



Knighly News

Glen Cove High School's Student Newspaper

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GC Masquers Sparkles with The Little Mermaid

by Phoebe George



photo: Lisa Viscovich

On the second weekend in April, Glen Cove High School Masquers beckoned creatures big and small into our auditorium, promising an unforgettable trip under the sea and that promise was delivered. For this year's spring musical, the Glen Cove High School Masquers put on a production of Disney's classic *The Little Mermaid*. In great contrast from the fall's production of *The Laramie Project*, *The Little Mermaid* is much more cheerful and colorful when delivering its messaging and is not niche by any sense of the term. Mr. Norris, GC's High School's Choral Director noted that this show's fame, in fact, would only make the cast and crew push itself harder, as they had a lot to live up to. Needless to say, the Masquers put on three dazzling performances, along with a district tour to advertise the show to every school in the district. The children of Glen Cove got to meet their favorite mermaids and watch them bring Ariel's story to life on stage that following week. After the performances, Norris said that he has never seen anything like this production on our stage before.

The audience's experience of joy when watching the production was not unbeknownst to the cast, crew and directors. After all, they had their immense cut of the enjoyment during the rehearsal process. Many members of the cast noted how throughout the rehearsals of this production, they had seen the most improvement from every

single member of the cast than they had seen in any production before. That is to say the extreme amount of work the cast put into their character, their songs and the show in general was thoroughly evident. Aiden Van Ommeren who played Prince Eric captured the audience with his song of longing "Her Voice." Paloma Supicia who played the Sea Witch Ursula kept the audience on the edge of their seats with her evil ballads throughout the show. The ensemble knocking everyone's socks off in songs such as the classic *Under the Sea*, and bringing the insanity of *Les Poissons* within reach of the audience, running down the aisles to catch our Sebastian (Andrew Ginez), to cook him in Chef Louis' (played by Michael Renga) big copper pot! The production's Ariel put the impact the show had on us best when she said, "Being a part of the *Little Mermaid* will be something I remember for the rest of my life. The lights, the music, the passion that I experienced being a part of something so creative and beautiful really changed a lot for me, and I'll take everything I learned throughout."

Besides the cast, the unsung heroes of the crew also found themselves challenged by this show's many demands, but as always, came out on top and set the stage in a way that immersed our audience in the many unforgettable underwater and on shore locations. Compared to past spring musicals, *The Little Mermaid* had some technologi-

cal demands that the cast and crew had to adapt to. The audience was dazzled by the massive projector screen setup, transporting the audience to places such as the blue lagoon featured in song "Kiss the Girl," and the palace featured in song "Beyond my Wildest Dreams." Along with this, the cast and crew with massive help from Daniel Rios, Dakota's father, used new materials such as spray foam and spray paint to put together the set pieces. Many of our set pieces were rented from professional facilities, making sure we matched our professional level cast, crew and directors with set pieces on their level, one of which was Ursula's shell. Controlled with an LED remote, Ursula's shell pulsed with dark magic as evil as her plans.

Kasey Miller returned as stage manager, along with new stage manager Gianna Gonzales, being the glue that held this production together. They also had something to say about their experience. Kasey noted that "stage managing *The Little Mermaid* was unlike anything I've ever done before", and that "the show turned out better than I ever could have imagined." Gianna echoed many of the cast and crew's assertions about the production, saying, "Seeing everyone's growth since the very beginning was the best thing I have ever seen as a stage manager."

Just like with every spring musical, we said farewell to our class of 2024 seniors, as this was

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GC Masquers Little Mermaid

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their last production at Glen Cove High School. Backstage after the last show there were many tearful farewells, the senior's receiving commemorative roses for their efforts towards our theatrical program. Senior Daniel Hernandez said that, "I wouldn't have wanted to end my GC Masquers career any other way than with an incredible, talented and hardworking cast. The feeling is bitter-sweet. However, I enjoyed and loved every single rehearsal and show that I was able to be a part of. Masquers had opened up a new side of myself that I never knew existed. That being said, I'll forever be grateful and appreciative of such a special and wonderful program."

Well said Daniel.



