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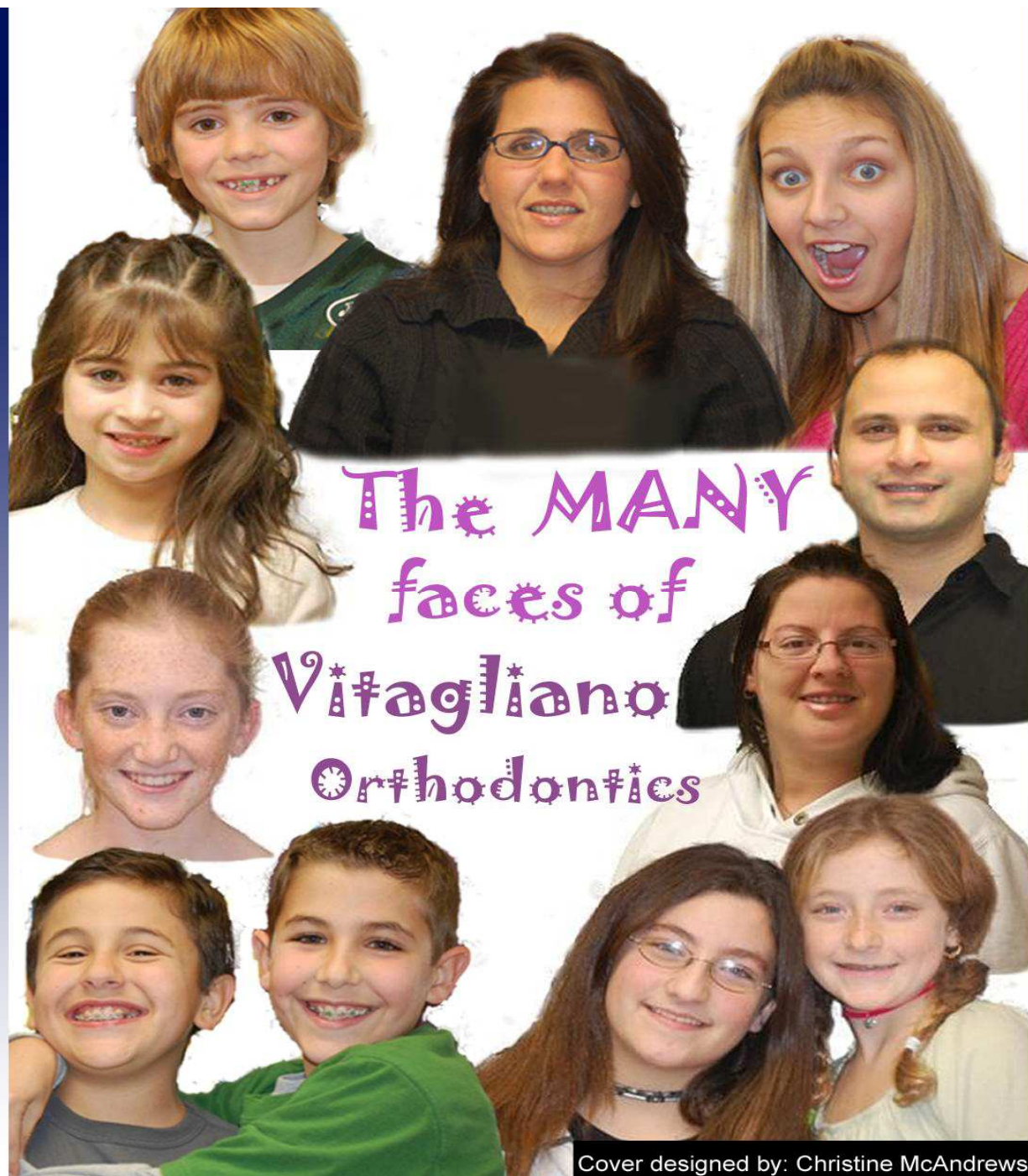
The "Who's Who" of Massapequa
Because Everybody is Somebody

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From the Editor's Desk

When Massapequans look out their windows this month, they may think, "Finally! Snow! After all this toil through the dry, winter cold!" And what a toil it has been, fighting against the blustering wind in sub-freezing temperatures, wincing against the white winter sun. But this state of affairs, of toiling before a reward (in this situation: the snow and holiday season), is not a new one. In fact, it is an entirely prevalent motif at this point in our lives.



We are all struggling through this economy just as we are struggling through the cold: with our face down against the pain, hands shoved in our pockets and not about to come out. But not all is lost, as we will get our "economic snow day" eventually, and things will turn out for the brighter. Everything's a cycle after all. And it reminds me of a quote by author Shelby Steele whom, despite his previous incorrect notions, has hit the nail on the head when he said, "Opportunity follows struggle. It follows effort. It follows hard work. It doesn't come before." With this quote mulling about in your heads, I will leave all of you with this:

Despite any toils of our time, keep striving and pushing forward in life. The New Year is incentive for all of us to set goals for success. Doing so will effectively exercise your rights as people and uphold your responsibilities as citizens. You can do so and push forward as a community by supporting your Massapequa friends, neighbors, non-profit and community groups, elected officials, veterans and merchants.

