

Uproar over unexpected neighbors

BY DAVID CRUZ

Elected officials and groups say they were blindsided by the recent move of several people diagnosed with mental illness from Brooklyn and Queens into a Pelham Bay apartment complex.

They met Dec. 28 at Community Board 10 offices to meet with Services for the UnderServed, a respected state-backed nonprofit temporarily housing 65 clients in the long-vacant Pelham Grand.

The tenants are former mental care services patients who are dealing with their illness and working or attending school, said the nonprofit's chief operating officer, Dr. Yves Ades. He's promised walking tours to anyone interested.

Officials with Community Board 10, Senator Jeff Klein, Councilman Jimmy Vacca and Ben Randazzo, Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Mike Benedetto attended, though they say the meeting wasn't publicly announced simply because they were invited guests.

They discovered the transient tenants had already moved into 1870 Pelham Parkway South a day before the information meeting.

State law says no open meeting is required when setting up a supportive housing facility within a neighborhood since it doesn't have to go through the NYS Site Selection Law process, a move CB10 chairman John Marano opposes.

Still, Marano understood this was an emergency situation. He insists the meeting was not "secret" as others have characterized it.

"For all those naysayers that say it's a secret meeting is sad," he said.

The public will still have a chance to air their concerns at the next CB10 general board meeting

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MIXED REPORT ON BORO CRIME



Photo by Josiane Bauke

Police Officer Jason Campbell (lef) and Police Officer Steven Edwards stroll out of Throggs Neck's 45th Precinct, where crime has fallen for the second straight year in a row. Find out how the 45th and 49th precincts did on page 6.

Murders, shootings down in 2012

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

There's good news and bad news for crime in the Bronx.

Despite last year's dramatic headlines of shootings and murders, both took a downward turn, while other stubborn violent crimes inched up.

The numbers, locally and citywide have raised concern that crime reduction has finally bottomed out, going as low as it can go.

But in all cases, the actual numbers were the lowest the borough has seen in decades.

Murders were down 24.3%, with 112 killings, compared to 148 in 2011, while shooting victims dropped from 535 in 2011 to 494 last year - a 7.7% decrease.

Rape, robberies and felony assaults were up 6.6%, 3% and 7.7% respectively.

Police attribute the drop in murders and shootings in part to

police and federal agencies taking down a number of local violent drug gangs.

But obviously, high profile murders and shootings, such as the death of 4-year-old Lloyd Morgan and wounding of other innocents by stray bullets drew big headlines and community outrage.

And Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly's controversial stop-and-frisk (seemingly always missing the "question" part in the middle) is still hotly debated as a significant crime deterrent or a community relations disaster.

If hard numbers are any help in judging the worth of the program, while gun seizures were down 4.7% citywide, they were up 13.3% in the borough, from 757 in 2011 to 858 weapons taken off Bronx streets last year.

Borough President Ruben Diaz
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Assemblywoman Gibson in City Council run

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

EXCLUSIVE - Bronx state Assemblywoman Vanessa Gibson will announce shortly that she's running for the City Council seat from Highbridge.

The seat, which also covers parts of Melrose and Morrisania, is being vacated by term-limited Councilwoman Helen Foster, whose father Wendell held the seat for several terms before her three terms

there.

Sources said that Gibson will announce her candidacy Feb. 1 at a location yet to be determined.

She is serving her second full two-year term in the Assembly after having won the seat in a special election when Aurelia Greene stepped down to become deputy borough president. The 77th A.D. also covers the heavy voting base of Concourse Village, as well as

Claremont Village and the Forrest Houses.

Gibson could possibly face a crowded field of challengers in the Sept. 10 Democratic primary, though she is expected to have the party's backing for the council seat, which pays \$112,000 annually compared to \$79,000 in the Assembly.

Foster's 16th Council District is likely to shrink once the city Dis-

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(Right) First baby of 2013 in the Bronx, Emerald Adrienne Jordyn Givans, is held by mom, Andrea White. She is surrounded by proud sister, Jewel Gordon (left), and nurses (l-r): Gina McManus, RN, Helen Ayeo, RN, and Terri Malichek, RN.

