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WEDDING PLACE CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

There is a new photography studio in town. After thirty years of industry in photography, Martino Studio closed its doors and a new generation of photography has taken over the same space at 10 South Michigan Ave. The new photographer in town is Mario Cornejo, Award Winning and Certified Professional Photographer.

Mario is the founder of MC Productions, a well-known studio specializing in visual arts. This studio has been awarded various regional and national awards. He is the current Vice-President of the Association of Professional Photographers in New Jersey North Region. This new place located at 10 South Michigan Ave. has been transformed to a state of the art studio that features the latest trends in photography specializing in social events and studio portraiture.

"I'm truly thankful to be able to make a living doing something that brings so much joy to others as well to myself. I have dedicated the last ten years of my life to making the most out of my passion for visual arts and devoted a great deal of time perfecting this craft by going all over the country to study with the best professionals out there and I must say that this investment has paid off in many rewarding ways," stated Mario Cornejo.

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(right) Mayor Kathi Fiamingo cuts the ribbon. To her left are owners Carla and Henry Rocha.

BREARLEY PRESENTS LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

David Brearley High School will present its 2010 spring musical production, Little Shop of Horrors, March 25, 26, and 27 at 7:00 PM. The show is a tragic comedy filled with satire, "B" movie humor, and a sci-fi twist. It begins in a small flower shop on skid row and ends down the throat of a hungry alien plant!

The production team consists of producer/director Curtis Cerillo, music director Lauren Widner, and artistic director Janice Marsili. There are also many other adult and student volunteers that are getting involved to help make this

production possible. It is a major "team effort" that could not be accomplished without the gracious help of many hands.

This is another first for the Brearley stage. Little Shop of Horrors brings with it new technical challenges for students and exposure to another musical theater gem. In choosing Little Shop of Horrors, Brearley asked all students involved to take a leap of faith. This is very challenging work because of the specific theatrical style, so students are encouraged to learn and grow in new ways this year.

The goal continues to focus on providing practical theater, music, and advanced stage skill experience for our students.

Brearley Theater invites you to join them at the Little Shop of Horrors for a simple, humorous, honest, and, yes, sometimes scary journey. This show may be inappropriate for small children due to the aggressive nature of the large alien plant, but everyone is welcome to attend.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

March 25, 26, and 27 at 7:00 PM

David Brearley Middle/High School Auditorium.

Tickets are \$8.00 at the door.

Little Shop of Horrors is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI which is located at 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019.

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(above, l-r) Performers: Sommer Engler (Audrey), Sean Reilly (Seymour), Anthony Matos (Mushnik), and Dino Curio the voice of the Plant, (Audrey II).

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR



I'm pretty sure that everyone is about as done with this winter as I am. Too much snow; certainly too much snow shoveling! Well, spring is around the corner (or at least that is what I am told) and we can look forward to warmer weather and NO MORE SNOW!

Our Public Works employees have worked very hard to keep the streets free of snow. They've done a great job!

With spring comes Easter and the annual Easter egg hunt. This event, sponsored by the Kenilworth Recreation Department, will be held this year on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Black Brook Park. A word of advice - DON'T BE LATE. The scramble for the Easter eggs is both fast and furious. If you arrive even a few minutes late, it is more than likely all the eggs will have been scooped up.

A little advance warning for those of you who will be doing some early spring cleaning. The spring bulk waste pick up dates are Wednesday, April 14 for the north side of town and April 21 for the south side of town. The pick ups will begin on those days and will continue until they are completed. General household items will be picked up. Please refer to the 2010 Information Guide distributed by the DPW for further information.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held in Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

MARCH 9 & 23 - Workshop meeting to start at 7:30 PM

MARCH 10 & 24 - Regular meeting to start at 8:00 PM

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

APRIL 1 - Workshop meeting to start at 7:00 PM

MARCH 25 - Regular meeting to start at 7:30 PM

KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Girl's Field Hockey sign-ups will be at the rec center on March 20th from 10am to noon. This is an eight week program for girls from 3rd to 8th grade. It is run as a clinic (a continuation of the Fall program) to introduce the girls to the sport. Practices will be on Fridays from 3:30 to 5:15pm beginning the 1st or 2nd week of April. The cost is \$65.00 plus \$25.00 for the equipment which the girls keep (FH stick, FH Ball, shin & mouth guards). The coach will be at the March 20th sign-ups if you have any additional questions.

KENILWORTH V.F.W. TO HOST BENEFIT FOR LIFE-LONG RESIDENT

Valerie De Stefano-Dlagado was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002 and beat it. In November 2009 she was diagnosed with bone cancer.

