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When you wish upon a star your dreams can come true Young designer previews his work at the Golden Globes

By Laura Lane

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Once upon a time Alec Ohanian was a North Shore High School graduate who dreamed of becoming a fashion designer. But that really wasn't so long ago. Ohanian, 18, who graduated last June, has had a major career breakthrough and that's before attending his first class at Parsons School of Design, where he's set to go later this

After seeing more Broadway shows than he can count, making certain he was up close so he could fully enjoy the costumes, Ohanian is having a magical moment all his own. A black gown that he designed was worn by Linda Yaccarino, NBCUniversal's chair of advertising sales and client partnerships, at last Sunday night's Golden Globes in Beverly Hills.

That may make Ohanian one of the youngest aspiring designers to have ever had their creation appear on the famed Red

"Linda called the gown her dream dress," said Ohanian, speaking by telephone at an airport in California, while he waited for his flight back to New York. "That gave me butterflies every time she said that.'

Wearing Ohanian's gown at the Golden

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Photos courtesy of NBCUniversal

There was a lot of buz at the Golden Globes about North Shore High School graduate Alec Ohanian's gown, which he created for NBCUniversal's Linda Yaccarino.

Tentative budget gap for Glen Cove School District



By Lissa Harris

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The Glen Cove Central School District Board of Education held their first budget workshop on Jan. 9, where it was estimated that the district could see a \$1,107,627 budget gap for the 2017-18 school year.

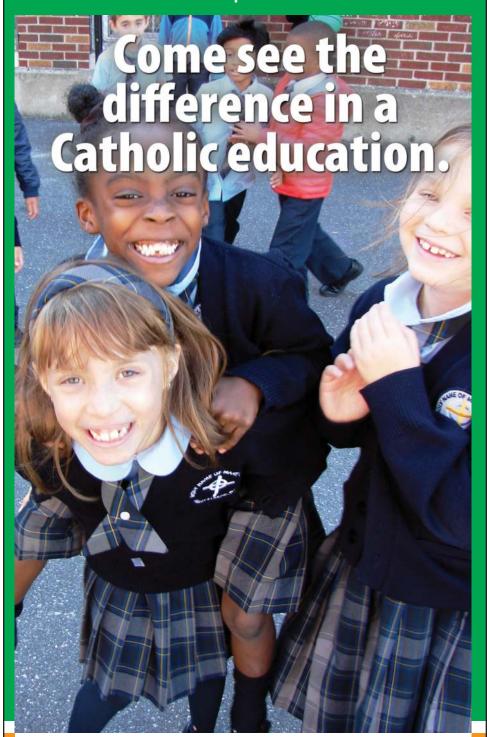
Victoria Galante, the assistant superintendent for business, presented a preliminary outline of the budget process and estimates. The seven-member board listened attentively as Galante presented a somewhat troubling financial forecast. "We don't have a whole lot of info from NYSED yet," Galante explained, "but [this is] our best guess at to what the 2017-18 budget will look like."

Galante started with the basics, first explaining what the budget was and giving an estimation of revenues and expenditures for the 2017-18 school year. She also explained the importance of the tax levy limit — the amount that a school district is allowed to raise taxes every year — to the overall cal-

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Certificates were given to Glen Cove High School Advanced Placement (AP) scholars at the board of education meeting.

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Former Nassau County Legislator John Ciotti dies at 66

By Nick Ciccone

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John Ciotti, a former Republican legislator in Nassau County and an executive vice president at Nassau University Medical Center, died on Jan. 7. He was 66.

"Nassau County lost a dedicated public servant today, and my wife Linda and I lost a great friend," said Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano in a statement.

Mangano said he served with Ciotti since the legislature's creation in 1996, and that Ciotti distinguished himself as an advocate for residents.

Diane Yatauro also served with Ciotti, first as the county's presiding officer and then as the minority leader. Yatauro, a Democrat, who lives in Glen Cove, said she and Ciotti shared a bond of sorts, even though they were on the opposite sides of the aisle. "John and I always got past the party bickering and would share family stories," Yatauro recalled. "John loved music and was a fantastic drummer, and shared some very cool pictures of his amazing drum set."

And Ciotti shared his talent too. "He would play with his county colleagues," Yatauro said. "He just had a friendly way about him that made him everyone's friend." Ciotti was elected in 1996 as the first-ever representative in the 3rd Legislative District of the Nassau County Legislature, which was created that year.

In 2009 he was re-elected after serving a total of 16 years as a legislator, and from 2010 to 2011, Ciotti served as the Deputy

Presiding Officer of the Legislature and was Chairman of Budget Review, Chairman of Minority Affairs, Vice Chairman of Rules, Vice Chairman of Finance, and is a member of the Public Works Committee.

"He was a dedicated legislator and as an attorney he used his legal knowledge to help his constituents as well to anyone who asked," Yatauro recalled.

Ciotti graduated from Valley Stream North High School in 1970, and from Hofstra University in 1974. He received his Juris Doctor from Ohio Northern Law School in 1978. Ciotti and his wife Mary Jane moved to Valley Stream in 1962, according to a biography posted on NUMC's website.

