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Chris McGuire Receives 2016 White Plains Tiger Award

November 21, at the White Plains Tigers Youth Football Awards Celebration, Chris McGuire was awarded the most prestigious honor by the organization. White Plains Tigers Youth Football awards one eighth-grader every year with the Tiger award. This "senior" must exemplify the true meaning of being a Tiger.

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R = Respect. We welcome diversity and always treat each other as equals. Chris plays running back for the Tigers and has been on the Tigers team since he was in Kindergarten playing flag football. He is also an excellent student and a concert flutist. He will be attending White Plains High School next year. Mark Armogida, Head Coach of Tigers Youth Football 7/8 Team said, "Chris McGuire is all of the things that make a great player and person. He set a true example to his 21 teammates throughout our season. I look forward to watching him play the game in years to come." The Tigers 7/8 Grade Team finished 5-2 this season. White Plains Tigers 7/8 team competes in The Westchester United Football League. Pictured (l to r) Mark Armogida, Head Coach, Chris McGuire, Bruce Harper, Former NY Jet, Ron Gonzalez, president of WPTYF.



United Way Report Highlights the Plight of Working Poor

By Pat Casey

New York is inching dangerously close to having 50 percent of its families lacking sufficient income and resources for housing, food, child care, transportation and health care, according to a report released over the Thanksgiving weekend by United Way of New York State.

In the last two years, United Ways in 16 states have participated in ALICE, which stands for - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed - to place a spotlight on a growing population of residents who are working, but struggle to afford basic necessities.

"Our report shows that this is not an urban or rural issue - it affects every corner of our state," said Brian Hassett, CEO of the United Way of the Greater Capital Region in a press release announcing the new report. "Too many

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Westchester Native Launches Video Call Service for Seniors

By Colette Connolly

Hundreds of miles and busy schedules often keep generations of families apart. That can be especially true for seniors, who may move to retirement communities throughout the country while children and grandchildren maintain hectic lives elsewhere.

In hopes of reuniting families, Westchester native Ellen Ferguson has developed a unique video service by using a 5-by-7-inch tablet. Her business, Visual Senior, launched earlier this year and has been a rousing success, in part because unlike some other technologies it is easy

for older people to understand and use.

Visual Senior allows older adults living alone or in assisted living facilities and nursing homes in Westchester and in South Florida, where Ferguson has now lived for nearly 30 years, to stay in touch with loved ones and friends by simply talking.

"There is no interaction or touching anything on the part of the senior," said Ferguson, whose 85-year-old mother, Helen, lives in Mount Kisco and is a regular user of the service.

Ferguson came up with the idea

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Greenburgh Town Hall Gets Second Solar System

The Town of Greenburgh installed a 68-kilowatt photovoltaic solar energy system on its Town Hall earlier this month.

The installation was made possible by a grant from the Department of Energy, was managed by ECG Engineering and mounted by SunBlue Energy. This was the Town Hall's second solar photovoltaic installation. The first solar array was a 5.6-kilowatt system installed in 2006.

According to Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, the current system is likely to produce at least 75,018 kilowatt hours annually. "This level of production is ex-

pected to save the town \$622,128 over a 30-year period," Feiner said in an email.

Greenburgh is reducing its CO2 emissions by 52.7 metric tons per year by going solar. "This is equivalent to planting 49.9 acres of U.S. forests a year, or taking 11 cars off the road every year, according to the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Equivalency Calculator," Feiner said.

"When sunlight hits solar panels, particles of light displace electrons which create a direct electrical current. That current passes through an inverter, where it is changed to the alternating

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while moving her mother-in-law from California to an assisted living facility in Florida. During visits, Ferguson noticed how lonely many residents were. Soon after, she searched for a solution that would keep young and old connected, but also bring a more personal element to adult children who had previously relied on phone calls to communicate.

The tablet device is a configuration of an already available technology, said Ferguson, a former software engineer for Siemens. As long as there is an Internet connection, families can sign up and connect. It includes setting up a tablet computer, which is part of the initial set-up package, and then loading sometimes hundreds of family pictures that appear in a slideshow throughout the day.

At any moment, a family member may video call the senior without having to touch any buttons. The senior, without touching anything, just has to speak to the person on the other end.

Ferguson said she knew she'd have to design something that would be completely hands-free.

"This group of people never learned technology and very often don't want to," she said.

For her mother, Ferguson's invention has been a Godsend.

"This has been a great way to keep her connected to all of her adult children and

grandchildren," said Ferguson.

Now close family members regularly call her mother several times during the day to check in and "visit" with her.

Families also control who has access to the technology, when they sign up for Visual Senior, Ferguson said. In addition, the tablet is activated during specific times, usually from about 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

While Ferguson's company is based in Boca Raton, she has established a strong presence in Westchester, providing the service to several clients in assisted living facilities as well as independent residences. She maintains the business in both areas by frequently flying back and forth to service existing clients and to solicit new ones.

As part of each client's contract with Visual Senior, Ferguson, a 4H club leader and robotics team leader at her son's high school, visits once a month to make sure the device is working, to load additional photos to the tablet or to address any other issues that may arise.

"Everyone I showed this to has just loved it," said Ferguson. "It's really exciting because nobody else is doing this, and best of all, it's peace of mind for both the senior and the adult child."

To find out more, visit www.visualsenior.com or contact Ferguson at ellen.ferguson@visualsenior.com.

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New Yorkers find themselves above the poverty line but below the economic line that allows them to provide health care and educational advantages for their children, and to save for their own future."

In Westchester, 24 percent of the 342,557 households fell into the ALICE category with another 10 percent falling below the poverty line. In Rockland, 31 percent fell into the ALICE category. And an additional 11 percent fell below the poverty line. In Putnam, 28 percent fell into the ALICE category and an additional 5 percent of the population there fell below the poverty line. Households that fell into the ALICE category are those that earn above the poverty level up to a maximum of \$77,892 in Westchester and \$77,724 in Rockland and Putnam for a family of four: two adults, one preschool child and one infant.

"That means that nearly a third of the people living in these three counties - among the most affluent counties in the nation - are living paycheck to paycheck with no emergency savings," said Alana Sweeny, President and CEO of United Way Westchester. "The high cost of housing and childcare eat into their incomes. You would think that someone with a \$70,000-a-year plus income would be doing well, but not here. They are one flat tire, one illness away from financial disaster. And this cuts across all ethnic and

age groups."

A recent mental health study conducted by the Rockland County government showed that stressors like lack of income contributed to domestic violence, substance abuse and other mental health problems.

To meet New York's average ALICE threshold for survival, a single adult needs an annual income of \$20,496 or \$10.25/hour. Yet nearly 1 million New Yorkers who work in retail sales, restaurants and home health services are paid below the ALICE threshold.

To help connect ALICE and other struggling families highlighted in the report to services, the local United Ways as of January 1 would be extending the hours of their 2-1-1 call center from the current 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The free, confidential, multilingual information and referral helpline is open 365 days a year. Specialists speak with callers from throughout the area who need help with food assistance, elder care, housing and shelters, utilities, abuse prevention, suicide, recycling regulations, foster parenting, veteran services, medical assistance and more. They hope to eventually make the service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Holiday LIFT Calls Westchester Volunteers and Donors to Action

By Pat Casey

Today, Tuesday, Nov. 29, is Giving Tuesday, an international day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide.

Held on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, following Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday, the focus has been on Christmas and end-of-year giving.

For most nonprofit organizations the holiday giving season began in early November to encompass Thanksgiving, but the reality of the growing need of the working poor in the New York community is pushing groups to intensify their focus year-round.

White Plains-based Lifting Up Westchester (LUW) has put out a call-to-action for volunteers and donors. To get local residents into the spirit of giving, LUW, a nonprofit agency, which provides homeless and poverty services to individuals throughout Westchester County, has launched a Holiday Lift campaign. It initially kicked off on Nov. 5.

"We need volunteers," Donna Drumm, a LUW board member, told the Examiner. "We need volunteers for holiday giving, and we also need people with talent and experience in leadership, management

and marketing who are interested in getting involved with the structure of the non-profit organization. It's a long-term service commitment. Westchester needs its next generation of leaders. Finding new people is not easy."

The Holiday Lift campaign offers multiple opportunities to spread holiday cheer and lift the spirits of Westchester's men,

"Westchester needs its next generation of leaders."

women and children in need.

Volunteer activities include distributing warm coats and winter clothing, providing 2,000 holiday meals from the LUW soup kitchen, filling and distributing 500 holiday food bags, and wrapping and delivering hundreds of holiday gifts.

For this holiday season Drumm recommends that individuals and corporations looking to provide gifts for children also include teenagers. "We receive many toys and games for the younger children, but

teenagers have need too," Drumm said. "Gift cards are an innovative way to reach out to teens. They like to make their own purchases."

Teens involved in LUW's Brighter Futures after-school mentoring program will receive donated gift cards through Christmas from Target, Wal-Mart, McDonald's and Dunkin Donuts.

