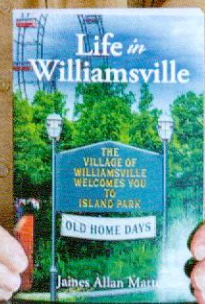


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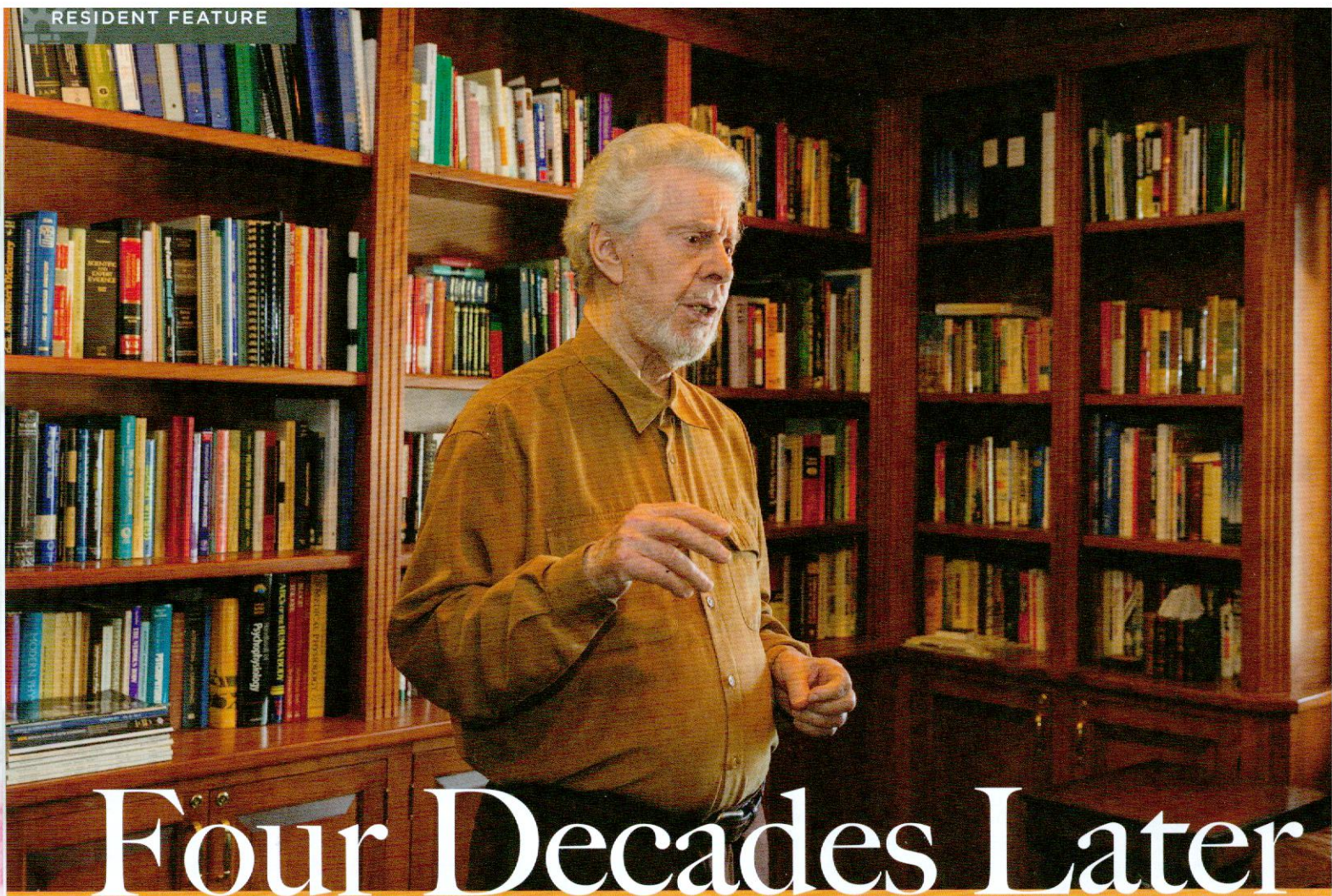
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Four Decades Later

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Happy April, Williamsville! This month we want you to get to know local Williamsville resident, veteran, and author Jim Matte. Before we dive in, let's wish Jim a belated Happy 91st Birthday (March 10). Jim has lived in the Williamsville area for over four decades in his home overlooking Ellicott Creek, which he purchased because of the creek view for its "beauty and therapeutic effect".

