

News about town

Michele Dodenhoff, Top Teacher

KJOY commends Hicksville educator as best on Long Island

For all the hard work teachers do, finding a shiny apple on your desk sometimes just isn't enough.

Michele Dodenhoff, a member of the Hicksville Congress of Teachers and a first-grade teacher at Dutch Lane School, was nominated as a candidate for KJOY radio's "Teacher of the Month."

Residents all across Long Island contacted the radio station to nominate outstanding teachers who have made a difference in their lives or the lives of their children. After six finalists were selected, voting for the winner took place during the month of December. Voting was open to all Long Islanders, and networks of school communities reached out to encourage others to vote for their favorite teacher.

On Jan. 8, the Dutch Lane teacher was notified that she won the contest.

"I was so deeply touched by the outpouring of support that I received from the Hicksville community," said Dodenhoff.

She was awarded a \$500 prize, which she is using to supplement her classroom library, purchase "common core" instructional materials to help her 31 first-graders meet the new rigorous standards and attend a conference in order to stay on top of the of the newest innovations to help children achieve success.

Dodenhoff, who has worked in the district since 1997, first started out as a resource room teacher and then went on to teach first, second and fourth grades. She lives in Islip Terrace with her husband Charlie and their three daughters, Shannon, Chelsea and Cassie (and their two Labradors). Parents, former students, and colleagues all helped spread the word about Dodenhoff – how much she cares about all of her students and how committed she is to providing students with warm and stimulating school environment.

"It's so rewarding to be a part of Hicksville. Dutch Lane's children, parents, and staff are like a second family to me and I couldn't think of a better place to enjoy my career," she said.

[Click here for the whole story](#)



Written by Mary Masterson .Photos provided and information courtesy of Antonnews.com

Letters

A Serious Appeal to our Readers

This is an appeal to all readers.

We established a Newsletter Hall of Fame for HixNews many years ago. The editors asked for nominations to add to our Hall. Many were very diligent and sent in nominations. Unfortunately, we, the editors were not as diligent in pursuing those nominations.

Putting the newsletter on line is a task that is accomplished on a monthly basis because of input from many people. Our plates are full as far as input is concerned.

We are asking for someone to step up to the plate and assume the role as "Editor, Hicksville Newsletter Hall of Fame."

We are not privy to the list of those former students who have been inducted into the Hicksville High School Hall of Fame.

It would be nice for us to be able to list all those who have been honored over the years.

Chris Andersen from the class of 1967 was gracious and went to the high school to take pictures of all the honoree plaques on display that have graced the halls of Hicksville over the years.

Unfortunately, the pictures were not pristine.

Whoever decides to take on this task, your input will be invaluable in establishing and maintaining our own Hall of Fame list.

Anyone interested, send a note to editors@hixnews.com

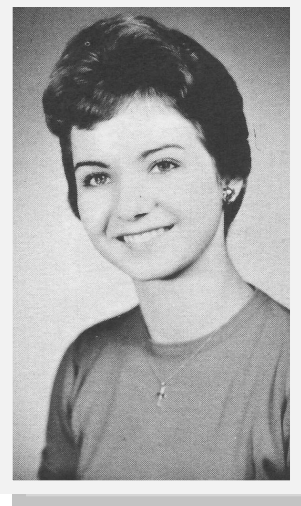
Thanks

Thanks you for a very enjoyable newsletter. The "humor" section had me chuckling.

Kathy (Koziuk) Hannaman

Editor Note:

Me, too! And I placed those humorous ditties into the Humor section.



Happy St.Patrick's Day !



What's with the dang Newsletter?!

I graduated from Hicksville High 1969. Happened upon this site but nothing is up to date is there something else I should be doing?

Sallyniklas@yahoo.com

Editor Note:

What site are you referring to? The current issue of Hixnews as of Feb 1, only 12 days ago, is online at hixnews.com. It's updated on the first of each month rather than being a blog that is updated incrementally throughout the month.

Roger Whitaker, webmaster for hixnews.com



Fun Links



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VERY ACCURATE AND ADDICTIVE

Check this one out ... see how good you are with a Russian pistol. All text is in Russian.

Save black powder and money! When the pistol appears, click on the trigger, aim, and fire. It's really self-explanatory.

