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May 5th – 11th
Massapequa Board of Education
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May 12th – 18th
John Theissen
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May 19th – 25th
Kirk Kordeleski
CEO of the Bethpage Federal
Credit Union



May 26th – June 1st
Bill Catalanotto
Co-Owner of Ultimate Class Valet



From the Editor's Desk

May the Day Never Come



In life, it is sometimes necessary to close one door to allow another one open. For me, such a time has come. These bittersweet words are my last with massapequaNEWS.com as I retire my NEWSiE status.

I must say, it has been quite an experience! I have built wonderful relationships, learned much about the ways of the community and developed my passion for writing (ironically) beyond what words can explain. Thanks to Christine Sohmer, editor of massapequaNEWS.com, and the entire massapequaNEWS team, I find myself grown, more mature, and journeying still on the road called "success."

May approaches, and with it comes two holidays that celebrate the work of some of the most admirable people in our lives. Mother's Day on May 11th provides one day per year which is set aside to truly appreciate the women who gave birth to us, reared us, and continue to tolerate everything a mother must with unwavering love and support.

May 26th brings us Memorial Day, a holiday crucial in generating morale and patriotism. In the midst of turbulent and violent times overseas, Memorial Day is a day that recognizes those who have served to keep the United States enjoying the freedoms we live with daily. Our troops are our children's role models, our town and country's pride, and to appreciate them is to celebrate liberty.

So, as I take my leave from massapequaNEWS.com, I leave you with my final thoughts: love your mom, respect the veteran and *May* we never say goodbye, only farewell...

Alyssa-Rae, Assistant Editor
May, 2008

Upcoming Events:

Sunday May 4th, Loyalty Day Parade on Broadway, 1 PM

Wednesdays beginning May 7th, 10 AM, Mid Island Y JCC Walking Club

Sunday, May 11th, Mother's Day - Sale on Flowers at Feldis

Friday, May 16th, A Touch of Elvis at Sergio's

Monday, May 19th, JTCF Annual Golf Tournament

Friday May 23rd to Sunday May 25th, Massapequa Chamber of Commerce Community Festival

Tuesday, May 27th, 7:45 PM, Mid Island Y JCC Adult Lecture "Three Secrets to Stress Management"

DETAILS & more local events on the "Events" Calendar

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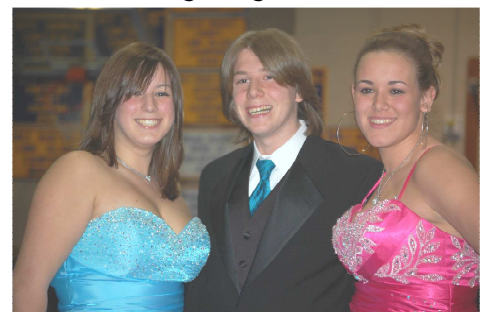
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Events in the Community

By: Sabrina "Montana"



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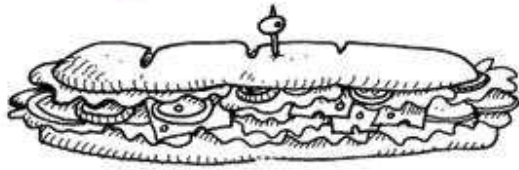
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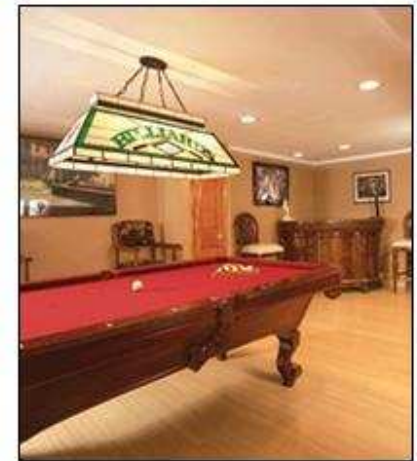
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At the Dish - Going to Bat for Massapequans

massapequaNEWS.com in May: Most Influential Series
of NEWS Broadcasts Ever?

