements already under way to signs and equipment will be paid for with \$8.8 million awarded last year by UMTA, \$1,650,000 from New York State and \$550,000 from the county.

Commissioner D'Adamo said, however, the county will apply for and expects to receive \$2 million more in UMTA money to finance the planned wheelchair lifts for the new buses.



View of Saw Mill-Nepperhan River

Fishermen's line: Stop the dumpers

By JENNIE TRITTEN
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The County Health Department, the state Department of Environmental Conservation and the Army Corps of Engineers have been asked by the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) to take action against violators dumping debris into the Saw Mill-Nepperhan River.

The Yonkers HRFA presented photographs of littered sites of the river including the rear of the Ditch Shopwell supermarket at the Odell Shopping Center and an area near the city incinerator on Torre Place. The incinerator has been closed since July 1 but garbage is dumped there for hauling outside of Yonkers.

More than 30 shopping carts were found rusting in the river, the association said. "Some of the supermarket refuse, eventually ends up in the river" approximately 1,000 yards upstream from the Yonkers Water Treatment Plant, said William H. Tamraz director of HRFA. He said refuse has been strewn on streets in the incinerator area.

According to Fred Danback, director of the Yonkers HRFA, the city is not correcting the major cause of clogging in the underground flume that carries the river waters to the Hudson River. Public Works crews recently cleaned the flume and installed an iron guard rail on the river where it is above ground at Ann Street.

"The river there should be regularly cleaned," said Danback.

Others have slain driven by spirits of various sorts

By SANDRA CHANSKY
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"I received my orders through a dog," proclaimed the alleged Son of Sam murderer, David Berkowitz.

There have been numerous other cases where people have acted on various, revelations and notions which have led to the demise of more than one person. These visions have come from the devil, an angel or some other astral spirit.

One case involved a Saskatchewan farmboy, Victor Hoffman, who felt he was being persecuted by a devil who was seven feet tall and looked like an enormous black pig. Sometimes it would appear out of the clouds and command him to kill various people.

To get over his feelings to kill, he felt he must destroy the devil. When shooting at the clouds did not accomplish his goal, he set out with gun in hand for some human counterpart to attack.

Driving through nearby farmlands, something clicked in his brain when he saw a television antenna on Farmer Peterson's house.

He thought that this indeed must be the devil's agent on earth and proceeded to shoot Peterson as he stepped out to feed his chickens. He also killed Peterson's wife and five children.

Another murderer, Victor Terry, blamed the spirits for his killing a guard while holding up a bank in Worthing, England. He claimed his mind was possessed by the spirit of Jack "Legs" Diamond a noted gangster. He said Diamond often gave him orders to kill while he sat reading. He was so involved with the spirit, that he often signed his name as Diamond.

Then there was Marten, the French murderer and train-robbing Robin Hood of the 20th century. He had great success until his capture in 1964. He told authorities that he and his wife were only taking orders from some astral spirits.

On January 1, 1961 Angel Ortega sat in Bar Puerto Rico, a beer joint in New York City.

Into the bar burst Incarnation Martinez yelling, "I don't have long to live. I want someone to kill me tonight." A patron in the bar, annoyed by his yelling, punched him in the face to stop the noise. Martinez staggered out into the street. Ortega followed.

Screams were heard seconds later and outside on the pavement, Martinez lay dead.

When the police caught up with Ortega he blurted out, "For the last two months I've walked the streets at night with my knife, waiting for something to happen. Tonight I met someone who needed me."

Sniper's gun wasn't Berkowitz's

Ballistics tests show that the .22-caliber bullet which was fired by a sniper in Yonkers on July 4 was not from a .22 rifle found in the arsenal of David Berkowitz, the alleged Son of Sam.

Dist. Atty. Carl Vergari made the revelation Wednesday as Westchester police in general, and Yonkers police specifically, sought to determine the truth of a statement allegedly made by Berkowitz that he had wounded an elderly Yonkers woman. So far, police have been unable to find out what shooting, if any, Berkowitz means.