You have 3 shots in 30 seconds to hit the target and get your score. It's addictive.

<http://deti.mil.by/templates/swf/Pistol/index.swf>



Passages



Unfortunately I have some editions to the deceased list and one spelling correction.
Correct spelling for Slavek, it was probably my error when I sent it. e instead of i
New additions:

Brandis, Edward

Church, Janet

Krummenacker, John

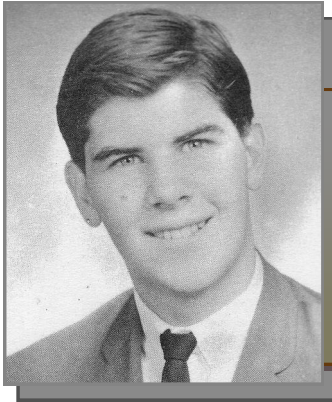
Stiehler, Robert

Thanks!!

Stephen Moddle 1953



Updates



I saw my name and high school graduation photo in the February issue of Hix News. Just for your information, you spelled my last name incorrectly. It should have been Richman not Richmond.

Sincerely,

Mort Richman 1965

Editor Note:

Sorry for the error. It has been righted!!!

HAPPY
EASTER!

Fun Links



Happy Easter!



Driving Reaction Test For Old People

Something to try in your "spare" time!

I know all of you are very good drivers, so here is a fun test to see how good your reflex is!

The automobile driving manual says the average driver's reaction time is .75 seconds or 1 car length for every 10 mph.

Test your average reaction time. Be careful, this can be addictive! You will be surprised at how slow you really are.

JUST CLICK ON THE DART WHEN THE SHEEP STARTS TO RUN.....

THERE ARE 5 SHEEP THAT COME OUT ONE AT A TIME.

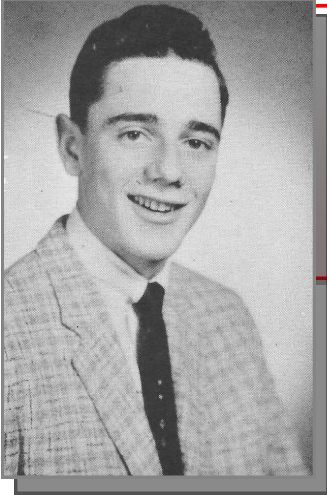
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[Reaction Test](#)





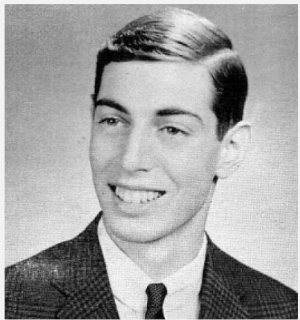
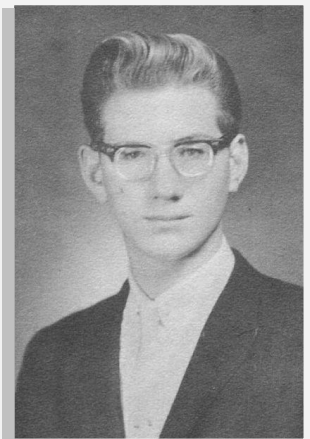
Thanks



Bob,
Thanks so much for the great card, it's so nice of you to always remember.
I hope all is well with you and your family.
Best regards,
Tom Manaskie

Hope all is well. Just returned from vacation. Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. Hope all is well. Warmest regards to you and yours.

Lew Fenigstein 1961



Dear Bob,
Thanks for the warm thoughts on my birthday - with a little bit of luck, I plan on going sailing south next year!
Arnie Gould 1964

Bob,
Happy President's Day. The greeting card was sent to the incorrect Bob Smith. My bride is Leslie Worley Smith (1964).
Regards,
Bob Smith

Editor Note:
Thanks for the feedback. I sent along another card to Bob and Patricia Moore Smith.

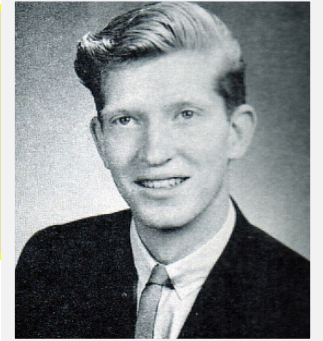


More Thanks!

