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Westchester Democratic Primary Preview





Westchester Democrats will vote for County Clerk Tim Idoni, left, or Councilmember Shanae Williams, right, in democratic primary June 22 or earlier



Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner, top left and Tasha Young, top right are on the ballot for the June 22 Primary.



Mt. Vernon Democrats will choose between six candidates for three seats on the city council on two slates, above left and right

Westchester Democrats are already casting their ballots for their democratic primaries, with the last day to vote on June 22. Here are the election contests on the ballot, but first a reminder to our readers that you must be a registred democrat to vote in the democratic primary.

County Clerk:

There is one election on the ballot for all Westchester Democrats, and that is the race for County Clerk. The incumbent, Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni, is being challenged by Yonkers City Councilmember Shanae Williams.

Idoni has served as County Clerk for the past 12 years, during which time he has streamlined the office, cuts costs while providing the same services to the public. Williams is vowing to do more with the County Clerks office if elected, by conducting more outreach and to make sure that affluent communities and poor, marginalized communities in Westchester have a voice - that's why I'm running.

This contest is one of several in Westchester where a long serving incumbent is being challenged by a progressive democrat. Idoni has the support of most of the local democratic committees and from the Working Families Party and from the Westchester Coaltion for Legal Abortion, WCLA. Democrats across Westchester have known and respected Idoni, not only in his role as County Clerk, but before that as Mayor of New Rochelle.

Williams has been able to push back against Idoni's support in her campaign, which has raised money, produced TV spots and is an active and real campaign for County Clerk that includes the endorsement from Assemblymember Nader Sayegh. Williams represents the First City Council District in Yonkers. In order to be successful, Williams must win her home City of Yonkers, but regardless of the outcome, Shanae Williams has improved her political future with her energenic run for County Clerk.

In our view, Idoni has done nothing that warrants his removal as County Clerk. Williams has claimed that Idoni changed his mind to run for a fourth term to boost his pension. While it is true that Idoni was not running and then running for re-eleciton, that is not enough to remove him from office. Idoni is a good manager of a branch of government, and the taxpayers benefit from his

The candidacies of several progressive, Black Women on the ballot in the democratic primary June 22 could impact this countywide race.

Greenburgh Supervisor: This democratic primary has long serving incum-

bent Paul Feiner being challenged by Tasha Young. While we have admired Feiner's leadership in Greenburgh for decades, we have also been impressed by Ms. Young's campaign and the issues that she has been highlighting. Specifically, Young has challenged Feiner on what many believe is his

greatest strength; the management of the Town of Greenburgh.

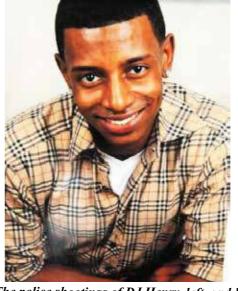
Several recent million-dollar settlements against the town has given Young the opportunity to call Feiner a bad manager. This race will also be decided by democrats who must decide whether they want change or a continuation of the

Mt. Vernon City Council & Comptroller:

Democrats in Mt. Vernon will be casting their vote for three members of the City Council and Comptroller. Two slates of City Council candidates are running against each other. The first slate is endorsed by the Mt. Vernon Democratic City Committee; Councilmember Janice Duarte, former Council-

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DA Rocah Creates Team to Review Police Shootings of DJ Henry & Kenneth Chamberlain





The police shootings of DJ Henry, left, and Kenneth Chamberlain right will be reviewed

A former federal judge will assist the Westchester District Attorney's Office (WDAO) in its review of two previous police-involved shootings in Westchester that led to the deaths of county residents Danroy Henry and Kenneth Chamberlain, as well as the subsequent handling of these matters by the

WDAO, DA Miriam E. Rocah announced today.

Danroy Henry, Jr., known as DJ, was killed on October 17, 2010 when officers shot at Henry's moving vehicle. He was 20 years old and a student at

Kenneth Chamberlain, Sr., a 68-year-old former U.S. Marine who suffered from mental illness, was shot and killed in his home on November 19, 2011, following a confrontation with White Plains police after they responded to an accidental medical alert. At points during the confrontation, Mr. Chamberlain possessed a knife.

In the months following these two incidents, the Henry and Chamberlain shootings were reviewed by WDAO prosecutors who ultimately presented evidence and witnesses to grand juries, whose role was to determine whether that evidence was sufficient to support the criminal charges that prosecutors presented. In both cases, no indictment was returned by the grand juries and the proceedings were automatically sealed by the court.

The current reviews will be conducted internally by designated Assistant District Attorneys and investigators who have been selected for this task by DA Rocah, with the assistance of a team of pro bono attorneys led by John Gleeson, a Debevoise & Plimpton LLP partner who previously served as a U.S. District Judge in the Eastern District of New York and who was also a federal prosecutor.

The pro bono team includes Debevoise & Plimpton LLP counsel Douglas S. Zolkind, a former federal public corruption prosecutor in the Southern District of New York and associates from the firm. Judge Gleeson and Mr. Zolkind have been sworn in as Special Assistant District Attorneys for purposes of the review.

"For the families of Kenneth Chamberlain and DJ Henry, the pain of their loss has not gone away over the past 10 years, nor have the questions they have about why their loved ones were killed," DA Rocah said. "The Chamberlain and Henry families and many members of the Westchester community

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Alzheimer's Association Welcomes FDA Approval of Aducanumab



Good News for Thousands of Westchester Families

On behalf of those impacted by Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association enthusiastically welcomes the recent historic FDA approval of aducanumab (Biogen/Eisai) for treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

"We are excited about the potential for this new drug to slow the progression of Alzheimer's for countless people in the Hudson Valley and beyond," said David Sobel, Executive Director of Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter.

'This approval is a victory for people living with Alzheimer's and their families," said Harry Johns, Alzheimer's Association president and chief executive officer. "This is the first FDA-approved drug that delays decline due to Alzheimer's disease. This means individuals may have more time to actively participate in daily life, have sustained independence and hold on to memories longer. We can experience longer — the relationships we hold most dear — our families and friends.'