-Christine Sohmer, January, 2009

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Up-Coming **Events** in January (Details on the "Events" Calendar) Include **YOUR** Events: 799-NEWS

- 4th Classical guitar performance by Richard Jacobowski @ Bar Harbor Public Library **799-0770**
- 5th Mid-Island Y JCC Belly Dancing **822-3535**
- 7th Mid-Island Y JCC Ballroom Cardio Fitness **822-3535**
- 9th Barbra Streisand tribute Dinner & Entertainment at Sergio's **541-6554**
- 14th "Move Well to Age Well" by Dr. Bob Crimi @ Bar Harbor Public Library **799-0770**
- 15th Johnny Avino Quartet at IL Classico **798-8496**
- 16th A Touch of Elvis Dinner & Entertainment at Sergio's **541-6554**
- 20th Literature and Life– *The Madonnas of Leningrad* @ Central Avenue Public Library **798-2804**
- 22nd An evening of Magic with John Lepre Dinner & Entertainment at Sergio's **798-8496**
- Chamber of Commerce of the Massapequas Luncheon at Café Toscano Fusion **541-1443**
- LIWP presents Ladies Free Networking Night @ Dakota Design Center **640-8618**
- 23rd Murder Mystery Dinner & Entertainment at Sergio's **541-6554**
- 28th Great South Bay Forum on Current Affairs @ Bar Harbor Public Library **799-0770**
- 29th *Roxie Hart* screening @ Bar Harbor Public Library, introduction by John Carpenter **799-0770**
- 30th A Touch of Elvis Dinner & Entertainment at Sergio's **541-6554**

This month on massapequaNEWS.com, patients of Vitagliano Orthodontics will give video testimonials on Dr. Pasquale Vitagliano, DDS and his orthodontic practice. Beginning on January 5, 2009 and running through the 11th, you will meet past, present and future patients: Kelly Urbonas, Kurt Golden, Gianni, Vincenzo and Josephine Murano, Kelly Turtell, Anthony Burillo, Kayla Morisi, Ariella and Adina Dicken, Jen Altobello, and Sara Chadwick, all as photographed on the cover of the January, 2009 Print Edition. They discuss Vitagliano Orthodontics' qualifications and conduct. Each patient candidly talks about their admiration of Dr. Vitagliano and their gratitude for how his pursuit of perfection and excellence changed their lives. Contact Vitagliano Orthodontics directly at (516) 798-6786.



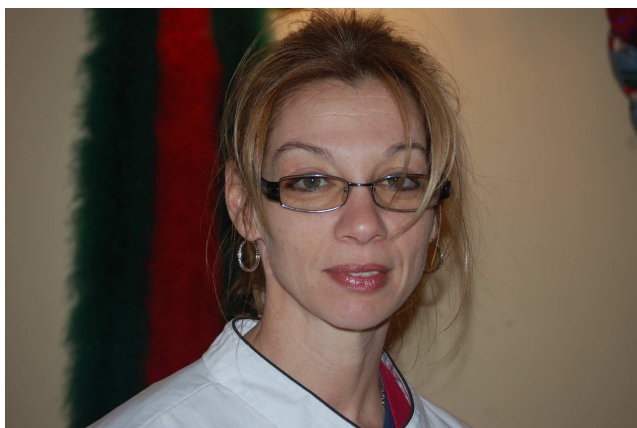
Starting on January 12th and airing through the 18th, our very own Christine Sohmer will give the first ever State of NEWS address in which she discusses various points. Firstly, she defines "news" and touches upon its evolution. Next, Christine talks about massapequaNEWS.com being a facilitator of NEWS – the good, the bad and the not so pretty. Finally, Christine outlines the current economic climate and stresses survival skills. She speaks on the importance of businesses and residents cutting expenses and budgeting income accordingly. Contact Christine directly at (516) 799-NEWS.



From January 19, 2009 through the 25th, James Piccoli, License Agreement Associate with massapequaNEWS.com, proposes localizing NEWS in additional towns, utilizing the massapequaNEWS.com template. With the down-sizing of other NEWS agencies, skilled and well-qualified candidates are now poised to train with the "NEWSiES" to start their own NEWS Magazine in every town on Long Island. Additionally, Mr. Piccoli advises colleges and universities to contact him about adding an "on-line NEWS Magazine" to their curriculum. What better way to prepare students for graduation, than to instill in them real-life skills in a global world. It is a brilliant evolution from school newspaper to school radio station to its very own "on-line NEWS Magazine" that encompasses writers, photographers, videographers, bookkeepers, business majors, etc. Contact Mr. Piccoli directly at (516) 799-NEWS



And, from January 26, 2009 playing through February 1st, you will meet Patty Giannikakis and her parents, Josephine and Frank Logiudice, owners and operators of The Victorian Tea Room at 222 Main Street in Farmingdale. With her culinary degree, Patty opened this unique restaurant with a quaint Victorian setting and serves fresh-baked scones, finger sandwiches, fondue, soups, gourmet desserts and tea, of course. Priced accordingly from \$13.95, let The Victorian Tea Room host your bridal and baby shower, engagement party, etc. Reserve your date now with Patty at (516) 249-1972.