Buf,

Thanks for the BD greeting. The islands in the background (our Channel Islands) and bottle nose dolphins are a daily sight from on our local beaches at Port Hueneme and the Ventura coastline.

Tom Larkin 1964



HICKSVILLE COMETS

Thanks for the birthday card.

You guys never fail. On another note, can you correct the spelling of my last name?

It's Fischer not fisher, thanks.

Jim Fischer 1965

Jim,

Your name is spelled correctly in our database. It must have been entered incorrectly just on the BD card itself.

Best, Henry

Note from Bob...it is spelled incorrectly on the birthday list as Henry indicated...

16 - Victor Olsen

17 - Robert Starke

17 - Jim Fisher

18 - Robert Spector)

19 - Gwendolyn (McCue) Schaaf

Val, who monitors the birthday list, will make the correction. Thanks for pointing out our error!!!



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It was much appreciated.”*

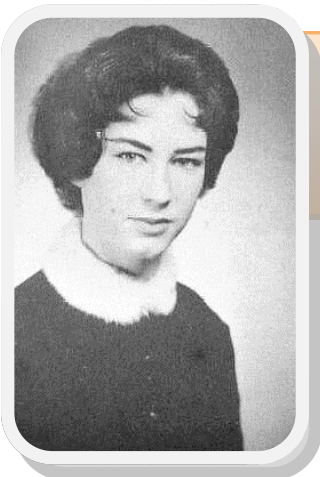
Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Pat (Lenzner) Caruso 1953

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. A rainbow is my favorite sign of a peaceful time. Thank you again.
Terry (Ferrin) White 1954

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Rudy Frey 1954

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. Opened it as I headed off to go skiing - not scuba diving but still a wonderful dream come true.
Ed Osborne 1956

Thanks for the birthday card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Suzanne (Garrett) Cullen 1956



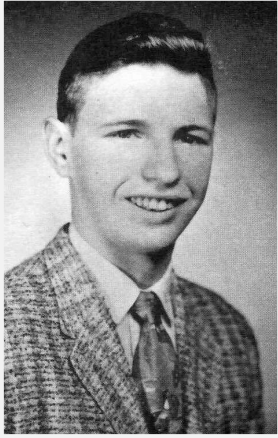
Thank You so much for the Birthday Wishes.
Love and Happiness to All.
Diane Burke 1960



**HAPPY
EASOER**

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Martha (Gross) Parent 1960

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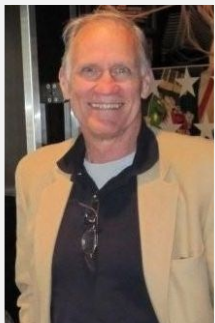
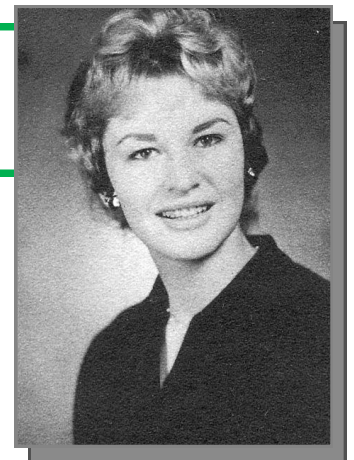


Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Larry Baroletti 1960

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Joan (DeJohn) 1961 and Paul Brite



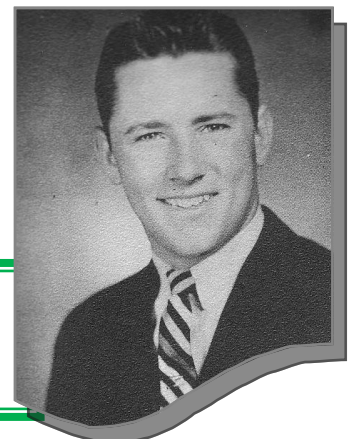
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George Lien 1961



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Ed Giannelli 1961



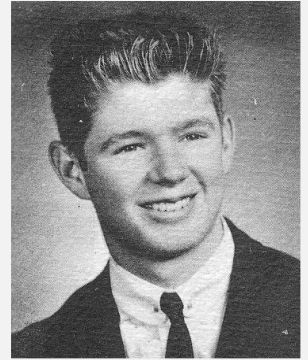
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Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was much appreciated.

