

News about town

Hicksville Hula Girls Run Four-Mile RunAmuck Race



*The hula girls are shown before the race.
Photo and information courtesy of Antonnews.com*

Hicksville natives Katelyn Heuser, LeAnne Liebl and Brittny Hayes raced in a four-mile run, RunAmuck, on Saturday, June 16. For the tiniest fraction of a second, the girls realized running a race up the mountains, through obstacles, up walls, ropes through tunnels, streams and muddy muck is surely the most off-the-wall event they ever signed up to do.

RunAmuck races redefine insanity and these girls proved to challenge themselves. They dressed up as “hula girls” starting the race clean and finishing the race muddier than muddy. Congratulations, muddy Hula girls, you made your “mudders” proud.

[Click here for the whole story](#)



**Happy Fourth
of July !!!**



Letters



I love reading each newsletter! Keep up the great job you're doing.

In the section about the Hicksville, LIRR Station, I think you meant to print that \$211.5 Million will be spent, not \$211.5.

Waddayathink?

Art Pardo 1962

Hi Art:

Not that I enjoy finger pointing, but when all you do is copy and paste, I think we can ask Antonnews.com why :) But then again, my thinkin' aint so good lately :)

David Rubin '82



I just received this today - not sure if you have seen it yet. There are lots of pictures of the LI of our generation in this email (including Hicksville) - thought you may be interested - enjoy!

Take care

Arleen Brigandi 1961

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/gregchris/sets/72157615727651159/show/>

More letters

Editors,

For Hix News readers who need to satisfy their "Hix Fix" between issues of Hix News, the Facebook community Hicksville 11801 Commercial Freee is recommended.

Ken Marcus '67



Fourth of July Trivia

The first public Fourth of July event at the White House occurred in 1804.

The first Independence Day celebration west of the Mississippi occurred at Independence Creek and was celebrated by Lewis and Clark in 1805.

Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on Independence Day, July 4, 1826.

The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on August 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it.

The names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were withheld from the public for more than six months to protect the signers. If independence had not been achieved, the treasonable act of the signers would have, by law, resulted in their deaths.

In 1941, Congress declared 4th of July a federal legal holiday. It is one of the few federal holidays that have not been moved to the nearest Friday or Monday.

Letters, letters, letters

Hicksville Historical Society in memorial day Parade:
Mike Christodoulou, Mary Orlando, Richard Althaus
Thanks!!!
Bob Koenig



I saw the photos of the space shuttle Discovery flying around Washington DC and landing at Dulles airport in the May newsletter. I work not too far away and might have been there, but unfortunately I was in Dallas, Texas on business. Since I had the morning free, I was in my hotel room watching the flight on television. My hotel room had a TV built into the bathroom mirror. I took a picture and have included it to show the space shuttle in a different perspective.

Frank Koziuk 1969



A note from Art Romeo

Just to let you know that the Art Romeo Trio appeared at a nice, new restaurant/café called Cowfish. The facility is located at 258 E Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays. We were there on the 15th and again on the 29th.

We played, too, on the 16th and 30th at Amarelle in Wading River. As I mentioned in my other notes, this place has the best food you will find anywhere and you are encouraged to stop in for a great meal even when we are not appearing.

Updates



HI BOB, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW THAT THREE HHS ALUMNAE FROM THE CLASS OF '59: BARBARA FRANK PLAIA, SUSAN KREX HOWARD AND EILEEN WALTER TOSCANO, CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1962, MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING. PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. JUST THINK HOW MANY PEOPLE, COLLECTIVELY, MUST HAVE HELPED. HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU.

EILEEN WALTER TOSCANO 1959



Please let me know if there are any upcoming reunions for classes between 1968 and 1972

Thank you,
Linda Barbera

Hi Folks!

I am Elsa Green, HHS class of 1967. I am listed on the Subscriber List as Elsa (Green) Silversmith (married in 1971, divorced in 1985). Please note that I was married on 9/26/11, and am now Elsa (Green) Rienzi, currently living in Ocala, Florida. Would appreciate it if you would make the correction on the list. Thanks so much for all the work you do on the Newsletter. It's always interesting and fun to read. Best wishes to all.

