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# Glen Cove's St. Pat's Parade



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After a two year hiatus due to the Covid crisis, the St.Patrick's Day Parade returned to Glen Cove, Sunday March 20th.



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## Leader Reporter Takes in Desperate Ukraine Refugees



*Ukrainian Refugees in Poland*  
Photo: courtesy Embassy of Poland

By CHRIS O'NEILL

**(Leader reporter Chris O'Neill together with his wife Teresa have taken into their European home in Warsaw, Poland, two refugees who escaped from the horrors of the War in Ukraine: Ludmilla and her 17 year-old son Jaroslav. This is his report:)**

According to the UN, since Feb. 24th over three million people have fled Ukraine. Of those, 2.1 million have come to Poland – with most of them finding refuge in the private homes of ordinary Polish families. Up to ten million Ukrainians are now internally displaced.

All Ukrainian refugees in Poland have free country-wide transport and free access to medical care and schools. They are in the process of receiving Polish identity numbers and have the right to work.



*Chris O'Neill at a Recent Meeting in Poland*

Ludmilla and Jaroslav fled from the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, shortly after the Russian invasion. They fled by car and gradually made the way west. A beginning driver, Ludmilla had to be guided by her husband, Ruslan, who was driving in a second car. The road signs had all been removed by the Ukrainian military to confuse the invading Russians.

When they got to the Polish border, Ruslan stayed behind. All Ukrainian men between 18 and 60 are subject to possible mobilization and cannot leave Ukraine.

Ludmilla is a bookkeeper and Ruslan is a driver – both working for the city government. They have a one-room apartment in Kiev.

For the past ten years they have been slowly building a home, to retire to, in Bucza, a small town northeast of Kiev. The invading Russian Army took Bucza last week. Then the Ukrainian Army drove them out. The town has changed hands several times. Ludmilla has now

heard that their home has been totally destroyed.

The situation in the little village where Ludmilla's elderly mother lives, also north of Kiev, has become more and more desperate. First the front was 10 miles away and then, by this past Sunday, only 3 miles away.

No one could contact her mother. All phone contact was down. The power was cut. The family was stricken with fear. Would the Russians just kill her – as they have done to thousands of Ukrainian civilians – men, women, elderly and children.

There was no contact for some time. Then, yesterday, Ludmilla's mom was

safely brought out - and into Kiev by Ruslan. Two days earlier he brought his own parents to Kiev, also from a front-line village. They are all now together in their small apartment in Kiev.

But now the Russians are closing in on Kiev. Bombing apartments to kill and panic people. Nowhere is safe.

Ruslan has been moving people out of Kiev to safer places since the beginning of the Russian invasion.

Once, a car right in front of him was shot-up by Russian soldiers, with three innocent people killed and one horribly injured.

The Russian President, Vladimir Putin, frustrated by the lack of expected success on the battlefield, has taken to attacking and bombing civilians to demoralize and just kill people.

Ludmilla is not sure what to do, or where she is going to go. She has a sister in Canada. The family has been offered refuge in Guyana in South America. But her husband is still in Ukraine.

Jaroslav, a talented beginning computer programmer likes Poland a lot, and would like to stay. Both are shocked by the destruction of their home and their lives – and pray for Putin to be defeated and to be able to go home again.

## Coyote Warnings on the North Shore



*A Coyote.* Photo courtesy of NYS SPCA

By RUPERT DEEDES

After the rash of recent coyote sightings across the north shore, local governments have issued warnings to parents and pet owners to be careful.

The Village of Lattingtown, the Town of Oyster Bay, and the Nassau County SPCA all issued advisories this week to local residents to be aware of the potential dangers.

According to New York State, there are over 30,000 coyotes in New York State, and over the last eight years or so, many of them have migrated from wild areas upstate to the suburbs, including Long Island, where food is more easily available.

The numbers of coyotes on Long Island are still small – it is estimated that there are no more than three or four dozen coyotes on the North Shore - but

their numbers will be growing fast.

SPCA experts say that typically coyotes do not attack adult people, unless cornered.

Pets and small children, however, are in danger, and should be kept indoors at night. Residents are also encouraged to fence off their back yards and make trash bins inaccessible to animals.

These experts say that if you encounter a coyote, make yourself big, wave your arms, and make loud noises. If need be, throw sticks and stones at them.

Whatever you do, do not run: If you run, the coyote sees you as a prey to be chased down and hunted.