Jim mentioned that "the Village of Williamsville is a joyful and peaceful community with an abundance of trees and well-maintained vegetation. I consider my house on Brookside Drive my "Shangri-La" where I get all my inspiration for the writing of my fifteen novels. I'm presently working on novel number sixteen which takes place in South Korea and Williamsville, New York".

Between writing sixteen novels, and his extensive career, Jim has been no short of a go-getter. He received his Bachelor of Science in Criminalistics from Empire State College, State University of New York. In addition to that, he also has a Master of Science and Doctorate in Criminology from Columbia Pacific University, unaccredited. In the early days of his career, he served as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) US Air Force,

and as a Special Agent of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) US Army. He retired after 20 years of active military service. He spent half of his military career overseas including Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East.

On top of this, Jim serves as president of Matte Polygraph Service, Inc., and has since 1976. On the 4th of March 1983, Jim administered a polygraph examination using the Matte Quadri-Track Zone Comparison Technique on Khalil Islam, nee: Thomas Johnson, convicted and incarcerated at Dannemora State Prison in Upstate New York for the fatal shooting of civil rights leader Malcolm X in 1965. The polygraph test was conducted for Columbia Pictures TV Show "Lie Detector" hosted by F. Lee Bailey, attorney at law, and Ed Gelb, Past President of the APA, which was widely shown throughout the United States and Canada. The results indicated that Khalil Islam was truthful when he denied shooting Malcolm X. It was recently reported in the news media that on 18 November 2021, Khalil Islam's conviction was overturned and he was completely exonerated.

He is also the author of three textbooks and two supplements on forensic psychophysiology using the polygraph, plus more than sixty published scientific articles on that subject including two in the New York State Bar Journal, all source-listed and many available for review at www.

mattepolygraph.com. He is also the inventor and developer of several polygraph techniques being used worldwide including Russia which refers to his 800-page polygraph textbook as 'their Black Bible' due to its black cover, and also polygraphists from the Ukraine who in December 2021 received training in the Matte Quadri-Track ZCT through an international webinar held by the Academy for Scientific Investigative Training, Philadelphia, PA.

Although Jim has kept himself incredibly busy over the years in his career and writing, up until a few years ago he owned and operated a 27-foot Newport sailboat out of the Small Boat Harbor and Erie Basin Marina for 22 years. He sold the boat just a few years ago as he took on new career responsibilities as the American Editor of the International Society of Polygraph Examiners, as well as his new career being a novelist. In his youth, Jim spent time as the captain of the track and cross-country team at Forest Hills High School in Long Island, NY, as a devoted swimmer and lifeguard, and a non-professional baseball pitcher for a local baseball team in New York City. Currently in his "spare" time, the only activity Jim has time for is watching the Olympic Games.

Jim shared that despite his extensive talents in writing, his service in the military, and other accolades, unlike his family, he has no musical expertise. Jim shared his mother Noella Potvin was training to be a radio singer in Manhattan in the mid-nineteen twenties when she met and married his father Hercules Giammatteo, who used the pen names of James Matte and subsequently the pen name of Norman Ellis.

Jim's father owned a music publishing company in Manhattan, NY. He was a concert pianist, composer and author of a book titled "Instrumentation and Arranging for the Radio and Dance Orchestra" published by Roell Publications Inc. Steinway Hall in 1936 under the pen name of Norman Ellis. Under the pen name of James Matte, he did the piano solo and arrangement for Hoagy Carmichael's "Star Dust." Under the pen name of Norman Ellis, he was the musical composer of "Carelessly" the Number One Hit song in 1937.

Despite the fact that Jim does not have a ton of free time on his hands, he is hopeful to begin to travel again after

