The Burbans Take the Stage at Untermyer
Band Shares the Record Label that Discovered Steven Tyler

From left are Rich Agosta, Steven Tyler and Pete Agosta.

Mayor Spano Leads Ban the Bridge Brigade

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano with Cortlandt Town Supervisor Linda Puglisi, Ossining Town Supervisor Ossining Mayor Peter Swiderski, Dobbs Ferry Mayor Hartley Connell, and others.

Coffee With a Cop Gets Brewing in Yonkers

Yonkers Police Officers Benoit and Fierandez, with YPD Commissioner Charles Gardner, talk to residents and business owners.

Great B-Day Caper' Honors Kids on their Special Day

Larry and Pat McCrudeen, two symbols of the generosity of Yonkers.

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By Zipporah Osei

When my parents first came to America, Yonkers was the city that drew my parents to this city 19 years ago. It has been in the past year that I have come to gain a greater understanding of, and appreciation for, the city I have called my home for so long and it is now that I am leaving Yonkers behind for college that I feel most appreciative of the time I’ve spent here.

Working and writing for Yonkers Rising was the catalyst for many of the discoveries I made about myself and my surroundings this past year. I will forever be thankful to the hardworking and dedicated editor-in-chief of the paper, Dan Murphy, who took a chance on me as an inexperienced and previously unpublished young writer. It was through his kindness and guidance that I found what I believe to be a passion for sharing the news—a discovery that gave me a focus in my college search that not many of my peers can say they had.

I will never forget the excitement and pride I felt when I saw my first article published and I am grateful it was Yonkers Rising that allowed me to experience that moment.

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Thanks to our Yonkers Rising intern Zipporah Osei, who is off to college. Best of luck!
Mayor Spano to Recognize Homeowners for 'Curb Appeal'

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano last week announced that the city is now accepting nominations for its annual "Mayor Spano’s Curb Appeal Awards," which recognizes Yonkers homeowners for their homes’ exceptional curb appeal and charming landscape. The city is accepting nominations through Friday, Sept. 9 at www.yonkers.gov/curbappeal.

"Yonkers is known for its unique and diverse landscape and so many of our neighborhoods reflect that uniqueness," said Spano. "The Curb Appeal Awards are a way to recognize the beauty in our city and acknowledge the hard work of those who take pride in their community and strive each season to make their homes beautiful."

Residents can nominate a Yonkers homeowner for a Curb Appeal Award in one of three categories: landscaping, maintenance and creativity/style. Photos of the home and its surroundings should be submitted along with a brief description of the candidate’s property.

Criteria for the Spano’s Curb Appeal Award include: the property has a pleasing appearance, is well-maintained and contributes to the community appearance; a strong effort was made to improve and enhance the appearance of the property; the property owner demonstrates creativity and originality in the property’s layout; the property clearly stands out as an attractive one in its neighborhood.

If one person takes pride in their home, it motivates others to do the same and the result is a more appealing Yonkers," said Spano. "These awards are an opportunity to be proud of our city and continue to enhance its appearance."

As part of their citywide recognition, homeowner will be provided a sign for their property recognizing the distinction. Spano first presented the Curb Appeal Awards in 2013.
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By Mary Hoar

Washington Post

Societies and the Civil War

African-American laborers.

The various movie characters of Tim Burton.

Director Tim Burton returns to the big

screen this September with "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children," which is the latest

in his director's long line of beguilingly imagi-

nately, overtly off-kilter films. In honor of this

occasion — and in the spirit of pure, plain fun

at the movies — Alamo Drafthouse has created

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Jennings’ Announcement Continued from Page 1

If Johnson forms a county board, a district for that council seat is created. No names have been announced yet for the district or the council district, which includes the downtown and is a reliable Democratic seat.

From there one council seat must now extend to include County Council president and council districts two (County Council president and Council district for first term second year), five and six. The second district in northeast Yonkers, which is currently represented by Commissioner Titone, who remains anonymous, is to support the same Democratic majority that would determine the winner.

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By Dan Murphy

Two pieces of presidential polling data in this week's batch are intriguing. In a recent CNN/Opinion Research Corporation poll, 43 percent of voters support Bernie Sanders, which gives him a strong lead over Hillary Clinton, who has 36 percent. The other piece of data is a recent ABC News/Washington Post poll, which shows that 57 percent of voters support Hillary Clinton, while 40 percent support Donald Trump. These polls are important for several reasons.