Experts also strongly advise against feeding the animals: Coyotes are creatures of habit. You do not want to encourage them to hang around your neighborhood, or lose their fear of humans.

## Huntington Names Cepeda to Head CDA

By Priya Persaud

Angel Cepeda, a local businessman and Hispanic community leader, was appointed as the new director of the Huntington Community Development Agency (“CDA”). Cepeda was approved by a vote of 4-1 by the Huntington Town Board.

Cepeda previously served as the special assistant to Supervisor Joe Saladino in the Town of Oyster Bay. In that position, Cepeda represented the supervisor and advocated Town of Oyster Bay initiatives.

In 2015 and 2017, Cepeda ran two hard-fought campaigns for Nassau County Legislature, as the Republican nominee. Cepeda also volunteered for Councilman Sal Ferro's (R-Commack) successful campaign in the 2021 election.

“Angel Cepeda is overqualified to run the CDA, as a business owner and consultant advising organizations on how to improve operational effectiveness and



*Nick LaLota*

efficiency for the past two decades,” stated Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth (R-Lloyd Harbor). “Along with his private sector and government experience, Angel brings fresh ideas and insight to the CDA.”

Cepeda is well known across Long Island as a Hispanic community leader. He is the legislative liaison for Christians United for Israel and the founding member and

treasurer of Voices for Truth and Humanity Inc.

The position of director of the Community Development Agency demands substantial knowledge about, and extensive experience in, economic development, affordable housing, HUD requirements, administration, and grant writing.

Cepeda replaces Leah Jefferson as the new director of the Community Development Agency.

# EDITORIAL

## AMERICA'S DYING FREEDOM OF SPEECH

In 1,000 ways, big and small, free speech is being strangled in America.

Last week it was the turn of a newspaper - the Babylon Bee - that was "canceled" and "de-platformed" by "Big Tech" over a satirical article where they mocked Joe Biden's transgendered Health Secretary formerly Richard Levine, now Rachel Levine, as "Man of the Year." When otherwise mainstream - and truthful - satire and jokes are being censored, for not following a narrow political party line, then we as a society have hit a crisis point.

What makes this censorship so outrageous is that it is blatant illegal. The US Constitution Bill of Rights guarantees Freedom of Speech and the Press. That should mean the opposite of censorship.

By creating "Big Tech" Monopolies to control the internet - and then telling the Monopolies what to censor - government is destroying that Bill of Rights.

The government shaped the creation of the internet, through hundreds of billions in taxpayer subsidies and a regulatory structure set forth in the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The government's preferred internet networks - Big Tech - got the money, exemption from antitrust laws, and immunity from being sued for defamation. They became the all-powerful "information super highway" upon which all free speech and commerce now depends.

The theory was that Big Tech would be like "public utilities" - like the Electric Company or the Gas Company or the Cable Company. But then the new Big Tech billionaires and their government allies got a taste for their horrible new power. Every business, every newspaper, every TV station now depends on the internet to survive.

Just imagine if the Electric Company or the Gas Company could shut-off your power or heat because they didn't like your political opinions. Or they didn't like your religion. Or your race. What if the Electric Company could cut the power to TV stations or newspaper offices, if they didn't like a news story being reported?

Yet that is exactly what is happening. The 2020 "cancel" censorship of the New York Post - America's oldest and fourth largest newspaper - for truthfully reporting a major news story was a fatal warning. If Big Tech and government can censor the New York Post - then no one is safe. Free Speech and a Free Press are already dying.

Government created the Big Tech internet monopolies. They are a creature and a product of government. They now hold massive arbitrary power. Unless they are controlled - soon - and their power to target people is broken, then they, and their government allies, will be the uncontrollable new masters of a land of slaves and serfs.

George Orwell in his prophetic novel 1984 wrote, "Freedom is the freedom to say that two plus two equals four. If that is granted, all else follows..." Do we still have that Freedom?

*The Publisher*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*The Leader* has received several unsigned letters to the editor. We will respect an author's request for anonymity, but must have your name, address, and phone number. We want to hear from you and publish your opinions, so in the future, kindly include the above requested information.

### CONTENTION OVER PORTLEDGE "WELLNESS CENTER" EXPANSION

*To the Editor;*

On Monday, March 15th, I attended a meeting of the Matinecock Board of Zoning held at the Portledge School. The school had submitted a request for an extension of the barrier berm and privacy plantings that had been required by the board last October for construction of their internal roadway; along with a variance for approval of a new 20,000 square foot "Wellness Center."