A benefit will be held to help pay Valerie's medical expenses at the VFW in Kenilworth on April 17th at 7:00 until midnight featuring a fun filled night of music and comedy. \$25.00 per person will get you beer, soda and wine. Cash bar will be available. Bring your own snacks and nine of your friends and reserve a table of ten. There will have a small tricky tray auction and 50/50. Help us raise money to call Kasie 908-654-9511 or Diane 908-694-1248. You can also purchase tickets at the V.F.W. hall and Especially Yours Florist in Kenilworth. Donations are tax deductible, please make checks payable to VFW D-D Benefit.

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The "Due South Band" will perform on Friday, 3/12/10 from 7pm. to midnight at the Kenilworth VFW. The \$25.00 cost includes beer, wine and soda. Bring your own snacks. Must be 21 years of age. For tickets call Theresa 908-276-7130 or Lynn 908-276-4617.

GATEWAY CHAMBER AWARDS COMPANIES OF THE YEAR

The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, the umbrella organization for the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, held their 98th Annual Awards Dinner in January at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel in Elizabeth. The Annual Awards Dinner has grown to be the largest business dinner in the northern New Jersey region.

The dinner honored three Chamber Members for their outstanding service to the business community, the Chamber and New Jersey in general.



(above l-r) Villani Bus Company was honored as Small Company of the Year. Joseph Barbanel, Chairman of Gateway Chamber of Commerce; Angie Tsirkas, presenter; Villani family: Linda, Courtney and Dee.



(above) Bernadette Countryman of Trinitas Regional Medical Center; Chamber Chairman Joe Barbanel of Solar Compounds, Judith Roman CEO of Amerihealth NJ, honored as Medium Company of the Year.



(above) Eric Segal of Security Business Solutions, Chamber Chairman Joe Barbanel of Solar Compounds, Woody Erhardt of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, honored as Large Company of the Year.

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DAVID BREARLEY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for February is senior Jeff Jaeckel. Jeff's teachers see him as a very bright student who leads by example. Jeff is a member of the David Brearley band, acting as Band Section Leader, organizing section rehearsals, and leading the band in the teacher's absence. Jeff has also performed with both the Concert Band and the Jazz Band at Union County Performance Arts Center. Jeff, a consistent presence on the High School Honor Roll, he is also Captain of Jonathon Dayton's swim team. Outside of school Jeff is a youth leader for Boy Scouts and an Eagle Scout. Congratulations, Jeff as being chosen David Brearley's High School Student of the Month of February!

The February Middle School Student of the Month is Mr. Allen Zheng. Earning straight A's is hard work, but earning straight 100's is both a daunting and admirable feat! In his Algebra I Honors course, Allen's perfect grade puts him at the top of his class. And even with Spanish being a 3rd language for him, Allen manages to impress his maestro and earn two consecutive semester averages of 99%. It can only be said that by being a very inquisitive and analytical student, Allen's respectful manner of questioning has led him to discover many areas of interest. Equally important, to compliment his high academic standing, Allen is also known by his teachers as being a student brimming with friendly conversation and a quiet sense of

humor. Congratulations Mr. Allen Zheng for being chosen as David Brearley's Middle School Student of the Month!



Students Allen Zheng, Middle School and Jeff Jaeckel, High School

DAVID BREARLEY IS BLUE AND GOLD, AND WELL READ!

In February over forty students and a dozen faculty and staff members gathered in the David Brearley Middle/High School Instructional Media Center to discuss two popular Young Adult novels.

The high school students, who had read Jay Asher's 13 Reasons Why, came to discuss the issue of teen suicide, and how effectively Asher presented it in his novel. In the novel, Clay Jensen listens to cassette tapes recorded by his friend Hannah Baker before she committed suicide. The tapes contain her messages to thirteen people in her town who played a role in her fatal decision, including the narrator Clay. The Brearley students discussed what they liked about the book, but most importantly, they discussed how it changed the way they see and treat each other at school. Several teachers, a guidance counselor, and the school's social

worker led the lively discussion.

The middle school students eagerly piled into the IMC and were ready to discuss Suzanne Collins' dystopian science fiction novel, The Hunger Games. Panem is a country in a place once known as North America; its privileged rulers in the Capital enjoy luxuries unknown to masses in the districts, such as hot water and a steady supply of food. After a failed uprising by the districts, the Hunger Games were created to serve as an annual reminder of the Capital's power. For the Hunger Games, two teenagers are chosen from each district, and sent to fight to the death in an arena. The students enthusiastically discussed the characters and unexpected twists of the story, and made predictions for the sequels. Many students are reading book two of the series for our next discussion, and are anxiously anticipating book three, which will be

released in August.

The book discussions, held twice a year in the past few years, have been expanded to four dates this school year, and are sponsored by the David Brearley Accreditation for Growth (A.F.G.) Reading Committee.