"He loved his sons and his dear wife Mary Jane," Yatauro said. "We talked about our families all the time. My heart breaks for them."

Ciotti will be missed at NUMC as well.

"It is a deep loss for NUMC as John Ciotti had served the community for many years as a Nassau County Legislator and continued his public service in a safety net hospital as vice president and general counsel," said NUMC President Victor Politi in a statement. "It is with a deep heart that we remember his pleasant disposition and friendly face as well as his unending dedication to the staff at the hospital and devotion to the residents of Nassau. He will be deeply missed and will not be forgotten."

Ciotti's funeral mass was on Jan. 11 at Holy Name of Mary Church in Valley

Second consecutive Bob Morrison Trophy for Glen Cove

The Glen Cove High School Boys Basketball team defeated Oceanside, 59-53, to capture its second straight Bob Morrison Classic trophy at the Great Neck North Holiday Tournament.

Nedi Romero was the top scorer, with 26 points, hitting four clutch 3-point shots and going 6-8 from the free throw line. Kevin Ernest had 7 of his 18 points in the final period with two clutch free throws with 90 seconds left to play.

Glen Cove is off to a great start this season, entering the new year 8-1. The team finished its nonleague record 7-0, hoping to build off that momentum as league play begins.

"The team's tough nonleague schedule hopefully gets them ready to play crucial games in January and February," said Varsity coach Peter Falen.



Photo courtesy of the Glen Cove City School District

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Globes was important to Yaccarino too. The Globes is one of NBCUniversal's signature events each year. Yaccarino, who has attended the Globes five times, wanted to experience what the stars were privy to — a one of a kind stunning dress.

"We entertain many high-level people there," Yaccarino said. "I never wore a custom-made gown before."

And what were the reactions? "Jimmy Fallon and Rami Malek [from USA's Mr. Robot] said I looked gorgeous," Yaccarino said. "And complete strangers in the ladies room asked me where I bought my gown."

NBC put an image of Yaccarino at the Globes on Instagram. And Bravo included Ohanian's gown as one of the 10 best black dresses on Instagram. "They added my name and said the black gowns wowed them the most," said Ohanian. "They said I was a designer to watch. To see that written in a platform that goes out to so many people sent me to the moon."

Ohanian found his inspiration in part from the designs of Charles James, who was known as America's first couturier. He created some of the most expensive gowns in the world during the 1950's.

"His work was nearly architectural," Ohanian said. "It had undergarments and pinning of metal and wood."

"I've learned that a designer has to have a story in mind when creating a garment," Ohanian added. "I tend to go back to stories and literature"

Yaccarino's gown was made in two pieces, with a sheath made of double-sided satin and a pleated overskirt. Ohanian and Yaccarino collaborated on it, utilizing the fashions of the 1940's and 1950's, which they both love. Discussing those periods is actually how the conversation of creating a gown started.

Yaccarino and her husband live near the Ohanian family, who live in Roslyn Harbor. The two couples became friends. Last August Ohanian's parents suggested he accompany them to Yaccarino's house for dinner.

"We started talking about our favorite eras—the 40's and 50's," Ohanian recalled. "At the end of dinner she asked me to make her Golden Globe gown. This was my first professional client. I knew this was a very important gown to make and I knew I had to go to work."

They spent hours discussing the many possibilities. When Ohanian got home he immediately began to do some research. "I was so inspired that night I looked at around 1000 gowns," he said. "By the end of September I had my inspiration images ready to show Linda."

They decided that the gown would re-

flect the eras they both loved.

"I decided to create the accordion pleats in Linda's gown because it's a 1940's esthetic, and that is what I want to bring back—the beauty of the 1940's and 50's," he explained. "There is a tradition during those years that I respect and admire. It worked on the gown."

Ohanian and Yaccarino also looked at different necklines in some of the gowns worn by Grace Kelly and Judy Garland. But Ohanian remained focused on who would be wearing his gown. "I wanted to make sure that Linda was the main part people recognized and it was most important how she felt in the gown," Ohanian said. "Step by step I asked her if she felt comfortable with what was being chosen. I wanted people to say she makes that dress so beautiful. It's really more about the experience for the woman than how the public perceives it."

Yaccarino said she enjoyed the entire process of working with Ohanian on her gown. "Alec is such a unique talent and at such a young age," she said. "He is wise beyond his years. I am so impressed with him."

She loves the gown and plans to wear it to cocktail parties in the future. And Yaccarino is looking forward to the next gown that Ohanian will create just for her.

"I'm from the business side and it's not often that I have the luxury or opportunity to wear a custom-made courtier gown," Yaccarino said. "I already told Alec he's connected to me at the hip. I have other formal events like the White House Correspondence Dinner. He won't be able to get rid of me anytime soon."

Ohanian is looking forward to attending Parsons. "It's an artistic school," he explained. "If I get a degree there I will be taken seriously later. I'd like to eventually start a business with my own production line. I'd have employees that would make the design and then they could be sold to department stores. But for special events, like the Red Carpet, I'd want to design these all by myself."



Photos courtesy of NBCUniversal

NBC put Yaccarino on Instagram, ensuring that even those that didn't attend the Globes would see Ohanian's gown.

