

Aqueduct search comes up empty in 'Sam' probe

By ED TRAPASSO Staff Writer Theories that a Satanic cult linked to 'Son of Sam' killer David Berkowitz may have used a stretch of the old Croton Aqueduct in north Yonkers for rituals were discounted Monday following a lengthy search by police.

The Yonkers Police Department announced Friday that it was reactivating its probe in an effort to determine if a devil-worshipping cult group operated in North Yonkers at the time of the killings, and if Berkowitz was a member of that group.

activity. According to a series of investigative stories in this newspaper, the cult conducted its rituals just a mile north of Berkowitz's 35 Pine St. home at a location that was referred to in the 'Son of Sam' letter to New York Daily News Columnist Jimmy Breslin in June, 1977. The Breslin letter reportedly made several references to the aqueduct.

Park and then walking north over the Hastings-on-Hudson boundary line and back again. It is believed that occult groups regularly met in Untermyer Park, on or near the aqueduct, and conducted 'black masses'.

ern Westchester to New York City. A wide path on top follows its course through wooded areas and residential neighborhoods. Fernandes did not discount the possibility that cult groups may have used the top of the aqueduct.

Iran says 'yes' to hostage visits



CPL. BILLY GALLEGOS DURING INTERVIEW... one of 50 Tehran hostages

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said today international observers will see the American hostages in the occupied U.S. Embassy 'in the very near future.'



Khomeini troops regain control of Tabriz television station Monday

Board meets tonight on raises

By DONNA GREENE Staff Writer The Westchester Board of Legislators will meet in a special session tonight to consider actions needed to raise their own salaries as well as those of the county executive, the county clerk and about 300 other top government employees.

tonight before the increases can be enacted. The first is a resolution which would give a 5 percent raise to the majority of managerial employees effective Feb. 1. The resolution, introduced by John Hand, R-Yorktown, would limit the raise to a maximum of \$2,015.

present \$12,440 to \$15,487.50. If the pay plan is not approved, the legislators' salaries will still increase to \$14,750 in January because of a previous raise they voted themselves, but which they deferred until a new board took office.



Sentence date set for killer of Yonkers teen

By TARA CONNELL Staff Writer A 23-year-old ex-Marine will be sentenced Jan. 26 for fatally stabbing Yonkers teen-ager Paul McDermott during a fight over who would be first in line at a pizza parlor last May.

Christina sheds No. 3 A lawyer for shipping heiress Christina Onassis said in Athens Tuesday that she planned to begin divorce proceedings against her Soviet husband Sergei Kauzov. The couple are shown during their wedding in Moscow in August, 1978.

Suspect pleads not guilty in deputy sheriff slaying

By TARA CONNELL Staff Writer A Hastings-On-Hudson man accused of murdering Westchester County Police Officer Kieran Grant last month pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday in Westchester County Court in White Plains.

determine if Gonzalez is competent to stand trial. The January date was set to give the lawyer time to prepare his case. Torres requested the hearing despite the finding by two psychiatrists that Gonzalez is able to understand the charges against him and to help his attorney.

Outlook bleak for unemployed black teens

Third of a series By MICHAEL ZEIGLER GANNETT NEWS SERVICE ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The frustration is there, and so is the anger. You can see it in the face of Billy Rivers, 19, who has never had a job that paid more than \$100 a week.

worker with the Catholic Youth Organization. Why should unemployment among black teenagers be a concern? Job experts say a youth in his late teens who wants a job and can't find one often is on the road to habitual unemployment or crime.

school, he said. Your hard-core criminals 10 years from now will be the teenagers who are unemployed now. This is the seedbed of urban crime. To Jim Preston, coordinator of youth services of Action for a Better Community, the problem is more basic than that.

If these kids can't find jobs in their home town, where will they find them? he asked. Who are these young people and why are they out of jobs? Please turn to MINORITIES on page A17

Inside

Breaking into the movies



Rye's Christopher Atkins got a movie job the way some hopefuls dream about — he was spotted by Columbia film studio executives, made a screen test and that was it — a role with Brooke Shields. See Lifestyles.

Local

Operation Santa Claus raises almost \$6,000 in gala cocktail party at Hudson River Chateau in Yonkers. See Lifestyles cover page.

World/Nation

The nation's economy demonstrated further resilience in November, further confounding predictions of a downturn, the Commerce Department said Monday.

Sports

Iona College can conclude a successful West Coast trip with a victory tonight at the University of San Francisco.

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