Elsa

Updates

**“ KEEP
UP TO DATE WITH
WHAT’S
GOING ON ”**

A note from Nancy Johnsen to Don Eismann

Hi Don,

It's Nancy Johnsen Kaye 59, also living in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. We're up in Birch Bay, Ferndale and Bellingham for the last 30 years.

I was in marching band too. Going back East in September for 50th nursing reunion. Where have the years gone?

Sincerely

Nancy



4th of July Jokes



Do they have a Fourth of July in England?

Sure! And a fifth of July and a sixth of July ...





Thanks

Thanks to you all for that great birthday wish, it was truly appreciated!!!

Bob Birk 1952



Thanks for the wonderful card. Appreciate the good work you do. Still doing great, 57 years.

Bill Stahley - 1946

Thank you so much for remembering my birthday. I loved the card as it reflects the best birthday gift (Bertie) and I could get... that of friendship!

Sincerely

May (Perduto) Horn 1958



What a beautiful anniversary card!!! This was one of the best. Thanks so much.

Marcia Rubenstein Pollack 1958.

More Thanks!

Dear HixNews

Thanks so much for the Birthday wishes!

Art Pardo 1962



HICKSVILLE
COMETS



Thank you for anniversary wishes for Bob and me. As High School sweethearts, there were many doubts, but here we are celebrating our 45th anniversary. We now have a second home in Ormond Beach, Florida where we spend our winters; if anyone is in the area please call. OF course anyone passing through Rhode Island, we are here all summer and fall. Thanks again.

Leslie (Worley)Smith 1964 and Bob Smith 1963



A delightful animated card, once again!
Thanks for thinking of us on our anniversary.
I can't believe it's been 44 years!

Bill ('64) and Carolyn Palmer



Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci

"I've got a gang, you got a gang, everybody's gotta have a gang..."
Thanks for once again sending out an anniversary card - always nice to be remembered!

I'm hoping to send you a "birthday" photo next month - I'll see what I can do!
Thanks again, Martin Brandfon (hhs '67) & anne (tappen zee hs '66)

Carol and Sheldon



Tried to send you an electronic card but, as per your request, Jacquie Lawson cards would not. Accept this card instead.



You guys are full of Thanks!



Thanks so much for remembering us, it is appreciated.

Carol and Sheldon Rudowsky 1974



Thanks so much for your beautiful wishes!

Shelley Garb London 1968



Bob and all the gang!!

Thank you so much for thinking of me. It is a good thing to have another birthday.

Love and peace to all

Angel Giannelli (Anselmo) 1961 (a long, long time ago).



Rod & I want to thank you so much for Rod's birthday card. Where do the year's go! They go by so fast. Hi to all who know Rod or myself.

Susan Donner Merkler 1968 & Rod Merkler



It is our pleasure!

Bob & the gang at HixNews

Very cute card. Thank you very much.

Vinnie Luna 1961

BTW - If you are in the area on June 10th, we are having a mini reunion at Smokey Bones between 1:00 and 4:00.



Hi Bob - thanks so much to you and the gang for the great birthday card - a fun reminder of the 47th anniversary of my 21st birthday - time is flying! Take care.

Arleen Brigandi 1961



Very thoughtful, very nice. Thank you so very much.

Be blessed and full of health.

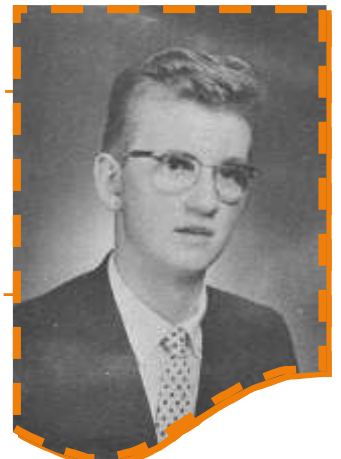
Art Hirsch 1961



Dear Bob and the gang.

Thank you for remembering our 49th anniversary.