Lawyers for Portledge presented visuals of the new building and introduced remarks by Headmaster Simon Owen-Williams who gave an eloquent plea for the need for the building to provide space for their growing school with additional classrooms, labs, and another gym. He cited to the hardships and negative consequences both physically and psychologically from Covid, and described a new Mindfulness program.

This was followed with a presentation by their architect with renderings of his appealing glass façade design whose rooftop considered the more traditional appearance of the original Portledge buildings. Further descriptions were given as to its utility with lighting and landscaping and parking for 30 cars. Sight-lines were drawn to demonstrate their view that there would not be any negative impact upon the surrounding neighbors and their properties due to any additional noise, 40 buses daily and cars traversing the new two-lane roadway which circles the school 150' from some adjacent property lines, exhaust and fumes and lighting or any other environmental concerns.

In anticipation of community objections, a change of parking design was offered, removing the spaces facing neighbors to the opposite side. A real estate appraiser from Huntington was called in to give his opinion that he felt there would not be any devaluation of surrounding properties, citing the recent sale of one adjoining home at \$5.1 million.

Mr. Turner, a lawyer for three neighbors whose properties are directly impacted said his clients did not object to the extended time request for the berm

and plantings but then did pose a few objections mostly stemming from a January 14, 2021 Zoning Board meeting where Portledge received approval for the roadway construction without mention of the impending Wellness Center.

The neighbors complained when, to their surprise, massive construction machines began loudly excavating after dark, with enormous lighting. The school claimed they had sent certified notices informing Matinecock residents of the zoning meeting, however, no one could be found who received one and it was discovered that the Post Office had signed the letters "Covid 19"; undeliverable.

Only one community member attended the January 14th meeting. The school went ahead with the construction, despite protests and attempts by the neighbors to try to come to a compromise to slightly reroute the roadway. This necessitated a class action lawsuit which was heard by the Zoning Board last October; and, with the roadway near completion at that point, the Board approved in favor of Portledge.

As an adjoining property owner, I addressed the board. I detailed a long positive relationship with Portledge for the nearly 40 years that I and my husband have lived in Matinecock. I founded the Inter-School Exchange in 1989.

Without complaint for other major construction projects of the past and not objecting to the new center; I only asked that the Wellness Center be moved away from neighbor's property lines, to the other side of the soccer field.

"We must protect our rare bucolic property from violation of not only the letter of our laws, but the spirit of our laws; lest we lose one of the only 5 acre zoning left on Long Island," I said. "And with our Governor, Kathy Hochul, trying to impose accessory dwelling units (ADUs) statewide on the property of single- and multi-family homes, that would lead to the death of suburbia and certainly, Matinecock would lose its unique appeal."

My neighbor Terry Morabito gave technical and economic reasons why the relocation of the proposed Wellness Center to the other side of the field would be advantageous to all, and why such compromise would satisfy all.

Finally, Mr. Turner concluded by pointing to Portledge's concern for student safety in traversing their new internal roadway, and the option of building a tunnel walkway under the roadway crossing or a small walkway bridge over it.

The meeting concluded with several questions by the Board who then adjourned the meeting to make their decision to be announced at a future date.

Cathy Cyphers Soref  
Locust Valley

### PRAYER WALK FOR UKRAINE

*To the Editor;*

As the events of the Ukraine have escalated, so too is the need for us to come together as one people to ask our God to help those who are suffering and, perhaps, to be the voice of reason for the leadership that is not considering human lives that are being lost, injured, or in a state of panic. We wish to gather together to pray for peace.

Thus, as a Bayville Community, knowing the power of prayer, our two houses of worship; St. Gertrude's Roman Catholic Church and The Village Church of Bayville have organized a Prayer Vigil to provide an interfaith opportunity to pray for peace in the Ukraine.

Beginning at The Village Church of Bayville at 4 pm on Sunday, March 27, 2022, please join Monsignor Robert Morrissey and Pastor Sue Cirillo in lifting up the people of the Ukraine, Russia, and beyond who have been impacted, as well as, the rest of the world who seeks peace rather than continued violence. Next, the vigil will include walking on the sidewalk to St. Gertrude's for a candle lighting ceremony and then back to The Village Church for a final prayer and benediction. Those who are unable to join in the walk between our two churches will have an opportunity to pray together at The Village Church until the procession returns to the Village Church Prayer Garden.

