

## 'Son of Sam' counsel slain

ROSLYN HARBOR (AP) — A former Nassau County assistant district attorney and counsel to "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz was murdered in his Roslyn Harbor home early Saturday in a scuffle with a robber, police said.

Police said the killing occurred at about 12:30 a.m., after Leon Stern, 56, and his wife Laura returned home from a visit with friends.

According to the police account, they parked their car in the driveway and entered the house through a basement level door. Mrs. Stern went to the first floor and was accosted by a man wearing a ski mask.

Police said the robber demanded her valuables and she complied. The bandit then handcuffed Mrs. Stern and fled.

According to police, Mrs. Stern set off an alarm and then ran next door and called police.

At the same time, a second intruder confronted her husband in a basement room. It appeared that a struggle ensued and Stern was shot in the head, police said. The intruder fled.

Stern was pronounced dead at the scene.

## Subway riders jump

Several passengers on a stopped Brooklyn subway train jumped to the tracks Saturday when they smelled smoke, forcing a shutdown of service between Flatbush Avenue and Franklin Avenue, authorities said.

Electric power to part of the IRT No. 3 line was shut off to prevent the electrocution of the passengers or firefighters sent to determine where the smoke was coming from, said Jeanne Edelson, director of public affairs.

Ms. Edelson said Transit Authority employees believed they removed all the passengers from the track area, but they had to search the tunnel between President Street and Sterling Street to make sure no one was left behind.

"They saw the smoke and evidently left the train," said Ms. Edelson, who said the origin of the smoke was not immediately determined. "It is obviously something we try to have the passengers not do. They are safer on the train than on the track."

## Dispute delays tests

ALBANY (AP) — About 10,000 New Yorkers a month are being denied their chance for a high school diploma because of a continuing dispute between Gov. Hugh Carey and the state Legislature.

Many of those diplomas are needed before the recipients can go on to college in the fall, enter job-training programs, get job promotions or even get a job in some cases.

Since April 1, New Yorkers have been unable to take high school equivalency examinations in the state because Carey decided earlier this year that the formerly free tests should carry a fee of about \$10. And he made that desire a part of his proposed budget for fiscal 1982-83.

However, the state Legislature — acting on the advice of the state Education Department — turned back Carey's request in adopting their own \$27 billion-plus budget on March 31 and instead appropriated the \$610,000 Carey estimated the testing program would cost.

That \$610,000 was included in the more than \$900 million vetoed from the state budget by Carey on April 12. He said the state simply couldn't afford all that extra spending without new taxes or fees — such as the testing fee.

## Rejection debated

ROCHESTER (AP) — Republican Lewis Lehrman and Democrat Edward Koch, who are strong candidates to meet in the November gubernatorial election, have wildly conflicting stories about who rejected whom in 1980.

At the time, both men agree, Lehrman was being considered for the job of deputy mayor for economic development in New York City, where Koch has been mayor since 1978.

The difference is that Lehrman says he turned down the job, and Koch says it was never offered.

"He really wanted the job and he asked for it, but he was never offered it," Koch said in an interview with the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle.

Lehrman, interviewed separately, replied, "He's relating a conversation he dreamed up. They wanted me to take the job of deputy mayor. But I told them I appreciated the offer, but I could not give them the time."

## 6 die in crash

DUNKIRK (AP) — A head-on collision between a car and a pickup truck killed six people — including five members of the same family — in Chautauque County's worst accident since 1975, deputies said Saturday.

Sheriff's deputies in this southwestern New York county identified the victims as the driver of the car, Gary Matteson, 24, of Dunkirk; his wife, Cynthia Matteson; their 2-year-old son, Chad; Matteson's mother, Marsha Matteson; a sister-in-law, Bernadine Ippolito; and Cathy Lemiszko, 31, a friend of the family.

## Accident kills driver

BROOKVILLE (AP) — An Oyster Bay man was killed when he lost control of his car and hit a utility pole on Route 25-A in Brookville, police said. Police said William J. Smith, 54, was driving his 1967 Plymouth west on Route 25-A shortly before 7 p.m. Friday when he apparently suffered a heart attack. Police said Smith slowly crossed over to the eastbound lane and struck a fire hydrant and some bushes before stopping against a utility pole.

Smith was pronounced dead at Glen Cove Community Hospital at 7:50 p.m.

## Guard shoots man

An unidentified man was fatally shot by a security guard at a Bronx pharmacy Saturday during an argument, police said. The victim, said to be about 64 years old, died at Jacobi Hospital after he was reportedly shot in the head around 5:10 p.m. by the guard at the Oral Pharmacy, 1500 Metropolitan Ave.

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# Police seeking clues in mail bomb death

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators searched Saturday for clues to the killer who mailed a hollowed-out cookbook bomb that exploded and fatally wounded a Brooklyn community leader, leaving behind a note warning her husband: "You're next."

"This was a classic mail bomb type of case," said U.S. Postal Service inspector Dan Mihalko, a bomb specialist. "There was extra postage to make sure it went through."

