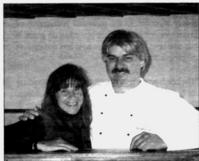


## GUY TANNO'S: WESTERLY'S APPETIZING NEW ENTREE

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Here's a hot tip to whet your appetite: Guy Tanno's Cafe is coming soon. It's a dream come true for owner Guy Gengarella who has lived in Westerly all his life. When he graduated from Johnson and Wales in 1989, he worked in numerous local restaurants honing his craft. He was executive chef at Skipper's Dock and created specials at 84 High Street. But he always dreamed of owning his own restaurant.

Gengarella's family has been critical in making his dream a reality. Guy's wife Denise has 20 years experience as a chef and is co-owner of the restaurant. Guy's brother, Kris, is also a chef and will be working at Guy Tanno's. Add in parents and step-parents who have been lending a hand and it's no wonder the restaurant is on track to open in early November.

"We're looking to turn Westerly into a restaurant draw," says Gengarella. Quoting former boss Mike Ogle, he adds, "The more competition the better for everyone."

Gengarella sees that people are becoming more daring, more willing to branch out, and has arranged his menu accordingly.

What's his philosophy on restaurant management? "Good prices, good food, and a little something to take home."

Gengarella plans to create an intimate setting where patrons can get together with family and friends. He recognizes that one challenge of his location in Ocean Plaza, located on Franklin Rd. in Westerly, will be to get the strip mall out of the restaurant. Thanks to financing provided by Washington Trust he will be able to do just that. A wooden lattice-work for the ceiling and artwork by local artists for the walls will erase the commercial feel of the

building. Patrons can look forward to an open kitchen design as well. "People like to watch the chef prepare food and pick up pointers," says Gengarella, "It's like a class."

Here's a tid-bit for extra added anticipation: wine tastings featuring local wines and cooking classes will be on the menu once the restaurant works through the initial craze of opening. Gengarella looks forward to doing business in the community he grew up in. "Westerly is a close knit community. If you take good care of Westerly people, they'll take good care of you."