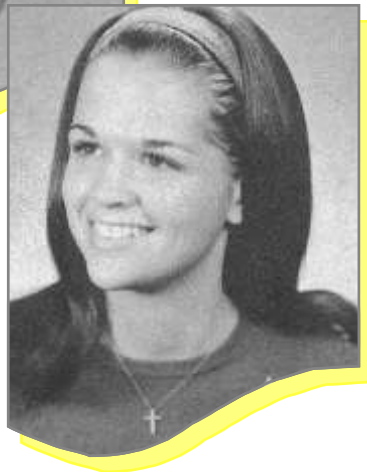
Mary Ann Vallina Smith & Frank Smith



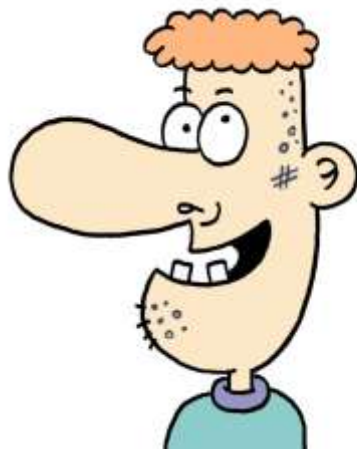
Bob must send out a LOT of e-cards, eh?



Thanks for the beautiful anniversary card and Glen's birthday card.
Glen Olsen 1965 & Maureen Hannifan Olsen 1966



Thank you so much for the beautiful Anniversary Card!
Leslie Mantooth Bial 1978 and Tedd Bial



Stupid Facts

Americans spend \$203 MILLION just on CONDIMENTS for July 4th. That's more than the \$193 MILLION we spend on hamburger patties

C'mon people! Buy some quality US beef and less expensive ketchup!

Thanks so much for the Oldies Disc!

Thanks, Bob, for advising about the Paul Tava email.

Please send me a copy of your oldies CD - I'm writing a book on how rock and roll ruined my love life for good!

Marty Brandfon 1967

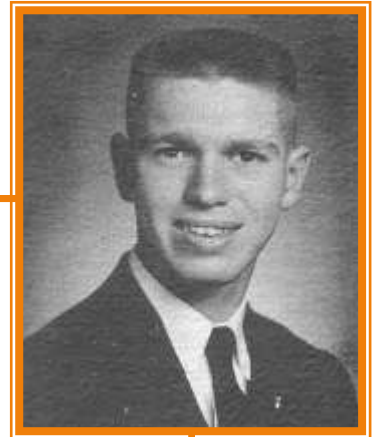
Bob,

I would love a copy of your CD if possible? My mailing address is (address concealed).

Is Don Eismann the brother of Roy '64? Roy was a good friend of mind at HHS and I would love know how he is. If he is his brother can he have Roy contact me at (concealed).

Thank you,

Elin Fischman Lawrence 1965



Bob,

It seems like that oldies CD you made is quite a hit. Once I saw a list of all the great songs you had on there, I knew I had to have a copy. My wife, Diane, and I will be celebrating our 45th anniversary soon and I would love to slide in a copy of those oldies for her. I know she will love it, because you have listed several of her favorite songs. Would you please make me a copy. I will be happy to pay you for the CD and the cost of mailing. Thank you and please keep up the good work you are all doing with the newsletter. I look forward to reading it each month.

Steve Baum 1962

Bob,

Can I still get a copy of the oldies disk? Thanks.

Ron Kelly 1963

Note from Bob...mailed to you!!!

Thanks so much for the Oldies Disc!

I was wondering if it is not to late to get a copy of the CD that you made. We listen to Doo Wop alot and even my grandkids listen to it. Their ages are 10,8,6. They love it. We even took them to a Doo Wop show when Bowzer was in town. Trying to keep the music alive!

Thanks,

Peggy Werner Petrone 1966

Bob,

Thank you for the CD. Brings back many fond memories of HHS. You and all the "staff" at Hix news do such a wonderful job. I look forward to each new edition on the 1st of each month.

Elin Fischman Lawrence 1965

Fun Links

To get you in the mood for fireworks !