This makes 48 years of wedded bliss. 4 children and 7 grandchildren and still ticking!

Harry and Janet (McMenamin) Butcher 1962



Thanks for the lovely card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Also, thanks for the anniversary card. We appreciate the fact that you always remember all special occasions.

Elyse (Marlin) and Seymour Soffer



Happy Birthday



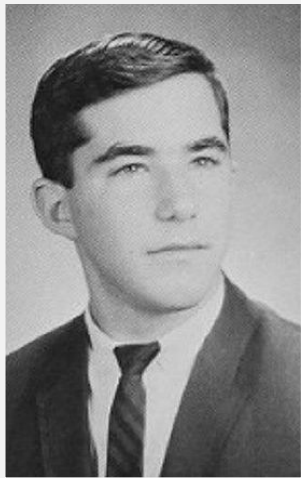
Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Judy (Marcus) Shivers 1964 with Bob Flanagan and winning ribbons...



Happy
Easter

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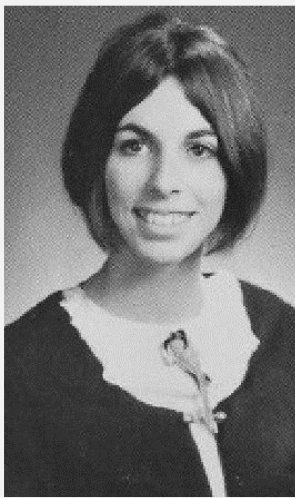


Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated and brightened my day.

Paul Backman 1967

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Bruce Goldmacher 1967



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Sue Z (Ambrico) Smith 1968

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was clever and very much appreciated.

Larry Dagna 1968

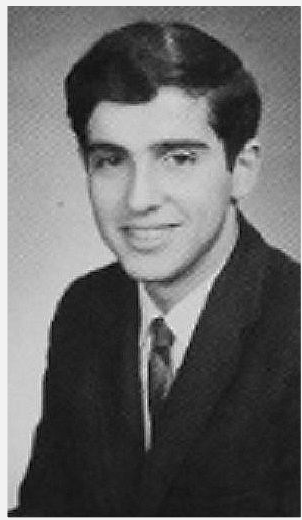


Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Lynn (McMorrow) 1968 and Marc O’Riordan



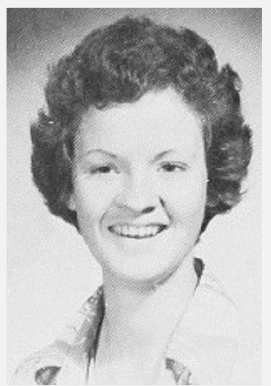
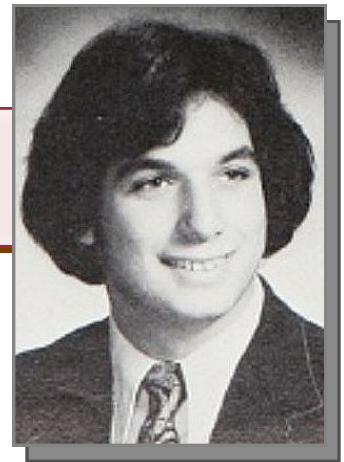
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Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Sharon and Michael Rozos 1968

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Robert Bialick 1970

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Mike Soblick 1974



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated & very special.

Kathy (McManus) Bock 1976



*Happy
Passover*

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Bob Gillette

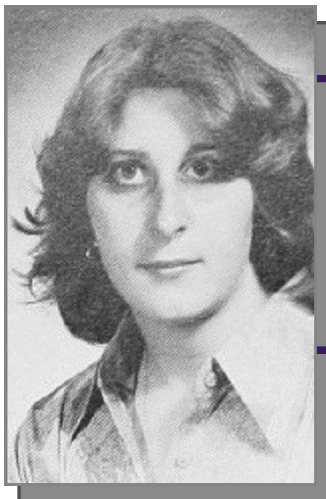
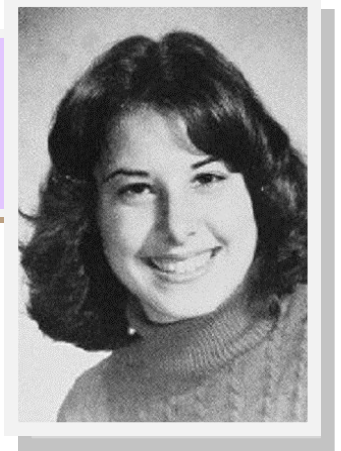


Lots of Thanks this month!

