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The sounds of popular music genres such as R&B, jazz fusion/pop and a cappella will fill the NYC6 Theatre at Westbury at 7 p.m. Sunday, when both **Take 6** and **The Manhattan Transfer** perform. **ADMISSION** \$44.50-\$99.50 **INFO** 800-745-3000, ticketmaster.com



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The bibs will be tucked in and the timer set. Round 1 of the 2016 **College Wing Eating Championship** starts at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at Molloy College in **Rockville Centre** at the outdoor Madison Court Fair (noon-5 p.m.). **ADMISSION** Free **INFO** 516-233-0366, rybestwingseating.com



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Owner Kelly Dorozan helps Nancy Worden with a project at Craftree, one of several LI studios offering adult sewing lessons.

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Adult sewing classes tailored to modern tastes

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Colorful beach cover-ups, faux leather tote bags, trendy maxi skirts — not exactly the sewing projects your mother used to make. Modern sewing classes are having a moment on Long Island, with several spots offering workshops in which even newbies can churn out a pretty and practical project in a single sitting.

"The last time I sewed was when I made a pillow in eighth grade," says Erin Cicalose, 35, laughing, at a recent Friday night "Sip & Stitch" session at The Fashion Class sewing school in Merrick. But soon she —

along with her sister Kelly Crogan, 33, and their mother, Elizabeth Byrne, 63, all of Merrick — are measuring and tracing a pattern on the fabric they'll be learning to cut and sew into a stylish tote bag. Then comes wine,



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Students work on useful and contemporary projects in class.

cheese and socializing.

Owner Kerri Quigley is seeing a greater interest in the craft. "I think sewing is coming back, and the interest in do-it-yourself is huge," says Quigley, who owns a second location in Manhattan. "Everyone loves to be able to say, 'I made that,' whether it's a skirt, bag or throw pillow."

There's a similar sentiment at Craftree in Huntington, where a Tuesday morning finds friends Nancy Worden and Lisa Olson of Lloyd Harbor measuring and cutting some nenskid backing to be sewn onto fabric bins that will corral books, toys and other stuff in their kids' rooms.

"I have so much fun here," says Worden, 38, a stay-at-home mother of three, who was excited to use her new sewing machine on the colorful dinosaur print. For Olson, 36, Craftree's mini series of sewing lessons for adults has given her a chance to finally use tools that have been sitting idle for years. Says Olson, "I used to be scared of my sewing machine."

ON THE COVER Kerri Quigley, owner of The Fashion Class in Merrick, works on a faux leather tote at a recent workshop.