Film Review

Spirited Away

by Mariah Cueva

Hayao Miyazaki has recently won the Oscar for best animated feature for his latest film, *The Boy And The Heron*, beating other quality features such as *Spider-man: Across the Spider-Verse*, *Nimona*, *Robot Dreams* and *Elemental*. However, this isn't the first time that he's won this award. On March 10, 2003, Studio Ghibli's *Spirited Away* won best animated feature. Despite the film being made in 2001 in Japan, millions of children all over the world fell for the film. Miyazaki founded Studio Ghibli in June of 1985 with Isao Takahata, Miyazaki's fellow director and Toshio Suzuki as his producer. What started as a passion for art and animation turned into the home of Japan's highest grossing films. The inspiration for his hit movie was that he wanted to make a movie about the people he spent time with on a summer vacation. As a homage to the time they spent together, *Spirited Away* gained popularity for its dream-like sequence that captivated both young and old audiences alike. The film was so well known that there was even a musical production in 2021- 20 years after the original release. The legacy still stands strong to this day for being the movie that unified Japanese culture with the rest of the globe.



Ogino, whose life was turned upside down when her parents decided to move away to the suburbs. When they suddenly stop to explore an abandoned amusement park, her parents see delicious food prepared on tables with seemingly no one around. Tired from the long journey, they take the food for themselves and devour the food bit by bit. As Chihiro desperately pleads with her mom and dad to take her home, she feels uneasy being in a strange place. She turns to go back in the car, but loses track of where they parked the car. As she goes back to where her parents are, only to see that they have turned into giant pigs. When Chihiro then runs away, the light turns on and suddenly millions upon millions of spirits appear, making her bump into Haku, a human-like

spirit, who would then go on to explain that the park is a place where spirits go to rest and take a bath. Haku feels a need to help Chihiro and tells her that the only way to save her and her parents is by getting a job at the bathhouse working for Yubaba, the main antagonist.

Chihiro is a strong-willed girl who doesn't go down quickly. Even in her moments of weakness, she gets back on track in order to protect the people she loves. Actresses, Rumi Hiiragi (Japanese dub voice actress) and Daveigh Chase (English dub voice actress) portray her voice with such emotion to play a young girl who carries a heavy burden. The main characters as well as the side characters are woven so intricately into the story such as "No Face", who were made to have a deeper meaning behind who they are. "No Face" is meant to represent loneliness and seeking validation in self-destructive ways. Another amazing detail that needs to be pointed out is that the backgrounds are stunning considering all the time and effort that went into the final piece. This is definitely a movie I would rewatch with friends and family for years to come.

Spirited Away is a beautifully written story about a girl who goes into a spectacular world to save her parents. I would also recommend *Coraline*, *A Whisker Away* and *The Girl Who Leapt Through Time*. For more Studio Ghibli, you can watch *My Neighbor Totoro*, *Howl's Moving Castle* and *From Up On Poppy Hill*.

Concert Review

Mitski at the Kings Theatre

by Phoebe Pinder

In September of 2023, indie rock singer Mitski released a new album called “The Land is Inhospitable and So Are We.” It was her seventh album, and it was nothing less than bewitching and breathtaking. I had the absolute pleasure and privilege to be able to go to a show in Mitski’s North American Tour. She spent 7 days in New York City.

I went to see her on her last day in New York at King’s Theater in Brooklyn. I met up with some friends and then we all joined the line waiting to get into the venue. As we were waiting, I saw Mitski’s name on the marquis framed in lights. The building was absolutely gorgeous. The gilded rooms and lush red carpets and curtains were a theme throughout the entire place. Just standing in the main atrium I was astounded by high ceilings and awe-inspiring gilded Corinthian columns. Those columns were so huge that if two people wrapped their arms around one of them, their fingers would not touch. The actual theater was filled with red velvet seats, beautiful ceilings as well as intricate moldings and columns. There was a huge piece of white fabric onto which white lights were being projected on from behind.

