

Arrest calms city residents

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A Yonkers stunned by the arrest of Son of Sam suspect David Berkowitz began to relax after the shock wore off.

Frank Albanese of Palisade Avenue came right to the point, "Thank God! that they have caught him." Steve Ball of Round Hill Drive said simply, "Very Happy."

Ruth Higgins of Orchard Place confided, "I was quite surprised to learn that a parking ticket led to the capture of Son of Sam in Yonkers."

Edward Corbin of Radford Street who has a daughter, 23, said, "Despite warnings to her for her safety it is a relief that he has been caught. It is quite a shock to find out he was in our own back yard, and from seeing him on television he appears to be a very sick person, with a sick smile."

Frances Kahn of De Haven Drive said, "Although I have a daughter who lives out of state, I worried for the safety of people I know who have daughters. I am relieved."

Mary Losco of Ash Street's reaction was, "I am shocked, stunned to find out he lived in Yonkers. I warned my 19 year old daughter, but I never thought he would be just around the corner."

Rosaline Popkin of Balint Drive said, "I don't know if I'm surprised or not, I thought of him being captured, but never really thought of where he would live. What bothers me is his religion, the fact that he is Jewish like me." Mrs. Popkin also has a daughter who feared going out at night.

Lilly Reynolds of Culver Street said, "I am sad that all the killings happened and I find it shocking that he lived in Yonkers, but thank God he did no harm here."

Terry Spies of Chase Avenue who has a 15 year old daughter with a curtailed social life since the appearance of Son of Sam said, "I'm shocked and I am very sorry that he lives in Yonkers."

Dissension cited

Suspect vs. neighbors

By KARIN LIPSON
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David Berkowitz—a loner, a quiet man who kept to himself, according to those who knew him just slightly at the Pine Street building in Yonkers where he lived since April, 1976. And yet, this "quiet man's" name comes up repeatedly in bizarre incidents involving the "Son of Sam" suspect and those neighbors whose lives somehow brushed against his. Here are some examples of Berkowitz versus his neighbors:

Sam Carr, a Yonkers resident whose Warburton Avenue yard can be seen from Berkowitz' window, was the object of a hate mail campaign capped by the shooting of his dog last April. Carr, whose name has been identified by some police sources as the "Sam" who haunted the mind of the 44-caliber killer—has several letters he believes came from Berkowitz. One letter reportedly read in part, "You have been warned to stop your dog from barking during the day. Now you're going to have to die."

Yonkers police officers looking into Berkowitz' background discovered that "he really hated dogs. They completely freaked him out." They also found that the only window in 35 Pine St. exposed to the Carr yard was that of Berkowitz' apartment.

Carr's home was firebombed on Oct. 4 and police confirm that Berkowitz was a suspect in that incident, as well.

Before he moved to Yonkers, the 24-year-old postal worker rented a room from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cassara, at 174 Coligni Ave. in New Rochelle. After Berkowitz moved out in April, 1976, Mrs. Cassara received a "get well" card in the mail,

intended for her husband, Yeg Jack Cassara wasn't ill. The card, which pictured a dog, was signed, "Sam and Frances". Sam Carr's name and return address were on the envelope. The Cassaras didn't know the Carrs.

A phone call from Mrs. Cassara to Sam Carr revealed that he Carrs hadn't sent the card. Carr also began relating the strange hate mail he was receiving and the shooting of his dog as well as a bomb that, he said went off in his house Oct. 1976. Mrs. Cassara said, after talking to her son, he said "Mom, don't you remember the tenant we had who hated dogs?" The tenant was Berkowitz.

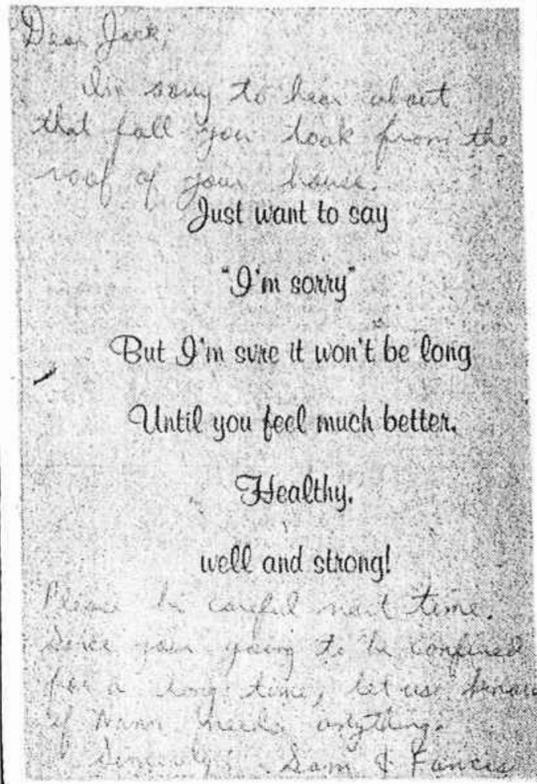
On Aug. 6, a rubbish fire was set in front of apartment 6-E at 35 Pine St. The apartment, which is directly below that occupied by Berkowitz, is rented by Craig Glassman, a civilian member of the Westchester Sheriff's Emergency Force.