Aducanumab addresses Alzheimer's in a new way compared to previously approved drugs. This therapy slows progression of the disease, rather than only addressing symptoms. It is the first approved therapy of this type; it demonstrates that removing amyloid from the brain may delay clinical decline in people living with Alzheimer's. Amyloid is the protein that clumps into sticky brain plaques that are a hallmark of Alzheimer's dis-

"This FDA drug approval ushers in a new era in Alzheimer's treatment and research," said Maria C. Carrillo, Ph.D., Alzheimer's Association chief science officer. "History has shown us that approvals of the first drug in a new category invigorates the field, increases investments in new treatments and encourages greater innovation. We are hopeful and this is the beginning — both for this drug and for better treatments for Alzheimer's.

Eliminating barriers to access is our highest priority," said Joanne Pike, Dr.P.H., Alzheimer's Association chief strategy officer. "The Alzheimer's Association will do everything in its power to ensure access to the drug for all who will benefit. We know that infusion therapies have

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New County Family Court in New Rochelle Opens



9th Judicial District Administrative Judge Kathie Davidson cuts the ribbon on new Family Courthouse in New Rochelle, with County Executive George Latimer, New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson, with other elected and court officials.

For over a decade Westchester County needed it, and now Westchester County Executive George Latimer will join key stakeholders to cut the ribbon on the long awaited new Family Court site at 26 Garden Street in New Rochelle.

Latimer said: "This was a public private partnership that – most of all – made sense for the litigants who deserve the right to have their cases heard is a setting that exudes dignity and respect. Family Court deals with some of the judicial system's most sensitive clients, and this new state of the art family court, for the people of this County, will stands for decades to come as a symbol of the power of what can be accomplished if we work together.'

The New Rochelle Family Court occupies the third and fourth floors of a six floor building and has two courtrooms, three hearing rooms, judge's chambers, offices for non-judicial staff as well as for staff from the Office for Women, Department of Probation and other County agencies. The 35,000 square foot space features the latest technology and equipment, from assisted-listening capabilities to HVAC systems that provide for a good fresh-air ratio.

New Rochelle Family Court is one of three family courts in Westchester County, along with courts in White Plains and Yonkers. These courts hear cases involving children and families, including child neglect, child custody and support, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, adoption and guardianship, among other matters.

9th Judicial District Administrative Judge Kathie Davidson said: "I am thrilled to join with County Executive Latimer in cutting the ribbon on this beautiful, new Family Court. This state-of-the-art facility will better serve the modern-day justice needs of our local families, with its proximity to public transportation and major roadways making for easier access to the courthouse. I want to thank George Latimer and the court system's other partners in county and local government for their hard work and support in bringing this project to fruition."

New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson said: "Located in the heart of New Rochelle's burgeoning downtown and in immediate proximity to the New Rochelle Transit Center, the Family Court is ideally positioned to provide essential services to our city and region in a state of the art, modern facility. I am grateful for the County Executive's strong commitment to this priority, the steadfast support of our County legislators, the impassioned advocacy of the bench, the engagement of community leaders, and the skilled partnership of the development team.'

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Westchester Police Blotter:

Driver Travelling 119 MPH Indicted for Manslaughter: Yonkers Police Quickly Arrest Drive by Shooter



A video camera on Elm Street, Yonkers, caught the shooter moments before shots rang out

A Bronx man who was the driver in a car crash in September that killed his three passengers was indicted June 8 on three counts of Manslaughter in the Second Degree.

Yordany Bautista Hernandez, 20, was traveling 119 miles per hour in a 50 miles-per-hour zone on the eastbound Cross County Parkway in Mount Vernon in the early morning hours of September 25, 2020 when his 2019 Toyota Camry struck a guard rail and rolled over.

Maria Vasquez Guzman, 16, of the Bronx; Garibaldy Reyes Jerez, 22, of Manhattan; and John Pena Martinez, 24, of the Bronx all died at the scene. Bautista Hernandez sustained minor injuries.

"This tragedy has caused enormous sadness and pain for the families and loved ones of the three victims," said Westchester District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah. "We hope that our efforts to hold the driver accountable for his reckless actions will help bring them some peace and closure. I am grateful, as always, for the partnership of the Westchester County Police in this investigation.'

"The deaths of these three young people were enormous tragedies for their families and all who knew and loved them. I commend our officers and detectives for their detailed and diligent investigation," said Westchester County Public Safety Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason. "I would like to thank the District Attorney's Office for its partnership and support during the investigation and grand jury process.'

The collision was investigated by Westchester County Police patrol officers and Accident Investigation Team and detectives from the General Investigations Unit.In Yonkers, the Yonkers Police Department quickly made an arrest in a drive by shooting which occured on June 10, when members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to the area of Elm Street at Oak Street on a report of a shooting incident with multiple victims.

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\$20 M in Funding for New Park in Ludlow, Yonkers Announced



L-R-Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, County Legislator Jose Alvarado, County Executive George Latimer

By Dan Murphy

Many Westchester residents do not know that most of their sewage heads to Yonkers, and the Westchester Treatment plant located in the Ludlow, Southwest portion of the city. And most Westchester residents are unaware that the treatment plant emits odors and fumes that are difficult for the residents to deal with and live near.

The County Legislator for this area, (17th District) is Jose Alvarado. Legislator Alvarado recently commented on the treatment plant and the resident in his district, "The Sewage Treatment Plant has been a sore subject in the Ludlow Park community for decades. Sitting on the Hudson River, the plant is a source of air pollution to the disgust of our residents. Despite cries from locals, officials have done little to fix the problems caused by the plant.

"I have always recognized the air pollution from the plant as a serious health hazard. For years, I have worked to fund various remedial projects to correct the problem. The Ludlow Park community has borne the burden of the entire county's waste for decades now. Rather than building a plant in another part of the county, Ludlow Park has born the environmental impact. It is well past the time to right this injustice and clean up the plant." Stated Legislator Alvarado.