(above, l-r) Students Jessica DaCosta, Morgan Glinka, Chinonye Uka



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Zachary J. Kozak is the latest Kenilworth teen to earn Boy Scout's highest honor, the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Only about 2 percent of the boys that join Scouting make Eagle. He was honored by his family, friends and the community at an Eagle Court of Honor on January 20th at the Kenilworth VFW. Zachary thanked everyone who helped him on his trail to Eagle, "Thank you everyone who gave me support and kept on urging me forward until the day that I could call myself an Eagle Scout".

Zachary started scouting at the young age of seven. His father, John Kozak, was Pack Leader for the time Zack spent as a Cub Scout. He advanced through Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and achieved the Arrow of Light. Immediately after graduating to Boy Scout Zachary joined Boy Scout Troop 83 led by Scoutmaster John Kozak and is generously sponsored by the VFW. Zachary's first position in the troop was Senior Patrol Leader and he

remained in that position for one year. He advanced through Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, and Life and received Eagle on October 10th 2009. He earned 26 merit badges while on camping trips and at meetings. During his time in scouting Zack has served as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Zack was a student at St. Theresa's for seven years. He played on the basketball team in 8th grade and played baseball for four years. He now attends David Brearley HS, played football freshman year and is currently on the Swim Team. Zachary attended Trooper Youth Week in Sea Girt NJ June 6th to June 13th. He graduated after getting a taste of what a State Trooper has to go through to be able to wear the uniform. Zachary is also certified in CPR and is a proud to be a regular blood donor. He plans to go on to college and return to Sea Girt in order to become a State Trooper.

Zachary's Eagle Project

My Eagle project consisted of two parts. The first part was to create a WWI Victory Garden behind the historical Nitschke House. The second was to create a tabletop display of the garden's contents and the history behind Victory Gardens. In both World Wars Victory Gardens were used by ordinary people just like you and me to help support the war that was raging all over the globe. Europe was especially in need of support. With the turmoil all around them vital supplies of food were becoming harder and harder to get to the besieged trenches and starving civilians. Farmers in America were being lured by high paying factory jobs rather than farming their own land causing problems with getting food overseas. Victory Gardens helped change that by relieving the stress on farmers by creating simple easy to grow plants in their backyards. By doing this civilians could help win the war and show patriotism by helping the fighting men abroad.

The tabletop display was by far the most time consuming part of the project. Gathering information online and ensuring that it was accurate and from the time period was a tedious task. I went on several websites and found information on the importance of War Gardens and about what types of plants were used. I then printed out the information and pictures of crops and placed them onto the large display, I then laminated it and the hard part of the project was done, or so I thought.

One hot day towards the end of the summer of 2008, several scouts and I set out to dig out the gardens base. Upon the first shovel we realized that this would be no easy task as we gazed at the unusual amount of rock in the dirt. We took shifts digging and piling the large rocks off to the side. After two hours of hacking and shoveling we were able to make out what seemed to be a suitable garden. We then dug out nine rows for the different plants and called it a day. Unfortunately, the garden would not be planted until the start of the next summer due to the rapidly cooling weather, When the weather finally became suitable to plant the scouts and set off once again to finish what we had started. By this time the dug out area was covered in grass, not a bad sign but the grass did have to be removed before anything could be planted. After some landscaping work we gently planted the seeds in the small dirt rows, watered them and prayed that they would grow, Thankfully within a few days the plants were growing. I continued to maintain and water the garden for the following months and by the end of the summer was beginning to produce edible vegetables. I then attended the Nitschke House's Flag Day ceremony where I presented my Eagle Project and provided information about the garden to curious guests. I was proud of what I had accomplished and to see that people appreciated the work we had done. Overall it was a great experience and was well worth the time and energy everyone put into it.



(front) John Kozak, Scoutmaster; Chris Koehler; TJ Festa, Patrol Leader; Zachary Kozak, Eagle Scout; Jeffrey Jaeckel, Senior Patrol Leader; Brian Jaeckel, Assistant Scout Master. (back) Mark Tiemann, Assistant Scout Master; John Eagan, Scout; Kyle Addvensky, Assistant Scout Master; Rich Tiemann, Troup Guide; Scott Vanek, Patrol Leader; Joseph Licwinko, Quarter Master

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Mrs. Furlong and her Pre-K 4 year olds had a very Mardi Gras Tuesday. The students in her class at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth learned about Mardi Gras and its significance and celebrated the day.

They got to decorate masks and to wear their Mardi Gras beads. They enjoyed marching in their own parade and had special snacks for the occasion.



