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was peeled back after the 5:50 a.m. crash at the Weaver Street bridge.

Westchester County police closed all but one lane on the northbound Hutch so the wreckage could be cleared and the truck's payload transferred to another truck. Delays of about an hour were reported throughout the day.

The scene was finally cleared about 12:45 p.m. No injuries were reported.

Lawyer suspended for refusing to take medical examination

By Michael Meek
Staff Writer

A White Plains divorce lawyer was suspended from practicing after refusing to submit to a medical examination to determine whether she was incapacitated.

Doris Sassower's indefinite suspension took effect Wednesday with an order from the state Appellate Division of state Supreme Court.

The order arose out of a disciplinary proceeding against Sassower initiated by the 9th Judicial District Grievance Committee, which handles complaints against lawyers in Westchester.

The court had ordered the medical examination of Sassower last October.

Sassower, a former president of the New York Women's Bar Association, said yesterday she was appealing the suspension, which she claims violates her civil rights.

Sassower said she refused to comply with the court's order because it violated its own procedures and regulations, violated her civil rights and improperly delegated the responsibility of finding a medical expert to the grievance committee.

She said she also refused to comply because defendants should be examined by at least one expert to have a lawful evaluation.

Sassower said the complaint against her came from a proceeding against her before state Supreme Court Justice Samuel G. Fredman. Fredman held the contempt hearings against Sassower last year because of Sassower's more than three-month delay in turning over a former client's file to another lawyer.

Fredman never issued a decision in the proceeding, Sassower said. The proceedings were delayed three times because of Sassower's claims of medical disability.

Gary Casella, chief counsel for the grievance committee, said confidentiality statutes prevented him from commenting on why the committee started proceedings against Sassower.

Sassower, 57, also was the lawyer representing the 9th District Judicial Committee, which unsuccessfully challenged the legality of cross-endorsements of judicial candidates. It is appealing the case to the state Court of Appeals.

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passed by the Legislature a week earlier.

The most controversial of those cuts were in school aid. Cuomo's original budget chopped \$891 million from last year's level; the Legislature had put about half of that back in; the governor took it out.

Next week, lawmakers are to begin negotiating anew with the governor, and those who attended yesterday's meeting of the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association all vowed to get more money for education.

Assemblyman Richard Brodsky, D-Greenburgh, said he hoped negotiations would work. But if not, he said, the Democratic majority would seek to override at least some of Cuomo's cuts, a move that would require a two-thirds vote of both houses.

Republican lawmakers yesterday attacked the drop in school spending, but only one — Assemblyman Henry W. Barnett, R-Bedford — explicitly announced he would vote to override the governor to restore education aid.

Speaking of Cuomo's actions, Assemblyman George Pataki, R-Peekskill, said, "It's an act of war on the school district, the taxpayers, the kids and the future of this state. . .



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Boy dies who may have been born with Lyme disease

By Barbara J. Durkin
Staff Writer

A 6-year-old Connecticut boy whose parents say he was born with Lyme disease and who sparked the creation of a national foundation died yesterday at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, N.J.

The cause of death was unavailable late yesterday, pending an au-

topsy.

Jamie Forschn a.m., according to woman. Little infor able late yesterday.

His mother, Kar well-known Lym formed the Lyme B tion in Tolland, Co father, Tom, also

Westchester's black leaders

By David McKay Wilson
Staff Writer

Westchester black leaders split yesterday over how to create a state legislative district that would send a minority lawmaker to Albany from the county for the first time.

Sheila Morris of the Black Women's Political Caucus said the district should be drawn up solely within the county's boundaries, but others like County Legislator Herman Keith, D-Yonkers, said he would support a district that dipped into minority neighborhoods in the north Bronx.

"If it's too difficult to make one in Westchester, it would be good to go beyond our boundaries," said Keith,

who has considered office. "The importa persons of color pa political process."

Keith made his hearing on the sta plan at the White Pl Legislature's Task I graphic Research a ment is recarving legislative and 31 C tricts.

State Sen. Dean force's co-chairman, draft plan would be fall for review.

Black leaders growing presence of

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Att: Milt Hoffman, Editor, Letters to the Editor Page

Future Gannett News inquiries of me will probably receive a "no comment"--in view of your latest example of inaccurate, slanted and selective ^{reporting} coverage in your June 22th story about me. Despite the article's repeated use of the word "refuse"---including in its headline--the issue, as I explained to your reporter, is not one of "refusal", but whether there was a lawful order requiring my compliance. Under the Rules of Professional Conduct, an attorney is not required to obey an unlawful order. Indeed, it is the particular duty of attorneys to ensure that governmental action proceeds on proper jurisdictional and substantive basis.

It is shocking that the price imposed for asserting constitutional due process rights was immediate and unconditional suspension--without any evidentiary hearing or decision of the Court addressing the legitimate factual and legal objections raised, and without the requisite specific finding--supported by probative evidence--that I was guilty of any "professional misconduct immediately threatening the public interest".

Significantly, your reference to the contempt proceedings before Judge Fredman--out of which the suspension order arose--failed to include two facts of broader public interest--both of which I discussed at length with your reporter: (1) that at the time those proceedings were brought against me by Harvey Landau, Esq., before Judge Fredman, neither of them disclosed, as ethical rules require, the disqualifying fact that Mr. Landau was the Chairman of the Scarsdale Democratic Club, actively endorsing Judge Fredman's nomination for the Supreme Court in the fall of 1989; and (2) that a few days before my well-publicized first appearance before Judge Fredman in the summer of 1989, Mr. Landau's law firm made a \$500 contribution to Judge Fredman's election campaign.

In fact, I encouraged your reporter to investigate whether the manner and timing of my suspension might be connected with the Ninth Judicial Committee's having imparted such information to the Governor, who, according to Gannett papers, was then about to nominate Mr. Landau for an interim appointment to our Supreme Court.

The Ninth Judicial Committee, of which I have been serving as pro bono counsel to protect the public interest, believes that politics does not belong in the judicial arena. It is for you to demonstrate what role the press will play when it is shown and documented that our judicial system is being corrupted by politicians.