<http://youtu.be/YILS-Am2A2U>



New Readers

Welcome



Elaine Pearce Papierniken 1962



Barret Blecker 1964



Pamela Kurth 1965



Patricia McCallion Lenza 1966

Michael J. Oates 1966

Joyce Levy Rizzo 1969

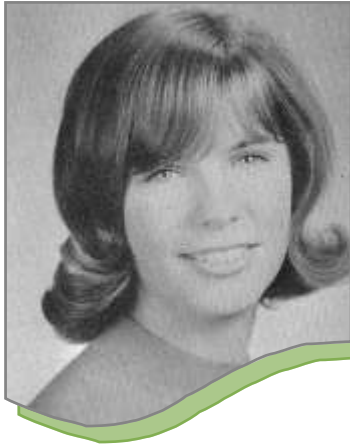
Marsha Anker Beekman 1971

Bill Claudy 1963 (moved up to
a HixNews subscription)



Michele Anker Breindel 1968

Looking for




Do you know these people?
Christine Ross 1965

Hi all,
Please remove my name from the People Looking for People list. I found Patti Tesoriere from the class of 1974; or rather, she found me on Facebook!
Thanks
Jan Greenberg 1974



Richard Appelman

Looking for
Richard Appelman, class of 1959.
Thank you
Carl Probst, class of 1959.

Added to "Looking for People" list.
Regards H. Lichtenstein 



Carl Probst



Looking for



Please send Don Eismann my e-mail address as we were friends who lost touch. I would love to catch up.

Tom Manaskie

Dear Don,

Tom Manaskie would love to get in touch with you (see his request above).

Best, Henry

H. Lichtenstein



I Pledge Allegiance

Hi Bob,

I'm just a little behind in my emails. I have been away and only got home about midnight last night. Anyway, I am very, very impressed with your video, especially the ending with the pictures of kids saying the Pledge. I'm looking forward to seeing more.

Love ya,

Connie Skow



Passages



Bob,

I knew Paul Tava, but did not know he had passed away shortly after 9/11. I would like to read his email to his family mentioned in the article, but cannot find a link for “alumni of the month” within the newsletter or any other way to do so. Please let me know how I can do this.

I also read the note on Kevin Lillis and have added his name to our Vietnam War Era Memorial List.

As always, THANKS!

Joe

Editor Note:

My fault initially. When we published the June issue, I neglected to have Roger post in the Alumni of the Month slot. It is there now. Sorry about that.

buffalo bob casale

For the Class of Hicksville High School, Class of 1971, Tony Esposito passed away of cancer in December 2001. He was my former husband and my daughter's father.

Thank you for your consideration in including him on this page.

Best Regards,

Deborah (Gould) Coonerty 1972

Please note in next newsletter:

Larry Redican, who taught 11th grade English at Hicksville High died this April, his obit is in Newsday.

Regards, Naomi Groont Doudera

Class of 1974

What's with the dang Newsletter?!

Hello Buffalo Bob and Henry. Just a reminder that a few months ago I switched over my e-mail address and at least for 2 months I haven't gotten any newsletters. I'm just wondering if maybe I got lost in the shuffle.

All is good up here in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. We had a light winter and started playing golf in early April instead of late April or early May. Keep up the good work keeping the alumni informed. Have a great summer.

Lou Siracusa 1968



Lou:

The newsletter goes online the first of each month at <http://hixnews.com> with the new edition even if you don't get a notification email. I'm sure Henry will be able to figure out why you're not getting the monthly emails.

Roger Whitaker, webmaster for hixNews

Lou,

On Jan. 21, I responded to you about your new email, as follows:

Lou,

Please use the subscription box on our homepage to update your email address. It's in the upper/left corner at: <http://hixnews.com>

You did not follow-up on my instructions, which is why your email address has not been updated.

As I have explained a number of times to all subscribers, I am not able to update a reader's email subscription myself. The reader must do it himself, in the manner I indicated to you in my previous email to you.

Best,



H. Lichtenstein

Hi editors.

I am unable to open the "newsletter". I can open the other parts of the news just not the newsletter. Please help. By the way, Buffalo Bob, the cat and dog pictures were precious!! I just loved them.

Judy Marcus Shivers 1964

Editor Note:

Judy, what kind of computer, operating system and browser are you using? If the embedded viewer isn't working, can you download the pdf file from the link below the viewer?

Roger Whitaker, webmaster for hixnews.com

Bios

The following note was sent by John Rozos to Val Pakaluk

Good Morning and thank you for writing.