Gianna Villani, Jack Huss, Francesca Villani, Grace Williams, Nicholas DelaPrida

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“ON THE IRISH WATERFRONT” AUTHOR TO APPEAR AT KENILWORTH LIBRARY

Fordham University professor James T. Fisher will do a reading from *On the Irish Waterfront: The Crusader, the Movie, and the Soul of the Port of New York*, his recently published social history of the Manhattan, Brooklyn and Hoboken docks, at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 22, at the Kenilworth Public Library. The reading will be followed by a question and answer session after which the author will be available for a book signing; copies of the book will be available for sale at the author’s discounted price of \$20.

Published by Cornell University Press, *On the Irish Waterfront* takes readers into the world of Irish American gangsters, politicians,

longshoremen’s union leaders and Roman Catholic priests. Of particular importance are the efforts of John M. “Pete” Corridan, a Jesuit labor school instructor, whose desire to better the lot of the dockworkers drove him to work with the investigative reporter Malcolm Johnson and the screenwriter Budd Schulberg, ultimately resulting in both a Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper expose and the enduring movie classic, “*On the Waterfront*”

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Because space is limited, pre-registration is requested and can be done in person at the library or by calling 908 276-2451 during regular library hours.

BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS LOVE STORY

The book discussion group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet at 7:15 PM on Tuesday, March 9, to discuss *Love Story*, by the late Erich Segal. Released on Valentine’s Day in 1970, the novelized version of *Love Story* was written with the acknowledged purpose of serving as a preview for the film starring Ali McGraw and Ryan O’Neill which was scheduled to be released later that year. Wildly popular as both a novel and a movie, *Love Story* charts the brief but tragic romance of Oliver Barrett and Jenny Cavalleri, giving the world the immortal quote, “Love means never having to say you’re sorry.” While mostly focusing on the novel, the book

group’s discussion will also include the viewing of brief portions of the movie.

Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to all members of the general public and new members are always welcome. Because space is limited, pre-registration is requested and can be done by calling the library at 908 276-2451 during regular library hours. Copies of the book will be available for check out at the circulation desk and participants from other towns are encouraged to ask at the circulation desk regarding ways they may be eligible to check out items from the Kenilworth Public Library.

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GALLERY ON THE BOULEVARD TO SHOW WORKS OF ROSALIA TIGNINI VERDUN

The Gallery on the Boulevard at the Kenilworth Public Library will host a showing of the works of Union County artist Rosalia Tignini Verdun during the months of March and April. Working in a variety of mediums including acrylics, oils and pastels, Ms. Verdun's artistic style is the culmination of years of study, including regular visits to art museums. Her work has garnered an impressive list of awards, including prizes from Milburn-Short Hills Art Center, Westfield Art Association, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Italian Community Club, Livingston Art Association and the Pastel Society of New Jersey. She is a member of many groups that promote art, including The Portrait Institute, Watchung Art Center, Contemporary Art Group, Montclair Museum, and the Cecilia Beaux Forum. She currently works as an acrylics instructor at the Express Yourself Studio in Maplewood and accepts commissions to do family and pet portraits. In addition to painting, Ms. Verdun is an accomplished fashion designer, interior decorator, and Italian chef. Further information about the artist can be found on her website, www.rosaliart.com.

The Gallery on the Boulevard is located on the main floor of the Kenilworth Public Library, located at 548 Boulevard and may be visited during regular library hours: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Wednesdays; 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Fridays and 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturdays. For more information about the library, please call 908 276-2451 or visit the library's website at www.kenilworthlibrary.org.



BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS

The Kenilworth Public Library recently announced the winners of the January 2010 Birthday Book Raffle:

Emma Rodriguez, age 12 of Kenilworth and Chloe Salfred-Ingham, age 5 of Kenilworth. Each winner received a new book as their prize. Children ages 3 - 12 years are invited to enter the raffle during the month of their birthday. Two winners are selected each month to win a new book.



(above, l-r) Chloe Salfred-Ingham, age 5, Emma Rodriguez age 12, both of Kenilworth



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GRANDPARENT DAY

Grandparents were invited to St. Theresa's School in Kenilworth to spend an afternoon with their grandchildren. The child was able to tour the school showing them "The Learning Fair"

showcasing special projects the children have worked on.

Refreshments were served as well as picture taking to remember the special day at school.



(above, l-r) Christina Ferguson and her grandma Krystyna Zglobicki, 8th grader Ryan Carbone with Grandparents Ginny and Tony, Sophie Wilkes and her Grandparents.

BE MINE CRAFT DAY

The Kenilworth Public Library recently presented a Valentine's Day Craft for children ages 4 & up.

Children had an opportunity to create Valentine's Day crafts to take home & display.



(pictured l to r) Emma Kessler, age 6, her dad, and sister, Maeve Kessler, age 4 participates in the Valentine's Day craft program.

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