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First Bronxite born in 2013 at Montefiore

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Happy Newborn!

Baby girl Emerald Adrienne Jordyn Givans arrived at 2:02 a.m. on New Year's Day making her the first baby born in the Bronx in 2013.

The tiny four pound, 12.9 ounce baby was born to mom, Andrea White, and dad, Vincent Givans at Montefiore Medical Center.

Emerald beat the New Year's clock ahead of Joel Javier Sanchez, born at Lincoln Hospital at 3:17 a.m. and weighing in at five pounds, seven ounces.

Just to cover another local hospital, Isabella Cappello came into the world well into New Year's Day, born at 4:02 p.m. at Jacobi Medical Center and weighing in at six pounds, three ounces.

Although White, 46,

said baby Givans was not due until February 14, she was pleased about her early arrival.

"For me, it doesn't matter if it was New Years or any other day. I'm elated," White said. "But I am glad she came on New Years. It is a fantastic way to start the New Year."

White said she actually expected the baby to be born around Christmas, because that is when she started to feel contractions.

"But she never came," White said. "She waited until New Years."

White, a home health aide, said she began having severe labor pains at 10:30 p.m. on Monday.

Dad Vincent said although there have been some conflicting reports, he is ecstatic and would like

to set the record straight, that Emerald was the first baby born in the Bronx in 2013.

"When she grows up I want to say Emerald, girl, you came into this world like a celebrity," he said. "You were the first baby born in the Bronx for 2013."

Emerald is White's fourth child. She also has two 18-year-old daughters and a 10-year-old son.

"I am proud to have a New Year's baby," White said.

The overall city princess for arriving New Year's was Kaylee Sayuri Merino, who arrived in the world - and New York City exactly at midnight on New Year's Day at Elmhurst General Hospital in Queens, weighing a healthy six pounds, 11 ounces.

Lehman High School to be 'phased-out'

Several Bronx high schools get ax; Dewitt Clinton saved

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

DeWitt Clinton High School escaped the ax this week, but Lehman High School wasn't as lucky in the latest round of city school phase-outs and closures.

Despite improvement on Lehman's progress report for the 2011-12 school year the city Department of Education announced on Monday, Jan. 7 it is proposing to "phase-out" the school.

Lehman most recently posted an overall D grade, up from an F in 2010-11.

DeWitt Clinton received an F on its latest progress report, but held a high-spirited early engagement meeting with DOE officials on Dec. 6 that drew on its large alumni network and a high level of student enthusiasm.

If completed, a Lehman phase-out would mean not accepting a ninth grade

class in September, and gradually decreasing enrollment with each graduating class, with the school shuttered for good in three years.

Also facing phase-out in the Bronx are Jonathan Levin High School in Mount Eden, M.S. 203 in Mott Haven, P.S. 64 in Mount Eden, and M.S. 142 in Baychester.

Better opportunities

DOE officials contend the schools replacing those proposed for phase out will offer better educational opportunities.

"We expect success," said DOE deputy chancellor Marc Sternberg. "After a rigorous review of academic performance, we're proposing to phase out a select number of low-performing schools."

Sternberg added: "We've listened to the community and provided com-

prehensive support services to these schools based on their needs. Ultimately, we know we can better serve our students and families with the new options and a new start."

Pols React

Local elected officials were miffed over the decision on Lehman, the only zoned high school for the Throggs Neck area.

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto said DOE appears to be following through on similar plans it made last year that were blocked by a United Federation of Teachers lawsuit.

"I am annoyed, disturbed and furious, but I am not surprised," he said Benedetto of the phase-out proposal for Lehman.

A former teacher with almost four decades' experience, he questioned DOE's school rating methods.

"[The DOE's] whole educational model is...a whole bunch of small high schools with a more personal touch," said Benedetto.

While there is merit to that approach, he believes Lehman is suffering because of the DOE's own bad decisions and policies.

"It is like a kid murdering their parents, and then going to the court and telling them 'please be easy on me, I am an orphan,'" said Benedetto.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca said he believes that if the zoning of the school were adhered to - sending students mostly from local communities - there would be roughly 2,500 students at Lehman.