As always, thanks for your help and support,

Msgr. Morrissey & Pastor Cirillo

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# Op-Ed: Bad Government Policies Cause 25% Hike in Electric Bills

By **STEVE LEVY**

Many people like the idea of transitioning to cleaner alternative energies over time. But how we get there, and at what pace, can mean the difference between a logical, gradual and sustainable journey to cleaner energy, or an unrealistic sudden shut down of needed energy supplies. This could cripple our economy, make us dependent on our enemies, and cause huge increases to the average ratepayer's electric bill.

Case in point: Con Ed is raising bills by an astonishing 25% to some customers, in large part to help meet the unrealistic goals set by New York State leaders who called for a 100% reduction in carbon emissions by 2040. We applauded setting out a plan for a transition, but not an unrealistic one that may cause enormous financial dislocation. For instance, when media outlets were publishing one glowing article after another on the proposed construction of offshore wind turbines, we simply asked:



Steve Levy

How much? The actual costs to ratepayers were rarely, if ever, discussed.

When needed gas pipelines were blocked by state leaders, we asked: What will replace this power and how much will it cost? Those figures never accompanied the sanctimonious press releases by these leaders claiming to be saving civilization from the horrors of natural gas. (How ironic since the revolutionary concept of hydro fracking natural gas led to more gas plants and fewer coal plants, which helped reduce US carbon emissions by 14% over a fifteen-year period.)

There is too much hypocrisy of elected officials railing against Con Ed for their rate hike, yet never acknowledging that it was the unrealistic policies of our officials blocking gas usage, exploration and transport that led to the huge rate shock about to hit ratepayers.

It should not have come as a surprise: California, in its zeal to go zero carbon in too short a period, saw electric rates

climb to a level 60% higher than other states (not to mention their black outs due to the still unreliable nature of alternatives); Germany's elimination of nuclear energy and an overly ambitious green agenda led to their rates tripling (not to mention that they became dependent on an evil Russian government's gas pipeline to keep German lights on).

Fossil fuels will hopefully eventually be replaced by wind, solar, hydro power, and other technologies that are just now in the developmental stage. But we are not there yet.

A gradual and sensible transition will give us a cleaner planet and a sustainable economy. Acting too ambitiously, too

soon, without factoring in costs, will exact extreme financial pain on those who can least afford it and plunge hundreds of millions of people around the world back into the poverty from which they escaped over the last 50 years.

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Thursday, March 24	3:29 am	10:09 am	4:11 pm	10:25 pm
Friday, March 25	4:36 am	11:18 am	5:22 pm	11:39 pm
Saturday, March 26	5:49 am	12:29 am	6:09 pm	
		<b>LOW</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>LOW</b>
Sunday, March 27	12:53 am	7:01 am	1:37 pm	7:41 pm
Monday, March 28	2:01 am	8:07 am	2:37 pm	8:40 pm
Tuesday, March 29	3:00 am	9:05 pm	3:29 pm	9:32 pm

## Saladino Announces Paid TOB College Internships



Supervisor Saladino and Councilman Labriola

By **NOLAN CLEARY**

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino announced that college internships for students seeking extra work opportunities will return. The internship opportunities will be offered to students throughout the Summer 2022 season.

The program, which is funded by the federal government, pays college students \$18 an hour. Students who accept the internship are expected to work 19.5 hours per week. The program seeks to allow college students to develop more experience in professional workspace environments.

"Internships give students an advantage over other job seekers when it comes to work readiness, and I am proud that the Town will once again provide that opportunity for our residents," Saladino said. "This internship program provides an invaluable opportunity for students to receive mentorship and supervision from experienced government professionals."

The Oyster Bay-North Hempstead-Glen Cove Workforce Development Board helped to provide funds for the initiative. The internship will run from June 2 to August 10.

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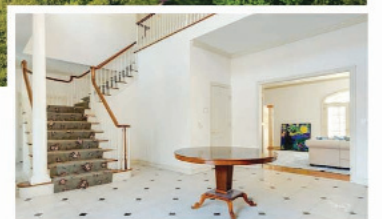


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## Phoenix Raising Raises Over \$20,000 for VFW



Five of the six honorees (L-R): Henryk Nowicki (Leadership Award), Howard Stillwagon (Community Service Award), Ben Farnan (Legacy Award), Joe Moores (Volunteer Award), and George Suddell (Homefront Honoree).  
Photos Courtesy Dana Glidden

and before we knew it, we had a committee, an Awards Ceremony, and a plan for an event three weeks later!”