First, they highlight the importance of the Democratic nomination race. Bernie Sanders has been leading in most polls this year, but Hillary Clinton has been closing the gap in recent weeks. If he can continue to do well in upcoming primaries and caucuses, he may be able to secure the nomination.

Second, the polls show that Donald Trump is struggling to gain traction among likely Republican voters. While he has been leading in some polls, his support has been declining in recent weeks. If he cannot improve his standing, he may struggle to win the Republican nomination.

Finally, the polls show that there is a significant divide between the two major parties. Over 70 percent of likely Democratic voters support Clinton, while over 60 percent of likely Republican voters support Trump. This suggests that it will be difficult for either candidate to win over the other party's base.


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Killian & Latimer on Common Core, salary, tenure

By Dan Murphy

While the $8.9 billion for the Woods-Port is the president of the Board of Legislators, many feel that the $4.8 million for Carolyn and Greg Johns is timely, there are very few down-the-bill elections candidates who have a chance of getting [Page 8 - Yonkers Rising - Friday, August 26, 2016] Fast death as a charge. It is inexcusable for someone to bring a charge against an individual who has not been found guilty of any wrongdoing.

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Yonkers Celebrates Diversity With Unity Fountain

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Photos by Donna Davis

From left are Mayor Mike Spano, Paxos owners Rita and Leonidas, and Police Commissioner Charles Gardner. Photos by Donna Davis.

“Coffee With a Cop” is a terrific program that brings police officers and the community they serve together, over a cup of coffee, to discuss issues and get to know each other,” said Mayor Mike Spano, who stopped by for the inaugural session. “This is great for our residents and I’m thankful to the Yonkers Police Department for its outreach in the local community.”

The event was posted to the department’s social media platforms and the turnout grew as news of the program spread in the downtown area.

“Coffee With a Cop” gives us another opportunity to strengthen our bonds with local community members,” said Yonkers Police Commissioner Charles Gardner. “We regularly engage in numerous community outreach programs and based on today’s success, we will be having more ‘Coffee With a Cop’ sessions across our city.”

“I spoke with a resident and she wanted to know what we do in community affairs,” said Police Officer Laura Mulgrew. “After informing her that we regularly give crime prevention presentations to local community groups, we exchanged phone numbers and we agreed to make arrangements for a future presentation in her neighborhood. Another resident I met this morning related that she is having some quality-of-life issues in her neighborhood. I informed her that I would pass this information onto the local precinct, and she seemed happy that I was able to assist her. It was a great experience today – everyone seemed comfortable and interested in engaging in conversation.”

Visit the Yonkers Police Department’s Facebook page for updates on future “Coffee With a Cop” sessions in your neighborhood.

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Riverfest is Largest Free Family Festival in West.  

Billed as one of Westchester's best-kept secrets, Comedy Night at Empire City Casinos brings some of the best comedians in the country to its local stage. Announced just last week, the latest round-up of comedians to bring their unique sense of humor and host of jokes to Yonkers includes New York native and nationally televised star Sherral Small. Twice a month on Wednesdays, the casino's Good Time Room hosts comedy fans at a Comedy Night featuring top-tier talent who have had their own television shows, appeared on the late night circuit, and who still show their heap of laughs across the country. Fortune City Casino is usually a stop for many comedians on their way to New York City, giving the public the chance to see their favorite jokesters before they hit the Big Apple—and for a better bargain, too.

Admission is $5 for those who show their Empire City Club cards and includes a free drink with & purchase of $25 or more. Get yours free at any promotions booth. For those who may not be club joiners, admission is $25. Doors for all shows open at 7 p.m. and laughs start at 8 p.m. This month, comedy night will be held Wednesday, Aug. 31, and will feature Brooklyn-born stand-up Sherral Small. A "funny" fact about Small—he is the cousin of comedian and late-night talk show host Jay Leno. This month she occupies a space from his new show "Black and White," a comedy series that explores the racially-tinged jokes of race relations in America. He frequently perform at New York City's Comedy Cellar and Comic Strip Live.

Small is also a regular on VH1's "100 Most Shocking Music Moments," that focuses on changes to Yonkers through its new exhibit, "Yonkers: A City of New Beginnings," that takes a look at Yonkers through the impact of immigration over the decades. For those who love the arts, there will be art exhibitions, unique craft vendors and a fashion show featuring African fashion designs. Everyone loves food, and the variety available at Empire City will boggle the imagination. In addition to area restaurants who will bring their amazing cuisine stores, many vendors will complement the offering with a vast array of international foods and beverages of all kinds.

For more information on Empire City Casino, Comedy Night and other events, visit www.empirecitycasino.com.