Gracids
MERCII
ARIGATO
thank you

I LOVED it!!! So adorable!! Many thanks for thinking of me.

Pat (Thompson) Dumas 1975



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Thanks for all the hard effort you and all put in the newsletter every month. Enjoy it so much!!!

Mary Ann (Walkowski) Westervelt 1976



Fun Links

James Cagney and Bob Hope at a Friar's Club meeting back when actors were real performers. Bob Hope was 52 and James Cagney was 56. For the young folks, here is something you probably have never seen before and, unfortunately, you may never see again. For us older folks, this is the best of the best. This is a side of these two entertainers you hardly ever saw together, but it shows you their enormous talent. Bob Hope, the best of the comedians, and Jimmy Cagney, mostly cast as the bad guy/gangster in the movies.

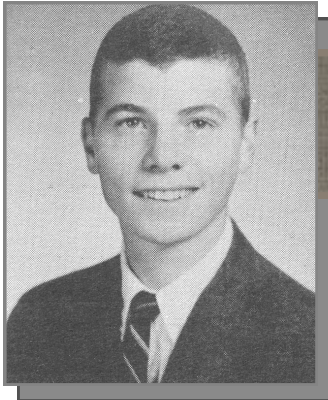
<http://videos2view.net/Hope-Cagney.htm>

and below is a dance routine performed by Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell...incredible

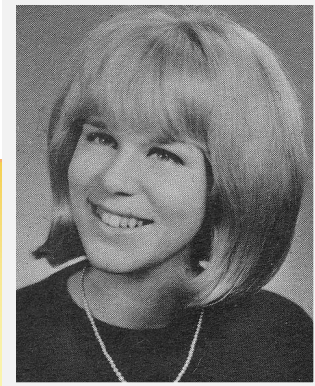
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWW6QeeVzDc>

Not sure how many of you have seen this or if you know the background of this entertainer you all have heard of over the years. This story has been around for awhile. It was a delight to see it once again.

Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci

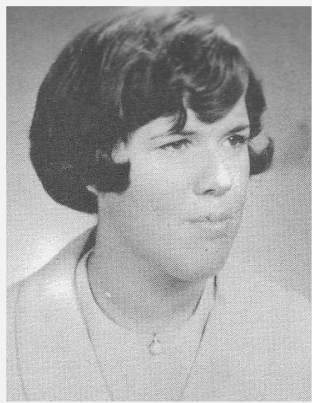


Thanks for remembering my birthday.
Tony Bellacera 1966



Bob and HixNews group.... thanks so much for the Anniversary Card.... the words were so "purr-fect" that I think I need to send the same card to my husband! hahaha.... 43 years ... and they thought it would never last!!

Marilyn Bowles Nejman 1966 and her "hubb-muffin" Joe!



Thank you for the birthday card. Since my sign is Aquarius it was even more appropriate. Thanks to all at Hix News. You all do a great job.

Donna Schrimpe 1966

Fun Links

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Mrs. Brown's dog is very old and unwell. The family is trying to figure out a way to tell her that it's time to put the dog down.

[Click to watch Mrs. Brown's Dog](#)

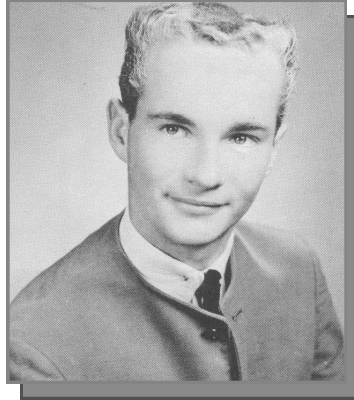


New Readers

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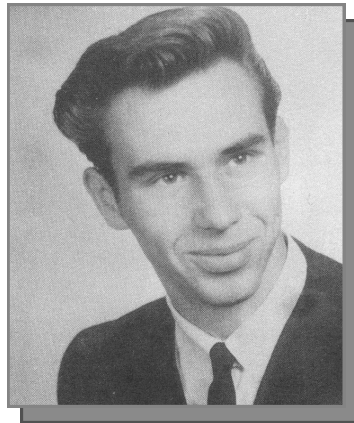


Walter Maier 1962



Donald Wassmer 1964

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David McCloskey 1965



Looking for



Hello

For some reason the Hix news web site didn't allow me to send a message regarding people looking for people. Would you please enter my request to contact Mary Ellen (Chickie) Horan of the class of 1961. I have know her even before our families moved to Hicksville in about 1951.