Preparing and serving holiday meals at Grace's Kitchen on Christmas and New Year's is a popular volunteer activity for LUW, but all of those slots are now filled.

There are other ways to volunteer, however.

LUW is stepping up efforts to get corporations involved in underwriting meals served at the Open Arms Men's Shelter in White Plains or at Grace's Kitchen. There is need 365 days in the year.

"Volunteers can run a drive to underwrite meals, collect school supplies as well as to send a child to summer camp," Drumm said. "Beginning in January 2017 we will be stepping up the pace to encourage corporate support of ongoing programs."

Rhesa Browne, a Berkeley College employee, began volunteering at Lifting Up Westchester last holiday season. After organizing a successful holiday toy drive for college staff she said, "I was motivated to do more because there are many needy

people in Westchester. I immediately decided to volunteer my time helping in any way that I can. Recently, I made a commitment to volunteer at Grace's Kitchen every other week because I realize that individuals in need also need to be treated as people, and a smile and a warm meal can definitely make a difference in someone's day."

This holiday season Browne organized a staff drive to collect \$25 gift certificates to distribute to teens in LUW's after school program.

LUW sponsored a winter clothing giveaway and a Pie Day on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. They received many home-baked goods.

LUW is also hoping to receive donations of home baked Christmas cookies. "The guests at our soup kitchen seldom get a taste of home-baked items and nothing says Christmas like a plate of Christmas cookies," said Nancy Inzinna, LUW Volunteer & Community Outreach Manager. She added that getting children involved in baking and donating holiday treats is a great way to introduce them to the spirit of giving.

If you are looking to get involved, there are many ways to help LUW provide 2,000 holiday meals, fill 500 holiday food bags and gifts for hundreds of individuals and

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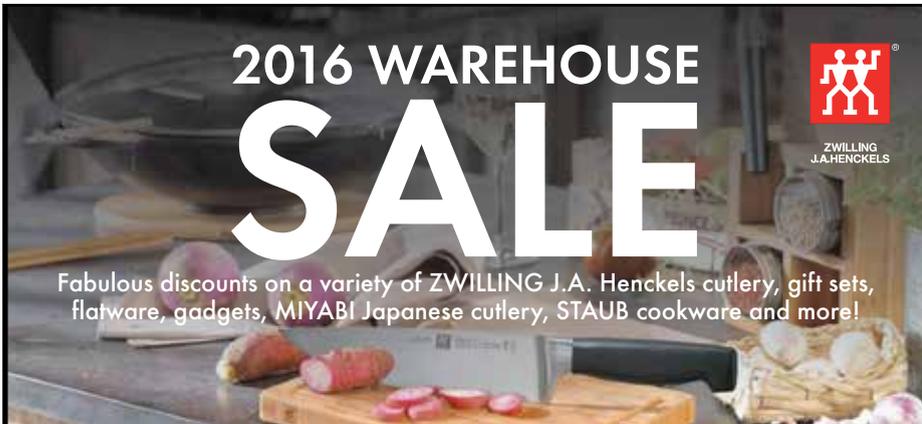
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Donate \$25 grocery store gift cards for food bags given to vegetarians and families who traditionally eat something other than turkey and ham for their holiday meals.

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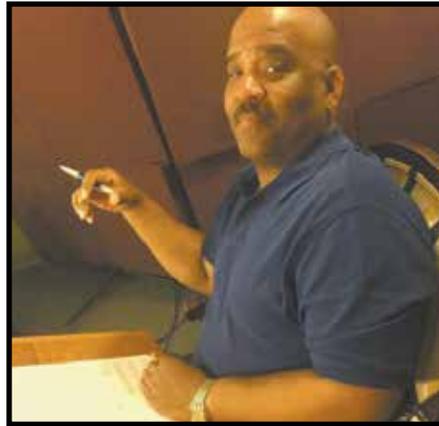
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Walter Beasley

semiter Park as part of the series. Beasley felt the community was so warm and welcoming that he wanted to give back and help the children in Greenburgh and its neighboring towns of Elmsford and White Plains. The beginning of school was just around the corner. What better way to help the children than to give them their back-to-school haircuts, Beasley thought. Many families go through



The barbers of J&C Barber Shop

financial hardship before school starts and need assistance getting their children ready for the new school year. Beasley sponsored children in the area with Essential Barber Shop & Beauty Salon, Elmsford, J&C Barber Shop, White Plains, and D'Cache Barber, White Plains. These barber shops also gave a few haircuts for free, in addition to those being sponsored. They also give back to



D'Cache barber shop.

the community by providing haircuts to the disabled routinely. D'Cache barber shop a week before school starts gives free haircuts to the children in the area each year. These local businesses do not wait for Thanksgiving for the spirit of giving, they make it a part of their daily living. These moments of love and selflessness give our community hope.

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The 100-Year History of the Woman's Club of White Plains, the 1980's

By Colleen Fay

The 1980's started off with a bang when the U.S. Men's Olympic Hockey Team beat the heavily favored Russians 4-3. It was such an amazing victory that most people don't even remember that this win was actually not for the gold medal! It was a boost the country, mired in a recession with inflation at 14 percent, really needed. Fortunately, the economy improved by mid-decade with advances in genetic and digital technology leading the way but there were other peaks and valleys – the fall of the Berlin Wall, the release of hostages, Tiananmen Square, the Challenger explosion, the debut of cable TV and Michael Jackson's Thriller, the end of smallpox but the beginning of AIDS, Members Only Jackets, Ray-Bans and the Rubik's Cube. Our slogans were "Just Say No" to drugs and Nike's "Just Do It."

The Woman's Club of White Plains started the 1980's with a financial crisis of its own. In late 1980, the state of NY decided that the Woman's Club needed to pay tax on its dues and were responsible for back taxes as well. The members were assessed their share and all graciously contributed. Luckily, by the fall of 1981, the sales tax decision was reversed and the monies refunded.

Unfortunately, around the same time, the White Plains Fire Department advised the club that a Fire Detection Sys-



Eleanor Clark of the Woman's Club shows mittens to Mrs. Reisner of the Children's Day Care Center and Mrs. Carson from St. Bart's Church. Source: Woman's Club archives.

tem needed to be installed. President Renie Koehnken came up with a plan to raise money. Members were given the option of receiving their tax refund or contributing that money toward the new fire alarms. Most generously contributed their

refunds. A musical production, "America Sings," performed by members of the Club and the WP Senior Citizen Center, collected donations to benefit the Club's Fire Detection System Fund. Issues with fire code and improvements to the Club were an ongoing expense throughout the 80's but finally in 1988, the club was declared "up to code."

Basic club expenses were a source of concern as well. Income from member dues was down sharply and expenses had exceeded income for the year. The club cut costs by cutting back on decorating and repairs, holding several club functions on the same day to cut down heating and electric costs, lowering the thermostat, holding meetings in members' homes and increasing rental business.

The issue of declining membership and the need to attract young members continued to be an ongoing concern. In 1987, total membership was 442, down from 511 the previous year. By mid-decade, membership in the sub-Juniors had declined to five! It is worth noting that many other clubs were having similar problems during this time.

The Club continued to do remarkable philanthropic work for the community. The Thrift Shop, bowling and the library remained important as did the annual flea market, Holiday Bazaar and numerous bridges held throughout the year. New fundraisers also contributed, a novel one being the Silver Plated Flatware Preference Survey. The club got \$1 for every person who participated. A black tie gala hosted by the Juniors featured Bobby Short, a well-known jazz and cabaret singer. They held a Bargain Bonanza and Christmas mini-boutique and supported the Ecumenical Emergency Food Pantry

and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The Evening section continued their philanthropic efforts primarily for the scholarship fund. In 1985, Philanthropy hosted the Bonne Femme Luncheon for guests who heard presentations from four of the committee's beneficiaries, Hospice Program of the Visiting Nurse Service, Cage Teen Center, Senior Personnel and the Settlement House/Grace Church. A surprise moneymaker was "Croquet on the Lawn" which was started in June 1980. For \$2 you got a sandwich and a game of croquet.

WICS remained involved in many charitable works for Rosary Hill, Meals on Wheels and Ruth Taylor Nursing Home. They also took the gift cart around Burke twice a month and received a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts. WICS eventually became part of the Volunteer Services Group. The Christmas Mitten Tree begun in 1981 donated to the Children's Day Care Center at St. Bart's. In 1982, 155 pairs of mittens had been knitted. Like today, it was important for members to keep track of their volunteer hours and the numbers varied from a low of 13,800 from 1979-80 to a high of 24,073 from 1981-82.

Maintenance of the house and grounds was ongoing and expensive. Frequent leaks were patched, new outlets installed, columns in the auditorium repaired and there were many painting projects. The roof was replaced in 1988 and a new oil burner was purchased to replace the very unreliable one.

