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Lincoln HS Production of 'Room Service' Receives Standing Ovation



The cast of Lincoln High School's production of "Room Service"

By Timothy Montalvo, Lincoln HS student
Lincoln High School drama teacher Barbara Litt has a favorite saying, "Sometimes life drives you crazy and you need a good laugh." Last week, Lincoln High School's production of "Room Service" provided just that and more to all who attended.

in 1937 at a time when President Roosevelt was urging everyone to have hope in the future of America. John Murray and Allen Boretz, the authors of the play, knew that audiences needed a good laugh — the world was far from the rosy picture Roosevelt painted. Consequently, the pair created a cast of characters laden with

"Room Service" first opened on Broadway

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Mayor Amicone Assures that 'Yonkers Will Prevail' During Economic Crisis in Sixth State of City Address



Mayor Phil Amicone delivers his State of the City address.

Mayor Phil Amicone delivered his sixth, and most difficult, State of the City address to the citizens of Yonkers last week. While Amicone didn't sugarcoat the difficult times that the city faces this year due to the shrinking economy, he also offered inspiration for the future, assistance to those in trouble and hope to all 200,000 Yonkers residents that "Yonkers will prevail."

On the economy and tough budget ahead: "While our economy is suffering a temporary, but

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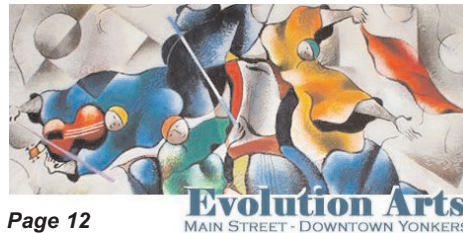
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The Arts Spring Up in Downtown Yonkers



Above and left: A large and festive turnout for The Blue Door Gallery grand opening

YoHo
Artist Studios
Alexander Smith Carpet Mills Building



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Gorton HS Students Learn About Broken Bones



Gorton students learned how to bolt, pin together and insert supportive plates into broken bones.

Twenty-five students from Gorton High School participated in a unique student medical education program designed by the Orthopaedic Foundation for Active Lifestyles (OFALS), in Cos Cob, Conn. Under the supervision of nationally renowned Orthopedic surgeon, sports medicine specialist and Greenwich resident Kevin Plancher M.D., the students learned how to bolt, pin together and insert supportive plates into broken forearms.

"Broken limbs in active children are a common occurrence and so this provides a really useful hands-on opportunity to learn the skills needed to repair broken bones," said Plancher, chairman of OFALS.

The students who attended the lab are Anatomy and Physiology students at the Academy of Medical Professionals,

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Tibbetts Brook Pool Gets a Makeover



Tibbetts Brook Park Pool in its current condition on Midland Avenue

Photo by Antoine Lovell

At its meeting March 23, the County Board approved a bond act for \$9.25 million to fund a new pool complex at Tibbetts Brook Park. The current Yonkers pool is approximately 80 years old, has never received major renovations and is in a state of acute disrepair.

The plan approved consists of reconstructing the single large pool area into a series of smaller water play areas, including a lazy river with sprays, water slides, an aquatic playground, new decking and a new concession/filter building. New piping and filter infra-

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John Larkin Announces Council Run in 6th District



John Larkin

By Dan Murphy

John Larkin, a lifelong resident of Yonkers and former president of Nepera Park-Grey Oaks Neighborhood Association, recently announced his campaign for City Council in the Sixth District,

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A Piece of the Grapevine

YONKERS CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



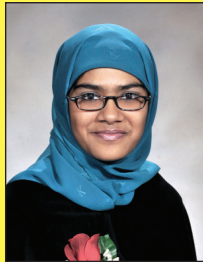
Above: First Lady Michelle Obama



At right: Riverside teacher Christine Wilner, honored for Women's History Month

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LINCOLN HIGH'S BEST & BRIGHTEST



Salutatorian Sadia Ahmad



Valedictorian Jennifer Poole

The Arts Spring Up in Downtown Yonkers



A large crowd attended the opening of The Blue Door Gallery.

By Dan Murphy

One key piece of the puzzle of Yonkers' continued downtown transformation is a thriving artistic community, similar to the ones that helped to revive other downtowns, including Peekskill and New Rochelle. With four different arts events happening in the downtown now and throughout the month of April, Yonkers is beginning its rebirth.

The Blue Door Artists Association opened **The Blue Door Gallery** last weekend at 13 Riverdale Ave. The inaugural exhibition includes 40 pieces by 31 local and regional artists, selected by muralist Richard Haas and artist and curator Sandra Sider. Haas is known for his two murals of historic Yonkers at Riverdale Avenue and Main Street.

While Blue Door has featured shows at the Riverfront Library, the opening of their own gallery — and the large attendance at that opening — is a welcome addition to the downtown. Six exhibits are planned, with the next show featuring drawings and painting by Drew Macko, which began April 1. The Blue Door Gallery will be open from 12 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 2 to 7 p.m. on Fridays and from 12 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, visit blue-doorart.org.

Another great arts happening is underway at 86 Main Street, with the **Hudson River Gallery and Conservator** introducing an exhibition of the works of Martin Mosko, a painter, graphic designer, author and publisher whose design clients include The Metropolitan Museum, MoMA, The Whitney and The Smithsonian. The exhibition will be on display until April 20 with hours on Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; come by for a visit and see the talents of gallery owners Barbara and Helmut Szwed. For more information, visit www.hudsonrivergallery-conservators.com.

The Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Business Improvement District (BID) is set to begin its **Evolution Arts** series, with an exhibition at different locations every third Sunday starting this month and running through October. Evolution Arts — which is free of charge to the public — is

open to artists throughout Westchester and the region.

The exhibit sites — clustered together on Main Street and the Yonkers waterfront — enable visitors to stroll through all of them during exhibit hours while enjoying the beautiful Yonkers Waterfront. For more information, visit www.YonkersDowntown.com.

Finally, Yo Ho Artists Studios, located at 578 Nepperhan Ave., in the former Alexander Carpet Factory building, is holding their **Sixth Annual Open Studio Weekend** on April 18-19, from 12 to 5 p.m. Over 30 artists will open their studios to the public. For more information, visit www.yohoartists.com.

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