Dolan Named Grand Marshal Of Yonkers St. Pat’s Parade

The 62nd annual Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade will take place this year on McLean Ave. on Saturday, March 18. This parade, considered one of the grand traditions of Yonkers honoring its Irish heritage and contributions to the community, and Saint Patrick, the Prince of Ireland and the Archbishop of New York, will feature the Yonkers African-American Heritage Committee and the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Committee. In addition, the Yonkers African-American Heritage Committee will kick off the parade, which allows the children to ride the X20 Cabaret. Murray, who has a home in the McLean Avenue Merchant’s Association St. Patrick’s Day Parade, this area.

Additional photos are on page 9.
Every year, Ron Williams, owner and operator of Ron’s Trucking, holds a free Christmas giveaway in which new televisions, bicycles, toys and many other treasures are given out to kids of families that can’t afford presents. Williams, who spends thousands of dollars every year, said the success of his business makes him want to give back.

But there are many successful and fortunate people in Yonkers, or Westchester and beyond, who don’t give back or make a special effort every holiday season the way that you do, Ron. We wanted to thank you for your kindness and your holiday spirit, and for making Christmas a little better for a lot of people.

Ron Williams: A Holiday Hero

Ron’s Trucking employees hand out gifts to a long line of kids and families. Photos by Your Boy Productions.

Ron Williams with State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Santa.

AMVETS Take Gifts to FDR Montrose VA Hospital

Paul M AMVETS Commander Sam Riti and Third VfA Commander Chris Milano give out gifts at the FDR Montrose VA Hospital and New York State veterans’ home for Christmas. The gifts were collected by Sister Eileen of St. Paul the Apostle Parish of Yonkers, the Coyne Park Senior Center and AMVETS members. From left are Debbie Longhan, Ellie Schaffer, Riti and Milano. Photo by Ed Whittam.

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Yonkers County Legislators Split on Gun Show Ban

By Eric W. Schoen

Breaking News: House Republicans indubitably considered

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Voice Your Health Concerns During United Way Series

United Way of Westchester and Putnam is working with the New York State Department of Health to conduct a series of community listening sessions, the purpose of which is to get input from local residents on improvements that can be made to the delivery and access of the health care system.

The free sessions are open to anyone in Ossining, Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle. Breakfast and lunch are included.

“This is a wonderful chance for people to tell us what they think about the many factors that influence their health and well-being, what works and what doesn’t work in local health-care delivery systems, and what we need to do as a community to make things better,” said New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker and County Executive Robert Astorino.

The sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the following dates: Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Wednesday, Jan. 18 at New Rochelle YMCA, 50 Wayman Ave.; Thursday, Jan. 19 at Yonkers Rivermont Public Library, 5 Larkin Center; and Friday, Jan. 20 at the Boys and Girls Club of Mount Vernon, 150 S. Sixth Ave.

The main health Department’s Minority Health & Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention is seeking the public’s comments to help shape new policies that improve health in low-income, ethnically diverse communities, said Swarny.

Similar discussions – all volunteer-led – took place in other major cities throughout the state in 2016. Topics include women’s health, taking charge of your health, violence and trauma, spirituality and health, seeking services in the community, youth and adolescent health, aging and health care, people with disabilities, gay-bi-lesbian-transgender health, men’s health and other topics.

For more information or to register to attend, visit www.uwwp.org/HealthcareV-Yonkers or www.UWWP.ORG/HealthcareM-Yonkers and carry out a conservation program for soil, water and other natural resources. Environmental professionals from the Westchester County Department of Planning provide support to the series member Board of Directors.

The Fourth Precinct Community Council will meet Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Fourth Police Precinct, 53 Shonnard Place, Yonkers.

Captive Crow, the precinct commander, and his staff will be present to address matters of concern. Everyone who lives or works in the area served by the Fourth Police Precinct is invited.

The meeting will not be held if the Yonkers public schools are closed due to inclement weather.

E-Z Reserve Tee Times Issued for 2017 Golf Season

County Executive Robert Astorino has issued golfers to look to in 2017: E-Z Reserve tee times at a Winchester County course for the 2017 season. Tee times can be purchased during pre-registration, which ends Friday, Jan. 20 at Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Wednesday, Jan. 18 at New Rochelle YMCA, 50 Wayman Ave.; Thursday, Jan. 19 at Yonkers Rivermont Public Library, 5 Larkin Center; and Friday, Jan. 20 at the Boys and Girls Club of Mount Vernon, 150 S. Sixth Ave.

Applications can be submitted online at www.massena医院.org, resumes can be e-mailed to human@massena医院.org, or faxed to 914-638-2701.

The E-Z Reserve program enables golfers with a valid Winchester County Park Pass to book a weekend starting tee time for a series of weeks.

A non-refundable fee of $350 per player is due at pre-registration and payable by cash, check, or Visa, MasterCard or American Express. As a bonus for pre-registering, the 2017 E-Z Reserve season is lengthened from 25 weeks to 30 weeks beginning the weekend of April 1 and ending the weekend of Oct. 22.

