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Ms. Cyn Dee, Sr. Managing Editor, News Room

Per my conversation with Rochelle Abrams, Asst to Henry Freeman, Editor/VP News, I wish to record this complaint as to non-coverage, which Ron Patafio told me I should "direct to the newspaper's editor" and Ms. Abrams identified that to be you.

My letter to the Editor of today's date appears below. I have as yet not heard anything from him as to that. However, I suspect, it will be consigned to the same fate as the attached items transmitted to Mr. Patafio and the news desk in recent weeks which he has refused to publish and the news desk to investigate. As indicated, this has been an ongoing problem. In the Spring of this year, I complained to your Readers Representative and your local News Editor Cathy O'Donnell about the unfair, inadequate and noncoverage of issues relating to Mayor Delfino and other city officials in their trampling on the rights of our taxpaying citizenry by approving the fundamentalist First Assembly of God Church's multi-million dollar expansion plans without prior notice to neighbors, without a prior public hearing, without an environmental impact statement, and in the face of a traffic study showing present conditions created by the Church's inadequate parking were illegal and dangerous and will be exacerbated by the new construction -- obviously a matter of major concern to the taxpaying citizenry of White Plains. Any proper investigation of the matter would preclude an endorsement of this Mayor and Common Council candidates, who were blind, deaf and dumb on the neighbors' complaints, which should have all been exposed by Gannett. **CORRUPTION AND OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IS THE NAME OF THE GAME WHEN PUBLIC OFFICIALS BREAK THE LAW AND DON'T DO WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES, CAUSING INJURY TO THE PUBLIC**

CHECK IT OUT. I WILL ASSIST IN ANY WAY YOU WISH, IF YOU ASSURE ME YOU WILL PUBLISH THE NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION PROVIDED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REVIEW AND ANTICIPATED ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

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Wednesday, October 31, 2001
Ron Patafio, Manager, Editorial Page
Journal News
Re: Your 10/31/01 editorial "Supreme Court justices" and prior endorsement editorials

By Doris L. Sassower

Gannett Newspapers should get out of the political endorsements business. Gannett has neither the legal expertise nor the true objectivity required for such job to be honestly and impartially performed.

Gannett has a serious conflict of interest, making its recommendations less than trustworthy. It needs to disclose the fact that it profits substantially from the incumbencies of those it publicly endorses. Also its

financial interest in protecting its source of revenue from legal advertising, as designated by endorsed judges and other public officers interfacing with our justice system, in a wide range of matters. A more sophisticated public perceives such revenue as Gannett's "pay-back" for protection of favored candidates from exposure of wrongdoing. Gannett should further report on cases in which it has been the beneficiary of favorable rulings from its endorsed "friends on the bench" or other public officers, as, for example, when Gannett has been sued for libel or other violation of the public's rights or sought governmental permission of one kind or another.

If Gannett really wanted to know about the fitness and job performance of re-election judicial candidates, it would have had to go no further than The Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., a nonpartisan citizens' organization based in White Plains, with a gold-mine of information on the subject painstakingly accumulated over many years. Gannett has consistently ignored this readily available local resource. Even worse, Gannett has chosen to keep its readers in ignorance of the fact that many of its endorsed candidates have been shown by unchallenged documented materials to be unfit. This is particularly exemplified by Supreme Court Justices Colabella and Rosato. As to your endorsements of Judges Fria and Bergerman for election to the Supreme Court, no analysis of their decisions has been provided which would qualify their limited lower court judicial experience as a basis for promotion to a i court of general jurisdiction -- a costly training experience for the taxpayers.