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Weekend Double Header in Manhasset

International Film Festival and Street Fair on Plandome Road

By Pat Grace

The goal is to spruce up Plandome Road for residents and the influx of visitors expected to attend the Gold Coast International Film Festival June 1-5.

Business owners have been asked to set out colorful flowers in front of their stores on Plandome Road and residents can show appreciation for their efforts by shopping locally. Residents are encouraged to purchase their tickets online at www.goldcoastfilmfestival.org or purchase one of the three packages that are offered.

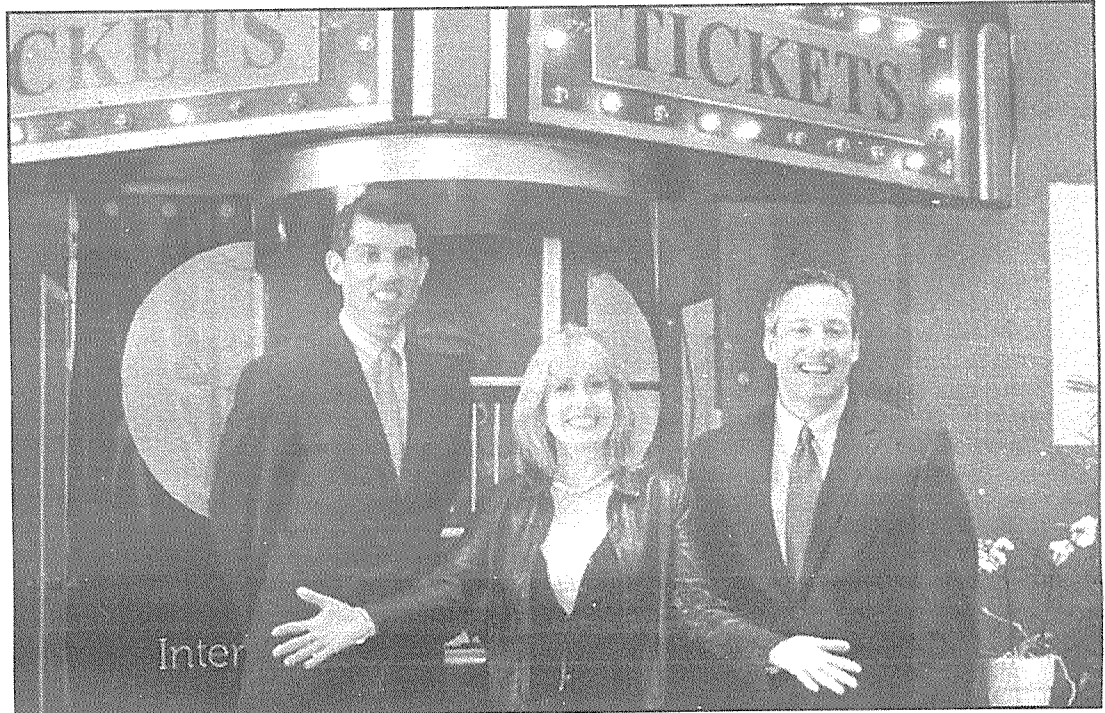
The Chamber is again beautifying Plandome Road sponsoring its popular annual Adopt-a-Pole program, featuring beautiful live flowers atop each pole. The American Legion Post #304 once again provided new American flags on the Plandome Road lampposts. The hanging baskets and flags were up in time to dress up

Manhasset for the annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade was well attended in spite of the heavy rainfall just a short time before.

Have you noticed the lovely new blue and orange banners along Plandome Road? The Chamber has placed banners at strategic points along the routes into Manhasset. Chamber members CJ Coleman and Peter Sanoulis spearheaded the project and Alice Meltzer provided her design know-how.

The Chamber is also sponsoring a Street Fair on Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will feature Manhasset merchants, community non-profit organizations, as well as street vendors offering assorted merchandise. There will be a band, and delicious foods at any one of Manhasset's eateries. Robin Maynard, Esq., 47 Plandome Road, is chairman of the Street Fair again this year.