"I do not believe that in my lifetime I will see another plant built, whether in the north or elsewhere. Rather than watch our residents get sick, we need to fix the problems that are causing the unhealthy air, while working on responsible development in the surrounding area. I continue to work to keep improvement projects funded and moving forward.

"I have also worked to establish more green space along the water. I have secured \$10 million for a county park in the vacant lot adjacent to the plant. I have also partnered with Yonkers Mayor, Mike Spano to establish more green space for our residents along the waterfront.

"Over 19 years, I have supported and advocated for efforts to clean the air in a phased-in approach. Through that work, projects have been undertaken to modernize engines, blower aeration, and flood prevention systems. We have executed four phases of odor control projects.

"Last year alone, \$35 million dollars was allocated for further improvements across the facility. \$108 million and counting to clean the air for Ludlow Park residents, but we need to do more. I have joined with County Executive George Latimer to request an additional \$69 million in federal

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Looks Like We Made It!



By Eric W. Schoen

Will I finally be able to put my own milk in my Starbucks Coffee? In my quad espresso over ice I like 4 Stevia, the healthiest no calorie artificial sweetener on the market, a touch of half and half and the rest 2% milk.

Now I can prepare my coffee (Splenda substituting for Stevia), what you would call an adult chemistry experiment making sure everything was just right the way I wanted it at Panera (Franchise Stores Only) or 7-Eleven. But Starbucks and Panera company owned stores imposed a Covid restriction not allowing me to put my milk nor sweetener in myself afraid I would get Covid.

This is the kind of crazy rule which made absolutely no sense that we had to put up with during the pandemic. Now that New York State has put at least one shot in the arms of 70% of New Yorkers, the Covid rules are going to hopefully come to an end. People except those who have not been vaccinated will, hopefully be able to live their lives like normal once again.

You won't have to mask up when you see someone coming close to you making that person feel like he or she was a bee getting ready to sting you. You won't have to bring home over \$1000 in bathing suits like my sister had to do last summer when Lord and Taylor's, now a distant dream would not allow her to try on items in their fitting rooms.

Old Navy lets people try on things in their fitting rooms. And other than sales people removing clothing that slobs would leave in the Old Navy fitting rooms and not return to the rack to be put back on display, I didn't see the Old Navy clerks doing anything special to sanitize the fitting rooms after each customer would finish.

The six foot rule making lines in stores seem endless will come to an end. How many times did you see the lengthy line and put the items you were going to purchase down. Stores will be able to open salad bars and allow people to pick muffins out of the bakery case.

Just like there were so many rules put in place during the pandemic, many just at the whim of a merchant, our State government will have to be clear as to what 'opening up' really is. Will the unvaccinated have to play by the rules that were in place or will we all be able to drop the many Covid restrictions that were in place.

What happens when you go to visit a friend or shop in Monsey, New York where

the percentage of people vaccinated is less than 20%. Or other areas in the five boroughs with low vaccination rates. Will we have to mask up or follow the rules for social distancing we have been following these last 14, 15 months. Will there be vaccinated and non vaccinated areas at baseball stadiums and as we head into the fall football stadiums.

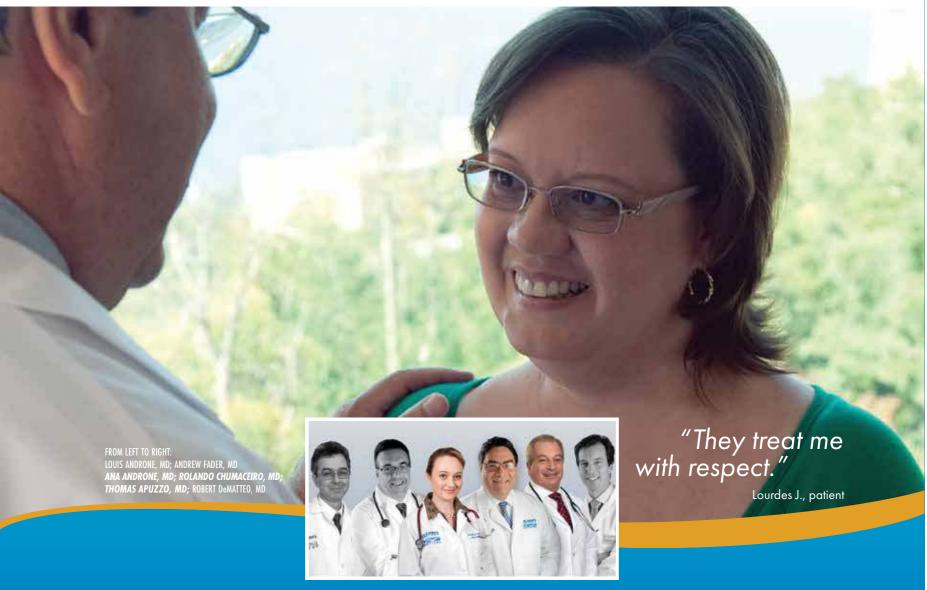
What will our schools look like in the fall? Can we take the plexiglass off the desks? Will school buses be able to have their normal pre-pandemic loads or will students have to be socially distant facing one way.

So many questions that need to be answered. But one thing for sure. If you haven't gotten vaccinated yet what are you waiting for? And personally, I have no problem with businesses whether it be a hospital or a college mandating that those

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Assemblyman Kevin Byrne: Albany Adjourns With Unfinished Work



Assemblyman Kevin Byrne

"After another marathon week in the Assembly, passing hundreds of bills a day into the wee hours of the night, finishing session at nearly 4AM on Friday, I can confidently say that while we did pass some important pieces of legislation to accomplish more for the people of this area, many critical items were left on the table unaddressed.

"I am proud of numerous pieces of legislation we passed, including several that I introduced and sponsored. We did more to honor our veterans, protect our environment, strengthen our state's health care system, combat the opioid epidemic, as well as support our libraries, schools and seniors.