He said the package was addressed on the outside to Joan D. Kipp, 54, an officer of the non-partisan Bay Ridge Community Council and guidance supervisor for School District 20 in Brooklyn.

She found the package on the doorstep of her two-story brick home about 4:10 p.m. Friday, police said. It contained a hollowed cookbook that held three .22-caliber bullets rigged to a six-volt battery and gunpowder, authorities said.

The bomb was triggered when Mrs. Kipp opened the book, with two of the bullets exploding into her chest, police said.

Mihalko said a threatening note on the inside flap of the book apparently was addressed to the victim's husband, marine engineer Howard Kipp. It warned: "Dear Howard: You're next," he said, but threatened that other members of the Kipp family would be "first." The Kipp family has two children, Craig and Doreen.

Mihalko said the package was post-marked in Staten Island, a New York City borough just across the Verrazano Bridge from the usually tranquil Bay

Ridge section of Brooklyn, where the Kipps live.

"Everything is still open," Mihalko said, describing the investigation.

Police and Postal Service inspectors were trying to find out exactly where the package was mailed and where the battery came from, he said.

"We're still looking for a motive," the inspector said.

Investigators did not have any suspects, said police officer John Clifford.

Meanwhile, police Detective John Votto said "every precaution is being taken" to protect the Kipp family. He declines to offer further details.

Neighbors of the Kipp family described the victim Saturday as a friendly woman who actively showed her concern for the Bay Ridge community which, despite its urban image in the John Travolta film "Saturday Night Fever," is known as a quiet, conservative, residential neighborhood filled with roomy, expensive homes and high-priced shore apartments.

"They're very, very nice," said Bill Ioannides, who lives two houses away from the Kipps on a tree-lined block across the street from a high wall bounding the Roman Catholic Visitation Monastery.

"I have never seen anything in this neighborhood like it," said neighbor Joseph Weiss as he walked past the Kipp home Saturday morning.

"A very nice lady," said a clerk at the Marine Market on Third Avenue, where she shopped. "She was an active person."

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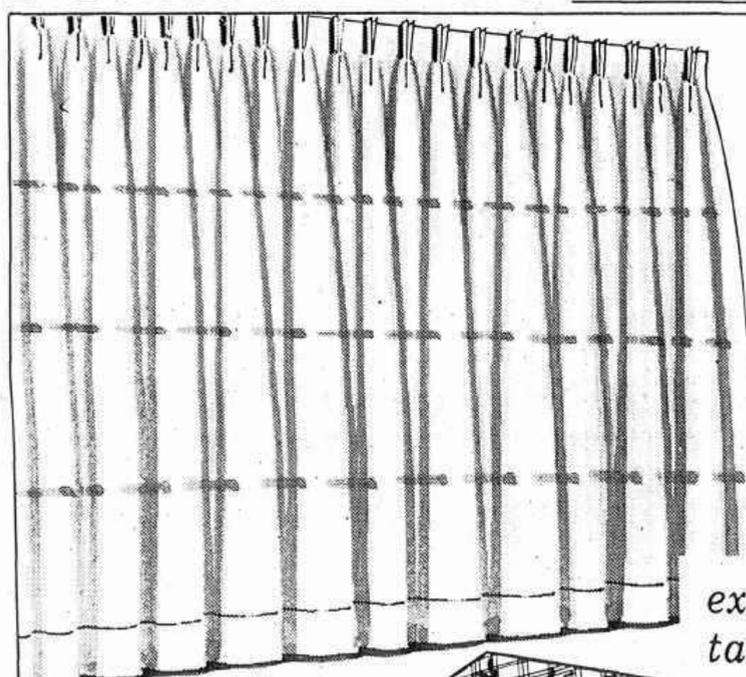
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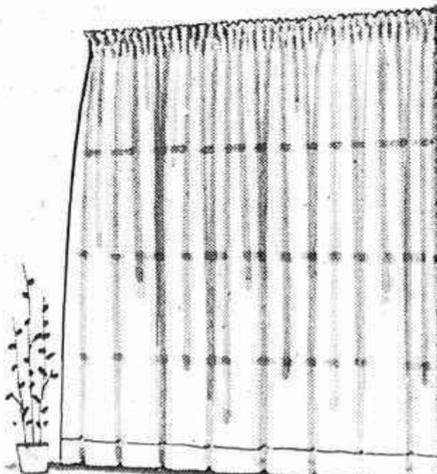
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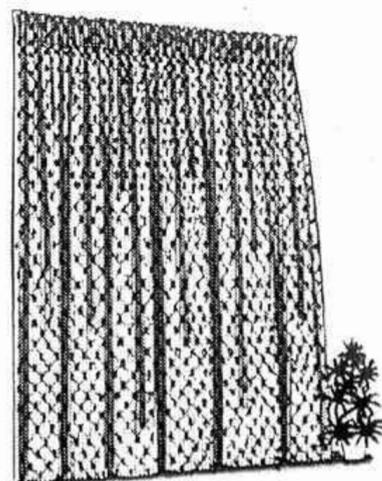
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