Berkowitz is said to have made the statement in papers filed with a Brooklyn

grand jury in connection with charges of murder and assault later returned against him in an indictment. The statement may have been in a diary said to have been found by police in the Berkowitz apartment, 35 Pine St., Yonkers, eight days ago.

In the past three years, Yonkers police have had only two open cases involving the firing of guns by snipers at women. The most recent, July 4, struck Frieda Gallagher, 40, while she was sitting on a neighbor's front porch on Sterling Avenue. She felt a sudden pain, but didn't realize she had been shot until a .22-caliber bullet was removed by doctors from her aching knee

nine days later. Vergari said the bullet was not fired from the Berkowitz gun.

Berkowitz had allegedly told police he used a .45-caliber rifle in the Yonkers shooting, but unable to link any shooting with that caliber gun, police looked elsewhere.

In the second unexplained shooting in Yonkers, Alreda Salvatto, 25, was shot in the leg while walking home from the Yonkers railroad station at 11 p.m. on Feb. 24. The wound was a clean one and no bullet was found. It was presumed to be of small caliber, however.

Mystery surrounds whereabouts of dog

By STEVEN CLARK
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Where is Harvey?

The black Labrador retriever who transmitted commands to kill from his master, the "6,000-year-old man" Sam Carr to David Berkowitz, according to the suspected .44 caliber killer's warped fantasy, has been gone from the Carr home at 316 Warburton Ave. since Monday. No one is willing to say where he is or why he has been taken.

The 64-year-old Carr, who runs a telephone answering service in Yonkers, is still trying to sell his "story," and so is unwilling to talk. His attorney, Louis Ecker, refused comment on the whereabouts of the dog.

A source close to Carr believes Harvey might have been moved because of the publicity surrounding the dog. It is believed that Carr feared the dog might be kidnapped. At least one person is said to have offered to buy Harvey.

Senior Berkowitz seeks son

The father of the man accused of being the .44-caliber killer wants to try once again to get his son to acknowledge him.

"He will be seeing him shortly," the lawyer retained by the father said Wednesday.

Nathaniel Berkowitz tried the first time on Saturday at King's County Hospital, saying afterward that the alleged Son of Sam didn't even acknowledge him.

"His reaction after the meeting was a bit of consternation," attorney Ira Jultak said of the elder Berkowitz, who retained him and Leon Stern, of Mineola, following the former postal worker's arrest last week.

David Berkowitz, 24, was arraigned

"Carr said the price wasn't good enough," said the source, whose name was withheld for fear of retribution.

This person thought that Harvey might have been taken to a kennel outside of Yonkers, since the Carrs have few friends and no relatives in the area. No local kennels checked reported knowledge of the dog.

Harvey is two or three years old and was given to Carr's daughter Wheat about a year ago. The dog is never out of Carr's sight, under usual circumstances, and is either tied to the fence on his property or kept in the house.

Harvey is "wild," even though he received two bullets in a hind leg on April 27 from an unknown assailant, police believe might have been Berkowitz. After spending several days at a local veterinarian hospital, Harvey had one of the two bullets removed. The second bullet, imbedded in the dog's leg muscle, would have crippled the dog if removed.

Tuesday in State Supreme Court, Brooklyn, on murder, assault and weapons charges in connection with the case. He was returned to the hospital for further examination.

Berkowitz lawyers entered an innocent plea and said they would argue insanity in the event that a psychiatric examination determines that the alleged killer of five women and one man is fit to stand trial.

Jultak and Mark Heller, a lawyer brought into the case by an unnamed member of the family, denied that they had been sources of a public report that the defense had located the Berkowitz's natural mother.

Beame to honor 2 local policemen

Two Yonkers policemen and a part-time Westchester deputy sheriff who were involved in the capture of David Berkowitz of Yonkers, the alleged Son of Sam, will receive certificates of appreciation Friday from Mayor Abraham Beame in New York City. A Yonkers police dispatcher will also be honored.