That said, it still missed the mark in many other ways and the missed opportunities are piling up. The legislature failed to reassert itself as a fully functioning branch of government and restore checks and balances. It neglected to act on the growing calls for impeachment of a corrupt governor clinging to power. Lastly, yet again, the Legislature failed to address the affordability crisis plaguing New York leading to more out-migration and a shrinking New York delegation in the U.S. Congress.

'Attempts to restore our liberty and freedoms, reduce the tax burden, help our volunteer fire departments that provide ambulance service recover rising EMS costs, and address the violent surge in crime were all ultimately

rejected by the powers that be in Albany's ivory tower.

While I'm proud of some of the things we accomplished, it is clear we still have a lot of work left to do. These are just a few of the issues I will continue to focus on as we gear up for next year's legislative session," stated Assemblyman Kevin Byrne.

St. John's Riverside Hospital Awarded Gold Seal of Approval for Stroke Center Accredidation

St. John's Riverside Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Disease-Specific Gold Seal of Approval® for Stroke Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commit-

ment to providing safe and quality patient care.

St. John's Riverside Hospital underwent a rigorous site visit in December of 2020. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with Stroke standards spanning several areas. St. John's demonstrated adherence to the most current evidence-based guidelines and quality metrics, ensuring that our patients receive the most appropriate stroke treatment with a goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability from Stroke.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in consultation with healthcare experts, providers, data experts, and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also con-

ducted site observations and interviews.

"As a private accreditor, The Joint Commission surveys health care organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible," says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend St. John's Riverside Hospital for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care."

'St. John's Riverside Hospital is dedicated to providing the highest quality care for our stroke patients. By obtaining Joint Commission certification, we commit to excellence throughout the spectrum of Stroke care, from rapid diagnosis and management in the Emergency Department to maximizing

recovery and preventing future events.

"Our dedicated, multi-disciplinary Stroke Committee focuses on ongoing Performance Improvement initiatives that will continue to enhance Stroke care at St. John's," said Raffaele Milizia, MD, Medical Director of the Emergency Department at St. John's and the Medical Director of the Stroke Program.

For more information, please visit https://www.jointcommission.org/.



NYAG James Looking Into Robocalls in Mt. Vernon City Council Races



By Dan Murphy

The race for three seats on the Mount Vernon City Council has turned to accusations of unfair and offensive robocalls made to Mt. Vernon Democratic voters. The Mount Vernon Forward team of Danielle Browne, Cathlin Gleason, and Ed Poteat released the following statement:

"Late last week, investigators from Attorney General James's office contacted me in response to the letter we submitted to request an investigation into the disgraceful and illegal robocalls plaguing Mount Vernon households. The investigators requested audio files of the offensive robocalls in question, and we have provided the Attorney General with the material. We do not yet know who originated this gross disinformation attack, as there is no legally required committee or expenditure filed with New York State.

"As this investigation continues, we ask Mount Vernon residents to remain calm and resolute, focused on working together to create a better future for our city. We recognize that in the context of the Attorney General's ongoing efforts to probe disinformation and robocalls in our state, that we will probably not have a resolution to this case before the June 22nd primary. But I am committed to full cooperation with the Attorney General's investigation, however long it takes."

Nobody in the media has obtained, or released trascripts of the robocalls and texts. The closest has come from Mt. Vernon News Center, #MVNC, one of the better Mt. Vernon news locations, on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/

"#MVNC received back to back Robo calls last week claiming Browne is having an affair with lobbyist Kenny Plummer agmonst other things. The last Robo call was very hard to understand, the narrator was speaking in a Caribbean accent and the call was reported to be over two minutes long – leaving some residents to hang up in the middle of the call," wrote Mt. Vernon News Center.

Yonkers Times asked Tom Watson, who is working on the Mt. Vernon Forward campaign, for a copy or transcript of the robocalls and he refused. We ask anyone who has the robocall to email it to us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com. We think that a trascript of the call is worthy of our readers attention.

"The unidentified calls contain deeply racist and sexist language that attacks the entire community of Mount Vernon, and calls into question the issue of election law in the city," said the Mount Vernon Forward coalition in a joint statement.

"We believe elements close to certain Mount Vernon candidates may be responsible for these ads. We call on Attorney General James to investigate, and we ask that our Democratic leadership - specifically Mount Vernon Democratic Chairman Reginald Lafayette and Westchester County Democratic Chairwoman Suzanne Berger – immediately denounce these disgusting Republican-style attacks."

None of the calls reference a legal constituted political committee under New York State law.

"We are running an open and above board campaign for public office," said the Mount Vernon Forward team in a statement. "We formally request that our opponents in the City Council race condemn these tactics – Janice Duarte, Andre Wallace, Delia Farquharson, Lauren Carter, and Nicole Lucio must stand against base racism and vicious misogyny and join with us." NY Attorney General Leticia James is now involved in this case.

DA Rocah review of Henry, Chamberlain Shootings, continued from pg 1-

have asked me to review the circumstances of the shootings, the investigation and charging decisions by the DA's Office, and the grand juries' decision not to return indictments in either case. Today, I am announcing that I will do exactly that.

"Some may ask, why look backwards? The reason is simple: Today, we have appropriately higher expectations have for scrutiny of police encounters with mentally ill and unarmed people and for prosecutors' responses to such incidents," DA Rocah added. "The Henry and Chamberlain families and our community have felt strongly that further independent review is needed to heal the open wounds from these shootings. It is in that spirit that this review will be undertaken.

"I want to be very clear: While I have chosen to conduct this review, I am in no way pre-judging the outcome. At this point, I cannot say whether any further action should be taken," DA Rocah said. "I can say that further action beyond the review will only be taken if the facts and law warrant it. I will make the final determination

on what, if any, additional steps are appropriate."