Local voice and speech coach, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews said “I just couldn’t get the idea out of my mind and, quite frankly, my heart. When Jeanine said “I think we should do it”, we never looked back.”

The fundraiser was held at The View

Grill and the committee plans to make this an annual event. Noah Stone, the youngest committee member and a recent Hofstra graduate, said, “Those of us with shared birthdays, including Gaitley, Jeanine, Jeanine’s cat Gatoz, and myself, had a great time having our celebration be part of the event. However, in wanting the focus of the event to rest solidly in paying tribute to our veterans, we have decided that future awards ceremonies will be stand-alone celebrations.”

The veteran recipients were Ben Farnan (Legacy Award), Henryk Nowicki (Leadership Award), Tony Jimenez (Unity Award), Howard Stillwagon (Community Service Award), and Joseph Moores (Volunteer Award). Architect George Suddell, who has provided significant pro bono service to the post in the aftermath of the fire, was recognized as this year’s Homefront Honoree. Eva Casale, founder of Team EVA - Every Veteran Appreciated and an Executive Committee Member of the Phoenix Rising Committee presented Challenge Coins to all honorees. Others serving on the Executive Committee include Angelina Stanco-Stone, Mike Gadaleta, Connie Pinilla, Mary Stanco, and Mary Suddell. Liaison to the VFW Post is the Post’s Sr. Vice Commander Dave Whitting.

VFW Post Commander Henryk Nowicki expressed his appreciation of the efforts by the Phoenix Rising Committee, and the overwhelming support of the community.



(L-R) Committee Chair Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Vice-chair Jeanine DiMenna, and Youth Outreach Officer Noah Stone.

### BY VICTORIA CROSBY

A new organization was formed following the disastrous fire at the VFW, and was aptly named Phoenix Rising. It began when former Glen Cove Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews and Chef Jeanine DiMenna decided to celebrate their mutual birthdays with a fundraiser for VFW Post 347 with an Awards Ceremony. Their mission also included establishing a website domain which would accept donations online, and raise funds to help with the community’s effort in rebuilding the post following this past summer’s devastating fire.

According to the vice-chair of the committee and one of the birthday participants, Jeanine DiMenna, “It just took off. Gaitley approached me with the idea. We decided to bring my cat, Gatoz, and Noah Stone into the mix, both of whom share birthdays with Gaitley and me. We joined with the leadership of the VFW; we reached out to a few others;

## “Oy Father” at The Brookville Reformed Church



Irene Failenbogen and Bill McBride

“Oy Father” will be performed on March 27th at 2:00 PM in the Brookville Reformed Church, 2 Brookville Rd., Glen Head.

“Oy Father” is the musical love story

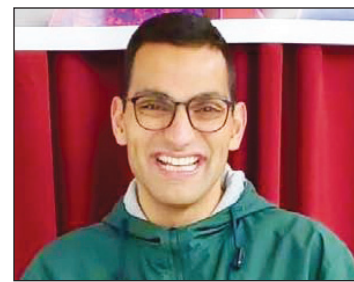
of a Jewish woman cantor and a Catholic priest, performed by Bill McBride and Irene Failenbogen as themselves. The story is a deeply woven revelation of their experience told honestly and directly to the audience, touching on the trial of their union and also very comedic elements of their relationship as cantor and priest.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online through [Irenetunes.com/oy-father](http://Irenetunes.com/oy-father) or at the door. Free babysitting will be provided. Proof of vaccination is required

## Michael Harrington Stars in Pippin at SJJCC

The Sid Jacobson’s Community Players are back to tell the story of Pippin, a young prince who longs to find passion and adventure in his life.

Show Dates, Saturday, March 26, 2pm and Sunday, March 27, 7pm. Tickets \$25 for SJJCC members, seniors, and students / \$28 nonmembers. Group sale discounts available. Purchase Tickets (Online ticket sales for Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27.) at [www.sjjcc.org](http://www.sjjcc.org).



Michael Harrington

## American Legion Post 962 Donates to the Ukraine



L to R: Bohdan Kopystianskyj, Oleh Dekajlo, Bill Molitor, Larry Schmidlapp, and Tony Bliss

American Legion Howard A. Van Wagner Post 962, is proud to announce that we have donated \$5,000.00 to the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) Long Island Chapter to be used to actively aid the brave front line defenders of our freedom and democracy in Ukraine.