With the closure of other large comprehensive Bronx high schools over the past decade, enrollment

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Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Department of Education representative Elaine Gorman speaks to parents at the Lehman High School Parent Association's meeting on Tuesday, January 8. The DOE announced on Monday that it was proposing Lehman's phase-out over the next three school years, according to two sources.



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Plans to 'phase-out' Lehman High School

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at Lehman hit 4,200, said Vacca.

The DOE subsequently decreased enrollment to less than 3,000.

Principal Rose LoBianco should be given more time to turn the school around, said Vacca, who called the phase out plan a "slow bloodletting for the next three years."

"Lehman High School had 30 years of success before the Department of Education brought this school to its knees," he said. "and the tools the school administration implemented last year, including a new principal, have barely been given a chance to make a difference."

Smaller schools

Vacca acknowledged that the trend citywide has been away from larger zoned high schools, and a DOE spokesman recently said that there is no longer any such thing as "zoned schools" in the New York City system.

At a meeting of the Lehman High School Parent Association Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, Lehman principal LoBianco laid out her case for saving the school.

She said that despite her being appointed principal as the school bottomed out at an F rating over a year ago, and a turnaround plan that could have led to excessing of up to 50% of the school's teachers last year

that caused turmoil with the staff, Lehman opened up six smaller academies of about 500 students each.

The academies seek to give students the benefits of a smaller school without losing any of the benefits of a larger school, she said.

DOE representative Elaine Gorman said at the PA meeting that if Lehman is phased out, three new smaller high schools would gradually be phased there.

Any student close to graduation by or before August 2016 who is already in Lehman can remain there, Gorman added, and guidance counselors will work to find those who cannot graduate in that time another "path" to graduation.

Many parents working with the Lehman PA have decided to fight the closure. Gorman said the DOE will hold a meeting at Lehman in late-February to give parents and stakeholders a chance to speak about the school.

Carlos Blanco, a parent working with the PA, said a massive reach-out to parents will begin in the next ten days "to ensure that parents' voices are heard and that they do make a difference."

Parents can e-mail lehmanparentassociation@gmail.com, said Blanco.

He said he believes that Principal LoBianco should be given at least three years to implement her ideas for Lehman.



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Principal Rose LoBianco addresses parents at Lehman High School on Jan. 8.

Community leaders react to supportive housing facility

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Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Barone Restaurant in Pelham Bay.

Public knowledge

Despite little public disclosure, elected officials agreed the gathering was publicly represented by Anita Valenti with the Pelham Bay Taxpayers Association.

But Assemblyman

Mike Benedetto maintains he would have reached out to the public to alert them of this move.

"If I was running the meeting I would think it'd be responsible of me to call the media," he said, adding he's cautiously optimistic tenants won't wear out their welcome by staying beyond the nine-month max as agreed upon on the lease

terms. For now, Benedetto intends to keep an eye on SUS to make sure their brief stay doesn't expand to two years.

"Am I nervous about it, yes," said Benedetto. "But I also realize this is kind of an emergency."

Senator Klein also will keep a close eye on the residence, said spokesman Eric Soufer.

"The non-profit organization has committed to provide full-time security and to make social workers available around the clock for those tenants in need," Klein's spokesman noted.

Hurricane Sandy

The new neighbors were left homeless after Hurricane Sandy destroyed their Far Rockaway, Queens building, forcing them to stay at hotels,

other SUS-sponsored buildings and community centers.

SUS and the state Office of Mental Health teamed up to find the six-story high-end apartment residence, vacant for the past three years.

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Assemblywoman Vanessa Gibson plans run for City Council

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tricting Commission submits its final proposed lines and they are approved by the City Council in February.

East Harlem's 8th Council District is expected to expand dramatically into the South Bronx, taking in a major portion of Mott Haven and the lower third of Foster's

current district, effectively creating an added Bronx seat. It could also mean current East Harlem Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito facing potential Bronx challengers in this year's primary.

