A Packed House for 30th MLK Celebration

Super Bowl 50 will be held Feb. 7 at Santa Clara, Calif., and for $200 you can have a chance to win two tickets to the big game.

The Yonkers Police Athletic League is offering a premium Super Bowl package, which includes two tickets to the big game and two tickets to the NFL Tailgate Excursion and Taste of the NFL Event. The winner will also receive airfare, four nights at a hotel, and car rental in California to fly to the NFL Tailgate Excursion and Taste of the NFL Event. The winner will also receive a hotel stay for four nights, two tickets to the big game, and a ticket to its playoff party Jan. 24, where the winning ticket will be selected.

This is one of the PAL’s major fundraisers. Tickets can be purchased right until the drawing on Sunday.

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It was during this past term that she helped pass legislation to renovate Sprain Ridge Pool, worked with state representatives in passing the 1971 Waterway Legislation, and worked tirelessly to have roads repaired. Most recently she has been focusing on helping disabled senior citizens.

Bernice is considered by many as a “liningilig,” or someone who helps everyone, no matter what their beliefs. It’s helpful, no politics, not politics.

Bernice thanked her campaign and her campaign manager and strategist, David Tubalo, saying, “David once again has managed, organized and led our team to victory and he is an energetic and committed man that has made this possible.”

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Shake Shack is a critically acclaimed, mod- ern day “roadside” burger stand known for its all- natural burgers, hot-dogs, french fries, standard burger, hot, and more. A fast and lively community gathering spot with widespread appeal, Shake Shack has quickly become a fan favorite with locals and around the world.

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Owen achieved the highest civil service rank in NYPD on July 1, 1975, when he was promoted to the rank of captain. His new sal-
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To get ready to go to court, that’s why! It

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Stephanie High School To Host Open House

Stephania High School, the all-girls Catholic high school at 950 Mamaroneck Ave., White

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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers Fire Department Chief Michael Ferraro said the fire department has made significant investments in the recent past to provide the city’s busy Fire Station 3 on Yonkers Avenue with the right tools for emergency responses. The new engine, which was manufactured by Ferrara Fire Apparatus and replaces equipment that was more than 16 years old, was purchased using grant funds and donations.

"Our firefighters and fire officers put their lives on the line for Yonkers,“ said Spano. "They deserve the very best equipment and that is why my Administration is committed to making the investments to better protect the residents of the City of Yonkers.”

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men’s beautiful and functional design. The new

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Three days we hear the words "restored film," "transferred," "unavailable film" and "polyester transferred" a lot. Fans are a major source of energy for the body and aid in the absorption of vitamins. Both animal- and plant-derived foods contain fat. When eaten in moderation, fat is important for proper growth and maintenance of good health.

As a food ingredient, fat provides taste, consistency and aroma to many of our favorite foods. In addition, parents should be aware that fans are an especially important source of calories and nutrients for infants and toddlers (up to 2 years of age) who have the highest energy needs per body weight of any age group.

Join Dr. Izumi at the Larchmont Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. for a free seminar and learn about fat in your daily diet.

As consumers we generally know very little about fats and whether they are beneficial to us. Which fats are bad? Which fats are good? The advertising we see on television is nothing to us. Which fats are bad? Which fats are good?

Learn About Good & Bad Fats at Larchmont Library

Purchase College, in collaboration with the Indian Cultural Center of Greenwich, Conn., and Jane Films, will present the Criterion Collection’s newly restored version of Satyajit Ray’s masterpiece, “The Apu Trilogy” on Sunday, Jan. 31 beginning at 12:30 p.m., and the screening of “Apur Sansar” will start at 5 p.m. and the screening of “Aparajito” will start at 8 p.m.

This version restored literally from ashes brings to audiences the first time that faithfully conveys the visual radiance created by Ray. Curator and professor of cinema studies Dr. Aneeta Kekre considers the films to be “a revelation in the evolution of Indian cinema.”

“They are part of the foundation of more independent, art-based storytelling that ran away from the cinema of India and the rest of the world. Director Satyajit Ray’s unique vision, which reveals our humanity in the small and intimate gestures and details, resonates today more than ever.”

Tickets to all three films are $20, and the price for a single screening is $10. To get tickets, call 914-251-6200.