"Because the District Attorney's Office played a central role in the original investigation and presentation to the grand juries, I believe that having Judge Gleeson participate in the review and make recommendations to me is the best way to proceed," DA Rocah said. "Judge Gleeson's record as a federal judge has earned him widely-held respect and a reputation for fairness and integrity, which I saw firsthand when I served as a law clerk for him many years ago. I am so pleased that he agreed to take on this important task."

Judge Gleeson said: "It is a privilege to assist in this important undertaking. Our team looks forward to examining the circumstances of these two shootings, as well as the investigations of them and the evidence presented to the grand juries, and making an independent recommendation to DA Rocah concerning how best to

Danroy Henry, Sr. and Angella Henry, the parents of DJ Henry, said: "In the 3,088 days since our son was killed, we have simply asked for an objective review of the absolute truth surrounding his killing. We welcome today's news as a necessary and overdue step which we hope will lead to some more just outcome."

Kenneth Chamberlain Jr., son of Kenneth Chamberlain, Sr., said: "My family and I are pleased that the matter is being reviewed by the Westchester County DA's office. After 10 years, we believe there may never be actual justice for my father, but we are hopeful that there will be some accountability in the killing of Kenneth Chamberlain Sr. In my opinion this is a big step toward building trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.'

There is no set timetable for completion of the review process.



Letter to the Editor:

I read with great interest and alarm your story about the recent cancellation of the registration of over 530,000 New Yorkers who selected an Independent or minor party affiliation by the State Board of Elections. I commend Dan Murphy for his reporting on this issue (June 4, 2021 edition of Westchester Rising).

This action implemented legislation signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo last year requiring all political parties in New York to maintain official party status by receiving at least 130,000 votes in a Presidential election year (previously, the requirement was 50,000 votes in a gubernatorial election year). New York now has 4 official parties (Democratic; Republican; Conservative; Working Families); previously there were 8 parties.

Recently, President Biden warned the nation that "Democracy itself is in peril – here at home and around the world." Speaking at a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery to mark Memorial Day, the President said that the right to vote (and by extension the right to participate in the political process) is a cornerstone principle of democracy. And this is not the first time that President Biden has warned that our democratic republic faces severe challenges.

Sadly, it seems that Governor Cuomo has ignored President Biden's

Political parties perform a useful role in democratic societies when they provide different policy views that add to the political discourse. In our country, third parties advocated programs and policies (such as: Social Security; Women suffrage, child labor laws; progressive income taxation, etc.) which were adopted ultimately by the two major parties.

Currently, voters across the country are rejecting the major parties in

favor of independent and third parties - recent public opinion polls indicate that 45% of all voters consider themselves independent; support for a third political party is favored by 62% of all voters (Gallup, February 15, 2021).

Nearly 37 million voters

(31%) last fall registered as Independent or affiliated with a 3rd party in the 32 states and jurisdictions that record independent and third party registra-

The bottom line in all this is that the major parties are making a major mistake if they continue to ignore independent/third party voters. And in my view, the voters have to hold elected officials accountable when they restrict third parties as is now the case in New York.

Stephen R. Rolandi Larchmont, New York

(The writer is an adjunct professor of public administration in the New York metropolitan area and formerly served in the administrations of New York City Mayors Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg. An independent Republican, he was National Vice President/Treasurer of the Ripon Society in Washington, DC. He is currently a member of The Lincoln Project and Stand Up Republic).

Suez Reaffirms Commitment to the Environment

Conservation and leak detection efforts save millions of gallons of water

This Earth Month, SUEZ is highlighting measures it has and continues to take to preserve our planet and conserve life's most precious resource, water. As climate change and the impact of humankind continue to take their toll on the environment, SUEZ is taking action now to conserve water and the energy necessary to deliver it to 525,000 residents and businesses SUEZ serves in Rockland, Westchester, Orange, Tioga and Putnam counties.

"Water is essential to life, but it is also a finite resource," said Chris Graziano, Vice President and General Manager of SUEZ Operations in New York. "We know that to combat all of the environmental challenges that are

York. "We know that to combat all of the environmental challenges that are facing our world, we need to use everything at our disposal to protect and preserve natural water sources and finished, treated water that we deliver to customers every day.'

A significant threat to environmental sustainability is loss of treated drinking water. Each day in the United States it is estimated that 6 billion gallons of drinking water are lost to leaks and water main breaks. Utilizing innovative technologies for leak detection, the company has worked to save over 87 million gallons in New York that would have been lost in 2020. Similarly, proactively investing \$28 million to replace 82,000 feet of water mains has ensured system resiliency and significantly lessens the chance of water being lost due to water main breaks.

SUEZ also encourages customers to take steps in their own lives to preserve our natural resources. Since the launch of the company's conservation program known as SUEZ Conserve, customers in Rockland, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester counties have redeemed over 8,000 rebates. By replacing outdated and inefficient fixtures with newer, water-saving models our customers are saving over 128,000 gallons of water per day.

Additionally, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently honored SUEZ with a WaterSense 2020 Excellence in Promoting Labeled Products Award, recognizing SUEZ as a leader in for encouraging customers to purchase efficient fixtures that in turn protect our watershed. For more information SUEZ Conserve, visit us at www.SUEZconserve.com.

Throughout the month of April, the company is providing Earth Month tips on the company's Facebook and Twitter channels. "As a company we recognize the critical responsibility we have to provide water services in an environmentally-conscious and sustainable manner," said Graziano. "The actions that we are taking now are designed to preserve and protect our natural resources for years to come."

SUEZ North America operates across all 50 states and Canada with 3,000 employees dedicated to environmental sustainability and smart and sustainable resource management. The company provides drinking water, wastewater and waste collection service to 6.7 million people on a daily basis; treats 560 million gallons of water and 460 million gallons of wastewater each day; delivers water treatment and advanced network solutions to 16,000 industrial and municipal sites; processes 160,000 tons of waste for recycling; rehabilitates and maintains water assets for more than 6,000 municipal and industrial customers.