First village meeting of the year in Sea Cliff

By Nakeem Grant

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The Sea Cliff Board of Trustees held their first public meeting of the year in front of a small audience at the Sea Cliff Village Library on Jan. 9.

Before addressing the resolutions on the agenda, the trustees honored four residents by honoring them a certificate of apprecia-

tion. Mayor Edward Lieberman thanked Jean Stratford, Maureen Maddock, Karen Montagnese, and Carol Ropke for their efforts in bettering the community.

"Through the years, they have exemplified public service and community spirit," Lieberman said. Then he shared what each honoree had accomplished, citing the programs and local activities they were involved in as well as the commitment they had towards being proactive members of their village.

Lieberman and the trustees then announced four resolutions for the coming months. Mary Lou Martin and John Murello were appointed as Inspectors of Election for the upcoming Annual Village Election on March 21. The second resolution certified that Grievance Day will take place on Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This is when complaints for the proposed 2017-2018 Assessment Roll will be received. The third resolution revealed the

polling location for this year's election — at the Stenson Memorial Library. The fourth and final resolution was to allow for a public hearing to take place on Feb. 13 for Sea Cliff Manor to decide whether their cabaret license will be renewed for three more years.

As for the annual Village Election, Village Trustee Dina Epstein said two trustee seats and the mayor's seat will be on the ballot. Village Clerk Marianne Lennon said that Feb. 14 is the last day residents can file a petition to run for the aforementioned positions.

Before the Board of Trustees conducted their private meeting to close the evening, Lieberman said he hopes the public will bring up more questions, comments, and concerns as 2017 carries on.

"We try to respond to the public's comments as best as we can," Lieberman said. "If we don't have an answer right away, we'll try our best to figure it out."

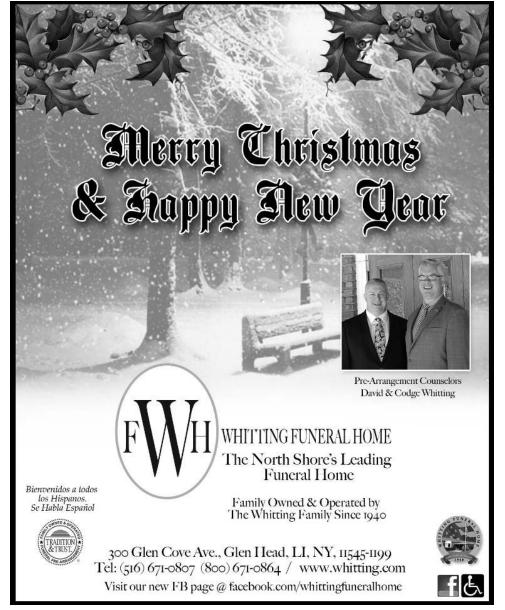


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Congressman Suozzi sworn in as a member of the 115th Congress

Tom Suozzi, the Congressman for New York's third Congressional district, was sworn into office on Jan. 3 as a member of the 115th Congress.

"It's a great honor to be entrusted as your voice in the nation's Capital," Suozzi told the crowd. "I look forward to working with all of you and my colleagues in Washington, from both sides of the aisle, to get things done for the families of Long Island and Oueens."

Suozzi was joined by hundreds of constituents and supporters who came from Long Island and Queens to watch the swearing in and attend the reception that Suozzi held.

Two days earlier, Glen Cove City Hall was packed with over 300 constituents, family, supporters and elected leaders who were there to attend a ceremonial "Passing of the Baton" with former Congressman Steve Israel. Suozzi is a former mayor of Glen

Cove, his hometown

The third Congressional District covers northern portions of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties.



Photo courtesy of Congressman Suozzi

Congressman Tom Suozzi with his family at Glen Cove City Hall on Jan. 1.

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culations. Since the implementation of the tax cap in 2012, school districts across New York State are only allowed to raise taxes a limited amount based on a calculation derived from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or a 2 percent increase, whichever is lower. Galante went on to explain that the tax cap would remain in effect for the upcoming budget year.

"The CPI projections come to us monthly," Galante said. "This is just an estimate, but we won't have the final number until the end of the month."

The CPI projections, according to the district, are approximately 1.2 percent for the 2017-18 school year. This means that the district could possibly raise property taxes up to 1.75 percent for next year with the inclusion of an additional increase because they used capital funds for building improvements last year. According to the NYS Comptroller's Office, a municipality is allowed to increase their tax levy limit beyond that cap when improvements are made to their infrastructure.

"This is not terrible considering that our CPI last year was 0.2 percent," Galante continued, "which put us into a negative tax cap."

Total estimated revenue for the 2017-18 school year is \$85,348,868 while estimated expenditures will amount to \$86,456,495. This leaves the district to fill a gap of over \$1 million.

Revenue for the district comes mainly from taxes paid by Glen Cove homeowners. They receive 72 percent of total revenue from these taxes, 11 percent from state aid, and roughly 5 percent from operating grants. Instruction incurs most of the district's expenses at 79 percent. Other expenses include transportation, administration, and general expenses.