After this pre-registration period, remaining E-Z Reserve tee times will be available at golfers’ discretion starting the first day of play in 2017. These tee times will be sold for a $500 per-player fee for 25 weeks. The 25-week pre-registration starts the weekend of April 8 and ends the weekend of Sept. 24.

E-Z Reserve applications will be available at all courses. Applications are also available online, with complete rules and regulations available at golfers Massena hospital.com.

The date of the opening of the 2017 season will be announced at a future time.

The courses are: Dwarfmeech and Spay Lake in Yonkers, Hudson Hills in Ossining, Maple Moor in White Plains, Mohican in Yorktown Heights and Saw Mill Woods in Scarsdale.

Keep our resolutions whatever they may be. So together let’s make our claim, “A resolution victory!”

Happy New Year!

Coca-Cola And Its Packaging

Coca-Cola is the biggest company in the world by revenue. It has more than 500 brands in its portfolio, and it is the second-largest company in the world by market capitalization. However, it is also known for its controversial environmental impact.

The company’s plastic packaging has been linked to pollution and waste in many countries around the world. Coca-Cola is one of the biggest contributors to plastic waste in the ocean, and its packaging is often mistaken for food by marine life, causing them to ingest it and sometimes leading to their death.

Coca-Cola has received criticism for its lack of transparency and accountability in its packaging practices. The company has been accused of misleading consumers about the recyclability of its plastic packaging and of not taking adequate measures to reduce its waste.

In an effort to address these concerns, Coca-Cola has announced initiatives to reduce its environmental impact. However, some environmental organizations and activists remain怀疑 of the company’s intentions and the effectiveness of its measures.

In conclusion, Coca-Cola’s impact on the environment is significant, and the company has a responsibility to take action to reduce its waste and pollution. While initiatives to reduce plastic waste are a step in the right direction, more needs to be done to hold the company accountable for its environmental impact and to ensure that its actions align with the goals of sustainability and environmental protection.
‘Angels’ Donate to Caregivers

The Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation regularly offers two support groups for the community. The Caregiver Support Group meets every first Wednesday of the month, also at 6 p.m. The group is open to caregivers and family members can find support adjusting to the changes in their lives, meet other survivors and caregivers, and share experiences, information, and resources.

Both groups take place at the Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation and are led by Andrea Santoliquido, director of therapeutic recreation and a dementia specialist. Free parking is available. For more information and to RSVP, call 718-546-5100.

Founded in 1836, Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation is a non-profit residence in Riverdale. It provides 23 private and physicians are affiliated with NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital and Montefiore Medical Center.

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact the admissions department at 718-732-7100 or visit www.methodisthome.org.

Meet Westchester’s Baby New Year

NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital has welcomed its first baby delivered in 2017. Avery Acevedo was born to Yemima Acevedo at 2:26 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2017. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 inches long. Avery was delivered by Dr. Samuel M. Spitz and Dr. Jonathan Westerbeck-Brown. OBG/GYN.

Yemima is from Bronx and has two other daughters, ages 18 and 19. She is a staffing analyst with the Fire Department of the City of New York.

Westchester’s first baby of 2017 is Avery Acevedo, pictured with her mother, Yemima Acevedo.

Caregiver & Stroke Support Groups Offered in Riverdale

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Happy 107th Birthday, Clara Fontana!

Clara Fontana celebrates her 107th birthday in Westchester with grandchildren Michael and Anthony Santotondotto.

Clara Fontana, an Ossining resident and Westchester’s oldest living resident, recently celebrated her 107th birthday at Victoria Home in Ossining with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends.

Fontana was born in Mount Vernon in 1909, the youngest of 8 children. She grew up in Mount Vernon and later married her high school friend, Philip and they have three sons. She worked as a secretary to the president of True Story magazine.

She said, “I feel good. I have my grandchildren. I have my great grandchildren. I have my family.”

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Alamo Presents Films to Celebrate MLK Jr. Day  

The Westchester Chandler: 150 North Grand Ave., Elmsford

By Donna Dion Nardone

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New Rochelle

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The Menorah parade ended at the Nahmias et Fils Distillery with a party hosted by Baron Nahamias, who lit a special Menorah made from bottles.

The Best way to train teachers and under- stand the challenges that face inner-city children placed at risk is to have teachers who come from those communities.

That’s the thinking behind Sarah Lawrence College’s “Art of Teaching” graduate program, which recently received a five-year grant from New York State’s Teacher Opportunity Corps to help expand its work in Yonkers Public Schools. The grant was announced by the State Education Department on Dec. 19.

“Sarah Lawrence’s Teacher Opportunity Corps initiative is a natural extension of the relationship between Sarah Lawrence College and the community of Yonkers,” said Kathleen Ream, acting director of the Art of Teaching program. “The grant offers even more support and helps us to ex- pand the work we are doing to prepare our stu- dents to teach in underserved communities, as well as to recruit students from minority back- grounds to the College’s Teacher Education programs in Special Education and Bilingual Education.

Under the grant, which comes from the state’s Department of Education, the Art of Teaching program will receive $103,334 in 2017, and up to $659,000 over five years there- after. The money will be used to fund the train- ing and transportation costs of the program’s pre-service teachers, support the teaching of an additional course addressing the needs of chil- dren placed at risk, and help develop certificate programs in Special Education and Bilingual Education.