This event is made possible, in part, by the Indian Cultural Center of Greenwich, Conn.; Tandoori of Port Chester; and the Purchase College Foundation.

thumbs these two. Larchmont’s team will discuss the history of “fat-free and low-fat” diets, the critical role fatty acids play for our health and whether the “cholesterol myth” is really good or bad. Larchmont will also discuss the symptoms associated with fatty acid deficiency and how to improve the digestion of fat.

Izumi is passionate about teaching people how to prevent disease and how to restore the body naturally. He strongly believes that education plays an important role in sharing knowledge about a person’s health. Once a person learns how their health problems are created, they will be empowered to know how to correct the problem.

He has extensive knowledge in enzyme nutrition and functional digestive nutritional testing. Over the past 10-plus years, he has worked with an extensive array of digestive issues and many other challenging health conditions with tremendous success.

For more information about this program, or any programs offered by the Larchmont Public Library, visit www.larchmontlibrary.org.

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What happened once Stevens' outpost, and then the CIA Annex, were rescued from the CIA Annex compound.

Why hasn't air support arrive yet?

I couldn't agree more, it's worth your time to see what they come up with this year.
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The NCC Community Chorus.


Assemblymember Shelley Mayer with the brother of honoree Winston Ross.

NCC Executive Director Dr. Jim Bostic, left, with MLK celebration keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant of the Empowerment Temple Church in Baltimore.

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In addition to the Praise Dancers from Shiloh Baptist Church, guests were introduced to the Community Chorus of NCC. This was their debut after forming four weeks ago.

During the awards presentation, Dr. Bos-
tic spoke highly of the changes Yonkers has undergone in the last four years under Spano and Gardner, where crime and police com-

plaints are concerned.

The mayor and commissioner each spoke after their presentations and added to Bos- tic’s comments with recent statistics and expressed how proud they were of all the departments of Yonkers and the residents who work tirelessly to move Yonkers forward.

Dr. Bryant spoke of his time growing up in Yonkers with his mother and grandparents.

He challenged everyone in attendance to ex-

amine their lives to see what they have done to help those less fortunate and the victims of injustice.

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Charles Gardner. The Dr. King Community Service Award recipients were Winston Ross (posthumously) former executive director of WestCop; Ron Williams of Ron’s Trucking; and Theresa Hollomon, executive administra-
tive assistant of Nepperhan Community Cen-
ter, Inc.

The master of ceremonies was the Rev.
James Nathaniel Hassell of the Kingdom Christian Cultural Center in Yonkers, and the keynote speaker was the Rev. Dr. Jamal Har -rison Bryant of the Empowerment Temple Church in Baltimore, M.D., who pastors a
congregation of more than 12,000 members and has also served as the national youth and college director of the NAACP for the past six years.

A large crowd packed the Casino Royal for the MLK dinner.

Nepperhan Community Center MLK Jr. honorees Mayor Mike Spano and Police Commis-
sioner Charles Gardner.

Photos by Donna Davis
Greek Spot Opens
On McLean Avenue

By Ann Muro

A few years ago, while working as a com-

unitarian liaison for the Westchester County Hu-

man Rights Commission, I wrote some of the

articles for our newsletter.

It was during the month of February ,

Black History Month, that I decided to write

the following poem about a child questioning her

parent’s prejudice.

I really do not understand,

Although I’d like to know,

Why my parents want me,

to dislike my neighbors so.

These neighbors seemed real friendly,

From the first day they moved here

They’d wave and smile and say hello,

And even called me dear.

One day their daddy bought me

A great big ice cream cone

But Mom said I shouldn’t have it

And made me go back home.

I can see them from my window

With their lawn that’s really neat.

And the flowers that they planted

Are the nicest on this street.

What did this family really do?

That must have been so wrong

Cause my dad just keeps on saying

“These people don’t really belong.”

I’ll never know the answer

It’s just not fair or right

I hope it’s not their color

You see they’re black not white.

That really shouldn’t matter

Aren’t people all the same?

The only thing that’s different

Is that we each have our own name.

Maybe I’ll ask my parents

To do me a big favor

And walk across the street with me

Just to meet this neighbor.

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