The Year in Review-2008

January- Mustangs' legend Kurt Roocke passed the torch to Steve Krolikowski; MHS student Michael Gruber contracted bacterial meningitis and died; The Honorable Rhonda Erin Fischer inducted as Judge of the District Court, Nassau County; Sugar Shack volunteer Janet Roocke retired **February-** Massapequa Wildcats took first place in the Girls U9 Division of the East Islip Indoor Soccer Tournament; MHS Student Kieran McCaffrey went missing; Pete Rose, former Major League Baseball player and manager, visited Massapequa; Anthony Ferrari, Besame Hair Salon, celebrated 42 years in business **March-** NY Giants, Ahmad Bradshaw, Osi Umenyiora, Brandon Jacobs, Steve Smith, Kevin Boss, Craig Dahl, Jay Alford, Gerris Wilkinson and Zac DeOssie visit Massapequa; Massapequa High School Student Kieran McCaffrey was found dead **April-** Plaxico Burress, NY Giants wide receiver, visited Massapequa; Billy Smith, NY Islanders' legend, visited Massapequa **May-** The Chamber of Commerce of the Massapequas turned 60; Town of Oyster Bay "gave blood" and Memorare Knights of Columbus received Silver Award; High School Student Stephen Archipolo unsuccessfully ran for the Board of Education; William, Alec, Stephen and Daniel Baldwin inducted into the "Who's Who;" The John Theissen Children's Foundation hosted "A Song for Sarah;" Brian Kilmeade, Fox TV personality, inducted into the "Who's Who" **June-** Loretta Maniaci passed the MJWC presidential torch to Claudia Ruiss; Plainedge student Natalie Ciappa died of a heroin overdose and sparked heroin awareness movement; Robert R. Barrett was sworn in as the President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Massapequas; John Venditto, Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor, inducted into the "Who's Who;" Rich, Brian and Gary Baldinger inducted into the "Who's Who;" Dan Minogue, Artist, inducted into the "Who's Who" **July-** Phil Schaffer, Action Auto Wreckers, inducted into the "Who's Who;" Eartha Kitt performed one of the last performances of her lifetime at John J. Burns Park; Tony Orlando visited and performed in Massapequa; massapequaNEWS.com officially "arrived" on Merrick Road; Air Supply visited and performed in Massapequa; Lou Gramm visited and performed in Massapequa **August-** Town of Oyster Bay Board extended building moratorium; Incorporated Village of Massapequa Park Mayor James Altadonna inducted into the "Who's Who;" Town of Oyster Bay hosted Classic Cruise Night; Carol Leff, Merchants' Association President, hosted Park Boulevard Street Festival; Gloria Gaynor visited and performed at John J. Burns Park; Gary Zaccaro, Ambassador Home Improvement, inducted into the "Who's Who;" Sabrina Hafner (a/k/a Sabrina "Montana") inducted into the "Who's Who;" Lorianne LaMarca, Animal Rights Advocate, inducted into the "Who's Who;" Frank Nappi, Writer, Novelist and English Teacher, inducted into the "Who's Who;" Gloria Gaynor and Maxine Nightingale visit and perform in Massapequa **September-** Assemblyman Joseph Saladino held 3rd Annual Marine Expo at the Jones Beach West End Boat Basin; Vivienne Lenahan, Artist, inducted into the "Who's Who" **October-** The Massapequa Lightning Girls U10 Travel Team went undefeated and took first place in Windsor, CT; former Chamber President Joseph Basile inducted into the "Who's Who;" Robert Zabbia, Allstate Foundation, Donated \$40,000 to Adelphi's Emergency Preparedness; Tony Ventiera, First Vice-President of the Order Sons of Italy, inducted into the "Who's Who;" historical marker identified the site of the Killian Hotel; Leslie Dowell, Wife, Mom and Writer of *News and Views*, inducted into the "Who's Who;" Richard Grillo, Nationwide Insurance, inducted into the "Who's Who;" Susan Martin, CPA inducted into the "Who's Who" **November-** Congressman Peter King re-elected; Senator Charles Fuschillo re-elected; Assemblyman Joseph Saladino re-elected; Renee Alfieri, Career Development Coach, inducted into the "Who's Who;" N.C. Legislator Dave Mejias proposed Natalie's Law; Artist Claire Nigro became commissioned artist; Dr. George Santiago, Briarcliffe College President, inducted into the "Who's Who" **December-** Rick DiPietro, NY Islanders' Goaltender, visited Massapequa; Long Island Women in Power hosted the Brittany Maier and Friends Foundation fundraiser at the Memorare Club; Salvatore Piccolo, Cop Shop Entrepreneur, inducted into the "Who's Who"

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