Galante explained that the district would see significant increases in expenditures for the next school year in some areas including in special education and informational technology items. The district anticipates they will have to place four or five students out of the district for special services they cannot provide within the district schools. "This comes at a significant cost per student," Galante explained.

Glen Cove has initiated a 1:1 pilot program with regard to technology. This refers to the goal of each student receiving their own electronic tablet for instructional purposes. This initiative requires the district to improve its wireless infrastructure and security measures which is an additional cost. The district has applied for state grants to cover some of the technology costs.

Another factor adding to the stress of increased expenses is the cost of healthcare for district employees. Health insurance contributions will increase by 5.5 percent for the 2017-18 school year. However, Employee Retirement System (ERS) and Teacher Retirement System (TRS) contributions will go down in the next year.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maria L. Rianna told the board that the district will start getting definitive tax levy limit percentages in early February. The district may receive a payment in lieu of taxes [PILOT] from the developers of the Garvies Point Project, a Glen Cove waterfront project that broke ground in December. The PILOT could affect the tax cap amount and ultimately the budget gap according to Rianna.

"This is the state of the budget as it stands now," Rianna concluded. "Every two weeks there will be an update with projections."

District honors AP Scholars

Rianna and High School Principal Antonio Santana presented certificates to the district's Advanced Placement (AP) scholars. Current seniors and students who graduated this past June accepted their certificates in front of an audience of family and community members. A student is considered an AP Scholar when they have scored a 3 or above on at least three AP examinations, which are scored on a 1 to 5 scale.

"The future has a lot to hold if I know it's in the hands of these young people," Rianna said, "Thank you for giving us the honor to support you."

Combining laughter and art to promote healing

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Even though the office is almost empty, with only a few sewing machines, a table, and some boxes on the floor, it still looks like the start of something. And that's exactly what Barbara Grapstein and Joanie Accolla, the founders of Healing Headbands, are hoping for. Using "special" laughter and art therapy, Grapstein and her partner, Accolla, have created a program to help children and adults in healing communities tap into their creativity.

The Healing Headbands Project is a nonprofit organization based in Sea Cliff whose purpose, according to their mission state-ment, is to "inspire and integrate laughter with the arts, while developing a healing mindset.'

Grapstein, a certified laughter leader, came up with the idea to create the non-profit while visiting her daughter in Guatemala when she was shopping in a marketplace where she saw beautifully patterned head coverings. "They reminded me of scarves worn by women or children who have lost their hair because of chemotherapy treatments," Grapstein recalled. "I bought some home with me."

Inspired, she decided to try to recreate the head coverings with some adjustments. "They weren't very comfortable," she admitted, "and they were made of a pretty thin cotton material." Grapstein realized that cancer patients would need a more comfortable option and something that would protect their skin from the sun.

She consulted Accolla, a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology, because of her expertise in working with different types of fabrics. The two women have been friends for eight years, but they had never worked on



Photo by Elisa Dragotto

The children had a variety of colorful headbands, stickers and packaging to create their project.

this type of project together. Accolla took to the task immediately and found a company in Loveland, Colorado, who could ship the necessary quantities of fabric to the workshop that was originally run out of Accolla's Sea Cliff home.

"We knew the fabric had to feel like a hug," Accolla said, "I am intimate with fabrics so I chose one that would be the most comfortable.

Once they had the right fabric they got to work, but they quickly realized that they were going to need help. That was when the idea for school service projects emerged. Working with Sea Cliff area Kiwanis member, Julia Salat, Accolla and Grapstein developed a program through the North Shore School Districts K-Kids program, a Kiwanis youth program. Salat says that the K-Kids club has already been involved in numerous projects with Healing Headbands, adding that the students "look forward to each event."

Most headband art is created by a patient who is struggling with cancer. Grapstein and Accolla organize with local hospitals to come in and offer a workshop where laughter and creativity are the focus. Grapstein had already created "Gold Coast Giggles," a group that promotes laughter therapy within schools. She knew that combining her expertise in laughter therapy and Accolla's art prowess would be a winning combination. That's when their motto: "Laugh, Create, Heal" was born. "We usually do a half hour of laughter therapy," Grapstein explained, "followed by the creation of their own unique headband

The art is then sent to a workshop in New

York City where it is imprinted onto the fabric. The headbands are cut to size and one is given to the creator. The rest are either donated to local hospitals or sold to allow for the purchase of more materials. Sometimes Accolla, who has her pulse on the artisan community within Sea Cliff, will recruit local artists to design a pattern for the headbands.

Recently, K-Kids in the fourth and fifth grade at Sea Cliff Elementary School helped make wristbands out of the fabric scraps left over from making head bands. "The wristbands are used for outreach," Accolla said. "We want people to wear the wristbands to remind us all of our own personal power of healing" healing.'

Working with groups like Kiwanis and the Girl Scouts, Grapstein and Accolla have already created thousands of headbands that have been distributed to area hospitals. They have also received donations from the Kiwanis Club and from the Girls Scouts in order to keep up with production.

Over the past year, the organization has reached several communities, and they say they are receiving more requests to bring the project to schools and hospitals on Long Is-

"We've received so much attention that we are starting a training workshop," Grapstein said, "to teach other laughter professionals and child-life specialists how to bring the program into their communities." Grapstein also envisions an e-commerce website within the coming year. "There are a lot of levels to this [project]," Grapstein said. "We realize that we can offer so much to the community.'