My friend and I waited anxiously for Mitski to come on. When her shadow appeared on the white fabric, there was thunderous applause and cheering. The instrumentals kicked in and she started singing. From that point on, they’re just amazing memories. Not only does Mitski sing beautifully, but she has choreography that helps to tell a beautiful story with all her songs. I know from interviews that she worked very hard with a choreographer over many months to come up with and perfect her movements during her performances. The lighting for this show was an integral part of the performance and was absolutely gorgeous. From using the lights as a cage to slow dancing with a spotlight, the visuals of this show were absolutely stunning.

The newest album opens with the song “Bug Like an Angel,” in which the thoughts of an alcoholic are described. Mitski incorporates surprising elements that just add so much ambiance and storytelling to the song, such as the gospel choir in this tune. “Buffalo Replaced” is a great song, with lots of feeling embedded in it. It has some country influence, and I feel like I can hear the hammers building the railroads that run towards the West where all the buffalo live.



“Heaven” is a sweet love song. It has a simple chord progression, but sounds beautiful. It has that airy, ascending feel to it. “The Deal,” feels like pure poetry. With the sudden change in volume at times, it is just that much more heart-wrenching. “My Love Mine All Mine” is one of the more popular songs in this album and rightfully so. The theme is something I can personally relate to and this song is a graceful, lovely way to explore the emotion of love.

I didn’t talk about all the songs in the new album here, but believe me, I could talk about any one of Mitski’s songs for hours.

During the concert, there were a few times when Mitski spoke directly to the audience and she was so sweet, and told the crowd about a few dogs she had met earlier that day. The audience was a great crowd as well. They were respectful, but also energetic, and had good etiquette. Many fans of Mitski know that she is a private person and actually doesn’t really care for fame that much. She is not on any social media at all, yet social media is really how she gained a large part of her following. She didn’t have the traditional “hit single”, but her music reached people through the internet, gaining popularity on TikTok many times. Even “My Love Mine All Mine” is the most well-known song from her newest album because of TikTok. Some people don’t like the attention some of her songs get on the platform, although some do. In the end, Mitski doesn’t have the traditional fanbase or rise to fame, but is pretty well-known and is an amazing artist no matter how many people are listening to her.

Overall, Mitski’s new album and her North American tour are absolutely stunning and deserve so much praise. The ethereal feel that Mitski evokes is one that is unique to her and going to a concert of hers was an amazing experience

Movie Review

Damsel

by Chance Costa



Damsel is a 2024 fantasy and adventure PG-13 film directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo and produced by Joe Roth, Chris Castaldi and Jeff Kirschenbaum. The film is about a young woman who accepts to marry a prince, only for it all to really be a trap in disguise. She’s thrown into a cave and has to survive with a dragon. The actors in this movie are Millie Bobby Brown as Princess Elodie, Nick Robinson as Prince Henry, Angela Bassett as Lady Bayford, Ray Winstone as Lord Bayford, Robin Wright as the queen, Brooke Carter as Floria and Shohreh Aghdashloo as the Dragon.

The film is really well made, with the scenes being shot perfectly. The suspense and tension that builds up during certain parts of the movie really add onto the already-menacing tone of the movie. When something doesn’t happen for a few seconds, it leaves you wondering if something is going to happen, just for it to turn out to be nothing major. The continuous build up of suspense, paired with the scenes filled with action really brings the good out of the film. It starts off with a calm and mostly laid back tone, then suddenly jumps into a more rushful and anticipated atmosphere.

Each of the scenes inflict various emotions into the viewer-some of them being suspenseful or simply unnerving. The graphics and details are amazing, paired with the acting and ambience. Despite having some mixed reviews, it still managed to make a well-developed film with its \$70,000,000 budget. I can say that depending on the audience watching the film, it can be either a really good watch or could be something criticized by many. I personally think the movie was a success in many ways and does not have too many issues with it, if you can point out any at all.

Some of the notable actors in this movie are Millie Bobby Brown, who plays Eleven in the popular science fiction and horror series, Stranger Things. Angela Bassett is also known for playing the queen in both Black Panther movies and 9-1-1-another popular drama series. My overall view on Damsel is that it was a success, despite the mixed reviews and opinions that others may have. It did pretty well with its budget and is still a worthwhile watch to anyone looking for an interesting fantasy/adventure flic.

