

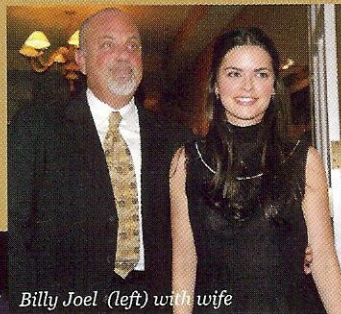
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(l to r) Major Leonard Totoro, Erich Preis

Erich Preis

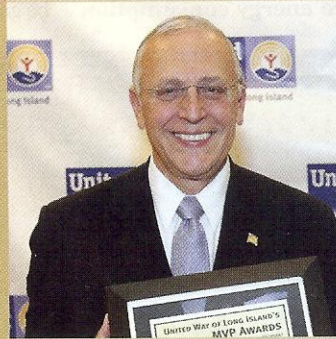
Huntington artist Erich Preis lost his friend Michael A. Noeth in the Pentagon on 9/11. Every year since, he has donated artwork for raffle and auction to raise money for the Veterans Advisory of Huntington under Major Len Totoro Civil Air Patrol. The money raised will help provide food and clothing to homeless veterans during the winter months. homelesstown.huntington.ny.us.



Billy Joel (left) with wife

Billy Joel

Billy Joel was honored with the Long Island State Parks' Tenth Annual Master Builder Award for his efforts to protect LI's historic maritime industries. Proceeds from the Master Builder Award Gala will be donated to the Foundation for Long Island State Parks, which enhances parks and activities for park visitors across Long Island. www.nysparks.com.



Robert B. Catell

Robert B. Catell, Chairman of National Grid US, received the United Way of Long Island's Lifetime Achievement Award for his commitment to improving lives on Long Island. Catell became Chairman of National Grid US, following its acquisition of KeySpan Corporation, where he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Keyspan's Workplace Giving Campaign is United Way's largest campaign and has grown each year under Catell's leadership. www.unitedwayli.org.



Douglas Manditch

Empire National Bank (In Formation), a new LI-based financial institution led by CEO Douglas Manditch, has received approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The locally owned bank expects to open locations in Islandia and Shirley in January 2008, and will specialize in serving LI's privately owned small and mid-size businesses along with the professional and not-for-profit communities. www.empirenb.com.