"Laughter is the best medicine" Grapstein continued with a giggle, and for these two women, it's more than an adage, it's a way

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CRIME WATCH



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Pierre Adams, 50, of Glen Cove, has been arrested in the burglary of Sid's Restaurant, 80 Glen Cove Ave., during the evening of Sept. 19, 2016

The investigation, led by Glen Cove Detective David Milanese, revealed that Adams had entered through a broken window in the rear of the building. During the burglary, the cash register, which contained money was removed from the building.

As the investigation progressed, detective Milanese was able to recover the cash register, which was nearby, as well as video footage and DNA evidence from the restaurant

Adams has numerous prior arrests dating back to 1991. He was arrested by Glen Cove Police on January 5, and was charged with burglary 3rd degree. The defendant was arraigned in First District Court in Hempstead on Jan. 6. He is currently being held in the Nassau County Jail in East Meadow.



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Chip-A-Tree event collects over 90 trees

On a day that was more conducive to putting up Christmas Trees verses recycling them, the Glen Cove Beautification Commission members and residents braved the wintery mix of snow and chilling temperatures to recycle their trees.

"Over 90 trees were collected by our Beautification Commission and they were mulched on-site by Old Country Tree Service," Glen Cove Mayor Reggie Spinello said. "With a steady stream of trees coming by car and by foot, we were very pleased with our community's participation on a snowy Saturday morning."

According to Darcy Belyea, director of Glen Cove Parks & Recreation, the mulch

will be used in the city's Adopt-A-Spot gardens as well as in parks, the golf course and at other city facilities. "We are very fortunate to have an active Beautification Commission and I am grateful for the outstanding support of our members and the Duffy family – Tom, Tom Jr. and Peter – from Old County Tree Service for their help each year," Ms. Belyea said.

For Glen Cove residents who were unable to participate in the Chip-A-Tree event, the Glen Cove Department of Sanitation will pick up trees that are left curbside during their Wednesday yard waste pick up days.



Photo by Tab Hauser

Mayor Spinello joined residents, members of the Glen Cove Beautification Commission and Old Country Tree Services during Glen Cove's annual Chip-A-Tree event at Morgan Memorial Park.

Great Book Guru

- Ann DiPietro

Dear Great Book Guru,

I am planning on joining friends next weekend for the Women's March on Washington. We will be leaving Sea Cliff Saturday at 5:30 a.m. and returning late that night. While there will be much talking and some sleeping, I would like to take something along to read. Any suggestions?

Marching in Washington

Dear Marching in Washington,

I have a wonderful, thought-provoking, very short book (160 pages) about two women who also undertake a long journey. It's "Eleven Hours," by Pamela Erens. Lore, a speech therapist, arrives alone in the emergency room of an uptown New York City hospital about to give birth. Franckline is a midwife labor room nurse on call that

night. As the evening and labor progress the two women share with us their life stories. Lore tells of a painful childhood and a devastating breakup with her longtime lover. Franckline recounts her early fascination and skill as a midwife in Haiti with perceptive insights into her courtship and marriage. At first, the women warily assess one another, but soon a bold intimacy develops. Their alternating stories create a rhythm that mimics the stages of labor so when birth comes, we feel as if we have been part of a violent, heroic struggle. Not a tale for the fainthearted, but certainly recommended for most readers!



This isn't a diatribe about guns

Dec. 14, 2013. It was nail-biting cold. The sort of cold that foreshadowed snowflakes in the coming days but still coddled them in gray-blanketed skies. Baltimore always made me feel that way: on edge, like the

Rebecca Anderson

world was on the brink of burning up but then changed its mind last minute.

It was an ordinary night, or as ordinary as it could be. I wasn't even frightened when I felt the icy steel against my temple. Or when he was shouting for my purse. Or when

his shoulder brushed against mine. He even sported a ski mask and dressed in all black for the occasion. There's something truly amusing about clichés, even those of appearance and even at moments like that. Although much of that night is still a blur, I can't seem to forget about the \$28 — all the

Although much of that night is still a blur, I can't seem to forget about the \$28 — all the money I had on me. Maybe he was behind on his cable bill, or maybe he just wanted to go to the movies. Christmas was just around the corner, and a sweater paired with a scarf would have been an excellent gift.

Maybe.

Then he scampered away down a back alley, trying not to drop all of his new possessions, my possessions, like a newborn giraffe just learning to take its first few steps. Or maybe

more like an umbrella frame — just a broken stilt of a man.

He took my cell phone, my purse, my peace of mind.

I vividly remember the authoritative voice of my father — a retired police detective — asking if I was hurt and telling me to stay calm. Stay calm? My entire universe had just turned retrograde, and even Dad, the quintessential cop, had no better advice than that? I guess it wasn't his fault. We all seem to revert to clichés when we're not sure how to help.

I wish I had been at the trial. But hey, I was in college; I had a class.