My birthday is March 7th. And I never married, so there's no anniversary date.

I live in Poland Spring, Maine - a wonderful place and we have lots of good clean water!!!

Retired several years ago, in 2010, from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) after 35 years and 6 days - but who's counting.... it was a good career and I really enjoyed it. And - we're not as bad as you think.)

I have wonderful memories of Hicksville - beginning with Elementary School at Lee Avenue, through Junior High & High School. While in High School, I worked at the Hicksville Public Library for several years. I liked that job. I kept all the books and magazines in order.

I attended church at St Pauls Greek Orthodox Church in Hempstead and St Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Hicksville (near Frank's Alibi and IHOP). I heard that the Ukrainian parish closed down and sold their church building. And I know that the Greeks have a church in Hicksville now.

I haven't been to Hicksville in many years (probably 20). But someday, I'll make the drive down from Maine and visit. Somehow, I think it would be sad for me, because I know that nothing ever stays the same.

If you graduated in the class of 1951, you must have wonderful memories of a small rural farming community, before the suburban developments arrived. There were only 2 elementary schools then: Nicholai Street and East Street. I attended 3rd grade at Nicholai Street School and I was there the day they tore it down.

I'll take a shot at a bio sketch and send you something more in a later email. Thank you and take care.

Sincerely,

JOHN ROZOS

Please tell us about yourselves. What have you done, where have you been, your jobs, your joys, your kids, your life since we all were in HHS!



"Abt" to Change



Hi Great Editors,

While glancing at the list, I noticed that Donald Abt was listed as 'band'. I thought he was a principal or assistant principal at either Lee Avenue, Junior High or HHS?

Thank you for the newsletter! It is great!

Joan Komar Langlois, 1961



Joan

Where did you see Donald listed as band? I see his name on the bottom of the People Looking For People list, but no reference to "band!"

Hi Joan,

You are so right about Donald Abt. He was the Assistant Superintendent of Schools (for Instruction).

Thanx for the tip.



H. Lichtenstein

HixNews Systems

Yep Henry.

David Abt was my band director in HHS and a fantastic teacher and trombone player. Boy could I get him mad at me with my lack of practicing. He was one of the "Guess Who" pictures a few months ago in our newsletter.

Just fyi and reminiscing.

David Rubin

Newsletter editor and from the class of 1982





"Abt" to Change



Hi Henry:

Because I can barely play the radio, and because the name was familiar to me, I knew he could not be 'musical'! I think he was at 'one school' when i was there - probably before he was 'super'.

Joan

To sorta reverse the confusion, look at the following...

Mr. Donald Abt was Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Instruction from 1959 until 1961, then was promoted to Superintendent of Schools.

He remained as Super of Schools through at least 1969. I don't have the 1970 or 1971 yearbooks so cannot tell if he was Super for those years. I see where he was not Super in 1972.

David, on the other side of the coin, joined the Hicksville Music department in 1964 and was still active in 1979. That is the last yearbook that I can view.

Hicksville 1961 Yearbook



Donald F. Abt
Assistant Superintendent
for Instruction

Donald Abt Superintendent

Hicksville 1962 Yearbook




Donald F. Abt
Superintendent of Schools




"Abt" to Change



Part of the 1966 Music Department




Mr. Abt
Music




Mr. Arnold
Choral Music


1965 Music Department




Mr. David Abt
Band I.
Band II.
Group Instruction.



Mr. Charles Arnold
Chorus I.
Chorus II.
Girls Chorus
Boys Chorus
Advanced Chorus
Choral Instruction



Mr. Thomas Buttice
Orchestra I.
Orchestra II.
Music Theory
Instrumental Instruction
Musical



Mr. Gerald Pellerin
Band I.
Band II.
Instrumental Instruction
Variety Show

David Abt Music Teacher

Buff

The "People Looking" list had Donald Abt associated with "band" in the "Comments" entry originally, I assume that was Bart Savino's (1970) confusion between Donald and David Abt (I didn't even know there was a David Abt). In any case, I corrected the "Comments" entry for Donald Abt after I got Joan's email. But, I bet Savino is looking for "Band Guy" Abt, not Superintendent Abt.

Thanks

Henry Lichtenstein