The largest project was the improvement of the grounds in the back yard. When Ridgeway Circle was completed years prior, many trees at the back of the property were destroyed and had never been replaced. Phase I was the Remembrance Garden to be located in the center at the back of the property. It consisted of a background of arborvitae, flanked by rhododendrons and a foreground of azaleas with a special taxus semi-circle for a sundial. Total cost was estimated to be \$5000. The Garden was dedicated in May 1987. By October 1988, the garden was nearly complete.

In March 1988 guidelines for the sale of wine at Club functions were established and the question of county landmark status for the mansion came up. It was felt that such status could be problematic in the event of a future sale of the house and it was not pursued.

Overall, the Woman's Club seemed to be holding its own during the 80's. The sub-Juniors had once been surveyed as to what they thought the Woman's Club would be like in 1980. The answers ranged from bigger to the same to non-existent. I think the answer is somewhere in between. Membership was down but those who remained were active in the Club and continued to fulfill its mission.

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Residents Urged to Denounce Plan to Anchor Barges on Hudson

By Rick Pezzullo

Westchester residents, especially in the municipalities of Philipstown, Garrison and the surrounding area, were urged last week to voice their concerns about a proposal by the United States Coast Guard to create 10 new anchorage sites with up to 43 commercial barges along the Hudson River from Yonkers to Kingston.

During an informational meeting hosted by the Philipstown Democrats at St. Philips Church in Garrison, two representatives from Riverkeeper and a member from Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano's office brought approximately 50 audience members up to speed on the efforts being taken to try to block the proposal, which the Coast Guard has stated was initiated by the Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ Tug and Barge Committee, the Hudson River Port Pilot's Association,

and the American Waterways Operators.

"I think it's important that we don't strike fear, but it's important that we do strike concerns," said Jason Baker of Spano's office. "Do we want to turn our river into an industrialized waterfront? Are we going to turn this into a major highway for crude oil? We don't want this to happen. This is a regional problem. It's important that we really stand up for this."

In August, a new organization of municipal officials called the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance was announced in Yonkers. An online petition on www.change.org was also launched by the alliance and more than 1,600 signatures have been obtained to date.

Meanwhile, more than 3,400 comments have been submitted to the Coast Guard, which has extended the public comment period on the project to December 6.

"This is just the beginning. This is a big deal," said Erin Doran, staff attorney for Riverkeeper. "It's coming at a time when the river is starting to recover. It's starting to rebound and we can't go back."

If approved, the plan would encompass more than 2,400 acres of the river. Sixteen communities in the Hudson Valley have passed formal resolutions opposing the project. There is currently only one anchorage ground for vessels along a 100-mile stretch in the Hudson River from New York City to Albany.

The largest anchorage site of the 10 proposed would accommodate up to 16 vessels, stretching about 715 acres from the Greenwood Station in Yonkers to the Dobbs Ferry Train Station. Two sites are located in the Town of Cortlandt.

During a hearing in Croton last month, Edward Kelly, executive director of the

Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey, maintained the anchorages would "enhance the safety, security and environmental stewardship of the vessels and the waterways in which they operate."

However, Riverkeeper insists the anchorage sites will present a significant environmental threat to the river, specifically if an oil spill were to occur, and is calling for a full environmental review.

"We know crude oil transport is pushing some of this, if not all of it," Doran said. "This request is coming from industry. We're in this for the long haul, fighting the good fight for residents."

Toys for Tots Westchester Seeking Volunteers, Toys and Monetary Donations

Toys for Tots Westchester Campaign is in full swing less than 27 days until Christmas.

As we enter the holiday season, many are blessed with caring families who are able to fully enjoy the festive holidays. Unfortunately, not all Westchester County residents are experiencing the same blessings. There are an estimated 15.5

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Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity is the fund raising, funding and support organization for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation was created at the behest of the U.S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Toys For Tots is a Top-Rated Charity over 97 percent of donations goes to the mission of providing toys, books, and other gifts to less fortunate children. Less than 3 percent is spent on fundraising and overhead. All donations are tax deductible.

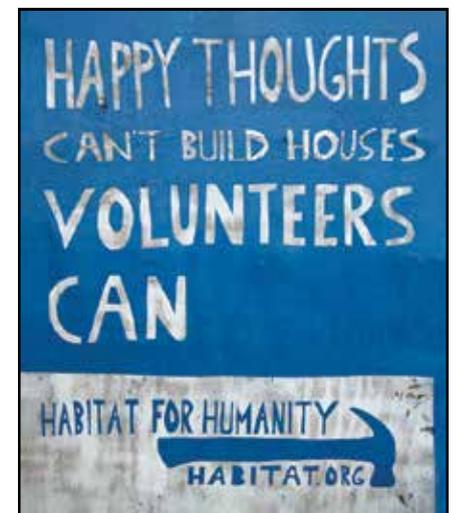


million children living in poverty within the United States. Many mothers and fathers are down on their luck at this time and could use a helping hand.

There is still time to become a Volunteer or Toy Collection Station, just drop an email to coordinator@t4twestchester.org.

Toys for Tots also accepts monetary donations through the mail. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1207 White Plains, NY 10601; or donate online at <https://goo.gl/KTbm4e>.

To Find a Drop Site visit <http://westchester-county-ny.toysfortots.org/lo->



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Obituaries

Patricia Ginter

Patricia M Ginter, 84, of White Plains, passed away at White Plains Hospital on Nov. 22 after a brief illness. Patricia (Pat) was born in New York City on Nov. 26, 1931 to James and Eleanor Mimnaugh. She moved to White Plains as a young child, and was educated through the White Plains School System graduating in the Class of '49. Pat then attended the State Teacher's College at New Paltz, majoring in Education and graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in just three years. She returned to White Plains where she was employed as a third grade teacher at Mamaroneck Avenue School. She married the love of her life, Philip A Ginter on June 30, 1955. The date of Pat's passing was the five-year anniversary of the passing of her beloved Phil, after 56 years of marriage.

Pat took a hiatus from teaching to raise her six children. When her children were old enough she went back to work, first as a substitute teacher and then for the White Plains School District, teaching at New York Hospital. During her tenure, she studied at Manhattanville College, graduating with a Master's Degree in Special Education. Pat retired from full time teaching in 1991. She remained with the district as a permanent substitute until 2013 when she retired as the oldest permanent sub in the district. Pat loved teaching, and loved children. Pat was active in the PTA at each of her children's schools, had been a member of the White Plains Women's Club and was very active at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, where she was a member of the choir. Family vacations to New Hampshire, Cape Cod and Long Beach Island were cherished and Pat and Phil enjoyed cruises and traveling and with their friend's too. A self-proclaimed beach bum and both avid swimmers, Pat and Phil were often seen at Oakland Beach and the beaches of Boca Raton, FL. Pat is predeceased by her husband, Phil, her parents, James and Eleanor and her sister Geraldine. Surviving to mourn her loss are her six children, Mary Matero

(Michael), Margaret Anderson (Christopher), Patricia Flippin (Robert), Laura Muckell (Peter), Barbara Renz (Jonathan) and Philip Ginter (Janet), 18 grandchildren who will all miss their Mimi, Lauren, Daniel, Jack, Parker, Kristen, Robert, Michael, Ryan, Christopher, Casey, Shannon, Jonathan, Jennifer, Katherine, Philip, Sophia, Charlie and Henry and one great granddaughter, Hayden. Also surviving is her sister Kathryn, brother in law, Thomas Ginter and his wife Diana, sister in law Dolly Ginter and many loving nieces and nephews.

Frank Cardile

Frank Cardile, 81, of Purchase, died peacefully in his home from heart failure on Nov. 23.

Frank was born in Tripoli, Libya on March 21, 1935 to Salvatore and Rose Pagano Cardile. He was a student at the University of Naples, Italy and then received a Master's degree in law from Hunter College in Manhattan. He then went on to build and own a successful business in the steel industry, Interwire Products, earning the admiration and respect of all his peers, throughout the world.

A long-time resident of Westchester County and Westhampton Beach, Frank was an avid golfer belonging to Tamarack and Hampton Hills Country Clubs. In addition to the devotion to his family, he was a major contributor to Mount Sinai Medical Center and Columbia Presbyterian for liver and heart disease research.