Don't misunderstand. I wasn't trying to be noble. It's not like I wanted to attend this legal spectacle to bear witness against a wrongdoing. I just wanted to look into his eyes, maybe even figure out his motives. I'm sure we could have worked it out that night. I surely would have given him something if he'd asked. Right?

Maybe.

Now that I think about it, I'm glad I wasn't in the courtroom. I'm almost sure my stare would have burned holes through his shirt. Only three months' probation — a small price for the many months I would be wallowing in self-pity. Sorry, another cliché. I know what you're thinking. But don't worry, this isn't a segue into why there should be stricter gun control laws, or how mass shootings on college campuses are more common now than they ever were. My traumatic experience isn't an excuse to bombard you with gun-related statistics, like how there have been 205 school shootings

since 2013, or how a total of 12,942 people were killed in the U.S. in 2015 in gun homicides, unintentional shootings or murder/suicides. No, this isn't about that at all.

I'll tell you what it's about.

It's about the ability of one person to take pride, security and dignity from another, by using the very object he feels gives *him* pride, security and dignity. It's about desperation. You can throw survival of the fittest out the window. Who needs that when you have a gun?

It's about not being a victim, even when the term might as well be painted on your forehead. It's about not cringing when you hear your father unload his rounds after a long day of policing. It's about holding back disgust while you listen to a local TV anchor report on shots fired in a neighboring town. But don't worry, I don't want to make you uncomfortable.

The weeks following that night were even worse than that night. I had been swept into a nightmare, always looking over my shoulder, thinking twice before stepping out past dark. I mean, in a sense it was my fault. How dare I roam the streets flaunting that \$28? I felt as if there had been a sign on my back that shouted, "Here, please take as you wish!" If anything, I was asking for it. I mean, I'm a woman, after all.

But I digress. That's another subject for another day.

Everyone I saw after that night was a suspect.
Everyone was a shadow, lurking and waiting.
My grades plummeted. Obsessions festered.
A lonely apartment became both the enemy and the cruel soother. All transactions were made with credit cards. I would never be caught dead with cash in my purse, even if someone held a gun to my head.

Oh, man, more clichés. They're always amusing. Even at moments like that.

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I always love the holidays! It's such a special time for families, friends and neighbors to celebrate the wonders of the season. It is an opportunity to worship, to give thanks, and to help those who are less fortunate. A time to share a meal, share a story, and stop to remember the importance of being together.

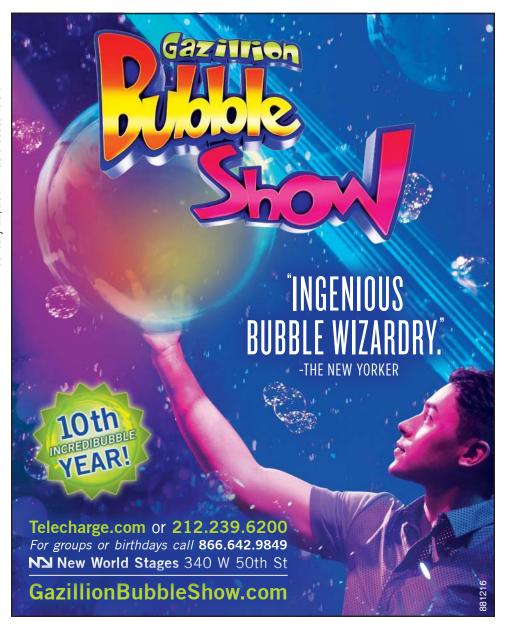
As my family and I gather once again for our annual holiday celebration, I would like to thank all of you for your support. It means so much to me. As each new year begins, I am increasingly grateful to you for investing your trust and confidence in me as your Supervising City Court Judge. In the twenty eight years since I first came on board as Associate Judge, I have consistently strived to rise to the challenges of the court with fairness and integrity.

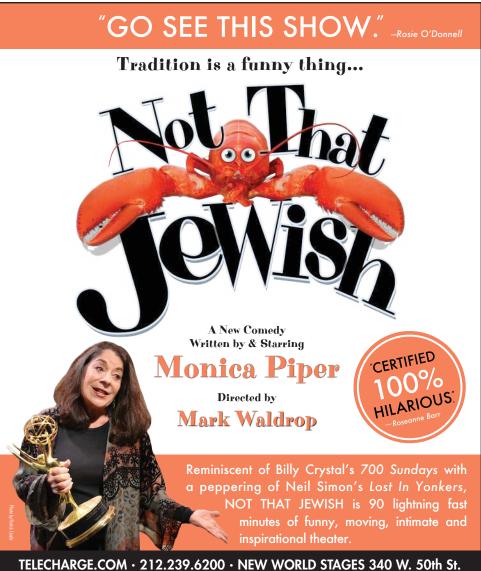
Whenever you spot me around town – at City Hall, at the Senior Center, at the National Night Out Against Crime or enjoying the music at our downtown concert series

– please be sure to say hello. You, our citizens, are what make this city a wonderful place to live and work. I look forward to serving another year as your Glen Cove Supervising City Court Judge. I hope you and your family have a wonderful and blessed holiday season!