Fire investigators found 22-caliber bullets in the fire—the same type of bullets used to shoot Carr's dog. When questioned, Glassman said the only neighbor he had any trouble with was Berkowitz; the upstairs neighbor had complained that Glassman let his television play too loudly.

According to an investigator close to the case, Berkowitz was a "prime suspect" in this fire.

Glassman also said that he has been receiving threatening messages for the past two months. "They were all in block letters and signed, 'your brother,'" he said. "I figured it was just some nut who took a dislike to me."

Police who arrested Berkowitz found a note addressed to them in his car. The note read in part, "Because Craig is Craig-So must the streets-Be filled with Craig death."



Craig had reason to fear

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Craig Glassman is a public-spirited person who tries to help people professionally and in his spare time. One of his vocations, working part-time for the Westchester County Sheriff's Office, may have put his life in jeopardy.

Glassman is the man who lived for six months in the sixth-floor apartment beneath the alleged 44 killer, David Berkowitz. Of the neighbor whose footsteps he heard every night, Glassman said, "I never believed he was the Son of Sam."

Instead, Glassman saw himself as the target of an irrational hate campaign from his loner neighbor whose footsteps he heard overhead, but whose face he never saw until the end. In the last few days, Glassman slept petrified with his gun by his side and dispatched his shaken wife to a friend's house elsewhere in Yonkers.

BERKOWITZ' 29-year-old neighbor had just begun a new career. Last Friday, the unflappable, dark-haired Ardsley native got the loudest applause at steamy graduation exercises for 35 nurses at the Cochrane School of Nursing at Saint John's Hospital in Yonkers.

Smiling and popular, Glassman stepped up for his diploma, the only male graduate.

While other classmates and teachers went on vacation, the Miami University graduate stayed home, preparing to begin work Monday as a male nurse at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. He was troubled by the harassment he and his wife had been enduring for two months at home.

In June and July, Glassman received two letters laced with obscenities, bizarre religious references and offensive comments about his family. There were no references to the Son of Sam.

GLASSMAN TOLD Westchester County Sheriff Thomas Delaney about them, but as Glassman explained, "We didn't want to spook him (Berkowitz)."

So no direct action was taken. The harassment may have had something to do with Glassman's other vocation. One night a week for the past two years, Glassman had put on a sheriff's auxiliary force uniform. Frequently, he went out on weekends.

The insignia identified him as a corporal in the Sheriff's Emergency Force (SEF). Usually, he was headed for meetings at Westchester County Center. The volunteers in SEF assist the sheriff's office at parades, fairs and on special occasions.

SHERIFF DELANEY now believes the uniform irked Berkowitz, who was formerly an auxiliary police officer in New York City.

Prime targets were nearby

By PAULA PETTI
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Young people in Yonkers parks, and on the streets, read the newspaper and shook their heads in disbelief that the alleged 44 caliber killer was so close.

While the accused "Son of Sam", 24-year-old David Berkowitz, is suspected of killing six and wounding seven young people in isolated areas of New York City, there are many such isolated places near Berkowitz' own residence in Yonkers.

The suspect's apartment is at 35 Pine St., a narrow residential street quietly tucked away behind tall apartment buildings and private homes beneath North Broadway on a hill that slopes to the Hudson River.

It is a street in the midst of smaller, dimly-lit, isolated streets and parking lots; a few blocks away from three parks and the Marina, which are nighttime havens for those between the ages of 16-25. Young people who were potential victims for the suspected killer who lived so close.

Grant Park, on Park Avenue and High Street, is a spacious, dimly-lit park dotted with several trees, rocks and benches, and is within walking distance from Berkowitz' home.

Lennon Park, less than half a mile away at Park and Lake Avenues, is larger and at night the benches are hidden in the darkness of bushes behind a well-lit parking lot, which is a gathering place for local youth's and their cars.

The John F. Kennedy Marina—a lovers' land and the isolated areas of Trevor Park, are both less than a mile from Pine Street.

But the "Son of Sam" chose isolated areas in New York City. Why? A question the police are trying to answer. "He may not even know why himself, said Yonkers Police Lt. Thomas Kressman. "He (Berkowitz) is in the custody of the New York City police now and the suspect's motives remain unknown."

"He must have seen Craig leaving with the uniform on and it triggered something to do with authority," Delaney said.