Frank is survived by his wife of 28 years, Deborah Cardile and stepson Richard Peperone and his wife Alicia of Darien, CT. He was pre-deceased by his first wife, Teresa Joy Cardile with whom he had four children: Roseann Cardile of Danbury, CT, Lisa Cardile Engert of Bedford Hills, NY, Deborah Cardile Monaghan of Brewster, NY, and pre-deceased son Frank Cardile Jr. His other surviving family members include daughter in laws, Lisa Cardile of Waccabuc, NY and Terri Craybas of Danbury, CT, and siblings, brother, Nunzio Cardile of Naples, Italy and sis-

Metropolis Country Club Foundation Donates \$10K to WJCS Kid's Closet



Scarsdale's Alan Waxenberg, from left, and Natalie Robinson, chairs of the Metropolis Country Club's Foundation, donated \$10,000 to WJCS Kids' Closet, which provides gently used clothing and other essentials to children in need in Westchester. Since 2011, more than 8,900 children have received bags of clothing from Kids' Closet, often in times of crisis when a family has lost all of its belongings, when back to school time approached and new items were needed or in the midst of a winter deep freeze when a warm coat was vital. WJCS COO Bernie Kimberg, third above, thanked Metropolis for its loyal support to WJCS since 2007, while Kids' Closet director Stephanie Roth, right, showed off samples of the week's worth of clothing that's carefully selected and packed to match the size and specifications of each recipient. The donation will allow Kids' Closet to continue its operations and purchase needed items.

ters Angela Cardile of Torino, Italy, Silvana Ciminello of West Milford, NJ, and pre-deceased Nella Cardile Pesacane. His legacy lives on through his 12 grandchildren: Lauren Monaghan Rousseau, Alexa Engert, Taylor Engert, Frank Cardile III, Jenna Cardile, Dima Monaghan, Lea Monaghan, Dylan Monaghan, Amanda Cardile, Michael Cardile, Gemma Peperone, Luca Peperone and pre-deceased Ryan Monaghan.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to either the American Heart Association or the American Liver Foundation.



Greenburgh Seeking Snow Angel Volunteers

During the past 26 years Greenburgh has organized a group of volunteers who shovel out snow of residents. The list is being updated. Town Supervisor Paul Feiner requests that if you have a shovel or snow blower and are willing to help an elderly or disabled resident, to please advise him by sending an email to: pfeiner@greenburghny.com. The email should include the neighborhood you are willing to help out in. The number of residents you can assist. Whether you can work as a volunteer or expect reimbursement. And, the best way you can be reached. Feiner suggests that this is a good community service project for students.

Food Bank for Westchester "Feed a Family" Campaign

The Food Bank for Westchester is challenging Westchester residents to form teams, set goals, and raise as much money to feed as many families as possible. The goal is to feed 1,000 families this holiday season. \$25 can provide a family of four with all the "fixings" for a holiday meal together.

Information about the campaign can be found at <http://www.foodbankfor-westchester.org/feedafamily>.

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Police Blotter

Westchester County District Attorney Unemployment Insurance Theft Sweep Nabs Six Suspects. Six individuals have been arraigned and charged with the theft of unemployment benefits.

Michael Gonzales (DOB 10/28/71) of Linden, New Jersey was arraigned on a felony complaint charging him with one count of Grand Larceny and one count of Offering A False Instrument For Filing.

Severino Livramento (DOB 9/20/56) of Purchase, was arraigned on a felony complaint charging him with one count of Grand Larceny and one count of Offering A False Instrument For Filing.

Edgardo Villanueva (DOB 3/20/64) of Cos Cob, Connecticut, was arraigned on a felony complaint charging him with one count of Grand Larceny and one count of Offering A False Instrument For Filing.

Danilo Martinez (DOB 11/26/51) of Purchase, was arraigned on a felony complaint charging him with one count of Grand Larceny and one count of Offering A False Instrument For Filing.

Jose Noguera (DOB 1/21/52) of Yonkers was arraigned on a felony complaint charging him with one count of Grand Larceny and one count of Offering A False Instrument For Filing.

Ronilda De La Cruz (DOB 3/10/64) of Rye Brook was arraigned on a felony complaint charging her with one count of

Grand Larceny and one count of Offering A False Instrument For Filing.

All six defendants at the time these crimes took place were working as seasonal workers

at the Century Golf Club in Purchase. Gonzales worked as a waiter; Livramento as a laundry room attendant; Villanueva as a locker room attendant; Martinez as a golf course attendant; Noguera as a kitchen attendant and De La Cruz as a house-keeping attendant.

On or about and between the years 2011 and 2015 each of these defendants claimed unemployment benefits from the New York State Department of Labor by having others falsely certifying online that they were present in the country when in fact they were overseas. A person must be present in the United States as an additional eligibility requirement in order to receive unemployment benefits.

The New York State Department of La-



Severino Livramento



Edgardo Villanueva



Danilo Martinez



Jose Noguera



Ronilda De La Cruz

bor's Office of Special Investigations Unit initiated the investigation and received assistance from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office who in turn received complete cooperation from the Century Golf Club.

The total amount of unemployment benefits stolen collectively by these defendants was \$109,032.

The defendants pled not guilty.

They were released on their own recognizance, and as a condition thereof, had to surrender their passports and sign an agreement that they would return to court.

Their next court date is December 8, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Nicole

Gamble of the Investigations Division is prosecuting the case.

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The Practicality and Psychology of Having Clean Windows

When is someone going to invent the self-cleaning window and take it to Shark Tank? After all, we have the self-cleaning oven, don't we?

Of all the chores I've considered doing myself as a homeowner, window cleaning has never been among them, not in two New York City apartments (impossible to do a picture window anyway from the 14th floor), two homes in the country and now in a fifth-floor condo. I always thought that cleaning my own windows was too big a job for me, especially in my old, big colonial where there were 22 windows, all of which had storm windows, which I kept on all year long. So actually, that made both sides of 44 windows to be cleaned.

Some of the windows, dating back to the mid-1700s, had windows with small panes, making it extra difficult to get into all the extra corners. Colonials had small windows because the production of large glass panes was not yet figured out and, as a consequence, had less exposure to the cold. But today with energy efficient windows, the entire outside can be opened to the world, depending on how much of it you want to see. And you can see more of it through clean glass.

If you are more a do-it-yourselfer than I, the chore is made easier by the newer tilt-in windows that allow you to clean the outside glass from the inside.

Other than the practical side of cleaning

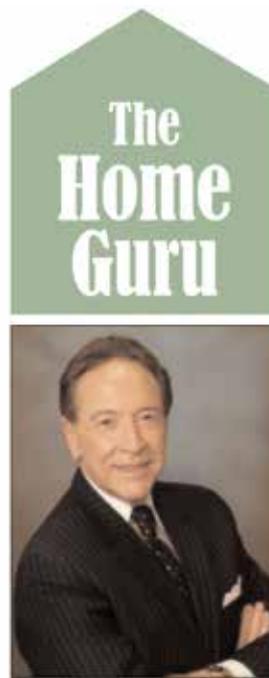
windows, there should also be a psychological boost in being able to see more clearly. The rooms are brighter and you feel clean all over.

What causes windows to get dirty in the first place? It's just natural weathering that will cause grime to build up.

For homeowners, clean windows make a property much more inviting, helping to create a positive first impression for house guests. Additionally, if you are about to venture into the realty market, clean windows are a must in demonstrating good upkeep.

Cleaning windows is also a maintenance issue, removing environmental contaminants like acid rain, hard water and oxidation – all corrosive contaminants – which extends the windows' life span.

When cleaned properly, windows are made more efficient. Dirt and grime can build up to the point where it interferes with the sun's natural warming action during the winter months. Oxidation and weathering around window frames can ruin window seals and cause air leaks, fogging and condensation that has negative implications for energy bills and mold



By Bill Primavera

issues. Also, dirt and dead bugs can collect on sills over time, preventing proper closing action.

Here are some useful techniques for cleaning windows:

- Wash one side of a window with horizontal strokes and the other side with vertical strokes so you can pinpoint which side of the window has streaks.

- Use a squeegee on a long handle or a sponge/squeegee combination to prevent streaks on large windows.

- Eliminate tiny scratches on glass by polishing the affected areas with toothpaste.

- Washing windows should be done

on a cloudy day, because direct sunlight dries cleaning solutions before you can polish the glass properly.

- Use a soft toothbrush or cotton swab to clean corners.

- For extra shine to window glass, polish it with well-washed cotton T-shirts or old cloth diapers. Or rub a clean blackboard eraser over a freshly washed and dried window to give it a diamond-bright shine.

- Polish windows to a sparkling shine with crumpled newspaper. The paper also leaves a film that's resistant to dirt.

- Wash windows from the top down to prevent drips.

- Remember that window cleaners pose a threat to woodwork. Don't let them drip on the windowsill where they can harm the paint or varnish.

Don't want to spend money on a glass cleaner? Home recipes work just as well as commercial products for washing windows. Try this recipe for a homemade glass cleaner:

- Use two tablespoons of ammonia, a half-cup of rubbing alcohol and a quarter teaspoon of dishwashing detergent.

- Add all ingredients to a small spray bottle, then fill the bottle with water and shake well. You can substitute three tablespoons of vinegar or lemon juice for the ammonia.

- Use as you would any commercial window cleaner.

Whatever the view from any window, you'll enjoy it better when it's cleaner.

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Evaluating a Fine Artisanal Wine, as Compared to a Musical Instrument



By Nick Antonaccio

What makes one wine unique and distinct from another?