The Auxiliary Unit of Post 962 has added an additional donation of \$1,000.00 bringing the total from Post 962 to \$6,000.00.

This last Monday evening, March 14, at the Post 962 monthly business meeting, Post 962 member, Bohdan Kopystianskyj, of Ukrainian heritage, who served as an

Airborne Ranger for Special Warfare in the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War, introduced his friend of many decades, Mr. Oleh Dekajlo, head of the UCCA Long Island Chapter, to Post 962 members. Mr. Dekajlo led a fifteen-minute discussion of the dire situation in Ukraine.

The UCCA, founded in 1940, is a US volunteer umbrella organization marshalling the widespread urgent aid effort for Ukraine. 100% of donations through Mr. Dekajlo will go directly to aid Ukraine and NOT be used for operational overhead or salaries.

Post 962’s unusually large donation will provide items like much needed military protective gear and military grade field dressings for front line fighters in Ukraine.

Anyone wishing to donate to this very worthy and genuinely urgent fight for freedom can email [UCCA.Lichapter@gmail.com](mailto:UCCA.Lichapter@gmail.com) and/or call (516) 462-9300.

### LOCUST VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Locust Valley Library Association will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Trustees of the Locust Valley Library are elected for staggered three-year terms by members of the Locust Valley Library Association at the Annual Meeting. Nomination of Trustees is made by the decision of a Trustee to seek re-election, by the Nominating Committee, or by petition.

Robert Braun, Kerian Carlstrom and Amy Tansill have decided to seek re-election.

The regular monthly Board Meeting will begin immediately after the Annual Meeting. For further information please call Library Director Kathy Smith at (516) 671-1837.

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## Town of North Hempstead

### Town Hall meeting

Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

at 7:00 pm

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## Obituaries

**DESTANKO**, Efrosinia of Ozone Park, NY and formerly of Glen Cove, NY on March 12, 2022 at age 89. Beloved wife of the late Alexander. Loving mother of Paul, Tamara and the late Michael. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Funeral Service and interment at the Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, NY. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**HANSHE**, Ruth M. of Albertson, NY on March 22, 2022 at the Age of 92. Beloved wife of the Late Robert H. Loving mother of Carol A. Borroughs and Kenneth R. Cherished grandmother of 2. Adored great-grandmother of 5. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Service and Interment to be held at Long Island National Cemetery at a later date. Donations to your favorite charity will be appreciated. [www.dodgethomas.com](http://www.dodgethomas.com)



**IZZO**, Giuseppe of Glen Cove, on March 22, at age 94. Beloved husband of the late Maria Rosa. Loving father of Nunzio (Angela), Maria (Rick Rodriguez) and Joseph (Kate). Dear

brother of Teresa (Michele Roberto), Pasquale (Amalia), the late Michele (the late Maria), the late Domenico (the late Angelina), the late Rocco (the late Maria) and the late Gerardo (the late Anna). Proud grandfather of Amanda (Travis Stern), Christina (Daniel Bartlett), Eileen, Kaitlin and Jacqueline. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews and in-laws. Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Friday from 4-8pm. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco on Saturday at 9:30am. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**MCDICKEN**, Andrew Graham who passed away on March 20, 2022, after a steady decline in his health due to Parkinson's disease.

Andrew was born on April 5, 1939, in Glasgow, Scotland and this is where he graduated with a degree in engineering and started a family with his first wife Edith McDicken. In 1968 they immigrated to the United States of America with their two son David and Robert. Later on, welcomed a daughter Tanyia and son Andrew. In his spare time, he assisted the Gordon Highlanders Pipe band and

worked to bring the Scottish Highland games to Long Island. Both of which he was very proud of. Andrew went on to marry his beloved wife Mary McDicken and helped raise her three sons- Lugi, Joseph and Gregory Pandolfi as his own. Dearly loved by his family he is survived by six of his seven children- Lugi (Kathleen) Pandolfi, Joseph (Marsha) Pandolfi, Gregory (Barbara) Pandolfi, David McDicken, Robert (Joan) McDicken and Tanyia (Andrew) Law and in addition many grandchildren. Andrew will be buried with his beloved Mary at the Nassau Knolls Cemetery in Port Washington. [www.Whitting.com](http://www.Whitting.com)