With a heavy African-American population in Highbridge, some political quarters have called the district "a black seat," but Gibson,

who is African-American, is expected to face both black and Latino challengers.

Gibson will still retain her Assembly seat while running for the council seat. If she wins the council seat in the November general election, it's likely her Albany seat will be filled sometime in February, 2014.

The Bronx Democratic Party leadership will have a major say in naming her successor, who will have a major advantage running as an incumbent later that year for a full two-year term.

As for an elected switching their seat from Albany to one in City Hall - and vice versa - there is ample precedent, said Doug Muzzio, po-

litical guru and government affairs professor at Baruch College.

The most recent Bronx list would include councilman/former state Attorney General Oliver Koppell of Riverdale, former assemblyman, state senator and recently disgraced northeast Bronx ex-Councilman Larry Seabrook, as well as similiary

disgraced former east and west Bronx state Senator Pedro Espada.

"There's nothing unusual about trading going down in office - at least geographically," said Muzzio. "The bottom line is, you get out of Albany - in more ways than one - and get to sleep in your own bed."



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Fox anchor's heart belongs to Bronx

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

You can take the boy out of the Bronx, but you can't take the Bronx out of the boy - or out of his stomach at least.

Fox Business Network anchor Charlie Gasparino said after being born in the borough known for some of the best food in NYC, he has had a hard time staying away.

"That was my home away from home basically when I was a kid, up until I was twenty and then I went away to graduate school," Gasparino said. "My wife is from Brooklyn, but I used to tell her instead of going out to Brooklyn, there are some great restaurants right here and we started going back.

"Even rather than going to Arthur Avenue I used to go to Throggs Neck. The places I've been shopping - I mean Pastosa Ravioli has been there since 1980 - are the easiest three places to shop for really good food: Pastosas, that meat market, Ritchie's, and that fruit and vegetable store and you get everything you need. And I still do it once a week."

If he had to dream up the perfect meal, Gasparino said it would all come from Throggs Neck.

Gasparino provides on-air reporting throughout the business day for the network, covering the latest news from the financial world.

But on his free time, he enjoys cooking and eating, especially back in his old stomping grounds.

Gasparino lived in the Bronx until he was about six, and then moved with his family to Westchester, but said he spent almost every weekend back at his grandmother's apartment on Bruckner Blvd.

"My grandparents lived in a housing project and you know, I think it helped me in that regard. You understand people a little differently, you understand that people aren't that different. In a lot



Photo By Kirsten Sanchez

Charlie Gasparino at the Fox Studios in New York City.

of ways economics plays a role in the way people act."

One of two sons, Gasparino said he was the first to graduate college and attend graduate school.

"My dad was a construction worker, he drove a cab when he was out of work, bartended a lot. I come from that type of back ground. I thought I was privileged to go there."

Gasparino returned to New York after graduating with a Master's degree in journalism and started his career in print journalism as a senior writer at Newsweek magazine where he broke major stories involving Wall Street and corporate America, including developments at the New York Stock Exchange under Richard Grasso and former New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's crackdown on corporate crime.

Gasparino also served as a writer for The Wall Street Journal, earning him a New York Press Club award for best continuing coverage of the Wall Street research scandal.

Prior to joining Fox Business Network, he was also an on-air editor for CNBC, responsible for breaking some of the biggest stories during the financial crisis.

"I think the most im-

portant story of my career was covering the financial crisis," he said. "I think you could say the reporting I did during that time was the most significant I ever did. It was important it shined a light on some of the crappy practices that Wall Street engages in."

Gasparino is also the author of three best-selling financial books, "The Sell-out: How Three Decades of Wall Street Greed and Government Mismanagement Destroyed the Global Financial System" and "Blood on the Street," as well as critically acclaimed "King of the Club: Richard Grasso and the Survival of the New York Stock Exchange."

Gasparino said he worked hard to master the craft of writing and always made sure he was able to multi-task, which he believes has always kept him working.

His advice to aspiring writers, reporters and journalists would be to keep writing.

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Crime took boro on roller coaster ride in 2012

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Jr. has mixed feelings, opposing the stop & frisk program "as it is currently constituted."