I'm frequently asked this question. Aside from the obvious considerations such as different grape varieties and different countries/regions of origin, there is no empirical answer or immutable consensus. When considering wine, I initially call on my natural penchant for data analysis to narrow down the distinctive qualities of comparative wines.

'barrels of wine stand apart, each uniquely crafted from materials hand-selected and selectively integrated.'

After drilling down to the lowest common denominator of objective data, I then apply my palate's learned behavior of likes and dislikes to evaluate the subjective characteristics of the wine at hand.

This process may sound a bit convoluted and stilted, but in practice, it flows instinctively from my memory banks and learned behavior.

The analytical component of my evaluation is based on my knowledge of a wine's viticultural (read agricultural) composition, including the type of soil and plantings in the vineyard and the elevation of the grapevines, be it a valley, benchland,

hillside or mountain.

The subjective, palate-driven component of my evaluation is based on a wine's viticultural (read winemaking) influences, including the duration of the fermentation stage and the nuanced practices and techniques of the winemaker from vat to bottle.

The end product is the sum total of these numerous macro and micro components, which in combination create an original wine - one that sings of its heritage and its master's craftsmanship.

At times, an analogy illustrates a point more vividly than a descriptive narrative. I am reminded of an occasion that encapsulates my evaluative process for wine, albeit on a different plane.

A few years ago, my wife and I attended a violin concert at a church in Venice. We've been fortunate to attend a number of solo and quartet violin performances - several in unique settings and performed by acclaimed artists playing one-of-a-kind instruments.

A concert in a 15th century Venetian church differs significantly from one in a modern concert hall. Not only do the acoustics of a church create a unique listening experience, but also the history and prior artists who performed in the space create a backdrop unlike any other venue. So, too, do vineyards and winemakers, in a unique landscape and a rich heritage, create a unique wine.

Beyond these macro differences of violin concerts are the micro factors: 1) the instrument and 2) the artists.

The instrument: The components of a handcrafted violin are unique; no two instruments are created alike. So, too, no two wines are crafted in a similar fashion. What makes violins unique and original is the wood of a particular forest from which the body is crafted and the artisanal source

of the strings and the bow. The ultimate soul of a particular violin emanates and resounds from the origin of the materials.

So, too, do barrels of wine stand apart, each uniquely crafted from materials hand-selected and selectively integrated.

The artists: Violins built from the same material sources will sound unique from each other when hand-crafted by different master builders, and the ultimate sound experience is dependant on the soul and emotion that each violinist brings to the playing of the instrument. The appeal and allure of that ultimate sound is differentiated by the ability of each violinist to coax and cajole from the violin its inner essence and individuality.

So, too, do winemakers imbue in wine their philosophy, their techniques and their ethos to create an aroma and flavor profile that is the signature of their winemaking principles and makes for a singularly representative wine. Such wines are unparalleled in their vitality and soulfulness - and imprint on our senses and our psyche an indelible memory.

Scratching beneath the surface of any man-made product reveals the inner es-

sence of the product and the artisan. Understanding this influence enables us to appreciate each product and its ability to stand apart from the crowd.

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Where To Celebrate the Holidays



By Morris Gut

The Holiday Season is upon us, so whether you've been naughty or nice, it's time to make plans with friends and family. If you are going out, here are some festive suggestions for every palate, each offering a good dose of Holiday Cheer.

Mulino's Holiday Fest. It is over-the-top during the holidays at Mulino's and the fun begins with the bright lights and



Toy Soldier guards the entranceway at Mulino's, White Plains

smell of chestnuts roasting at the entranceway. Take home a bag. The annual Christmas Holiday Fest at Mulino's lasts right through the season and it's a sight to behold. The fountain garden is beautiful as is the lavish dining room and bar/lounge. General Manager Jimmy Cavagna and his staff are keeping the premises spiffy as ever: gesticulating Christmas decorations galore, holiday carolers, life-size toy soldiers, the bursting colorful floral displays and handsome multilevel seating area. The Cold Seafood Platter is a wonder and fine to share as is their decadent version of

Linguine Carbonara; plump tender Rack of Lamb served on the long bone; delicate Dover Sole finished off in the dining room; and perhaps for dessert have the wait staff whip up warm Zabaglione with fresh berries. And, oh that smooth Italian cheesecake. Open 7 days through the Holiday Fest. Bring the whole family. The place sparkles. Valet parking. Reservations advised. Mulino's of Westchester, 99 Court Street, White Plains; 914-761-1818; www.mulinosny.com.

Feliz Navidad at Rio Bravo. The artsy red statue guarding the Palmer Avenue entrance to the new Rio Bravo Tacos & Tequila in Larchmont is just a hint of the south-of-the-border pleasures waiting inside. It is a sprawling 200-seat restaurant strewn with colorful Mexican art and artifacts, multiple seating areas in the front, side and rear, along with a big galloping bar for socializing. Personable hosts and owners are brothers Edgar and Hector Brambila who also operate a Rio Bravo in Fairfield and Westport, CT. General manager Omar Topete and his staff will give you a tasty tour through the menu. An adorable guacamole cart will come whizzing by to test your palate. And the menu, we have come to describe it as Mexican/Tex-Mex, and it will surprise you. The signature tacos are overloaded and delicious. Rio offers Happy Hours Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. featuring half-price house drinks and appetizers. There is a large selection of Tequilas at the bar, and you can also create your own Margarita. Rio Bravo Tacos & Tequila is located at 1879 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. Open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week. Private party facilities for up to 60 guests; 914-341-1546; www.riobravotacosandtequila.com.

Festive Italian at the Diner. Chef-owner and personable host Dean Vivolo of Trattoria Vivolo, 301 Halstead Ave., Harrison, serves his robust regional Italian cuisine out of a vintage diner just across from Harrison's Metro-North station. Sit at the counter, tuck into a booth, or take

a table in the rear greenhouse and enjoy the surprising contemporary and traditional flavors emanating from his kitchen: tasty thin-crust pizza; Crostino di Polenta topped with wild mushrooms, gorgonzola and tomato sauce; Grilled Rack of Lamb; Braised Lamb Shanks; Boneless Rabbit; Lasagna Bolognese al Forno; and wonderful Spaghetti a la Vongole. Good wine list. Sparkling lights evenings. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. Free parking; 914-835-6199; www.trattoriavivolo.com.

Celebrate Like a Gaucho. Gaucho Grill is one of the most dynamic restaurants in Westchester. This Argentinean/Latin/Italian themed venue always offers vibrant food and atmosphere, casual yet sophisticated. Proprietors Alan Nussbaum and his wife Maria Rubiano are amiable hosts who watch over this sprawling 225-seat multi-faceted establishment with a diligent eye. There are private and semi-private party facilities for up to 80 guests for all types of occasions. The private banquet room is beautifully appointed. Chef Angelo Magno's specialties run the gamut from hefty steaks and chops, classic Italian dishes and beautifully plated Latin favorites. The Technicolor Sunday Buffet Brunch is a sight to behold and enjoy. Daily Happy Hours in the bar/lounge keep things buzzing. Open 7 days for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Valet parking. Gaucho Grill, One North Broadway, White Plains; 914-437-9966; www.gauchogrillnewyork.com.

Lobster and Cheer on City Island. This restaurant would thrive anywhere but it's right in the middle of City Island, the charming seaport village just below the Westchester line. The Zagat N.Y.C. Restaurant Survey designated Artie's Steak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave., one of the best in the Bronx. Owner Spiro Chagares and his staff offer patrons an inspired melding of traditional and contemporary dishes served with flair. Sit back in one of several refurbished dining areas and enjoy such changing specialties as: hearty Seafood Chowders; Smoked

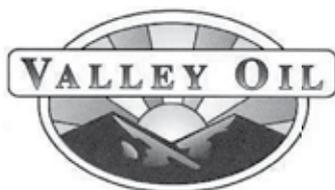
Salmon Roll-Ups; Wood Grilled Jumbo Shrimp and Scallops; hunks of tender Short Rib; a massive Zuppa Di Pesce; tender Oven Roasted Rack of Lamb; Chardonnay Poached Salmon with seafood; and fresh Lobster prepared in a variety of styles. There's a loaded Lobster Salad Roll at lunch and their Mediterranean style Pizzas are good to share, too. Check out the redesigned bar/lounge most evenings for good networking. Private party facilities. Off premise catering. Open 7 days. Free parking; 718-885-9885; www.artiescityisland.com.