**MELBINGER**—Norman R., passed away March 19, 2022 at the age of 86 after a long battle with dementia. Norman is preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Kreszenzia (Deiningner). He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Kathleen; children Marianne (Donna), Elizabeth, Stephen (Linda), Christine (Timothy); Suzanne (Anthony); grandchildren, Ryan, Emma, Nicholas, Ethan, Caroline, Sean and William. Norman was born and raised in Manhattan. His family then moved to the Bronx. Norman attended Manhattan College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Adding to this accomplishment he went on to earn a Masters of Civil Engineering from New York University. He married the love of his life Kathleen in 1960 after meeting in the Bronx. Their growing family of five spanned the Bronx and then to their forever home in Locust Valley, New York. Norman's professional career highlight was joining the Department of Environmental Protection where he spent 33 years. He added a Professional Engineering license to his accolades. Never one to rest on his laurels, upon retiring, he began a private engineering practice consulting on Long Island. Many know Norman's involvement as a member of the IAABO certifying him as a high school and college basketball official. His children kept him busy as did his love of hunting, fishing and tennis. These activities were shared with his close friends and family including his fellow members of the Mill River Rod and Gun Club where he belonged for 25 years. In 2001, Norman being the ultimate do-it-yourself kind of guy, passionately built a dream retreat in Deposit, New York; a rustic log cabin where he continued to enjoy his love of the outdoors and hobbies. Family filled his final years, always surrounded by love. Affectionately dubbed Stormin' Norman by many who knew, loved and appreciated him; his

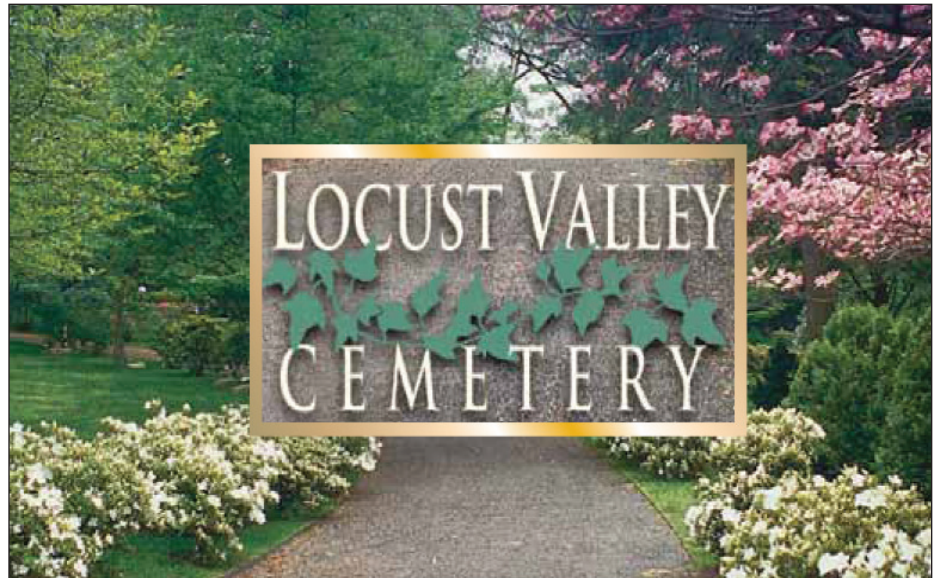
memory will live on in his community and in the hearts of his children and grandchildren. Visiting Oyster Bay Funeral Home, 261 South St. Oyster Bay, NY, Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 3-5 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass St. Dominic RC Chapel, Oyster Bay, NY on Friday, April 1, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to the JDRC, 532 Broadhollow Rd, Suite 118, Melville, NY 11747. [www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com)



**RIEFLER**, Patricia Hawley (Patsy) born on January 3rd, 1927 died peacefully in her Vero Beach home surrounded by family on February 28th 2022 at the age of 95. Patsy was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. She attended Smith College and the University of Cincinnati. After graduating with a degree in economics in 1949, Patsy and two friends embarked on a life-long adventure to New York City hoping to meet "Captains of Industry". Patsy excelled in her own career as a radio time buyer for Dancer Fitzgerald Sample Advertising. In 1957 Patsy married Donald Riefler who survives her after 64 wonderful years of marriage. Patsy was the proud mother of three children, Duncan Riefler, Linda Riefler Boyatt and

