

SCHOOL TECH THEFT

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Burglars delete 30G worth of equipment

WITH THE NEW school year less than three weeks away, a Bronx public school was struck last weekend by burglars who stole \$30,000 worth of computers and cameras.

The thief or thieves swiped laptops, desktop computers and digital cameras from a locked case in the media room at Public School 35 in Morrisania, authorities said yesterday.

Twenty-four Dell laptops, 10 Apple iMac desktops and 10 Canon digital cameras — equipment that had been amassed over the past three years — were stolen, said school principal Graciela Navarro.

A number of computers were trashed and left behind by the intruders, Navarro said yesterday as she kept watch at the school.

She was alerted Monday morning by school employee Reynaldo Rios, who noticed the alarm was turned off when he walked into the school at 261 E. 163rd St.

Police were notified, and the Department of Education is working with them on the investigation, said DOE spokeswoman Marge Feinberg.

Navarro now worries about how the school is going to replace the gear.

"We've never had a burglary

like this," she said. "Right now we have a very tight budget, and though we get a certain amount for hardware, it's not going to cover it."

Outside the school, police found the gate lock broken and an open window through which they believe the thieves entered the school.

"They had to have known that the keys were here and how to use them. Sometimes I don't even know how to open it," said Navarro, who noted that some students' school projects and other work also was stolen.

Feinberg said she hadn't heard of any previous incidents of

school vandalism on this scale this summer.

However, she said that PS 89 in Pelham Parkway section had been hit by a series of burglaries this year. About \$20,000 of equipment, including laptops and projectors, were stolen in one of those incidents.

Paul Figueroa, a parent whose three children graduated from PS 35, said he approached his supervisors at IBM, where he is a computer technician, to see whether they can donate computers.

"I'm hoping for a miracle," Navarro said.

Police are asking anyone with information to call the CrimeStoppers hotline at 1 (866) 313-847. **With Daniel Beekman**



PS 35 Principal Graciela Navarro in computer room where desktops, laptops and cameras were stolen last weekend. Photo by Enid Alvarez/Daily News

W'chester offers 3rd plan for affordable minority housing

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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

FOR THE THIRD time, Westchester County has revised a plan to build 750 affordable housing units for minorities in the county's affluent neighborhoods.

One of the richest counties in the state was forced to spend \$52 million to build affordable units after losing a lawsuit last year filed by the Anti-Discrimination Center, charging Westchester failed to use federal funds for affordable, "desegregated" housing.

The federal housing monitor rejected the last two plans because they didn't specify how the county would spend the money.

Under the new plan, 100 units would be finished by 2011 and 450 units by the end of 2014, while building permits are being processed to total the housing goal. All affordable units satisfying the ADC settlement should be built by 2016.

The unapproved county plan stipulates a certain percentage of new housing should be for low-income families. But because that amount is unknown, towns such as Tarrytown have put the brakes on current housing projects.

"There is uncertainty about the implementation plan," said Mike Blaugh, Tarrytown Village administrator. "We're not objecting to the concept of affordable housing, but what exactly are we committing to?"

Although the latest plan spells out incentives and zoning guidelines, some Westchester legislators charge County Executive Rob Astorino has stymied the process.

"The county executive has not signed off on any legislation that has to do with affordable housing," said legislator board chairman Ken Jenkins, former president of the Yonkers NAACP.

The board's anger peaked last month when Astorino vetoed an "income discrimination" bill that would impose heavy fines on landlords discriminating against tenants living on welfare or using Section 8 vouchers. Astorino said the bill put an unfair burden on small landlords.

The veto also angered federal housing monitor James Johnson, who asked Astorino for proof of the bill would burden landlords. Astorino has yet to respond.

Astorino said last week that the latest revised plan "demonstrates the county's ongoing commitment to work with the monitor and his team to bring more fair and affordable housing to Westchester."

"The implementation plan is words on a page," said Legislator John Nonna of Mount Pleasant and Pleasantville. "The question is, what's really happening out there to move the plan forward?"

AT A GLANCE

MOUNT VERNON — A Westchester County man whose six dogs allegedly attacked and killed a woman's Yorkshire terrier faces multiple charges.

Police charged Brenton Burrell, 55, of Mount Vernon with six counts of having unregistered dogs. They also issued six tickets to him for having unleashed dogs.

The terrier's owner, DeAnna Young, was walking her small dog Biggie on Sunday when Burrell's dogs bolted and fatally attacked the 3-year-old pooch, cops said.

Burrell's six dogs — a Rottweiler, a pit bull and four mixed-breed dogs — were being held at the Mount Vernon Animal Shelter.

RIVERDALE — Schervier Nursing Care Center is hosting a blood drive for the New York Blood Center tomorrow from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Schervier's Community Hall.

Schervier, part of Bon Secours New York Health System, is at 2975 Independence Ave., between 231st and 227th Sts.

Blood donations drop to critically low levels in the summer, and there also is an urgent need for blood donors with diverse racial backgrounds, officials said.

To schedule an appointment, contact the New York Blood Center at nybloodcenter.org, or call them at (800)933-2566.

LONGWOOD — Multi-Grammy-nominated virtuoso drummer Bobby Sanabria's Big Band will serve up a hard-swinging set of Afro-Cuban jazz in a free concert tonight.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at 52 Park's Miranda Theater, at Kelly St. between Leggett Ave. and Avenue St. John.

The show is being presented by Lincoln Center's LC in the BX, with support from Deutsche Bank and 52 People for Progress, Inc.

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