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What a big weekend this is for the Town of North Hempstead, and for Manhasset too. The Gold Coast International Film Festival is being held June 1-5. Pictured are Ian Siegel, Town of North Hempstead Business and Tourism Department, Regina Gil, Great Neck Arts Center and Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman.

Your Child's Brain: A Work in Progress

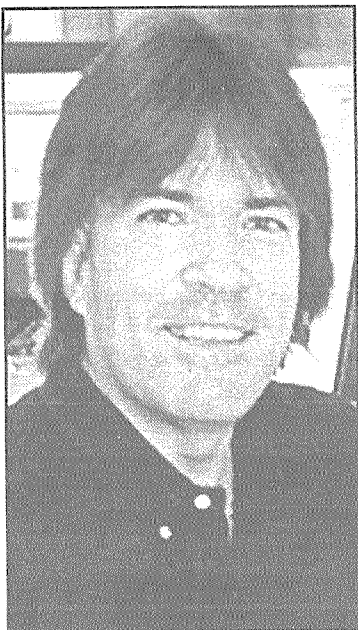
'Early Alcohol Use Can Arrest Brain Development and It Never Catches Up'

Join Manhasset CASA and your community at the Manhasset Public Library on Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. for "Your Child's Brain: A Work in Progress," featuring Stephen Dewey, PhD of the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research of the North Shore-LIJ Health System.

Dr. Dewey joins CASA's Underage Drinking Not a Minor Problem Prevention Campaign to educate parents, students and residents on the effects of alcohol and drugs on the teenage brain.

Working under the Center for Neurosciences at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research at North Shore-LIJ, Dewey tests every drug to figure out how they work on the brain. The findings have led to a deep understanding of how the brain can so easily and permanently be altered by chronic exposure to alcohol and drugs and suggests that even occasional use can permanently alter the inner workings of the brain.

With his outreach program, Dewey has spoken to thousands and thousands of school-age chil-



Stephen Dewey, PhD of the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research.

dren, parents, teachers, administrators, and counselors across New York State. According to Dewey, "The message is a simple one: if you consume alcohol during the period of time when your

brain is developing, adolescence, you arrest brain development and it never catches up. The consequence of being sick the following morning is one thing. But 10, or 20 or 30 years down the road, it is something far more serious."

Stephen Dewey is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University. After completing his education in graduate medicine at the University of Iowa and his post-doctoral fellowship in the Neurology Department at Stony Brook University, Dr. Dewey joined the Medical Department at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Dr. Dewey's research on drugs of abuse on the brain has appeared on 20/20, Dateline, Good Morning America, ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, Fox News and was featured by John Stossel in an hour-long show called "Help me, I can't help myself" on 20/20 that featured the effects of drugs on the brain.

For more information about the program or Underage Drinking Not a Minor Problem, contact Manhasset CASA at (516) 267-7548 or go to www.manhassetcasa.org.

Hundreds Rally for New Nassau Coliseum

Fans Demanding the Islanders Get a New Arena

By Rich Forestano

Long Island business and construction union leaders rallied Monday and Tuesday of this week for a new Nassau Coliseum in an effort to keep the New York Islanders on Long Island.

The rallies were aimed at getting support from the Nassau Legislature on whether to proceed with a referendum on up to \$400 million in borrowing to build a new Coliseum and a minor league ballpark.

Monday, May 23 saw about 100 people including representatives of eight construction unions and various restaurants, as well as Islander fans, gathered in the lobby of the Coliseum to back the referendum, which would take place Aug. 1.

"The big picture is that without the Islanders, there will be no Coliseum," said Bruce Avery, general manager

of WRHU Hofstra Radio, the hockey team's flagship station. "We need to have a world-class centerpiece instead of the parking lot we'll have if the Islanders leave."

The Legislature, with an 11-8 Republican majority, must approve the bond vote. Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano is pushing for the referendum. Borrowing costs would be recouped in an as-yet undefined revenue sharing arrangement with the Islanders and a minor league baseball club, according to Islanders' officials.

"I wish we didn't have to be here, but we're here," Long Island Restaurant Association Brian Rosenberg said. "I love this team, the organization and when I started working on the Island, I found out what it means to be an Islander."

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