Holiday Steak and Chops. Proprietor Alex Ahmetaj, a veteran of the restaurant-hospitality field, updated the menu at his 120-seat restaurant and bar/lounge, Alex's, offering big cuts of aged steaks and chops along with generously served Northern Italian/Continental fare. The staff brings years of experience and a European flair to White Plains. Customers enter the multi-section dining room through the inviting bar/lounge with its black industrial ceiling, banquets and soft lighting. The handsome dining room is split into cozy sections with white tablecloths, colorful deVelleneuve impressionist paintings and warming sconces. Mediterranean clay colored banquets and chairs compliment wooden walls and plush beige curtained windows. There is a seasonal outdoor deck facing North Broadway at the corner of Fisher Ave. Check out such specialties as: Pan Fried Calamari with hot cherry peppers, Linguini alla Vongole, a delicious fresh Branzino prepared tableside, classic Veal Parmigiana, grilled Filet Mignon, NY Sirloin Steak, or the Pork Chops. Save room for the house made Tiramisu or Cheesecake. Daily happy hours in the bar/lounge 4 to 7 p.m. Alex's, 577 North Broadway, White Plains; 914-358-1444; www.alexbarandgrille.com.

Morris Gut is a restaurant marketing consultant and former restaurant trade magazine editor. He has been tracking the food and dining scene in greater Westchester for 30 years. He may be reached at: 914-235-6591. E-mail: gutreactions@optonline.net.



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Ben's of Scarsdale to Celebrate Hanukkah With Special Offers

By Jerry Eimbinder

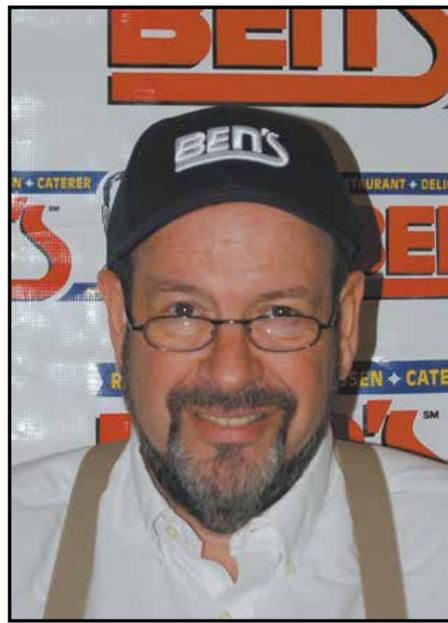
A new catering program has been announced by Ben's of Scarsdale that includes two specially planned deals for Hanukkah.

One of the promotional discount deals is called "Lotsa Latkes" and is for four different versions of miniature latkes; the other is a catered dinner package for six guests priced at \$129.99.

Also, a standup comedy night called "Latkes and Laughs" is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 and will include a \$45-per-person, prix fixe dinner. Stevie CB, Pat Shea and Steve Schlesinger will entertain.

Other packages to be offered at Ben's during the holiday season include a 40-person banquet (\$999.60); a "S'more-gasbord" for 20 guests (\$499.80) and a Party Platter Plus for 10 (\$159.90).

Customers who purchase three dozen mini latkes (\$36) will earn another dozen free and receive 25 percent off on



Ben's Delicatessen founder Ronnie Dragoon is cooking up special deals for Hanukkah, which begins this year at sundown on Dec. 24.

each additional dozen.

The latkes are available in potato and three additional flavors – sweet potato, zucchini and spinach – and can be ordered from Dec. 19 to Jan. 1. Flavored options will be available in-store starting Dec. 23.

All four latke flavors offered differ from traditional latkes because they include nutmeg, said Ben's founder Ronnie Dragoon.

Ben's \$129.99 catered Hanukkah dinner comes with two quarts of chicken noodle soup, including six matzo balls, and three whole chickens with stuffing. Instead of chicken, customers can opt for 2.5 pounds of brisket for \$10 more. All orders include a pound of rye bread, two dozen mini latkes with applesauce and a small relish tray. A choice of a quart of Ben's coleslaw, health salad or cucumber salad is also included.

The Party Platter Plus can be ordered with 48 hors d'oeuvres (\$159.90) or without (\$139.90). A choice is offered from a

3.5-pound cold cut platter with rye bread, 11 overstuffed sandwiches or a four-foot hero and 11 wraps. Salads and condiments including coleslaw, potato salad and relish are included.

Phone orders for catering of \$100 or more are requested at least 24 hours in advance.

The \$45 cost for the Latkes and Laughs comedy show on Dec. 3 includes tax, gratuity and unlimited soft drinks. Seating is at 7 p.m. Tickets must be paid for in advance.

Hanukkah is a festive, eight-day holiday that commemorates the victory of the Maccabees in their revolt against Syrian rule in 165 B.C. and celebrates the "miracle of the oil." A single day's supply of oil burned for eight days in the rededicated holy temple in Jerusalem.

Ben's of Scarsdale is located at 718 Central Park Ave. in Scarsdale. For more information, call 1-800-344-BENS or 914-468-2367 or visit www.bensdeli.net.

New Culinary/Agribusiness Destination Planned for City of Bologna

By Jerry Eimbinder

If an ambitious and complex program unveiled this month is carried to fruition, the next wonder of the culinary world will open in Bologna, Italy during the second half of 2017. The organizers of the project, called FICO Eataly World, said it would attract six million visitors annually during a press conference at Eataly Flatiron in New York City on Nov. 17.

The new venture will bring the following together on a 20-acre site.

1. Twenty-five themed restaurants and taverns.

2. Shops offering fresh and dry pasta, fresh mozzarella, aged cheeses, cured meats, gelato, candies, cakes, olive oil, craft beer.

3. Markets with stands and carts selling food and beverages.

4. Educational, classroom and workshop facilities.

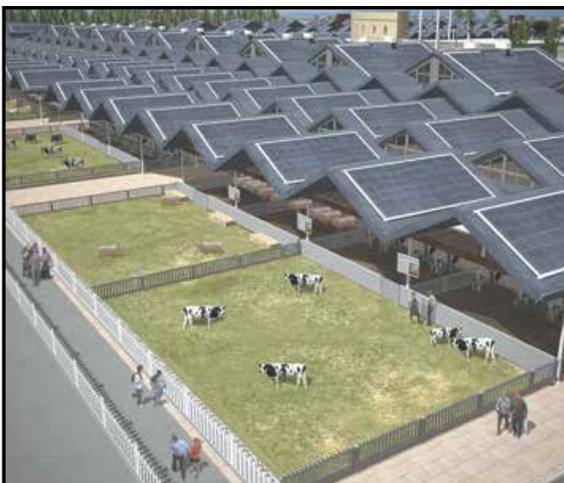
5. The Area of the Future, created by Carlo Ratti, director of the MIT Sensible City Lab.

6. The FICO Foundation for Education and Food Sustainability, chaired by Professor Andrea Segrè, who helped conceive of and create FICO. The foundation expects to develop strategies and operational projects to improve sustainability and food education, especially when connected to Italian culture.

7. Pastures, fields, and farms dedicated to growing important regional crops (such as olives, grape varieties, truffles, and more) and raising indigenous animal breeds (including Piedmontese and Chianina cows, Sardinian sheep, and Ciociara goats).

8. A 200-room hotel—scheduled to open in 2018.

Creation of the FICO project was made possible through a cooperative effort by business, educational and government participants including Eataly founder Oscar Farinetti, Bologna Mayor Virginio Merola, Governor Stefano Bonaccini for the Emilia-Romagna region, and Tiziana Primori, CEO of Eataly World.



Artist's sketch of animal's pens and solar cell power grid at FICO Eataly World.

Captain Lawrence Brewing, The Cookery Team Up to Party

By Jerry Eimbinder

The Cookery, a Dobbs Ferry restaurant, will do the cooking and the Captain Lawrence Brewing Co. will provide the beer from its taps at a gathering which "lashes

for most festive outfits. (Suggestions by the organizers include Christmas frocks, Santa hats and yarmulkes.)

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Food Bank for Westchester's



The beer hall at the Captain Lawrence Brewing Co. in Elmsford.

out against boring holiday parties.

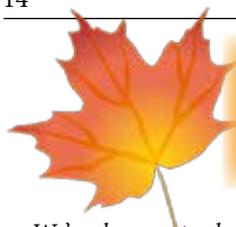
This event, called "Wreck the Halls," is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 19, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Captain Lawrence Brewing Co. in Elmsford. The menu includes casseroles, glazed ham, eight-inch hogs in a blanket, matzah balls and more.

The Dec.19 activities will include live music and family photos with "Bad Santa." Guests are encouraged to dress in holiday costumes and prizes will be awarded

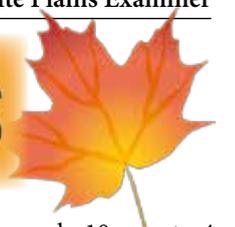
Feed a Family campaign, which like Captain Lawrence is headquartered in Elmsford.

The events costs \$60 per person prior to Dec.1 (plus a \$4.29 fee) and \$75 afterwards (plus a \$5.12 fee). To purchase tickets, visit www.captainlawrencebrewing.com.

The brewery is located at 444 Saw Mill River Rd. Call 914-741-BEER (2337) for more information.