By Will Slater

Have you ever lost faith in humanity? Ever feel like everyone has lost their mind, the world is going to hell in a hand basket, and you just don't know who you can trust anymore? It seems as if it isn't too difficult to develop that kind of a mindset this day in age with all of the troubles that ail our society.

Political campaigns are getting ugly, children in our surrounding neighborhoods can't receive a decent education, and the economy seems like it's on the verge of a collapse. With all of this in mind, I recently found myself at odds with the world around me. I asked myself: doesn't anyone care about their fellow man anymore? Isn't anyone willing to stand up and fight for a just cause? The answers to my inner questions came in the form of one John Theissen with a resounding "YES."

I was lucky enough to interview Mr. Theissen for massapequaNEWS.com, and his story is one of tremendous human triumph.

John Theissen is a local philanthropist who heads up his own not-for-profit group, the John Theissen Children's Foundation (the "JTFC"). Mr. Theissen found inspiration to participate in charity early on in life when he was stricken with a brain tumor at the age of 17. At which time, Mr. Theissen was the oldest patient in the pediatric wing of a local hospital. During his stay at the hospital, he bore witness to tragic scenes of childhood sickness and death unfolding all around him.

Mr. Theissen fought his way through his own illness and won his personal battle against disease, while others whom he befriended at the hospital succumbed to death.

Staring human mortality in the face made John all the more virtuous and cognizant of just how precious life is on this earth. Having his own personal battle against disease inspired Mr. Theissen to come to the aid of others who are struggling with sickness themselves. Today, the JTFC not only provides an unfathomably important service for sick children, but it also serves as a bastion of hope for those of us who aren't thinking too highly of the human race at the moment.

So the next time you find yourself contemplating becoming a misanthropic social deviant, think about the story of John Theissen and the inspiration therein.

You can view my interview with Mr. Theissen beginning on May 12th on massapequaNEWS.com.

Although my interview with John is something to mark down on your calendar, it is far from the only May event to look forward to on massapequaNEWS.com.

Be sure to check out my interview with Bethpage Federal Credit Union President and CEO, Kirk Kordeleski.

Mr. Kordeleski and his Bethpage Federal Credit Union cohorts came to us at massapequaNEWS.com to discuss the opening of a new branch of the Bethpage Federal Credit Union in Massapequa on Sunrise Highway, among other topics.

The newest branch of the Bethpage Federal Credit Union has opened up on Sunrise Highway in Massapequa and it is open for business six days a week! Much like the John Theissen Children's Foundation, the Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit organization that is very charitable in its own right.

The Bethpage Federal Credit Union, under the guidance of Mr. Kordeleski has been more than generous in sponsoring many Long Island events. One such event is the Bethpage Air Show which occurs over Memorial Day weekend at Jones Beach.

Mr. Kordeleski has also donated magnanimously, through the Bethpage Federal Credit Union, to providers of affordable housing in the Massapequa area. I found that specific contribution to be especially admirable because of how high the cost of living can be on Long Island. Inexpensive living quarters benefit the destitute who are forced to live on meager wages, such as myself!

Thumbs up and smile!

You can view my in-depth discourse with Kirk Kordeleski on these topics on the May 19th edition of massapequaNEWS.com.

Before you view either of these two examples of captivating Mike Wallace-esque interviewing mastery, sign on for the May 5th edition of massapequaNEWS.com. During the week beginning May 5th, each of the candidates for the upcoming Massapequa Board of Education election will be conveying their case for nomination to office. Not only will this edition be entertaining, but it will also give you, the viewer, a rare chance to get a first-hand listen to the ideas and opinions of the Board of Education candidates.

Don't forget about massapequaNEWS.com after May's first 3 weeks either, because the fun and intellectual stimulation is just getting started!

Beginning May 26th, make sure to see my interview with Bill Catalanotto, who is a part owner of Ultimate Class Valet. Ultimate Class Valet is the most personable and the best valet service around, and my interview with Bill is a "viewing must" to say the least.

Thanks for reading, and remember to take good care of your mothers on Mother's Day, because after all, they've been putting up with your guff for far too long. **\$**

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