Clubbing: Student Senate

by Natalie Macnow

The Student Senate is a club that's not only led by Mrs. Corrigan, but by students who were voted in by their peers. These students are chosen through an election between grade levels. The election allows students to vote through the school website's page under Clubs & Activities, which is also where you can find more information about the club itself.

These elections decide the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of each grade. Currently, there are 13 members with a maximum of 16. These 13 members help represent the school and what the student body wants. The meetings take place every Tuesday in room 125A. Student Senate works with the school administration and groups like Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and Booster Club to plan events throughout the school year.

The Student Senate comes up with events that can help benefit the community and boost morale throughout the school. These main events consist of Pep Rally, the Blood Drive, the Red and Green Games and Spirit Week. The activities are predetermined, but members are always able to get everything necessary done without cutting too close to the deadlines that they have.

Members help boost student excitement and morale for events like these with flyers that they post throughout the school building. Student Senate is how each class gets a choice for the Prom! The funds that they make affect us as students directly in what they want and need as groups of people. The activities of these events are decided by the students, so if you have any input on what should be done, please contact the members if you're interested!

Mrs. Corrigan, the teacher running the group, has been working with the Student Senate for 2 years. When interviewed, she stated that she has a lot of fun working with the club, enjoys the spirit and the fact that different grades and students are working together. An example of this is with the blood drives, with the positive outcomes of students donating their time, as well as blood, to help other people. As well as talking to Mrs. Corrigan, the *Knightly News* had the opportunity to talk with one of the sophomore members in the senate, Boglarka Molnar. Bogi, as she is known by her peers, has stated how her favorite event that she had



EID MUBARAK EID AL-FITR

by Nawar Ahammed

Eid al-Fitr is a special celebration in the Islamic faith that marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting. It's a time of joy and gratitude for Muslims all around the world. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset, abstaining from food and drink and focusing on prayer, reflection as well as acts of charity. The purpose of Ramadan is to observe a period of fasting, prayer, reflection and self-discipline. It is considered one of the Five Pillars of Islam and holds great significance for Muslims. During Ramadan, Muslims focus on spiritual growth, developing self-control and deepening their connection with Allah.

It is a time of purification, increased devotion and the aforementioned acts of charity. Ramadan serves as a reminder of the blessings in life and encourages empathy and compassion towards those less fortunate. It is a time of self-reflection, seeking forgiveness and strengthening one's faith. Ultimately, the purpose of Ramadan is to attain spiritual enlightenment and draw closer to Allah.

helped organize was spirit week since everyone can ask around and make the week super diverse. She likes being able to help organize events throughout the school with the other members.

Through this, it can allow the members to be more confident in themselves. There are lots of opportunities to open their eyes as well, such as when they had gone on a trip to sing songs for people. Even with the work that the student senate does, the members aren't put under huge amounts of pressure and still have freedom through the work they do.

As the school year is nearing the end, the student senate will be wrapping up its work for the year. However, there is always next year and new members will be voted in by the classes.



Eid al-Fitr is a time for Muslims to come together with family and friends to celebrate the completion of this spiritual journey. It begins with a special prayer at the mosque, followed by a festive gathering where people exchange greetings, give gifts and enjoy delicious food. It's a time of unity, forgiveness and spreading happiness.

This celebration is a beautiful way to honor the values of Ramadan and to express gratitude for the blessings received throughout the month. It's a time to reflect on the importance of faith, community and compassion. Eid al-Fitr is truly a joyous occasion for Muslims worldwide. Other schools nationwide and on Long Island are observant of this holiday. Currently, there are 22 schools on Long Island who observe EID according to *Newsday*. This is a start. However, our district does not and we would like to change that since this is an extremely important religious holiday celebrated by many.

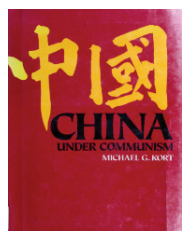


with Art Educator: Ms. Doughty

Junior Artists visit GCHS

Two Connelly students, Julie S., 3rd grade & Mackenzie A, 4th grade, were picked to visit the art department at GCHS recently. Both were deemed exceptional and invited to make the trip up to the HS. They followed a schedule that included 6 periods of art from Ceramics to Drawing and Painting. Mr Klatsky- Connelly principal conveyed: "The girls were telling us how kind everyone was to them and how much they learned in just one day. We can't thank you enough for this amazing experience."