"Not all stops are misused, but many are," he said. "I prefer a return to a 'stop, question & frisk' program as we had in the past, as it would provide for greater investigation by our police prior to physical contact."

But he's serious about fighting the continuing violence and the role seemingly countless available guns play in it.

He called the drop in

shootings "a good first step, but we have much more work ahead of us."

It is those neighborhoods in need of rebuilding, with their poverty, despair and drugs, where crime is most stubborn.

Four of the borough's 12 precincts - the 43rd in Soundview, 44th in Highbridge, 52nd in Fordham/Bedford Park and 47th in Wakefield/Williamsbridge - were in the top ten of the city's 76 precincts for crime complaints last year.

The 43rd Precinct ranked first in the city for murders, with 18 victims.

Seven other Bronx houses were in the top 20 for murders.

Borough precincts were also consistently among the top 20 in the city for various other major crimes, with eight of them in the top 17 for shooting victims.

Some of the quietest precincts were in working and middle class neighborhoods - with the 49 in Morris Park/Allerton and the 45 in Throggs Neck/Co-op City falling mid-way for complaints among the city's 76 precincts, and Riverdale/Kingsbridge 50th Precinct ranked 62nd.

49th safest Bx precinct

BY DAVID CRUZ

The Bronx's biggest drop in major crime goes to the 49th Precinct, overseeing Allerton, Morris Park, and Van Nest.

Overall, major crime dipped 9.44%, ranking it the second safest precinct in the five boroughs, with major crimes like rape, burglaries and grand theft autos crimes plummeting. But murder, the number of shooting victims and incidents spiked in the Four-Nine, according to NYPD numbers. In all, arrest numbers rose across the board.

The house was in transition in 2012 when Deputy Inspector Kevin Nicholson passed the baton to Captain Lorenzo Johnson, who continues fighting quality-of-life issues, a main concern for the working/middle class neighborhoods. Since in command, crime declined.

"I would want to live in the Four-Nine," said Johnson, crediting the 9.44% drop in crime to the tight-knit relationships the precinct has with community groups who feed tips that keep crime at bay.

"I rather be proactive than reactive," he said.

But the Four-Nine, considered a calmer house compared to other precincts, logged higher murder numbers in 2012. In all, 8 people were murdered, a 166.7% jump from 2011 when there were 4 re-

BOROUGH CRIME

BY THE NUMBERS

	2012	2011	% CHANGE
MURDER	112	148	-24.3%
RAPE	289	271	6.6%
ROBBERY	4,719	4,580	3.0%
FEL. ASSLT.	4,822	4,476	7.7%
BURGLARY	3,153	3,550	-11.2%
GR. LARCENY	5,492	4,930	11.4%
AUTO THEFT	1,636	2,089	-21.7%
	20,223	20,044	0.9%
SHOOTING VICS	494	535	-7.7%

Crime down 8.5% in the 45 precinct



Bronx cops made the streets a lot safer, according to yearly crime statistics.

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Crime continued to decline in the 45th Precinct last year in five of the seven major categories, and once again almost led the city for a second year in crime reduction.

Overall crime dropped 8.5%, with 1,173 total major crimes reported in 2012, down from 1,282 in 2011.

Murder declined 66.7%, with two murders last year, compared to six in 2011. Robberies were down 11.7%, burglaries 20%, grand larceny 2% percent, and grand larceny auto 21.8%.

Shootings dropped 53%, from 17 people shot in 2011 to eight last year.

Over the past two years, precinct crime fell 18.6%.

"We are down 8 1/2 percent - you have got to be

happy with that," said Precinct Captain James McGeown. "We were number one in decrease in crime last year, and I think, second in decrease in crime this year, so we are basically leading the city for the past two years. Not that I can take all the credit for that. Obviously Deputy Inspector Green gets the lion share of the credit."

Felony assaults rose 14.8%, while rape increased more than 30%.

McGeown said that four of the total of 17 rapes are age-related, while another seven have relatives involved. There were also special circumstances on a few of the rest of the reported rapes. The increase in felony assaults is primarily domestic violence, said McGeown.