Best Wishes,
The Hon. Richard J. McCord and Family







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Yoga class for all levels

An open level yoga class with instructor Sasha will be offered on Jan. 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Glenwood Life Center, 71 Grove St., Glenwood Landing. This class is suitable for students of all levels of experience and fitness levels. The instructor will offer modifications and more in depth directions and demonstrations for beginner students, while providing challenging variations for more experienced students. Call (516) 399-2575 for more information.

Gentle chair yoga

A gentle chair yoga class will be given on Jan. 17 from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Glenwood Life Center, 71 Grove St., Glenwood Landing. The class offers a gentle yoga practice that focuses on maintaining mobility of the spine, strengthening the core musculature, improving balance, and increasing joints' range-of-motion. Class will include pranayam (breathing practice), meditation and safe, easy-to-follow asanas (yoga postures), some done either sitting in a chair or standing alongside a chair if needed as well as on a yoga mat. Call (516) 399-2575 for more information.

POW at North Shore Historical Museum

Legion of Honor recipient Bernie Rader, a POW, who was captured by the German Army and imprisoned in France, will share his story of service, capture and survival on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen Street, Glen Cove. In honor of Rider's service and that of all our veterans, this will be a free event

Sip and Tell at the Glen Cove Mansion

The Glen Cove Mansion will host an evening of "Sip and Tell" on January 13 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. This premiere event will be hosted in several rooms that only a true Gold Coast mansion can do well. It will be an evening of tastings, seminars and cocktail camaraderie for a cost of \$85. Serving these fine spirits will be ambassadors from each brand that will tell the stories and history of their unique spirit.

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Tai Chi class open session

The Glenwood Life Center will host two Tai Chi classes on Jan. 17 and 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Classes are open to all ages. There is a fee of \$20 per class. Call Theo at (516) 376-5288. No registration required. The Glenwood Life Center is at 71 Grove St., Glenwood Landing.

Obituaries

Charles Oppizzi

Charles Oppizzi, 86, of Sea Cliff, N.Y. died on January 10, 2017. Former proprietor of Sea Cliff Books & Prints. Mr. Oppizzi taught English at Oceanside High School for 25 years. He was a member of the Glen Cove Senior Center, including the Golden Voices Chorus, the North Shore Community Chorus, volunteer at Garvies Point, the Welwyn Preserve, and the Sea Cliff Beautification Committee. Beloved husband of Carolyn. Loving father of Michael and Patrick. Stepfather of Susan Scheiner and Mara Scheiner Campbell. Step-grandfather of Nick, Peter, Jake, Charlie and Emily. Step-great-grandfather of Justin and Lilly. Gathering at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove Saturday at 1 p.m. Interment private. Donations may be made to: Glen Cove Senior Center, North Shore Community Chorus, Radio Station WQXR.org or Sea Cliff Public Library. www.DodgeThomas.com

Graziella E. "Grace" Ferreri

Graziella E. "Grace" Ferreri, 90, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on Jan. 9, 2017. She was the former Senior Clerk of the City of Glen Cove for over 20 years. Avid ballroom dancer with a love for music. Member of the Glen Cove Senior Center in the Golden

Voices Choral Group. Member of the Sons of Italy Loggia #1016 Glen Cove. Beloved wife of the late Roy. Loving mother of Nicholas (Nancy) and Kathryn Kearsey (Brian). Dear sister of Patricia LeVere (the late Jerry), the late Joseph Palazzo and the late Henry Palazzo. Proud grandmother of Nicholas, Christa and Nina. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation will be at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick of Glen Cove on Monday at 11 a.m. Interment private. www. DodgeThomas.com

Paul Ingmar Linden

Paul Ingmar Linden, 86, of Glen Head, N.Y. formerly of Locust Valley, N.Y., on Jan. 7, 2017. Owner of Linden Plumbing and Heating. Beloved former husband of Amy. Loving father of Paul (Jean), Peter (Suzanne), Deborah Giovinazzo (Frank), Susan & John (Sue). Dear brother of Samuel, Arnold, the late George, Walter and Svea. Cherished grandfather of five. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation is on Friday, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Dodge-Thomas. Service to be held at Dodge-Thomas Saturday. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery.



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2 vehicle(s) in The City of Glen Cove. anyone with interest in this mattermay submit a written statement to the Chief of Police of the City od Glen Cove by date to be eight (8) days after the publication of this

LEGAL NOTICE RESOLUTION NO. 1, YEAR 2017 RESOLVED, that the follow-

In the following persons be appointed Inspectors of Election for the Annual Village Election to be held March 21, 2017: INSPECTORS: Mary Lou Martin and John Murello POLL CLERKS: The Village Clerk to be authorized to hire Poll Clerks as required, and that the pay of these officials shall be at the rate of \$90.00 per day of service, that Mary Lou Martin is hereby appointed Chairman of Election Inspectors for a term of one year from this date, at the rate of \$110.00

per day of service.
Dated: January 9, 2017
Marianne Lennon
Sea Cliff, NY Village Clerk
RESOLUTION NO. 2, YEAR

RESOLVED, that Grievance Day for the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff, Nassau County, New York is set for Tuesday, February 21, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at which time complaints to the Proposed 2017-2018 Assessment Roll shall be received. Said Proposed Assessment Roll, as prepared, will be on

file in the Office of the Village Clerk during business hours from Wednesday, February 1st, through February 21, 2017.