English classes at the high school use a portion of their class time for Independent Reading, where students and teachers select a book of their choice to read freely. Each month the Knightly News will talk to one teacher and one student to share their thoughts about what they're currently reading. Here's what they had to say:



Emerson Aquino
China Under Communism
by Michael G.Kort

Would you recommend this book to someone? Why or why not?

I would recommend it to someone who is interested in history, the development of early civilizations of humanity and new human settlements.

Why do you think other readers would enjoy it? Why did you enjoy it (if you did) or why didn't you (if you didn't)?

Like I said, if someone likes history and the development of early civilizations then they will love this book. Personally, I'm enjoying the book and even though I'm not done, I already know enough to give it a good review.

What ages or types of readers do you think would like the book?

Personally, I think anyone who likes history, no matter what age, would enjoy this book.

How much did you know about this book before picking it up? What surprised you the most about the book?

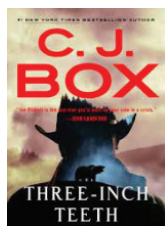
I kind of knew about this topic because I love history and I mostly read history books. Plus, my background knowledge because I'm very enthusiastic about history.

How thought-provoking did you find the book? Did the book change your opinion about anything, or did you learn something new from it? If so, what?

One thing that I was wrong about is that the system of ideas known as Confucianism is that I thought it was going to be just peace and love, but I found out that it was a very cruel system, and that if you didn't follow the rules, you were sentenced to death.

How did the book make you feel? Did it evoke any emotions? Make you laugh, cry, or cringe?

Personally, I think that a history book does not make you have any emotions, but excitement about what you are reading and learning from the past.



Ms.Noonan
Three-Inch Teeth
by CJ Box

Would you recommend this book to someone? Why or why not?

Yes, because it's a mystery, suspenseful and the nature setting alone in the national parks of Wyoming is beautiful.

Why do you think other readers would enjoy it? Why did you enjoy it (if you did) or why didn't you (if you didn't)?

I think people would enjoy it because it combines the dangers of animals and nature, with the dangers of humans. Law enforcement, is not your typical police investigation, but rather a park ranger doing the investigating.

What ages or types of readers do you think would like the book

Anybody who likes suspense or mystery and anybody who is in high school would enjoy this book.

How much did you know about this book before picking it up? What surprised you the most about the book?

Well this is the 24th book in the series and I have read all of them! So I am very familiar with all the characters. However, the beginning of this book was extremely surprising to me and caught me off guard.

How thought-provoking did you find the book? Did the book change your opinion about anything, or did you learn something new from it? If so, what?

It's not so much thought-provoking as much as it teaches me a lot about how national parks work to conserve animals and nature, as well as how hunting seasons impact that area of the country and the survival of certain species.

How did the book make you feel? Did it evoke any emotions? Make you laugh, cry, or cringe?

It is definitely heart stopping, where it makes you gasp regarding the dangerous encounters with wildlife. The author makes you feel the panic of the characters in those situations.



Oppenheimer
Yet Another
Masterpiece
from Chris Nolan
by Dante Tailsayay

Christopher Nolan hits another one out of the park with this biography behind the “Father of the Atomic Bomb”, J. Robert Oppenheimer (portrayed by Peaky Blinders star Cillian Murphy), an American physicist who helped develop the first nuclear weapons during the Second World War. The film chronicles Oppenheimer’s studies, his direction of the Los Alamos Laboratory and his fall from grace due to his 1954 security hearing, though he was awarded with political rehabilitation the following decade, and the federal government vacated the 1954 revocation of his security clearance in 2022.

We’re introduced to Oppenheimer in 1926 when he’s 22, studying experimental physics at the University of Cambridge. He deals with anxiety and homesickness. One day, he got upset with his professor’s attitude towards him, and while no one’s in the room, leaves the professor an apple laced with cyanide. But later on, he thinks through and gets rid of it before his superior can take a bite out of it. Though most of this was accurate in real life, the difference of the outcome is very different compared to the movie since a tutor discovered the poisoned apple and Oppenheimer ended up in very hot water.