In the past ten years or so, the NYPD and the precinct has seen a decline in manpower, which concerns 45th Precinct Community Council President Bob Bieder.

"With the shortage of officers being what it is for the last several years, the officers have been made to work a lot harder," said Bieder.

Policing has gone from being preventative to reacting to crimes or patterns of crimes, he said, with officers being redeployed to sectors facing issues on a month-by-month basis. "It is not like we have enough officers that we can constantly have them everywhere," said Bieder. "So, it is always reactive. And they assign where they can, where the need is."

ported homicides. The Four-Nine's murder rate tied with the 41st, 42nd, 44th and 48th Precincts. Citywide, the Four-Nine ranked 21 out of the 76 precincts with the most murders.

Among those murdered was Evelyn Shapiro, the 82-year-old grandmother bludgeoned to death inside the troubled Pelham Houses. The case remains unsolved.

While the Shapiro case was linked to a blunt instrument, half of the reported murders involved a gun, said Johnson.

The number of shooting victims also jumped, to 26 in 2012 from 16 in 2011, a 62.5% jump. There were 20 shooting incidents last

year, compared to 15 in 2011. The figures came as cops aggressively rounded up firearms, taking 39 weapons off Bronx streets in 2012 from 34 in 2011, a 14.7% spike.

Grand theft auto cases have dropped, though the number ranked high compared to the rest of city precincts. In all, there were 183 car thefts in 2012, down from 231 in 2011. Johnson looks to push those numbers down, asking anyone to avoid parking their car at public longterm parking spots.

For now, steering crime down is still on Johnson's agenda for 2013, with an emphasis on "more visibility and more accountability from my officers."



WHERE'S CHARLIE?

With a redistricted western swath of the Bronx now making up a big 26% chunk of his 15th Congressional District, you'd think Charlie Rangel might want to put down some local roots.

But he still hasn't set up a borough district office, or designated a community representative to deal with Bronx constituents.

Even his website gives the borough short shrift, stating "Outside the borough of Manhattan, the Fifteenth stretches to include a small area of the Bronx..."

But Charlie personally returned our call to his press person to tell us things are in the works to TRY to make his new constituents happy.

He's already talked with Bronx Dem Party Boss **Carl Heastie**, he told us, and once the dust settles in the new congress, and he has a better idea of his office budget, he plans to meet

with both Carl and Borough President **Ruben Diaz Jr.**, as well as other Bronx leaders, to see how to "best serve my constituents," whether they have city, state or federal issues.

While he hopes to designate a Bronx community representative, Rangel said he doesn't expect to open a Bronx office – "but I'll be listening to a large extent to what the people in the Bronx thinks best for them."

Meanwhile, Bronx folks will have to make do with trekking to his district office in the state office building at 163 W. 125th St. in Harlem.

SLIPPAGE

Former Bronx Boro Prez **Adolfo Carrion** must be singing his version of a Rolling Stones song – "I can't get no traction" – as he seems to keep sliding down the electoral greasy pole.

First he dropped his long-time Democratic affiliation (and a potential shot at running for Comptroller in the Dem primary) to try to sell himself to the GOP

county leaders as their fair-haired mayoral candidate. But love, it seems, is fickle.

With recently resigned MTA chair and former Giuliani deputy mayor **Joe Lhota** now looking like the GOP's potential mayoral boytoy, AC is sliding further down that pole.

"He's boxed in by a real Republican now," sayeth a high ranking Bronx political source.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that he's a leading contender for the Independence Party nomination for mayor, "but party officials caution that a formal vote hasn't been taken by the party's executive committee and he is still meeting with officials."

The controversial Independence Party was in hot water recently for trying to trick voters into thinking they were voting as INDEPENDENTS.

To add to AC's woes, the Journal recapped his rocky relationship during his brief stint as the White House urban affairs

guy before being shuffled off "to a midlevel position in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development" before stepping down last year.

And then there's that plea deal and \$10G fine with the city Conflicts of Interest Board over – let's just say taking his time – paying an architect for work on his City Island manse while the architect had official business with the BP.