Barbara Hammond all raised on the North Shore of Long Island New York. Patsy managed a busy household, found time for her tennis, paddle tennis and bridge games and also did charitable work for the Junior League and managed an early professional tennis tournament sponsored by the Family Service Association in 1970. In 1991 Patsy and her beloved Donald retired to Vero Beach where Patsy continued to enjoy her passions of tennis, golf and bridge. She committed time as a volunteer child advocate for Guardian ad Litem of Florida. Patsy made friends in Edwards, Colorado and Harbor Springs, Michigan where she and Don have spent summers in retirement. Patsy will be remembered for her love of playing sports, formidable bridge game, for her beauty and charm and most particularly for her very quick wit and sense of humor. In addition to her immediate family Patsy leaves behind eight grandchildren, DJ, Jagger and Rex Riefler, Kayla, Jordan and Alexandra Boyatt, Tommy and Parker Hammond. She is also survived by her brother Don Hawley. The close family will be celebrating her life on Saturday March 5th at her home. Pretty flowers have always brought Patsy contentment and joy. In lieu of flowers or donations it is suggested you gift flowers to someone you love in her memory. Online condolences may be shared at [www.coxgiffordseawinds.com](http://www.coxgiffordseawinds.com)

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**SWEENEY, Susan** (née Gilroy), 52, of Charlotte NC passed away on March 10, 2022 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Susan was born on October 8, 1969 to Thomas Gilroy and Anne McElheron in Glen Cove, NY. After graduating from Locust Valley High School, she went on to study at Keene State College. An accomplished three sport athlete, Susan's true passions were for cooking and providing for others around her. During her 30+ year career as a chef and kitchen manager, she reveled in the challenges of learning new cooking techniques and training those she worked with. Susan was also well known for cooking delicious and extensive meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and inviting friends and coworkers who weren't able to make it to their own homes for those occasions (her "holiday orphans", as she called them); everyone knew they always had a place at Sue's table. Though she is gone, Susan will always be remembered for the generosity she showed those around her. She was predeceased by her father Thomas, and is survived by her mother Anne; siblings Tommy, Andrea, Michael, and Paul; and her bestie Bea. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or The Humane Society of Charlotte.

**TAVERAS, Marcos A.** of Glen Cove, NY on March 20, 2022 at Age 60. Beloved husband of Altagracia. Loving father of Marcos J., Gladys M., Emmanuel and Massiel. Dear brother of Adelaida, Hilda, Felix, Rosa, Iris and Hector. Cherished grandfather of 8. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery. [www.dodgethomas.com](http://www.dodgethomas.com)

## Legal Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF MATINECOCK NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

The completed and verified final assessment roll of the Village of Matinecock, Nassau County, New York, for the tax year 2022/23 has been filed with the Village Clerk in said Village on March 15, 2022. The Assessment Roll will be open to public inspection for fifteen days after the date of this notice, on the Village's website: [www.matinecockvillage.org](http://www.matinecockvillage.org)

William H. Simonds  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Dated: March 23, 2022

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The Board will hear the following ARB applications:

1. Bashir, 261 Brookville Road, Brookville, - New Dwelling, Rear Terrace, Front Wall, Entrance Piers & Gate
2. Horn, 24 Tappentown Lane, Brookville, - Solar Panels
3. Joneja, 16 Cowpath, Brookville, NY - Exterior Alteration to New Dwelling
4. Khanna, 2 Victorian Lane, Brookville, NY - Addition/Alteration
5. Khurana, 32 Evans Drive, Brookville, NY - Resubmit - Exterior Alteration
6. Nocerino, 16 Old Wheatley Road, Brookville, NY - New Dwelling, Swimming Pool, Patio and Gates & Piers
7. Patel, 10 Wenwood Drive, Brookville, NY - Resubmit - Exterior Alteration
8. Reddy, 3 Country Lane, Brookville, NY - Entrance Piers & Gate
9. Loeffler, 9 Glenby Lane, Brookville, NY - Pavilion

The above applications is on file at the Village Office, 18 Horse Hill Road where they may be seen Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until the time of the hearing. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

March 9, 2022

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I feel Glen Cove needed this Parade, especially after 2 years of not! St. Patrick's Day means Spring is springing!

Congratulations to Our Grand Marshal Gerry Herbert, Aides Carolyn McGillicuddy, and Eric Hill.

We were so proud to see the streets flooded with spectators and each and everyone had a huge smile on their faces!

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**Eric Hill**  
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The parade committee raises all funds to put on the event and donates the proceeds to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We couldn't have done it without the help of corporate sponsorships and donors. A huge thank you to Northwell Health of Glen Cove, The Max Challenge, and RXR Garvies Point for sponsoring us.

We missed those who were not able to join us this year - but we will see you next year for an even bigger Parade!

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