Back to the film though, Oppenheimer later completes his PhD and begins teaching at the University of California, Berkeley and the California Institute of Technology under the goal of wanting to expand quantum physics research in the U.S. During this time, he marries his wife Katherine, a biologist and ex-communist. But he later has an affair with a troubled communist psychiatrist named Jean Tatlock.

When nuclear fission was discovered in 1938, Oppenheimer realizes it could be weaponized. Of course, the war breaks out in 1939 when Hitler invades Poland. In 1942, U.S. Army Colonel Leslie Groves, director of the Manhattan Project, recruits Oppenheimer as the director of the Los Alamos Laboratory to develop an atomic bomb. Oppenheimer fears the German nuclear research program, led by Heisenberg, might yield a fission bomb for the Nazis.

Oppenheimer then collaborates with other scientists, although one scene involves one of them

Glen Cove Goes Solar Eclipse Crazy

by Peyton Angalet

On April 8th, students at Glen Cove High School were able to witness the rare event of a solar eclipse. A total solar eclipse, where the moon completely blocks out the sun, has the chance of occurring in a single place as few as every 350 years. Though we did not experience a total eclipse in Glen Cove, almost 90% of the sun was covered by the moon! The Science National Honor Society spent the day handing out ISO-certified solar eclipse glasses, so students could safely view the eclipses through the dark lenses. After dismissal, the Science National Honor Society hosted a viewing party in which students went out on the newly-installed GC athletic field to watch the eclipse, starting at 2:30 PM and watching the eclipse peak at 3:26 PM. Students



photo: Lisa Viscovich

were able to observe the moon passing over the sun through telescopes provided by SNHS advisor, Mr. Bilder. The 2024 Solar Eclipse made for a remarkable celestial event to kick off the start of spring!

“I think the whole event/experience worked out very well; we had a ton of student participation to see a once in a lifetime astronomical event,” said Mr. Bilder.

Red & Green Games

by Peyton Angalet

Every year for the annual Glen Cove Red & Green Games, community members of all ages gather to cheer on their team to victory. In early March, students from each school were encouraged to participate in a variety of games, including dance battles, basketball, dodgeball and many more. With Gribbin and Connelly students competing for the Green Team, Deasy and Landing students played for Big Red. After Red’s victory last year, everyone sat in anticipation to see if Red could maintain the title, or if Green would step it up and triumph. As the night progressed, both teams racked up points and fueled friendly competition after each game. The night boiled down to the famous final event, Tug-of-War. High school students took their places on either side of the rope and after a hefty fight, Green Team managed the hard-earned win and took home the trophy. Principal Hudson, a devout Green Team member, states why the Games are so important, “It brings the community together... and everyone just has a great time.”

For senior and winning green member Ruben Martinez, participating in the games for the third year in row brings some bittersweet memories. “I remember when I heard the whistle that we had won the tug-of-war to win the games overall I was happy that I would go out with a bang, leave something behind and it would be something great to remember. It was a beautiful moment to share with my peers since some of them I may not see again,” he said.



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Get To Know Your Glen Cove Lax Players

With spring sports well under way, the Knightly News spoke to a few GC Lacrosse Players to get to know them a little better and see how the season is progressing. Here’s what they had to say.



Boys Lacrosse-Mateo Cameron

I became interested in Lacrosse at age 5 when...I remembered my friends were going to play lacrosse and I decided to try it out. I instantly fell in love with the game.

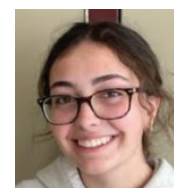
My favorite athlete is...Jason Kelsey.

The thing I love about varsity lacrosse is...the coaches.

My goal this year is to...go All-County.

The team I want to beat the most is Carey because...there’s a kid on the other team that I would like to get the best of.

I realized that goalie was the position for me when...nobody else wanted to and I was not scared to try things, so I gave it a shot.



Girls Lacrosse-Madison Kaffl

I became interested in Lacrosse when...at age 10, my parents started a team so all my friends and I could play and fell in love with it.

My favorite athlete is...I admire them all cuz of the competition that goes with it.