One political wag thinks that if Lhota keeps traction, AC might hang on to the GOP ticket as candidate for controller, which he had planned to run for anyway when he was still a loyal Democrat. Quien sabe? Who knows?

SKLEINOS

Even if Senate Republicans get up with a 32-30 majority once results from an upstate recount are in, it won't neutralize Bronx Senator **Jeff Klein's** five-member Independent Democratic Conference.

First off, publically cutting a deal for a power-sharing coal-

ition with GOP conference leader **Dean Skelos** BEFORE the election was great timing, sayeth an IDC insider – NOT Jeff. "It made Jeff the fourth man in the room with **Governor Cuomo** and Assembly Speaker **Shelly Silver**."

And given the vagaries of the electorate and Republican strength, "This is a long term plan," sayeth the source. "Two years, four years, six years – a lot of things can happen."

LUCKY LARRY

Ex-Bronx City Councilman **Larry "Bagel Larry" Seabrook**, he of the \$177 bagel expense chit, lucked out with a federal judge Tuesday, pulling a minimum five years for hanky panky with city bus, do-nothing nonprofits and padding payrolls with his mistress, family and pals. Off to the pokey March 8, wonder if he'll wind up working in the prison bakery?

MEA CULPAS

When we're wrong, we're wrong. So we'll man up and peel back on two items from last week.

First, Bronx Dem Party Boss **Carl Heastie** said that while we hit the nail on the head over Manhattan Dem Boss **Keith Wright** being at loggerheads with **Greg Soumos**, his commissioner to the city Board of Elections, over supporting Bronx Dem Commissioner **Naomi Barrera** for the new board exec director's job, Carl NEVER made a deal with Keith to push Naomi for the job if Carl delivered the Bronx for **Charlie Rangel** (which he failed to do. Charlie's primary challenger state Senator **Adriano Espaillat** edged out Rangel in the Bronx.).

And secondly, new Soundview/Parkchester Assemblyman **Luis Sepulveda** claims he wasn't pulling Community Board 9 member **William (Willie) Rivera's** strings when Rivera made the (failed) motion to vote on ousting district manager **Francisco Gonzalez**. Willie was supposedly state Senator **Ruben Diaz Sr.** and Boro Prez **Ruben Diaz Jr.'s** hatchet man on that one.

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Holiday gala for Pelham Bay Red Hat Divas

The Red Hat Divas had a rocking Christmas time at their holiday gala Thursday, December 27. Nearly thirty members of the organization were on hand with Queen of the Red Hat Divas Fran Arico as mistress of ceremonies. The Red Hat Divas is a club made up of middle-aged women who emphasize the importance of still feeling young. They gather for get-togethers ranging from day trips to charity donations.



Queen of the Red Hat Divas Fran Arico played host to the gala, raising a glass to her fellow divas.



Photos by Alex Belisle

A force to be reckoned with, the Red Hat Divas mingled about this home on Pelham Bay to get down and party.



Torah escorted by Young Israel of Pelham Pkwy.

The much-beloved Torah was the star of a street procession in Pelham Parkway. The Torah, newly hand-written by Pelham Parkway local Dan Horowitz, took a painstaking year to be completed. The Jewish community helped escort the Torah to the Young Israel of Pelham Parkway Jewish Center on Muliner Ave. Live music accompanied the religious venue, beginning at 900 Pelham Parkway South with a rededication ceremony taking place.

(Above) Three generations of Jewish followers, Noah Graber, Daniel Horowitz and Rabbi Zuckerman preside over the

(Left) (l-r) Rabbi Zuckerman and neighbor Daniel Horowitz get ready to march the new Torah to the new synagogue down Muliner Ave. Horowitz is credited for donating the Torah.



Live music accompanied the religious venue, beginning at 900 Pelham Parkway South

The Bronx Good Scout Award reception

The Boy Scouts of America presented the "Good Scout" honor to local merchants Anthony Mormile and Andrew Squitieri (l-r), pictured with Bronx Chamber of Commerce President Joseph Kelleher. The annual event, this time at Tosca Restaurant, honors those who support the Boy Scout troops in the Bronx. The trio is joined by Scouts Anicho Okoro, Engel Javier and Nelson Nunez.