Early Voting Underway: Last Day to Vote is June 22, Primary Day

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CITY OF MT VERNON	MT VERNON CITY HALL	1 ROOSEVELT 5Q	MT VERNON, NY 10550
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CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE	NEW ROCHELLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	1200 NORTH AVE	NEW ROCHELLE, NY 1080-
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Early voting has begun and will continue until Sunday June 20. See below

Early voting hours will be:

Thursday, June 17 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 18 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 19 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 20 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

And, for the second consecutive year, any voter the right because of COVID-19 to vote by mail. You may apply in-person up to the day before the election, June 21, 2021.

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tronically through the New York State Absentee Ballot Application Portal By sending an email request to BOE-WestAbsentee@westchestergov. com. By sending a fax request to (914) 995-7753 or (914) 995-3190. By going in-person to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas St., White Plains, NY 10601.

By mailing a paper application to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas St., White Plains, NY 10601.

New Family Court, continued from pg 3-

The Board of Legislators unanimously passed a 30-year lease and plans to construct a new facility that is the best option for taxpayers, the courts, and the community due to its easy access to mass transit, central location and the ability to create a state of the art facility.

Legislator Terry Clements said: "I am very excited that this day has finally arrived. Finding this perfect location -- with great access to mass transit -- was a collaborative effort between the County and local government, the Office of Court Administration, and the entire community. We see the results of our collaboration with this new, accessible, state-of-the-art facility. Family Court serves people with unexpected family circumstances at a difficult time in their lives. This new facility will greatly benefit the families and children of New Rochelle, Pelham, and all the areas this court will serve. Thank you to County Executive George Latimer, Judge Davidson, the developers, and everyone who has been involved in making this

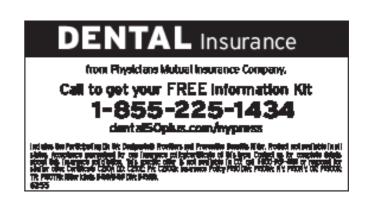
Legislators Damon Maher said: "When the issue of the expiring lease on the old family court branch in New Rochelle came up, it was important to us that we find a way to keep a family court branch here in the city, to serve not only New Rochelle residents but everyone in the region in need of the court's services. What we wound up with is more than just a new, state-of-the-art court but a facility that is centrally located, with access to mass transit, that accommodates an extra judge and additional legal and social services for people who really need it, which will be a community bedrock for decades. I couldn't be more pleased.

Simone Development Companies President Joseph Simone said: "I must give credit and thanks to County Executive George Latimer, his administration and The Stagg Group for doing such a tremendous job. I am very proud to be able to provide for our County such a wonderful facility that is just across the street from a major transportation hub. It is a privilege for us to be able to create something that looks so beautiful in a location that has everything going for it. You could never find a better location for a courthouse than right here," he added.

The Stagg Group President Mark Stagg said: "It was a lot of hard work, but we persevered and completed this project under a tight deadline from start to finish in just 14 months. We're very proud of what we accomplished especially in light of the pandemic. I think this is probably the finest courthouse facility anywhere within 200 miles of New Rochelle. We used top-quality materials throughout to create a great experience for the public as well as the employees who will work

Probation Commissioner Rocco Pozzi said: "We are thrilled to be part of this new facility that will allow the Probation Department to provide increased services to the communities that the New Rochelle Family Court serves. Families in need of our services will now be able to participate in programs in an environment that fosters rehabilitation and respect for the victims and litigants coming to the Family

Office for Women Director Robi Schlaff said: "We are so excited to now be onsite at all three family courts in Westchester. This expansion will enable us, along with our legal services partners, to better meet the needs of victims of domestic violence in this highly populated area of the County."





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Upon arrival officers located three gunshot victims, the most serious of which having been struck in the chest. First Responders rendered medical aid to the victims and they were transported to local area hospitals. Two additional gunshot victims had self-transported to a local area hospital prior to police arrival; all are expected to survive. Police Officers cordoned-off the area and initiated a criminal investigation.

Officers on scene immediately began to develop information that this was a drive-by shooting incident, and within a short period of time identified a suspect vehicle and notified surrounding jurisdictions. Utilizing advanced law enforcement resources including License Plate Readers and partnerships with local, County, and Federal agencies, that vehicle was located in the City of Mount Vernon. Thereat investigators with the Yonkers Police Department, Mount Vernon Police Department, and agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force located and apprehended four suspects after a foot pursuit and recovered an illegal handgun – a Springfield Armory XD 9mm semi-automatic pistol believed to be the weapon used in the shooting incident.

At the same time, Detectives from the Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, Gang and Narcotics Unit, and Digital Forensics Unit responded to the shooting scene. Investigators interviewed subjects and witnesses, recovered surveillance video, and processed forensic and ballistic evidence. Investigation thus far has yielded that just before the shooting there were approximately ten people socializing on the sidewalk and in the street just west of the convenience store at 150 Elm Street. An older model gray Toyota Camry advanced towards the group traveling east on Elm Street. As the vehicle began passing the group, an assailant leaned out the rear passenger window and fired a handgun multiple times in the direction of the group, striking multiple victims directly and indirectly with shrapnel. The vehicle then fled the scene. Investigators believe that at least ten shots were fired; 9mm spent cartridge casings were recovered at scene. Investigators further believe that the motivation for this incident is related to gang activity, and that the shooter was targeting possible rivals in the group; the investigation into this matter is active and on-going.

Four victims sustained gunshot injuries; the fifth victim, upon examination, was determined not to have bullet-to-body contact. The first victim is a 28-year-old female Yonkers resident with a gunshot injury to her chest; she was taken to a local area trauma center and is listed in critical but stable condition. The second victim is a 31-year-old male Yonkers resident with a gunshot injury to his leg; he was taken to a local area medical center and is listed in stable condition. The third victim is a 24-year-old male Yonkers resident with a gunshot injury to his ankle; he was listed in stable condition at a local area hospital. And the fourth victim is a 23-year-old male Yonkers resident with a gunshot injury to his right leg; he was taken to a local area trauma center and is listed in stable condition.