The thing I love about varsity lacrosse is...playing with all my friends and I feel like our team is very close and so it’s always fun to play with them.

My goal this year is to...continue winning games and having fun.

The team I want to beat the most is...I really can’t think of one, so I’ll say all of them.

I realized that midfield was the position for me when...it allowed me to always be a part of the game that’s going on.

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Mr. Lombardo & Mr.O’Donnell

expressing to Oppenheimer that he fears that the detonation of the bomb could potentially end up destroying the world. So Oppenheimer consults with the legendary Albert Einstein and concludes those chances are acceptably low. The scientist who feared the bomb would destroy the world, Edward Teller, attempts to leave the project, but Oppie convinces him to stay.

As we know, the atomic bomb was eventually developed, successfully tested in the New Mexico desert and dropped on two major cities in Japan-Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japan finally surrenders on August of 1945, with the official end of the war taking place in early September, six years to the day the war started.

Though he was successful in ending the war, Oppenheimer is haunted by the destruction and fatalities caused by the bomb. After Oppenheimer expresses his plea to cease further atomic development to President Harry Truman, only for the President to berate him and dismiss his plea.

Oppenheimer Another Masterpiece

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AEC (Atomic Energy Commission) advisor Lewis Strauss tries to ruin Oppenheimer's career due to a petty grudge and believed Oppenheimer denigrated him in front of Einstein, though it's later revealed that Oppenheimer never did such a thing. Although he succeeds in getting Oppenheimer's security clearance revoked, it is all for nothing as his petty and vindictive behavior is revealed at the hearing, publicly humiliating him and effectively ending his political career before being rehabilitated in 1963 by President Kennedy.

As for what I think of the film, it's excellent, even if I was bothered by the 3-hour runtime of the movie. Christopher Nolan's greatest work may still be *The Dark Knight* (2008), but *Oppenheimer* is up there with some of his other greatest works. Though it lost to its competition in theaters like *Bar-*

bie in terms of box office numbers, *Oppenheimer* would win something much, much bigger.

At the Oscars this past March, *Oppenheimer* won big. Amassing seven awards including Best Actor (Cillian Murphy), Best Supporting Actor (Robert Downey Jr.), Best Director (Christopher Nolan), Best Original Score (Ludwig Göransson), and of course, Best Picture. So while it may have lost to *Barbie* in the whole "*Barbenheimer*" phenomenon at the box office, Christopher Nolan's work had the last laugh by winning at the signature award ceremony.

Oppenheimer is currently available to stream on Peacock, so if you have the time, boot up the streaming service, and enjoy this latest work by Nolan, who is on his way to cementing himself as one of the all-time great directors.

Glen Cove Unveils New Athletic Field *by Furkan Efe Ozdemir*



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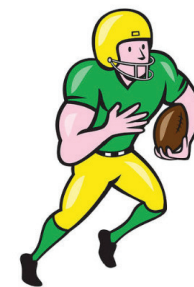
Attention Glen Cove High School! Our new turf field is complete, thanks to our loving community and the efforts of the GC Athletic department. A collaboration between the community and our school led to the decision of a new turf field as a way to revive the high school. With more and more schools on Long Island switching to turf and the impact of colder weather in the northeast in general, the decision is a no brainer. With the bond proposal and the community's support, the new athletic field is a perfect complement to upgrades made on the school itself.

The bond that allowed the building of a turf field was passed in December of 2022 after the preparations and waiting until the end of the school

year. The construction began in August 2023 and the new field will be available to all and will cater to lacrosse, football, soccer and track. With its increased durability, the field will not be affected by most weather conditions and will show better efficiency

The head of GC Athletic Department, Ms. Riso, expressed sincere thanks to the community for their support and the teamwork, adding, "I think all the students will be excited to play on the field with pride and joy with the new field boosting our morale. We are all going into a new season in hopes of boasting our new vibrant colors that catch your eye from anywhere and everywhere."