Glassman, a former broadcaster who gave up the communications field thinking nursing to be a more stable profession, said, "He must have thought I was a plant in the building to investigate him."

"At first we thought it might be someone in the force who was jealous he made corporal so fast...It usually takes four or five years," Delaney added.

Glassman made the jump in two years.

BUT EVEN unit jealousy has its limits. Last Saturday, a fire was started outside Glassman's apartment door and live 22 bullets were thrown into the flames. In the morning mail, after Yonkers police came to investigate, two more letters arrived — this time with death threats.

"True, I am the killer. But Craig, the killings are your command. I shall see you standing naked at the judgement seat," one of the letters said.

Glassman's wife Marguerite, a case worker for the county Dept. of Social Services, moved out. Glassman took his gun to bed and the sheriff's office stepped up its own investigation.

According to Delaney, it wasn't possible to get a search warrant Saturday, "because we didn't have the evidence."

HE CONTINUED, managing a smile. "We really didn't think this guy was the Son of Sam, but at least we thought he was a nut in his own right."

There were now several investigations into the alleged activities of the seventh-floor occupant.

On his way to work Wednesday morning Glassman got his first look at Berkowitz. The man police say is the 44 killer was sitting alone in his car at 7:35 a.m.

That night, as Glassman's laundry tumbled in an apartment washing machine, he went out and looked into Berkowitz's car for the first time. He saw what he thought might be a weapon and a note similar to ones he had received.

"ARE YOU David Berkowitz?" one of ten New York police detectives asked him, as they surrounded him.

Glassman said he wasn't and proved it with identification. He promised to point out Berkowitz if the neighbor came out to his car. Berkowitz obliged.

Glassman drew his gun and approached the car with police. Berkowitz gave himself up.

In Berkowitz's wallet was another hate message for Craig. But Glassman's ordeal was over and and he rejoiced that his wife would be coming home soon.



Staff photo by Vince Antolini

Dogs unearthed

Dominick Pisaturo, 10, and Danny Clare, 14, neighbors of Son of Sam suspect David Berkowitz, show skull of a dog they dug up Thursday behind the Yonkers apartment house in which Berkowitz lived.

Pine Street graves yield 3 dead dogs

By JENNIE TRITTEN
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After reading of the hatred Son of Sam suspect David Berkowitz is reported to have for dogs, two Northwest Yonkers boys told this newspaper of finding and burying three dead dogs last Christmas behind the apartment house in which the suspect lived.

The boys, Dominick Pisaturo, 10, and Danny Clare, 14, who live nearby, said they found the dogs in a wooded area behind the suspect' 35 Pine St., address. The youngsters returned to the area Thursday and dug up the graves they had marked with wooden stones and a stick. The bodies of three dogs, two large and one small, were found. All were German shepherds.

"My son had told me about finding the dead dogs. I recalled the incident and asked him about it," said Mrs. Cheryl Pisaturo, Dominick's mother.

The police had said on Thursday they were investigating Berkowitz' reported hatred of dogs, the shooting of a dog on Christmas Eve and the wounding of another dog by a 22-caliber bullet in April. Both incidents happened in the area of 35 Pine St., and both dogs were reported to be German shepherds.

ne; and Robert Calfus, 25, of Flushing, a photographer for the New York Post.

Police arrested the four at 3 p.m. when they were found inside the apartment at 35 Pine St., Yonkers, which police said was marked with a poster identifying it as a crime scene and prohibiting the public from entering.

After being handcuffed and detained for three hours at Yonkers police headquarters and in the Yonkers City Jail, they were released on their own recognizance with orders to return for a hearing in City Court today.

Police confiscated 11 rolls of film and one

cassette tape, which will all be held for evidence. Police said photographic equipment and a tape recorder were returned.

Berliner said after his release that they had walked unchallenged by police, and that they entered the apartment after finding the door unlocked. He said they were in the apartment for about 15 minutes before police came.

All four face criminal trespass charges, could get a maximum one-year prison sentence and a fine of up to \$1,000. Spokesmen for the four publications declined to comment on the arrests Thursday evening.



DAVID C. BERLINER
... Washington Post

LEONARD DETRICK
... N.Y. Daily News

ROBERT CALFUS
... N.Y. Post

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Face trespass charges

Newsmen nabbed in Pine Street apartment

By DAVID COPITHORNE
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Yonkers police arrested four journalists representing nationally-known publications Thursday, charging them with trespassing in the apartment of David Berkowitz, the suspect in the 44-caliber murders.

Arrested were David C. Berliner, 34, of Jamaica, N.Y., a correspondent for the Washington Post; Leonard Detrick, 60, of Closter, N.J., a photographer for the New York Daily News; Theodore Cowell, 34, of Manhattan, a free-lance photographer on assignment for Time Magazi-