Investigators have been working continuously for the past 36 hours to develop information and evidence sufficient to bring criminal charges against the perpetrators. Three of the four suspects have been arrested and are in the process of being charged at this time: the first involved suspect and alleged shooter is identified as a 17-year-old male resident of Mount Vernon; due to his status as an adolescent offender, no additional pedigree information will be released. The second involved suspect and alleged driver is identified as Andre MCKENZIE, a 21-year-old resident of Greenwich, Connecticut. The third involved suspect is identified as Tyrese WHITE, an 18-year-old resident of Mount Vernon; WHITE is also wanted by the New York City Police Department on a bench warrant for a prior Robbery charge and the Mount Vernon Police Department for a prior Assault charge.

All three defendants are being charged with Attempted Murder 2, a Class A-I Violent Felony in the New York State Penal Law; in addition to Felony Assault and Criminal Possession of a Weapon charges.

And in New Rochelle, On June 14th at approximately 5:30 a.m., New Rochelle Police Officers responded to a private residence on Leviness Place on a report of an Abduction.

Upon arrival, Subsequent investigation revealed that at approximately 4:30 a.m., a 32-year-old female was abducted from her residence by her exboyfriend Delmar Findlay aged 40 of Mount Vernon, NY. The suspect then fled the location in a vehicle with the victim.

Further investigation resulted in the suspect being located in a private residence on Hillside Avenue in Mount Vernon. A Search Warrant and an Arrest Warrant were issued, and the suspect was taken into custody by New Rochelle Police Officers and Mount Vernon Police Officers. The victim was located inside of the Hillside Avenue location, and had sustained abrasions to the top of her feet.

It is anticipated that Suspect/Findlay will be charged in Mount Vernon on an active warrant as well as charges related to this incident, and will be turned over to New Rochelle Police at a later time for pending charges.

New Park in Yonkers, continued from pg 3-

funds to improve the facility further. The \$69 million will go toward the installation of caps on the tanks of the sewage in the treatment process. With the support of our Congressmember, Jamal Bowman, together we intend to lobby the federal government until the funds are allocated," said Alvarado, who showed his knowledge of what is perhaps the biggest county issue for the residents of the 17th District.

Legislator Alvarado joined last week with County Executive George Latimer and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano to announce funding for a \$20 Park in Ludlow on the Hudson River and near the plant.

What is now just a vacant overgrown lot will one day be the site of the second Hudson River access point in Yonkers and the County's newest park. The County, at the request of County Legislator Jose Alvarado, has included \$10 million in the 2021 capital budget – project number BLA1A – to build the public park. The City of Yonkers has also allocated \$10 million dollars for the project. The park will be located in the southwest section of Yonkers, with breathtaking views of the Palisades and Hudson River.

County Executive George Latimer said: "With my partners in government Legislator Alvarado & Mayor Spano, the County is eager to bring this beautiful waterfront space to life. The residents who call this neighborhood home deserve waterfront access – and there is no good reason why this scenic view has been shuttered. We stand here today with a vision and look forward to one day stand here as this vision comes to fruition."

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said: "Thank you to Westchester County for matching the City's contribution in this joint public partnership. Once transformed, the park will breathe new life into the community by making another direct access point to the Hudson River. Working with County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator Jose Alvarado shows the realm of possibilities when local government works together."

Alvarado said: "The creation of a new scenic riverfront park in southwest Yonkers has been a dream for our community, and for me personally, for years. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us all just how important green space and outdoor recreation is, especially for residents of the most densely populated areas in our County. This is something our great community needs and deserves. My heartfelt thanks go out to County Executive Latimer and Mayor Spano for their support in helping me make this project a reality. I look forward to the day we can all join together here again for a ribbon cutting.'

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SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY

INDEX NO.: 58848/2019

BONITA WEST LLC v. 164 ELM REALTY CORP., et al., Defendants. Pursuant to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, dated January 22, 2020 and entered on January 24, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, New York on the 25th day of June, 2021 at 11:30 A.M., the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold, being in Section 1, Block 455, Lot 6 on the Tax Map of the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, and known by the street number 164 Elm Street, Yonkers, New York.

Approximate amount of Judgment is \$23,431.15 plus interest, costs, attorneys' fees and advances. Said premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale.

FRANK APICELLA, ESQ., Referee. SANDERS, GUTMAN & BRODIE, P.C.,

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Supreme Court: Westchester County T11 Funding v Manuel Pereira et al. Defendants, Index#: 51986/2019 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed and entered on January 24, 2020, I will sell at public auction in Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd White Plains NY 10601, on July 9, 2021 at 3:30 P.M. premises located in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, State of New York known as Section 1, Block 463 Lot(s) 25. Sold subject to the terms of sale and filed judgment of foreclosure. Bank Checks Only, must be payable to the Referee for 25% of Bid Price. Leticia Arzu, Esq. Referee

Notice of formation of SaucyGuava, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. ŠSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 332 Palisade Ave Apt C1, Yonkers, NY 10703-2918. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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who work or learn in their facility are vaccinated. Don't get me wrong, if there is some reason you can't get vaccinated due to health issues or other legitimate reasons I understand and support you.

But there are still a large percentage of the population perfectly healthy to get the vaccine that need to role up their sleeves and get it. Particularly with all these variants we are hearing about. To those eligible but who haven't gotten vaccinated yet, all I can say is stop being a big baby and endangering the health of your loved ones. By the way, isn't it so nice to hug the ones you love as the vaccinated have recently been able to do!

Hot Topics:

-I feel like a broken record every election cycle reminding candidates and their supporters that you can't put political signs on public property. The award for worst offender this time goes to Pete Spano who is running for City Council President and hung his campaign signs on the city fence surrounding Smith Park off Nepperhan Avenue and teeny, tiny signs on the bridge that goes over Tuckahoe Road.