Dated: January 9, 2017 Marianne Lennon Sea Cliff, NY Village Clerk RESOLUTION NO. 3, YEAR

RESOLVED, that Stenson Memorial Library, also known as the Children's Library, 281 Sea Cliff Avenue, Sea Cliff, N. Y. will be the polling place for the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff General Election to be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. The polls shall be open from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Dated: January 9, 2017 Marianne Lennon

Marianne Lennon Sea Cliff, NY Village Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE
BOARD OF ZONING
APPEALS NOTICE OF PUB-LIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a

PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals on

Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday January 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, N.Y., when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views on the following applications: CASE # 14 ñ 2016 3 MADI-SON AVENUE ñ NICOLA GRAZIOSI GRAZIOSI

The applicant proposes to maintain lot coverage at 3 Madison Avenue as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block F, Lot 1078 of 1,644.5

sq. ft. (33%) where 996.6 sq. ft. is the maximum permitted and front yard coverage of 67%

paving where 40% is the maximum permitted in the R-4 Residential One -Two Family Zoning District
CASE # 15 ñ 2016 14 MATINECOCK FARMS ROAD -

LISA C. COLGATE and DAVID SCULLY The applicants propose to build a new 1,632.5 sq. ft. patio on a non-conforming lot in size and width at 14 Matinecock Farms Road as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block 69, Lot 3 that is 33.8 ft. from the rear lot line when 50 ft. are required and total lot coverage of 18.98% when 15% is the

maximum permitted in the R-1 Residential Zoning District. Dated: January 9, 2017
BY THE ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF ZONING
APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE TIP HENDERSON, CHAIR-

MAN

LEGAL NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Glen Cove City Council adopted the following Local Law 01-2017, at the City Council Meeting of January 10, 2017: BE IT ENACTED by

the CITY COUNCIL as fol-

lows: Section 1. Title This Local Law shall be referred to as "A LOCAL LAW 01-2017 REPEALING "CHAPTER 121 "COASTAL EROSION HAZARD ARFA LAW."

Section 2. Purpose and Legislative Intent. The purpose of chapter 121 was to establish standards and pro-cedures for minimizing and preventing damage to structures from coastal flooding and erosion and to protect natural protective features and other natural resources.

The City of Glen Cove here-by assumed the responsibili-ty and authority to imple-ment and administer a coastal erosion managein its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-ment shall have been renment program within its jurisdiction pursuant to Arti-cle 34 of the New York State Environmental Conservation dered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof to Law. The Purpose of this Local Law is to repeal the "Coastal Management Hazard Area Law." The City Council finds that in repealing Chapter 121 of the Glen other persons or circum-stances, and the City Coun-cil of Glen Cove hereby declares that it would have passed this local law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent. Section 6. Repeal. This local

Cove City Code in its entire-ty and returning control of the coastal erosion manage-ment program back to the Department of Environment law hereby repeals Chapter 121 of the Glen Cove City Code in its entirety. All ordinances, local laws and parts Conservation, the Depart ment of Environment Conservation will continue to thereof inconsistent with enforce, regulate and implement the requirements of Article 34 of the New York this local law are hereby repealed. Section 7. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home

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tion, the Municipal Home Rule Law, or any other applicable statute. This local

Law shall supersede any inconsistent local law.
Section 4. Rules and Regula-

tions. The City Council is authorized to adopt rules and regulations, by resolu-

tion, to further implement

the provisions of this local

Section 5. Severability. If any part or provision of this local law or the application

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Photos by Elisa Dragotto



(top) There was quite a view available at Sea Cliff's Veterans Park.

(left) One of the many Victorian styled homes in Sea Cliff that looked like a winter postcard.

(top right) The ducks enjoyed Mill Pond in Glen Cove regardless of the frigid temperatures.



Glen Cove City Council repeals local coastal erosion law

By Lissa Harris

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The Glen Cove City Council voted to repeal the Chapter 121 "Coastal Erosion Hazard Area Law," a city ordinance, at the Jan. 10 meeting. The repeal of the law will give the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) control over specific areas of the city's coast through its Coastal Erosion Management Permit Program.

The council had tabled the resolution at the Dec. 27 meeting after residents of Glen Cove and surrounding towns expressed concern about the resolution.

Glen Cove resident and former town councilman, Steve Gonzales, questioned the council's decision in repealing the law. "Back in 1989 we voted to enact this law so Glen Cove could take control of its own coasts," Gonzales said, referring to

the Coastal Erosion Area Law section of the city ordinance. "I think you guys are making a major mistake."

Charles McQuair, the city attorney, responded, saying that the city was incapable of maintaining the specific coastal areas from Morgan Beach to Prybil Beach. "Economics of the matter demand that we give back control to the DEC," McQuair explained. "The only thing that's happening here is that the DEC is taking the program back."

Glen Cove resident Glen Howard agreed with the council's decision. "This makes sense," Howard said, during the public comment period of the meeting. "Anything with coastal erosion that the city decides to do, the state still has preemptive rights anyway."

The resolution passed unanimously.



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