I notice that she is listed as an alumni association member. Perhaps you could forward this request directly to her.

Thank you,
Henry (Hank) Landau
Class of 1960

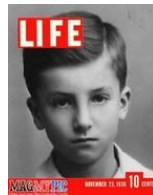
Hank,

Your request to contact Mary Ellen (Chickie) Horan was received, and I sent an email message to Mary Ellen that you would like to contact her (see message, below). I am sorry to have to tell you this, but if she wanted to contact you, she does have your email address. I suppressed Mary Ellen's email address because she has not given us permission to release it.

Your request to contact Ken Roth, however, has been entered in the "People Looking" list. Unfortunately, we don't have contact info for Ken.

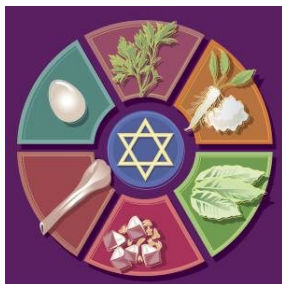
Best

H. Lichtenstein



SP4 Edward O'Hare is a Hicksville High graduate who served a tour of duty in Vietnam. In June of 1969, while a patient in Valley Forge General Hospital, he was honored at an Honors Ceremony & Retreat. At the ceremony, O'Hare was presented with a Silver Star, this nation's third highest medal, the Bronze Star for Valor, the Bronze Star for Valor with first Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, and the Purple Heart.

We know his parents lived on West Marie Street in Hicksville. What we would like to know is when Ed graduated from Hicksville High?? If anyone can provide the necessary information, please forward to the Editors at HixNews (editors@hixnews.com.)



FLASHBACK

Monday, August 11, 2009 a little after noon.

I was taking my daughter, Dawn, to LaGuardia for a flight back to Augusta. As we were driving West on Northern State, the weather got really nasty looking...big dark clouds, then a tremendous downpour. Just before, Dawn was looking toward Great Neck and swore she saw a funnel cloud and snapped a picture, but we were too far away to see the result. Within a half hour, that same front was pounding the North Shore nearby to Hicksville, and sure enough, the tornado formed.

Buffalo Bob Casale



Fun Links



How would you like the job of building this road??!!!

The road is built on several small islands and reefs, and is crossed by eight bridges, several roads and overpasses. This road has a view of the open sea that is rare on the roads along the Norwegian coastline. You can see fjords and mountains near the road. This spectacular road quickly became a tourist attraction. You're in the driver's seat so imagine you are driving...

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/4T4vc1QqiPM>

After viewing the above, a new screen appears that features additional videos that are kinda interesting. Click on any of the thumbnails to check it out.

Fun Links

Army Ranger Surprise

You could have knocked me over with a feather when I saw who they were talking about...I had no idea....wait till you see who it is. What a simple but most sincere and moving acceptance speech. Loved his recommendation for all our politicians.

Many people may have forgotten about his time in the U.S. Army. He is the son of an Air Force General, an accomplished Golden Gloves boxer and he graduated from Pomona College with a B.S. degree. He then became a Rhodes Scholar from Oxford University.

He joined the U.S. Army at the prompting of his father. After graduating from Officer Candidate School he attended and graduated from both Army Airborne and Ranger training in the very top of each class. He was selected for U. S. Army Special Forces Training but refused so that he could attend pilot training where he earned his wings, and became an accomplished U.S. Army helicopter (gun ship) pilot, and achieved the rank of Captain.

He was about to be promoted to the rank of Major, and appointed to teach at West Point when he resigned his commission from the Army to go into music and acting. You can tell in this video that his time in the military means a lot to him. I won't give away who it is. You should just watch.

I bet you will be surprised!

[GO HERE](#)

TAKE THE TEST TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT. VERY INTERESTING!!!!