What is particularly disturbing is when you have a member of the Yonkers City Council who should know the law disobeying it. And trust me most communities in Westchester do or should have laws banning campaign signs on public property. So it's not just a Yonkers problem!

I want to applaud Steve Squig and DPW crews for pulling the signs off public property. Mayor Spano: want to put some big bucks in Yonkers coffers. Enforce the law and fine candidates who are causing nothing more than sign pollution desecrating the beautiful streets of Yonkers.

-Facebook is to be congratulated for finally unmasking those running ads on their platform without identifying themselves. There was one listed as Committee for a Better Yonkers running ads against City Council President Mike Khader and supporting his opponent, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy. I clicked on the ad and found it that this so called 'committee' was formed May 27 and that the ads were being placed by Gail Burns, longtime Spano aide, head of the Yonkers Parking Authority and Trustee of the Yonkers Board of Education. Facebook gave me the phone number for the person who placed the ad, I googled it Ms. Burns name came up. Individuals or companies running political ads should not be able to hide!

-I was in shock when I went to pick up a new plastic toilet seat at Bed, Bath and Beyond and it scanned at \$40. They must have had 50 toilets seats round and oval and but just had one round plastic toilet seat. The clerk had me in hysterics telling me all the features of the toilet seat like it closed softly. And yes, I had a \$10 off coupon. But to have only one plastic toilet seat in stock with a \$40 price tag? Is their a shortage of plastic toilet seats in America?

-What can we do to stop the calls from the man from the phony (not your local) Fireman's organization who says he's glad you answered cause he was getting his answering machine voice ready to stop calling and annoying people at all times of the day. And the person trying to sell you the extended warranty for your car. This 'do not call list' is simply not working.

-On my radio show I get callers from throughout Westchester complaining about their local School Board members. In Yonkers we have an appointed School Board. Now we have had some 'winners' on our School Board over the years. But did you hear of the looney

Randolph Township School Board in New Jersey? Instead of listing holidays by name (Christmas, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day) they are listing holidays on their school calendar as 'days off.' It's time those School Board members resign their coveted positions.

-Last Friday yonkerstimes.com got over 20,000 hits with our story about the perverted Principal. Now 99% of of teachers, Principals and civil service workers in the Yonkers Public Schools are hard workers dedicated to the children of Yonkers. All we as a newspaper ask is the district to be up front with us in terms of steps it takes when these horrific, embarrassing situations take place. They owe nothing less to the taxpayers of this great city, parents, students, and all of those who work in our school buildings are were embarrassed by what supposedly took place. And it is our job as journalists to bring accurate information to you, our loyal readers!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the West-chester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.









New Alzheimer's Drug, continued from pg 1-

been made available under Medicare and insurance for conditions like cancer and multiple sclerosis, so it is reasonable to expect this for aducanumab."

Early diagnosis has demonstrated better health outcomes for individuals and their caregivers. The approval of this new therapy makes early detection and diagnosis even more critical to ensure individuals receive the most benefit at the earliest point possible.

"This therapy will be of great interest to many, but it is not the only important element of Alzheimer's treatment and care. The Alzheimer's Association has made it a priority to partner with health care systems, physicians, and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure early and accurate diagnosis, and access to treatment, care management and care planning," said Pike.

If you or a loved one is experiencing memory changes, the Alzheimer's Association strongly encourages speaking with a health care provider for a thorough evaluation, diagnosis and to discuss treatment options. For more information on diagnosis or to find a local health care provider, visit the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org, or the Helpline 24/7 at 800.272.3900.

"We are proud of what the Alzheimer's Association has done to accelerate the drug development process, so individuals will have access to more effective treatments faster," Carrillo said. "This new drug approval, and sustained progress in the research field, is due to years of investment, unrelenting dedication, and our vision of a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia."

Driven by Alzheimer's Association advocacy, federal investment in Alzheimer's and dementia research funding is \$3.1 billion annually. The federal commitment, combined with unprecedented philanthropic support, provides the foundation for an optimistic view of the future — which is needed, because there is much work to be done.

For more information visit, alz.org/hudsonvalley.

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member and interim Mayor Andre Wallace, and Lauren Carter.

The opposition slate of Council candidates, calling themselves the Mt. Vernon Forward slate, consists of Danielle Browne, Cathlin Gleason, and Edward Poteat.

The City Committee slate has been endorsed by County Executive George Latimer and County Clerk Tim Idoni. The Mt. Vernon Forward ticket has been endorsed by Mt. Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson -Howard, which shows that democrats are split on this race.

The most important contest on the ballot June 22 is for Mt. Vernon Comptroller. Both candidates are qualified to serve and will replace the current Comptroller Deborah Reynolds at the end of the year.

We hope that is not too late to fix the damage that Reynolds has done to the

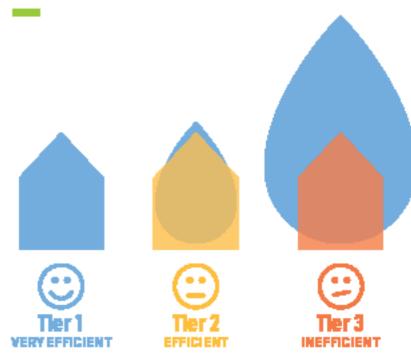
City and its taxpayers by not paying bills and refusing to cooperate with the City Council and the Mayor.

Derickson Lawrence and Darren Morton are the two candidates for Comptroller Morton works for Mayor Patterson-Howard, while Lawrence is the true

troller Morton works for Mayor Patterson-Howard, while Lawrence is the true outsider. Both have the qualifications to overseee the finances of the City. Morton would work more closely with the Mayor, while Lawrence would be a true, independent Comptroller, which is perhaps what Mt. Vernon needs at this point.

The City of Yonkers is the other democratic primary hotspot in Westchester, with contests for Council President, three City Council seats and two county board seats all on the ballot June 22. Early voting has already begun or you may have ordered your ballot and mailed in or dropped off your vote.

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