The state-of-the-art turf field was unveiled back in mid-March with a lovely ribbon-cutting cer-



emony that was attended by Dr. Rianna, Dr. Doeschner, Ms. Galante, Mr. DiNapoli and Mr. Hudson. To top it off, Glen Cove won their first game on the field—a thrilling 9-8 victory over East Meadow in double overtime. The Knights were down 8-2 at halftime, but came back to tie the score at the end of regulation courtesy of 15 saves from Matteo Cameron and 5 goals from Nick Ladeairous. Senior Cameron Staley expressed the excitement on behalf of the entire team, "We've been waiting for so long; it's such a big improvement and we were all so excited to have the opportunity. We know how great it is and will be for the future of our school and team."

The excitement for the future of Glen Cove Athletics is bright, not only for the athletes, but for all the events happening there as well. After all, Homecoming 2024 is right around the corner. In the end, we are one big family and should be proud of ourselves for our achievements and improvements.

World Cup USA?...Great Time if You Can Afford It by Ben Brenner



As you may know, the World Cup is coming to North America in 2026. Co-hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada, this is the first time this quadrennial event will be co-hosted by more than one nation. Furthermore, the 2026 installment will be an expanded event, ballooning from the usual 32 to a gaudy 48 teams, meaning everyone should be able to get their hands on a ticket, right?

Well not so fast. Limited access and the likely anticipation of skyrocketing prices on primary and secondary markets will likely leave the average American watching on their TV screen at home, rather than cheering in the stands of MetLife Stadium, AT&T Stadium in Texas or SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles just to name a few. The problem is there is a potential for tickets to be gobbled up when they initially go on sale and then having to pay jacked-up prices once they hit secondary markets.

Case in point: the Copa America will also be taking place this summer in the United States. Since the U.S. successfully hosted the Copa America Centenario in 2016, the powers that be thought to run it back again this summer in an expanded form since Ecuador declined as the initial hosts. However, get ready to possibly sell your kidney since ticket prices on secondary markets are already through the roof! Throw in the fact that this might be Lionel Messi's final international tournament with Argentina and you can see why prices will be astronomical. The tickets on secondary markets like *Seat Geek* are already as high as \$340 on secondary markets with the lowest prices going under at \$45 to see the least desirable teams. Logic dictates you will have to fork over the big money to see the likes of Argentina, Brazil or Columbia.

Ticket prices will largely depend on what countries are playing in each match and what round it is in the tournament. The World Cup final at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey could hit Super Bowl-level prices, but the group stage matches should be more affordable. With that being said, tickets for the more high profile teams will be harder to get, leaving you with tickets to see countries you know little about, let alone can pronounce. If you think you're gonna see the likes of Kylian Mbappe, Jude Bellingham or Vinicius Junior, you better have a hefty bank account or "know a guy who knows a guy" if you know what I mean. Unfortunately, you might have to battle traffic and settle for an "intriguing matchup" between Uzbekistan against Panama (meh), thanks to the newly bloated format.

Or maybe you want to see the country you live in? Good luck with that. The United States has all three of their group stage matches on the west coast, with matches in Seattle and Los Angeles, so you better have your Delta SkyMiles Club number ready to go. To be fair, the U.S. will likely play their first knockout stage game on the east coast in Philadelphia on Fourth of July no less, meaning you would have to blow off the family barbecue and disappoint mom and dad.

The 16 host cities across three countries did not know which matches they would be allocated until Gianni Infantino, president of world governing body FIFA, made the announcements in a live televised show, saying the 2026 tournament would be "the biggest spectacle the world has ever seen". With that being said, corporate sponsors also get their fair share of seats, meaning you might have to know somebody who works for a Fortune 500 com-

pany or on Wall Street. Know anyone? Yeah I didn't think so.

For the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, tickets first went on sale in January 2022 for the World Cup, which started in November of 2022. Based on that cycle, be ready to buy tickets in late 2025 or early 2026 if you're hoping to purchase them at face value. First, there are tickets allocated to member associations of the two countries playing against each other in a given match. These are generally given to supporters on the basis of loyalty, for example, by points built up from following the country in qualifiers. However, if you're a casual fan or never made it to a qualifier, you may get left out.

Ultimately, we don't want to be a Debbie Downer when it comes to watching arguably the greatest tournament in the world in your own backyard. You just want to taper those expectations...oh, and start saving now!

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