Photo by Aracelis Batista

Third Annual Mott Hall Community School Winter Dance and Talent Show

Students from Mott Hall Community School in Throggs Neck showed the power of giving in a fun way. They took part in the holiday dance and talent show at 650 Hollywood Ave to benefit victims of Hurricane Sandy. On December 20, revelers paid a small fee for an evening of dancing, live DJ and pizza. Students also took part in a "Dance Until You Drop" contest along with a talent show open to all.



(Far Left) Chyann Martinez is not shy over showing off her dance moves at the Mott Haven Community School's holiday party benefitting Hurricane Sandy victims.

(Left) Thomas Asis and Lian Ortiz go from breaking into dance to taking a pizza break at the Mott Hall Community School's holiday party.

Sitting by a warm fireplace is Kelvin Susana, Keyla Susana, Najee Williams, and Javay Francis, noshing on some pizza during the big dance.



Photos by Laura Stone

City Hall criminal justice report finds Bronx DA soft on criminals

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Bronx criminals are getting a free pass, according to a City Hall report that slams Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson's office as the worst in the city.

The Criminal Justice Indicator Report cites a litany of major categories in which the Bronx prosecutor's office is either at or near the bottom among the city's five district attorneys.

That includes Johnson having the city's highest release rate at arraignment for violent felon arrests and lowest prison rate for them.

Defending himself, Johnson cited a number of variables such as witness cooperation and lack of evidence - issues common to all city prosecutors.

Report findings

Among the findings in the report by Mayor Bloomberg's criminal jus-

tice coordinator John Feinblatt:

- Johnson's conviction rate for violent felony arrests in 2011 was the lowest in the city, at 43%, while convictions for other felony arrests was at 58%, three percentage points higher than the lowest county, Brooklyn.

- The Bronx topped the city - at 47% - for the release rate of "high risk" felony defendants not recommended for release.

- With only 21%, the Bronx has the lowest rate of suspects arrested for violent felonies being jailed. Manhattan was highest with 30%.

- Only 44% of defendants coming up for arraignment were held in 2011 - the lowest rate in the city, compared to the citywide average of 54% held.

- With the average ar-

rest-to-arraignment time 24 hours, Johnson's average time in 2012 was 26 hours and 18 minutes, a few minutes longer than busier Brooklyn.

Case backlog

- The Bronx had the highest number of pending state Supreme Court felony cases in the city - 5,183 - with 29% of them pending over 180 days over almost 30 per with Manhattan having the closest number, 3605.

- It was neck-and-neck at the bottom with Brooklyn at 18% for felony arrests that wound up with prison time in 2011, and lowest in the city at 21% for cases involving violent felony arrests.

- When it came to illegal possession of loaded guns, Johnson's office was again at the bottom at 31% for defendants sentenced to prison. Queens was highest at 76% and Manhattan next

at 68%. Citywide, an average of half the cases wound up with prison time.

- Operation Spotlight created in 2003 to target the most persistent misdemeanor offenders for jailtime shows the Bronx with the least cases - 36% winding up in prison, while Manhattan had 63% and Queens 61% sentenced.

D.A.'s defense

"We believe that the proportion of felony convictions should be a percentage of indictments not arrests. A great deal of evaluation, including whether or not to indict takes place post arrest," said a spokesman for Johnson.

"Nevertheless, at the end of the day crime statistics from the Bronx show comparable dramatic reductions over the last twenty years as the rest of the city. Also by looking at statistics



Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson can't be smiling over critical city report.

alone there are so many variables that cannot be known," the spokesman continued. "The statistics don't show those cases in which a witness is uncooperative, the evidence is insufficient, a search is unconstitutional or were diverted to give a defendant a chance at rehabilitation."

Johnson, 64, has been

Bronx D.A. since 1989, serving before that as an acting Supreme Court Justice and Legal Aide attorney. He became the longest-serving Bronx D.A. in 2005, and was elected to a seventh four-year term in 2011.

To see the report, go to www.nyc.gov, then click on criminal justice coordinator.

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