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Tuesday, Nov. 29

Tuesdays at Dorry's. This week join us to discuss the Crisis at Standing Rock: The Dakota Access Pipeline and the Protectors Who are Resisting It. Betty Lyons is President & Executive Director of the American Indian Law Alliance (AILA). She is an Indigenous and environmental activist and citizen of the Onondaga Nation. Her native name, Gaen hia uh, meaning 'small sky,' was given to her by her Snipe Clan mother and has developed her love for the Earth from her deep connection to her culture. Recently, Ms. Lyons and AILA have been focused on supporting Standing Rock, as well as local environmental fights including convening local environmental and Indigenous leaders to work together to oppose pipelines and other extractive industries. Please read this short essay in preparation for the discussion on the crisis at Standing Rock: <http://www.yesmagazine.org/how-to-talk-about-standing-rock-20161028>. Tuesdays@Dorries gathers conservation partners every Tuesday to share a meal and learn from presenters invited each week. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorries Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Noonday Getaway Concert. Downtown Music at Grace welcomes Violinists Judson Griffin and Margaret Ziemnicka, and harpsichordist Jean Newton, faculty members of the Music Conservatory of Westchester, as they perform 17th century German Baroque repertoire, including works by Biber, Pachelbel, and Furcheim on instruments of the period. A Downtown Music debut. Join us for this wonderful performance of world-class music at beautiful Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street (Main Street at Mamaroneck Avenue), White Plains. The concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and lasts for 30 minutes; admission is free.

Camerata: The "Other" Four Seasons. Vivaldi's set of four violin concertos known as "The Four Seasons" has achieved a lasting place in the repertoire; but there are other, less known concertos for strings that give those concertos some competition. The Purchase College Camerata presents

four of its leading string players in a group of equally stellar, but lesser performed, concertos by Bach, Vivaldi and their contemporaries that rival Vivaldi's famous work. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. \$10. Purchase College students, staff and faculty and museum members: Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

Thursday, Dec. 1

Westchester's Winter Wonderland. A gala celebration of the season with a spectacular light show, visits with Santa, rides, vendors, food and ice skating. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 5 to 9 p.m. \$15 per person. Children (2 and under): Free. Also Dec. 2 and 3 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. Info: 914-231-4033.

Great Books Forum Series. William S. Burroughs' "Naked Lunch" will be discussed. Led by Professor Don Anderson. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Room 131, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail Professor James Werner at james.werner@sunywcc.edu.

Paul Taylor Dance Company. A very special screening of the documentary film "Paul Taylor: Creative Domain," a rare, up-close and in-depth look at Taylor at work as he creates "Three Dubious Memories." The screening will conclude with a live performance of the dance by the company. The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 7 p.m. \$21.25 and \$35. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 and or visit www.artscenter.org.

"Bag It." In the screening of this film, learn why New York City and so many of its neighboring communities are discouraging or already have restricted plastic bag use and how you can become less reliant on plastic. Donations of canned goods will also be collected for the food pantry at The Community Center of Northern Westchester. Anyone who donates will provide a North Castle reusable shopping bag. North Castle Public Library's Armonk Magazine Room, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Friday, Dec. 2

The Song is You: An Introduction to Vocal Jazz. Jazz lovers of all ages are welcome to observe in the first of three workshops. Topics will include what is

the jazz vocal repertoire; where jazz came from; the listener's most important musical asset; the basics of scat singing; how and why to write a "neat sheet," earning your place as a musician; and how to dig into practicing jazz. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7 p.m. Free. Also Dec. 9 and 16. Reservations required. Info and reservations: 914-723-1169 or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

Westchester All-Stars Christmas for Veterans Concert. Kick off your family's holiday season by sharing this fifth annual night of amazing music and laughs, while supporting our true American heroes. This year's lineup includes Gene Cornish, guitarist from The Rascals, legendary rock drummer Carmine Appice, (Vanilla Fudge/Rod Stewart/Jeff Beck), actor/comedian Tony Darrow ("Goodfellas," "The Sopranos" and "Analyze This") along with a cavalcade of the best musicians in the New York area. There will also be a visit from Santa coming directly from the Radio City Music Hall and his elf to help spread holiday cheer. All proceeds will be distributed to various veterans' organizations. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 7:30 p.m. \$35, \$50 and \$100. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Westchester Photographic Society. Featuring photographer Neal Rantoul, a career artist and educator, who retired in 2012 after 30 years of teaching photography at Northeastern and Harvard. The concept of "series" lies at the foundation of his career's work. He is the author of several books featuring his photo series and will present and explain the process he uses to create them. For anyone 18 years old and up. Westchester Community College's Technology Building, Room 107, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla (across from Parking Lot 11). 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-827-5353 or visit wpsphoto.org.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Arts and Crafts Fair. Holiday shoppers will discover one-of-a-kind works of local artists and craftspeople at the Village of Mamaroneck's sixth annual Arts and Crafts Fair. About 40 vendors will display their unique and varied wares, including distinctive jewelry, paintings, hand-painted scarves, knitted and crocheted goods, pottery, photographs, bags, glass creations and more. All items have been handcrafted by accomplished artist, and shoppers will find gifts and items for the home. Mamaroneck Public Library, 136

Prospect Ave., Mamaroneck. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Info: 914-698-1250, visit www.mamaronecklibrary.org or e-mail vomartscouncil@gmail.com.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School's Holiday Music Festival and Holiday Boutique. Usher in the holiday season with this annual festival and holiday boutique. Visitors will find boutique shopping, raffles, fabulous international cuisine and music performed by the school's stellar ensembles. Fun for the entire family. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Also Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 18. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Family Saturdays at the Lab. Learn about green screening, explore an augmented reality sandbox and make your own claymation stop-motion film! Jacob Burns Film Center educators will be on hand to guide visitors through an experience like no other. Jacob Burns Film Center's Media Arts Lab, 405 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Meets the first Saturday of each month. Info: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

John Pizzarelli Quartet: Holiday Hits and More. A world-renowned guitarist and singer and one of the prime contemporary interpreters of the Great American Songbook, Pizzarelli has expanded that repertoire by including the music of Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Tom Waits, Antônio Carlos Jobim and Lennon and McCartney. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$40 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Sunday, Dec. 4

"The Nutcracker." An enchanting hour-long production of this holiday classic created by the New York Theatre Ballet for younger audiences, yet sophisticated enough for adults. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 3 and 6 p.m. Adults: \$35. Children: \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Romanian Film Series Set to Make Waves Again at the Burns

By Neal Rentz

Contemporary Romanian films are hardly the staple of your local multiplex. But movies from the eastern European nation have been prominent at the Jacob Burns Film Center for more than a decade.

The 11th annual Making Waves: New Romanian Cinema series is set to return for a week starting this Thursday at the popular Pleasantville venue.

Programming this year's series is Mihai Chirilov, a film critic who has been artistic director of the Romanian Film Festival in New York City since 2006. He holds the same title for the Transylvania International Film Festival, which he co-founded in 2002. This is the sixth year he has programmed the Romanian film series at the Burns.

Chirilov said the high quality of Romanian films screened over the years has led to its popularity among local film enthusiasts.

"Almost every year there is a Romanian film picked up for distribution in the United States, which is quite an achievement," he said. "There have been Golden Globe nominations and awards given by the New York and Los Angeles film critics' guilds, not to mention the ecstatic reviews and the constant appreciation of esteemed critics such as A.O. Scott and Scott Foun-



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTO

"Graduation," directed by Cristian Mungiu, is the opening night feature in the Making Waves: New Romanian Cinema 2016 series that is scheduled to run Dec. 1-8 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

das. Romanian films feel real and uncompromising and usually bring to the table complex moral dilemmas that are likely to stir hot debates and take the audience on a powerful emotional journey."

Chirilov also credited the work of Corina Suteu, who as director of the Romanian Cultural Institute in New York initiated the Romanian Film Festival 11 years ago.

Chirilov said 2016 has been perhaps the greatest year for Romanian cinema. Romanian directors Cristi Puiu and Cristian Mungiu premiered new films, both making it into the prestigious Cannes and New York film festivals, he said.

The Romanian film industry has been prospering for several years, but some filmmakers still struggle to have their works financed, Chirilov said.

"Given the major successes of the last decade there are more and more films produced in Romania every year, and most of them hit it big in festivals," he said. "But despite the international recognition, cinema is still not given the credit that it deserves by the state and respected filmmakers still have a hard time financing their new films."

"Graduation" was chosen for the opening night film in this year's series at the Burns because Mungiu is its director,

Chirilov said. Each new film he makes is an event in itself. Since 2007, when his second film, "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days" captured the top prize in Cannes, each of Mungiu's new works have made an impact and took home awards in the French festival, he said. Mungiu won the best director award for "Graduation" at the Cannes Film Festival.

Chirilov said "Sieranevada," to be screened on Dec. 4, was his favorite film in this year's series. He described the black comedy that is directed by Puiu as "a lesson in film direction featuring more than a dozen characters choreographed in the tight confines of an apartment, in a maze of rooms (and) hallways."