In addition, the grant will create a teacher mentoring program in partnership with Yonkers’ Cedar Place Elementary School, a pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade magnet school whose student body is 96 percent minority, with 76 percent coming from families whose incomes are at or near the poverty line. Sarah Lawrence’s program was one of 56 across the state that received at least $1 mil- lion as part of two NYS My Brother’s Keeper My Brother’s Keeper Mandate Monticello Initiative and the MBK Challenge Grant Program.

The program will be open to all students who are committed to graduate from college and have at least a 2.8 GPA. Students who participate will receive $10,000 in financial assistance to help offset the costs of tuition, fees and living expenses. Students will also receive mentorship and support throughout their college education.

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The Menorah parade ended at the Nahmias et Fils Distillery with a party hosted by Baron Nahamias, who lit a special Menorah made from bottles.

The Best way to train teachers and under- stand the challenges that face inner-city children placed at risk is to have teachers who come from those communities.

That’s the thinking behind Sarah Lawrence College’s “Art of Teaching” graduate program, which recently received a five-year grant from New York State’s Teacher Opportunity Corps to help expand its work in Yonkers Public Schools. The grant was announced by the State Education Department on Dec. 19.

“Sarah Lawrence’s Teacher Opportunity Corps initiative is a natural extension of the relationship between Sarah Lawrence College and the community of Yonkers,” said Kathleen Ream, acting director of the Art of Teaching program. “The grant offers even more support and helps us to ex- pand the work we are doing to prepare our stu- dents to teach in underserved communities, as well as to recruit students from minority back- grounds to the College’s Teacher Education programs in Special Education and Bilingual Education.

Under the grant, which comes from the state’s Department of Education, the Art of Teaching program will receive $103,334 in 2017, and up to $659,000 over five years there- after. The money will be used to fund the train- ing and transportation costs of the program’s pre-service teachers, support the teaching of an additional course addressing the needs of chil- dren placed at risk, and help develop certificate programs in Special Education and Bilingual Education.

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Rotary Donates Books, Snacks, Toys & More

The Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers had a busy schedule this holiday season, taking part in many activities.

Most recently, members recently donated 275 books to the Will Library. Club President Donald House, where Program Coordinator Britanny Price accepted the packages. At the same time, at the ShopRite on Tuckahoe Road, Past Rotary District Gov. Greg Arcaro and other members were buying the fragrant weather and helping the Salvation Army ring the holiday collection bell. Because of the extreme cold weather, Ahmad and Salvation Army Captain Chris Gendler decided to call it a day early, with the club donating a check to the Salvation Army to match the annual collection. Rotary members have traditionally helped ring the bell one day during the holiday season.

Continuing the tradition of holiday giving, club members also donated toys for children in need. This year the toys were handed over to Louisa and Wanda of Yonkers, by Past President Russell. A holiday get-together was hosted by Mahabb and Bina Ahmad at their home, attended by Hugelmeyer and other district officials, as well as club members. For more information about the Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers, visit yonkers rotary.org or facebook.com/groups/yonkers rotary.

Students from Rosemarie Ann Siragusa School hold a School of the Month plaque from Mayor Mike Spano and City Hall.

Roosemarie Ann Siragusa School Recognized

The School of the Month Award for November 2016 was recently presented to the deserving administration, faculty, staff, parents and students at Rosemarie Ann Siragusa School, by Mayor Mike Spano, members of the Yonkers City Council and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ethel Ozerem. Under the leadership of Principal Patrick Cioffi, the Siragusa School is achieving great success with its Global Academy program and standardized testing. During the 2015-16 school term, the school experienced an increase in its New York State English language arts scores, rising by 10 percentage points.

“Over the course of a year, Rosemarie Ann Siragusa School has changed in learning culture, while making significant strides in its standardized testing scores,” said Spano. “The continued investment in our students is a key component to their future success at any school, and it starts at the top. I would like to commend Principal Cioffi, as well as the administrators, teachers and staff for their unwavering support and commitment to our students. It’s quite clear our future is bright with our up-and-coming stars of tomorrow. Congratulations to each one of our students, as this award is a reflection of their hard work and dedication.”

“The administrators, teachers and support staff at the Siragusa School must be applauded for fostering a school environment in which students thrive academically as well as learn the importance of community service,” added Lopez. “On behalf of the Board of Education trustees, we congratulate our entire Siragusa School community on receiving this well-deserved award and we congratulate the activities they are doing to share the holiday spirit.”

“Rosemarie Ann Siragusa School Principal Cioffi and the teachers magnificently embraced their new Global Academy theme and transformed the learning community,” said Ozerem. “Through project-based learning, students person-to-person interaction, active scholarly success and responsible citizenship, everyone learns and achieves together.”

Spanso’s School of the Month recognition began in January 2014 as a way to celebrate the significant academic success, extracurricular achievements and community volunteerism of Yonkers’ students, teachers, administration and staff at Yonkers Public Schools.

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