The presentations will be made while 25 New York City Police officers, including Deputy Inspector Timothy Dowd, are promoted for their work on the capture of the suspect. Dowd is commander of the special homicide task force established to capture the .44 caliber killer.

Yonkers Patrolmen Peter Intervallo and Thomas Chamberlain will receive the certificates for their part in the investigation, as will Craig Glassman, the volunteer deputy who lived in the Berkowitz building and called authorities' attention to Berkowitz' strange behavior.

Wheat Carr, the daughter of Sam Carr, will receive a citation from the mayor. She is the police dispatcher who played a role in alerting Brooklyn detectives to Berkowitz who had run-ins with her father, a neighbor of Berkowitz.

Among those being promoted will be New York Officer Michael Cataneo Jr., who placed the ticket on the car of Berkowitz when it was parked near the place where Stacy Moskowitz was killed in Brooklyn. The ticket helped place Berkowitz' car in the area.

In a related development, police have said there is no evidence that Berkowitz, in the company of an unidentified companion, visited a Mamaroneck animal shelter the day before he was arrested. The report had prompted speculation that Berkowitz' may have had an accomplice.

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Q. My problem involves the delivery of an utility cabinet I purchased in Sears. I was informed it would be delivered on time but I have been waiting for sometime. I have called the store numerous times only to be told there is a problem at the factory. Please look into this.

—MRS. T.Y., MAMARONECK

A. We were happy to hear from you that the utility cabinet has finally arrived. As always, the HELP staff was happy to be of service.

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Q. I do hope that you can clear up this situation. For over a year I have been trying to get Blue Cross Blue Shield to send me a correct identification card. I just can't see why this should cause any difficulty but it obviously has. How about some action?

—MRS. C.A., TARRYTOWN

A. One identification card reached your mailbox shortly after the HELP staff became involved. Remember, feel free to call on us again.

MUSICAL EXCHANGE

Q. Could you please try to get somebody at Macy's to exchange a stereo set for me. I did order a four piece system but they delivered the wrong model and all my efforts to obtain the correct unit have been in vain. I will not pay the bill until this is taken care of.

—MS. K.P., THORNWOOD

A. After hearing from HELP, Macy's arranged for the exchange of the stereo. I am now enjoying beautiful music! Thank you.

WAITING GAME

Q. I need some HELP getting Group Health Insurance to act on my claims. It has been six months since I submitted all the bills and statements. I even visited their office in Manhattan in an attempt to speed things up but nothing happened. Please do something.

—MRS. E.M., HARTSDALE

A. You can relax now! All the claims have been processed. At our request, the assistant vice president at GHI contacted you to make sure everything had been solved to your satisfaction.

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Carey nixes widows' retirement bill

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A bill designed to give Yonkers police and firemen the opportunity to insure retirement benefits for their widows has been vetoed by Gov. Hugh Carey.

About 125 police and firefighters have "no option" retirement plans that do not make any provision for their widows to receive compensation.

They chose those plans after the Yonkers City Council passed a law in 1968 guaranteeing the surviving spouses \$200 a month out of the city's treasury.

But last year the courts ruled the Yonkers benefits unconstitutional because they violated the state retirement law.

State Senator John Flynn (R-Yonkers) said he new

legislation was needed to give police and firemen the option of changing their retirement plan.

"It's not their fault," said Flynn. "They made their decision because of an act of the City of Yonkers." Assemblyman Thomas McInerney (D-Yonkers) sponsored the bill in the Assembly.

The governor said he vetoed the measure because it was defective and would actually extend to policemen and firemen who retired after the Yonkers law was declared unconstitutional in court. The state pension commission and budget division also recommended that the bill be vetoed, according to the governor's statement.

The legislature already approved a measure to continue benefits for widows who were actually receiving the \$200 per month when the city's law was declared unconstitutional.



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