Though he mostly lives in Bucharest, Chirilov said he travels often, attending about a dozen film festivals annually. During the Burns series he spends time in Pleasantville.

"I became part of the film community in Pleasantville and I always look forward to meeting the cinephiles there and welcoming them at the house for a taste of Romanian dishes and wines after the screenings, discussing the films we have just seen," he said.

For more information, including ticket prices and the full movie schedule, call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burns-filmcenter.org.

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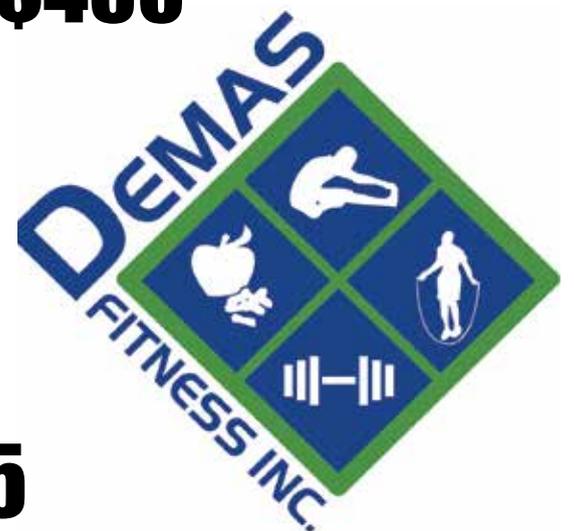
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EXAMINER SPORTS

Turkey Bowl Returns to the Pleasure of Fans in the White Plains Community

By Albert Coqueran

The Turkey Bowl, the City of White Plains high school rivalry football tradition dating back to 1971 returned this year after a three-year hiatus. Once again, White Plains High School played Stepinac High School in the annual Thanksgiving Day football game, held this year, at WPHS, on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 10:30 a.m.

The Turkey Bowl having been suspended for three years returned to White Plains thanks to the cooperation of the CHSFL, Section 1 and the CHSAA. The CHSAA pushed their New York State Championship back a week until Saturday, Dec. 3, so Stepinac as well as Cardinal Hayes High School, the 2016 CHSFL Champs could play in their annual Thanksgiving traditional games. Hayes played rival Mount St. Michael, in the Bronx, on Thanksgiving Day.

Stepinac was victorious over rival White Plains, 49-32, in this year's Turkey Bowl. It was the fourth straight year that the Crusaders took home the Turkey Bowl Trophy.

But more important to the coaches, players, fans and the City of White Plains community, the Turkey Bowl went on as scheduled this year. "It is wonderful, it is such a great day for the entire White Plains community," said City of White



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Father Tom Collins, the President of Stepinac High School was a staunch advocate for the return of the traditional City of White Plains Turkey Bowl Game. Collins presents the Edward J. Conroy Memorial Trophy to the Stepinac players after they defeated White Plains High School, 49-32, in the 43rd Annual Turkey Bowl.

Plains Mayor Tom Roach. "The game is early so people can come out and enjoy the spirit of community and then go home and have dinner with their families," expressed Roach, who watched the game on the sidelines.

Rosemarie Eller, the President of the White Plains Board of Education was a sideline spectator along with Board of Education Vice President Charlie Norris.

"It is nice to have this game, it is great for the community, everyone is out congregating, and it is a great tradition for all of us. It is part of the fabric of the White Plains community," said Eller.

Tigers' running back Glenmour Osbourne scored four touchdowns in the game but it was not enough to beat the Crusaders. Osbourne scored the first two touchdowns of the game on a 48-yard run

and four-yard run to give the Tigers early hope with a 12-0 lead.

But the Crusaders young kickoff return specialist sophomore Shawn Harris ran one back 73 yards to end the first quarter 12-7. Harris also caught a 43-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Michael Nicosia at the start of the second quarter to give Stepinac the lead 14-12.

The 43rd edition of the Turkey Bowl was a much more competitive contest than some people may have anticipated and Tigers star running back Osbourne made sure of it. Osbourne scored twice in the second quarter as well, once on a 12-yard run and again on a 41-yard dash.

But after Nicosia hit Harris on a 61-yard touchdown pass and safety Tyger Winston recovered a Tigers fumble and ran 42 yards for another

score, things started to tilt the Crusaders way with the score 35-26, at the half.

The Tigers and Crusaders battled for City of White Plains bragging rights like the game meant more to them than any League Championship. When the other Winston brother, Tyler got into the act on a seven-yard quarterback keeper in the third quarter, the Crusaders all but put the game out of reach 42-26.

Therefore, the Crusaders won the revitalized traditional Turkey Bowl Thanksgiving Day Game with a 49-32 win over the rival Tigers. Nonetheless, everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

"The players came out and we were very physical up-front and we fought the entire game. I am proud the way the team fought," said Tigers Head Coach Mike Lindberg. "It was a beautiful day and the crowds were back and it was an exciting game." Lindberg was coaching his first White Plains Turkey Bowl Game.

"It was great that we got to play another Turkey Bowl. You always think in the back of your mind that you are not going to be able to get the game going again but it is important to the White Plains community and the alumni of both schools," said Stepinac Head Coach Mike O'Donnell.



Tigers Glenmour Osbourne is cheered from the White Plains sidelines as he runs 41 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter of the Turkey Bowl on Thanksgiving Day. Osbourne scored four touchdowns in the game but it was not enough to beat Stepinac, as the Crusaders won their fourth straight Turkey Bowl.



Stepinac sophomore Shawn Harris excites Crusaders fans, as he runs a kickoff return back 73 yards for a touchdown in this year's Turkey Bowl.



The Stepinac High School Cheerleaders energized Crusaders fans donned in their traditional Red, White and Blue Crusaders cheerleading gear.



The White Plains High School Cheerleaders welcomed the Turkey Bowl back after a three-year hiatus by wearing jerseys with the numbers of the Tigers players over their cheerleading outfits.



On Thanksgiving Day, fans packed into White Plains High School for the City of White Plains high school football rivalry Turkey Bowl Game, which has been missed by local football fans the past three years.

EXAMINER SPORTS

A Thanksgiving Signing for White Plains Tigers Austin Burns

By Albert Coqueran

The Burns Family of White Plains had a lot to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day. Keith and Laurie Burns' oldest son Austin signed a Letter of Intent to accept an athletic scholarship to Mercy College, whose main campus is in Dobbs Ferry.

Austin Burns is a long stick defensive midfielder and the Captain of the Tigers Varsity Lacrosse Team. With his senior season approaching, Austin will have been in the starting line-up for the Tigers for four varsity seasons.

Burns led the team in Ground Balls last season with 134 and is ranked seventh All-Time in Ground Balls with 233 after his junior season with his senior season still to be played at WPHS.

It was important for Burns to sign with a local college so he could continue to pursue his other passion in life, which is to follow in his father's footsteps as a White Plains Firefighter.

"It is nice because Austin has some dreams and goals and one of his dreams is to be a Firefighter in the City of White Plains like his Dad, so he was looking for a local school," said Lacrosse Head Coach Mark Armogida.

Austin's father Keith has worked for the City of White Plains Fire Department for 15 years and is presently stationed at Sta-



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Tigers Lacrosse Defensive Midfielder and Team Captain senior Austin Burns (center) celebrates signing a Letter of Intent to attend Mercy College with his [l-r] father, Keith and mother, Laura with Lacrosse Head Coach Mark Armogida watching over the presiding, on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at WPHS.

tion 1, on Gedney Way and Old Mamaroneck Road. "That is awesome it makes me very proud. Austin is volunteering now and he is going through Firefighter One," stated the elder Burns.

Austin maintains a 3.4 GPA in academics at WPHS, while playing Lacrosse and

still finds time to volunteer at the Fairview Fire House and participate in the Firefighter One Program. Austin will take the White Plains Firefighter test next year.

Nonetheless in September 2017 the young Burns will attend Mercy College as a freshman and try to help Mavericks

Head Coach Jordan Levine continue to build a successful Lacrosse program. Mercy's Men's Lacrosse made the Division II ECC Playoffs last season for the second consecutive year and finished ranked 13th in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) Coaches Poll.

"It feels good to stay in White Plains by my family and friends. Mercy has a good program, the Coach is great and the team is great," said Burns. "Getting the scholarship makes it even better; it makes all this hard work worthwhile," smiled Austin.

Besides Austin's parents and Head Coach, Lacrosse Assistant Coach Howard Rubenstein attended the signing, as well as his younger brother Devine, who will play varsity Lacrosse alongside Austin next season.

Also, Austin's grandparents Robert and Carol Savitt and family friend Christina Fontas attended the ceremony with his Guidance Counselor Maria Csikortos, Guidance Counselor Henry Cafaro, Athletic Director Matt Cameron, Principal Ellen Doherty and many of Austin's teammates and friends. Austin's grandparents Kathy and Carl Bochterle, who live in Florida could not attend the event but sent their grandson their well wishes for future endeavors.

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