Below is a link to a 30-question test to see how well you know US Law. Give it a shot, and see how well you do!

Supposedly 96 % of all High School Seniors FAILED this test, AND if that's not bad enough, 50% of all individuals over 50 did too! Take the test and be surprised at what you don't know.

[GO HERE](#)

I have never seen fishing so easy!!

Why Go Fishing in Indiana...

This is for those who have not earlier seen this gift of nature.

[GO HERE](#)

Dear Buffalo Bob

Where our own beloved Buffalo Bob corresponds for a few pages with a random reader

Andrew Polanski

Hey Bob

My brother Andrew (Andy) Polanski graduated HHS in 1965. Please add him to the Vietnam era list. Andy was in the Army and stationed on the Korean DMZ 1968-69 the same time I was in Vietnam. He came back 2 weeks after I did. Sadly, he passed away while in a Los Angeles VA hospital in 1984. He had some heart problems which I suspect were from Agent Orange exposure.

I recently learned that the DMZ in Korea was sprayed with AO during the time he was there.

I am looking into this matter for the sake of his 2 children. He is buried in Pinelawn.

Chris Polanski 1960

Joe

I received the above note from Chris Polanski class of 1960 who is listed on the Vietnam era list. He's asking that his brother be added.

Thanks

Bob

Hi Bob,

I've added Andrew Polanski to the List of Names and will send Chris a direct note with copy to you, as I have his email address, as I need Andrew's middle initial if he has one. I never heard of Agent Orange use on the DMZ!

Regards, Joe

Dear Chris,

Thanks for informing Bob Casale about our need to add Andrew's name to the List of Names for the Hicksville Vietnam War Era Memorial Project. I've added his name and data, but still need to know his middle initial, if he had one, to make it complete. Please let me know.

I'm sorry to hear Andrew died in 1984 as such a young age. I had no idea Agent Orange had been sprayed along the DMZ in Korea. It's good you are looking into this for the sake of his children. I'm sure you're in touch with the VA about it.

Should you need help, perhaps Joe Ingino, a Class of '67 grad of Hicksville High can give you some advice. Joe is a Vietnam Veteran and an Agent Orange survivor and advocate for afflicted veterans on Long Island and can be reached at biggioe75@hotmail.com should you want to contact him. I've also copied him for this email to make him aware you might be in touch. Joe is also a HixNews Hall of Fame inductee and you can read his story and work for agent orange awareness on the Hall of Fame tab on the HixNews website; www.hixnews.com. He's also been an active member of our Vietnam Memorial Project Team for quite some time.

Regards,

Joe Carfora, HHS '62

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Andrew Polanski

Bob:

A good friend in Westbury has been trying to get something done with the VA and his contact hasn't a clue and gave him runarounds since July.

Is Walt Schmidt still the VA rep? If so can you tell me the best way to contact him? I believe I left a voice mail for him but not sure if it was the right number. My friend Rich was in Vietnam from 67-68 and has diabetes and takes insulin and also has a form of Leukemia. His DD214 did not reflect a Vietnam medal but was made by headquarters 9th Infantry Division and 709th maintenance battalion with a Vietnam APO number... His services rep said he needed more proof before he sent it forward. I spoke to the services officer and he didn't try to be helpful, said that he didn't know about Vietnam APO numbers... Not cool...

I'm sure that we can help him.

Chris Polanski

Hi Bob,

Personally, I can't help, but hope Joe Ingino or Walter Schmidt can get back to you with information on how to help this guy.

Joe

Chris

Received the following note from Walter Schmidt.

Contact information is provided for you to reach him.

bob

Folks -

Leave a contact number at 516.797.7875 (my work phone), I'm off until Wed; I'll contact the person and we WILL get him help.

Walt Schmidt Veteran Services Officer

TOBay's Veteran Services Division

WorkDayTime: 516.797.7875 & 24/7 Voice Mail

Anytime: 24/7 Voice Mail 516.799.8300 & Fax 888.799.8301

Website: <http://www.waltsdorsai.net/>

Blog: <http://sayswhogi.net>

Ken Sun - Column: <http://experts.longisland.com/veterans>.

"Let No Veteran Ever Stand Alone!"

"To know yet to think that one does not know is best;

Not to know yet to think that one knows will lead to difficulty."

Lao-Tzu 71: