

News about town

Former Prisoner Of War Dies

George A. Thomas, a WWII veteran and prisoner of war, a furniture store owner and a seventh generation Long Islander, died of heart failure on March 20 at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset. He was 87 and a life-long resident of Hicksville.

He was born in a small house on Route 107 in Brookville and grew up in a large family during the great depression. He got his first job at 12, caddying at the Bethpage Golf Club and letting him help support his family.

He attended schools in Hicksville. In high school, he was an athlete, playing football, basketball and track, and holding the pole vault record for 25 years, said his son Mark, of Hicksville. He graduated high school in 1944 and immediately joined the Army, getting into the 101st Airborne. He was soon dispatched to Europe and participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

While serving in the city of Bastogne, Belgium he and 12 others were surrounded by German tank troops and captured, said his son. They were forced to do labor work for the German troops, had no change of clothes and mostly slept outside. At the end of March 1945, Thomas ended up in a prison camp called “Bad Orb” and was liberated by Patton’s army on April 1, 1945. He was then in the hospital for almost nine months recovering. He is a receipt of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service to his country.

He was discharged as a corporal in November 1945. After the war, he play semi-pro football with his former Hicksville high school team mates and, later, was recruited to Auburn University by famed scout Tex Schramm.

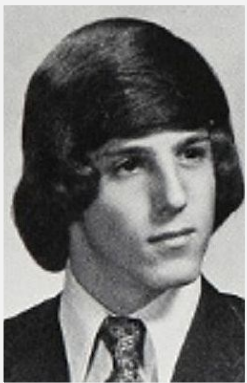
The elder Thomas married his wife Frances Caruso in 1947, and he and a partner, James McGeever — who married Frances’ sister, Rose — started a retail business in Babylon: the Long Island Furniture Company. They retired and closed the business in 2005 after 56 years.

Thomas was a member of the Northport POW, Hicksville Post 3211 VFW and an usher at St. Ignatius RC Church in Hicksville.

Survivors also include another son, George, of Oakdale; two daughters, Laureen Clark of Port Jefferson Station, and Patricia Budinich of Hicksville; two brothers, Charles, of Riverhead, and James, of Syosset; a sister, Marjorie Cummings of Huntington; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held at the church March 25. Burial followed at Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Northport Veterans Association Hospital, 79 Middleville Road, Northport, NY 11768. [Click here for the whole story](#)

Letters

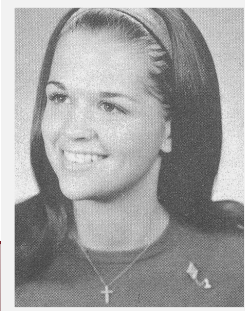


Bob,

Thank you on behalf of the Thomas family for the recent posting on George Thomas story. I bet you will get some good responses

Regards

Mark Thomas 1975



Thank you so much for sharing the amazing life story of George Thomas. I went to St Ignatius grammar school and HHS with his son George and nephew, Jamie McGeever. I never knew anything about his heroic war story. I agree with his grandson who submitted the story to HixNews. The younger generations need to know the sacrifices that were made for the freedoms we have today.

Maureen Hanifan Olsen ,HHS 1966

Fun Links



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This is a wonderful, thought-provoking, one minute clip.

Full of wisdom. . . . and very brief.

It's not a joke, it's not religious, and it's not political.

It's just...special. I think you'll agree.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Hzgzim5m7oU&vq=medium

Letters



Hi,

I am getting the newsletter at my newest e-mail address, but just want to make sure that it is in the appropriate records for anyone to contact me. Thanks, and here it is:

<hidden for privacy>

Eileen (Oxenholm) Baxter



Editor Note:

Eileen, your address is properly recorded in our database.

Best, Henry

Hi, my name is Gina XXX and I am an Online Strategist.

The reason for my email is I have come across your site www.hixnews.com and decided to run an analysis on your competition and your current search rankings. I also tried to look for your business on various social media sites and really couldn't find much else about you.

Over the last 12 months GOOGLE has placed so much importance on Content Creation & Social Media Performance that if your business isn't creating valuable content or even visible across social media platforms you have basically no chance of being seen on any search engine for keywords your customers are using to find businesses like you.

With a solid plan and strategy I honestly believe I can help get your website ranking higher on GOOGLE and getting customers to interact with your business on Social Media to really build your brand.

Don't get me wrong this won't be easy (or everyone would be doing it) but I would love to help out with no obligations or commitments.

Can I call you and run some ideas I have to help your business grow?

Regards,

Gina XXX

SEO Co-ordinator

Editor Note:

Gina, you couldn't find our business because, well, we're not a business. We're an online high school alumni association. We don't have any competition because there's only one alumni association from this school. Don't waste your time on us. Respectfully, Roger Whitaker, webmaster for hixnews.com

***Did you know we're a "brand" now? Neither did we!
You have to love "shotgun marketing". Sigh.***

Letters



Hi Friends! Our daughter, Krysty, has just posted a new video on YouTube. It is fantastic. Below is the information that she sent to her friends about it. Enjoy!

Nancy & Jim Bosse 1967

Hey everyone,

I have been working hard on a project, and it turned out better than I ever could have imagined.

Here is the deal: My boyfriend showed me a video of John Denver singing and skiing, and I immediately knew I wanted to recreate it.

Original 1980 John Denver Video Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aB2E1D5hrdI>

At Mad House Recorders in Leadville, CO Tim Stroh and Michael Chavez produced a snappy new version of the song. I sang 4 vocal tracks and played ukulele, mandolin, pump organ, harmonium, accordion, melodica, wash-board, slide whistle, mouth harp, glockenspiel, and probably a few instruments I can't remember. Mike Lamitola played guitar, bass, lead mandolin, and drums.

Engine 7 Films volunteered and showed up with skis, snowboards and cameras. With a gracious donation from Maison de Ski, we put a group of friends on Icelantic Skis and spent a blue sky day filming at Loveland Ski Area. After two quick days of video editing at Wink, Inc., we have a final product that makes me very proud.

BUT WAIT. It gets better.

I sent the video to the John Denver estate, and they loved it so much that they are hosting it on the official John Denver YouTube page! I am pleased to announce the official release of: the paucity (Krysty Bosse) in Dancing with the Mountain (orig. by John Denver)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T99tB-YOjng>

Please help keep this dream alive. Watch, Like and Share.

Thanks, friends!

Krysty

www.reverbnation.com/thepaucity

www.facebook.com/thepaucity

www.facebook.com/KrystalGalaxy

YouTube - Videos from this email



**REMEMBER
THEIR
SACRIFICE**

Letters



Hi

I heard awhile back that there was going to be a reunion sometime in the fall of '13. Can you tell be if this is true and if so for what graduating classes and the details. Thank you.

Delia Sackmann Fitzgerald 1967

Hicksville Rock n' Return Reunion

If you lived in Hicksville and attended any school in Hicksville, June 29, 2013 is the day to celebrate our Hicksville heritage while paying it forward to the next generation of Hicksvillians.

It doesn't matter what year you graduated, we just hope to see everyone there so we can all party hardy together.

<http://hicksvillerrr.webs.com/>



Hi Bob,

We just received the **updated DVD of the Class of 1962 Fifty Year Reunion** you sent us. Terry and I really enjoyed it! It was nice to reminisce about those good old days! We appreciated all the

work you put into making all those memories. We were really fortunate that we grew up during that era with all the fun we had. Terry, being a Canadian, experienced many of the same things we did and the fun we had. We often talk about those days and how things were so similar.

Thanks so much! Take care!

Flo Gargano-Raine

More letters



Hi Guys and Gals,

Each issue of the Hix News rocks my world! I appreciate all you do to keep all of us connected over the years and miles.

I would like to get a copy of the **DVD from the '62 50th Reunion**. I know the procedure was published in a previous newsletter, but I can't find it. Thanks for your help.

Keep up the good work!

Art Pardo '62 (San Diego, CA)

Editor Note:

I just checked the counter on our Alumni Bios site and the total views has reached a total of 15,695. So, people do read about our alumni!

Also, If you've ever been on a reunion committee any year, any time, please send me contact information for those who served on the committee. HixNews is reaching out to the masses to send word that there is a newsletter published every month. So many are not enjoying the publication and we want to get our membership to over 2,000.

Thanks



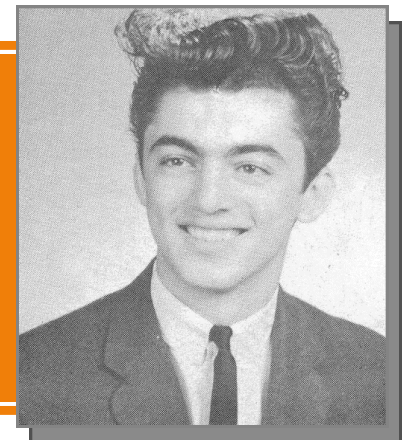
Hi HHS Newsletter Gaggle!

Thanks for a great job every month!

Hope all is well.

Thanks! Have a great April!

Dennis Listort 1964



Done once on the Johnny Carson Show.

Good thing he taped it because it was never done again.

Give it a watch and a laugh.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9xKU8eYCFk>

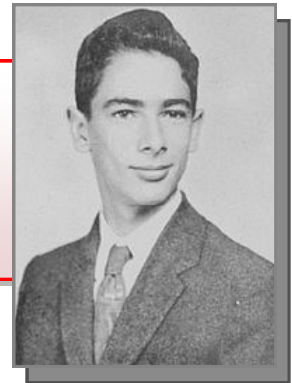


Thanks



Thanks for the greeting Bob...and am prepared for another trip around the sun.

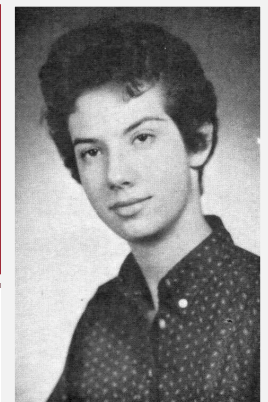
Jed Schaiman 1959



Forty-one years!! They have passed so quickly and there are so many wonderful memories. Bob, thank you for the anniversary greetings and the effort you put

into remembering all of our (HHS) birthdays and anniversaries.

Kathy (McDonald) 1960 and Bill Corey

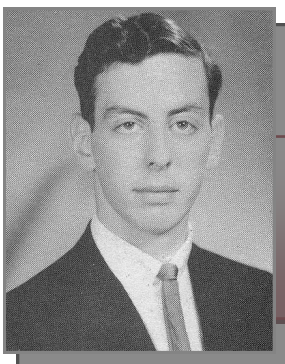
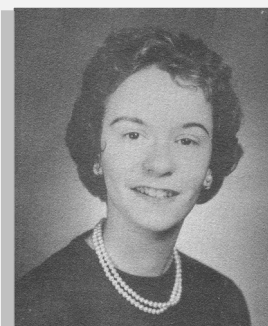


Thanks for the very unique card!

Ruben Callejas 1953

The anniversary card was wonderful! The sentiment was "purrfect" for old timers like us after 46 years of wedded bliss. Thanks so much. Thanks, too, for the birthday card and for thinking of me. I really enjoyed hearing from you and wish you all the best.

Susan (Schwartz) 1961 and Jerry Serlin



Thanks Bobby & the HixNews staff for the birthday card...so great of you

Jerry Gardner 1966



More Thanks!



Good morning Bob & HixNews Staff
Thank you so much for the anniversary wishes. Bill and I really appreciate it. Blessings to all.
Bill & Vi Mathon Reilly 1968

Gracias
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ARIGATO
thank you



HICKSVILLE
COMETS

Thanks for the birthday wishes--great jazz tune to go with a great day.
Wayne Sternberger 1971



Bob & the HixNews Staff...

Thank you for always remembering my birthday each year with a card. I am always surprised by it and I have to say it really makes my day. You help keep me connected to my dear friends from high school. You provide the best way to stay in touch with events and finding new old friends. Your site is a great addition to my life. Thank you again for your kind thoughts every year. You make so many of our alumni so happy I am sure

Regards

Jeffrey White 1973

Ps. I am sorry to say I will not be attending the group reunion this year but my heart will be there and my friends will keep me up with the nights' events. Thank you again I plan and hope to make the next one

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



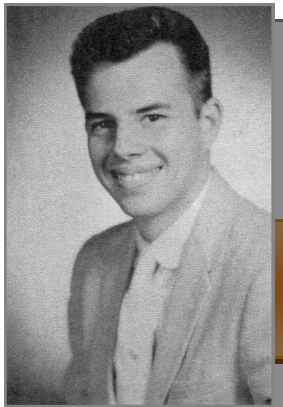
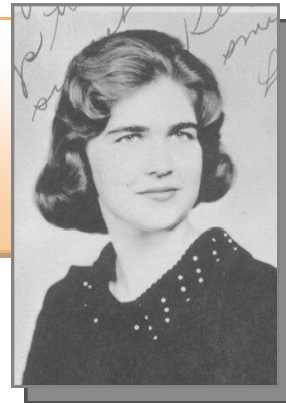
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Dear HixNews

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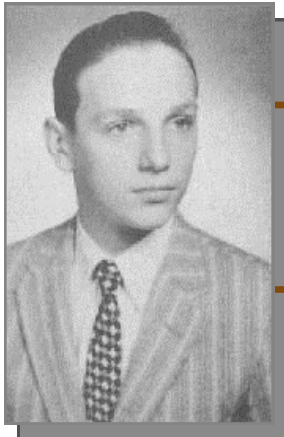
Ghyll Owen Simoneschi 1959



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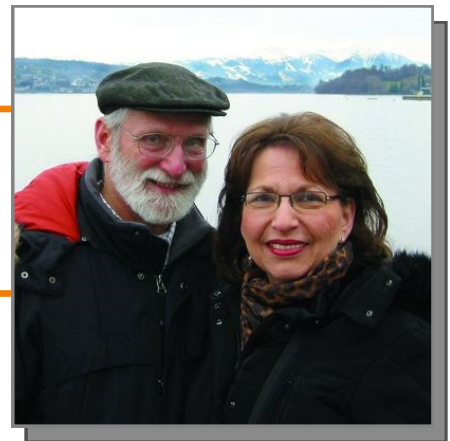
Ray Bianco 1959

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Arthur Romeo 1960



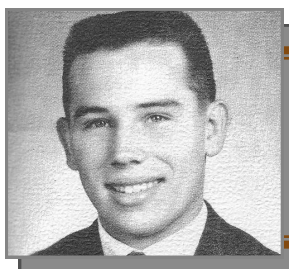
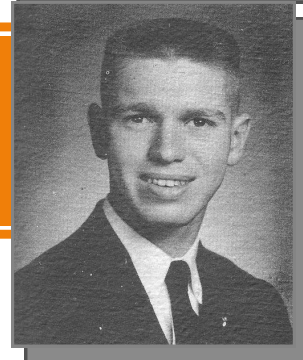
Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was much appreciated. We are at 48 and counting.

Tom and Renee Phon 1960



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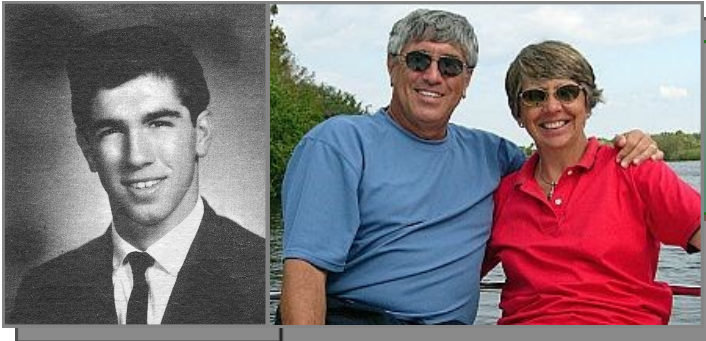
Steve Baum 1962



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

Hal Smith 1963

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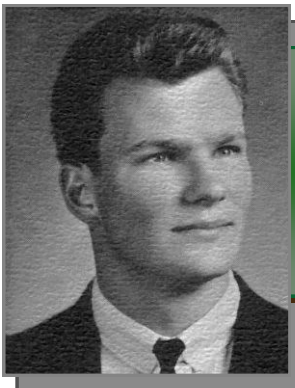


Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was much appreciated. Where did 45 years go?

John and Linda Mirro 1962

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. You do so much for all the alumni. You are an inspiration.

Marilyn (Schwab) and Alan Zaretsky 1962



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. Also, Bob, which reunion, for 1963, is Hix news recommending? One is specifically for 1963 and another covers 1962-66.

Thanks again.

Vic Matuza

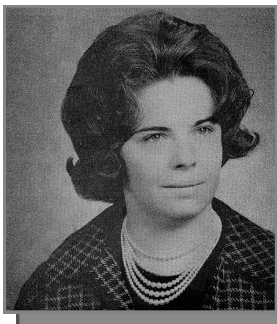
Editor Note...If I had to make a choice, I would opt to go to the 1963 reunion.

It appears the turnout should be good.

You can go to the website that HixNews set up for the reunion...

<http://63.hixreunion.com/>

Bob



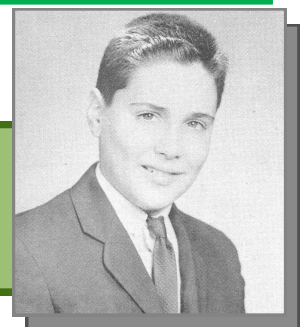
Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. love HixNews and thank you for that and for remembering my birthday.

Gail (Di Leo) Cuoco 1964

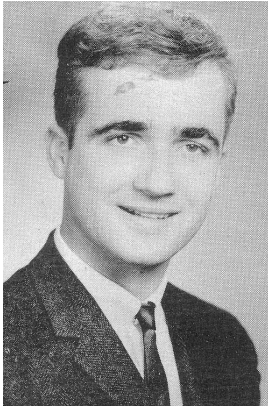


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Michael Cucci 1964



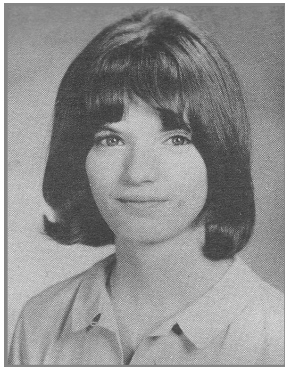
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Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

You're the best Bob...

Ted Swedalla, Jr & Entering Idaho on his 4,400 mile bicycle trip across the USA



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Margaret (Peggy Werner) Petrone 1966

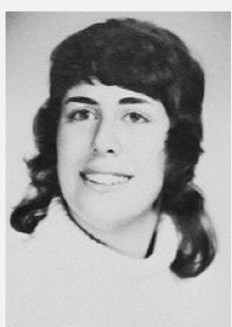
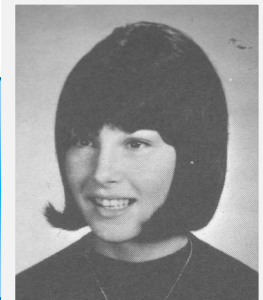
Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Leila (Kriegel) Randazzo 1970

Hello Bob & The Gang at Hix News

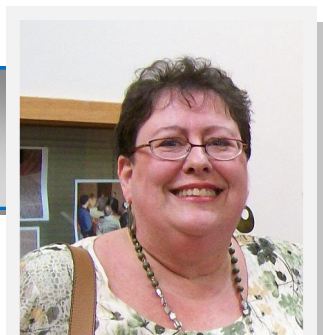
Thank you for the lovely birthday wishes and for thinking of me. A milestone birthday....Medicare!!

Lorraine (Kalen) Lowen 1966



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was so cute.

Betty Sue (Gardner) Brunell 1972

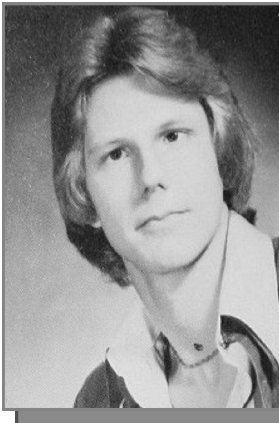


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Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Carolann (Luisi) Saletto 1975

Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was much appreciated.
Lisa (Weller) 1980 and Bob DiBartolomeo



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Peter Sluder 1977



Thanks for the card and for thinking of us on our 43rd wedding anniversary! It was much appreciated.

Jim and Maryann (Johnston) Dolan 1982



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Janis (Bartlett) Wood 1973

Bob,

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. FYI- This is Cathy's email address, not Jennifer's. I hope you and the folks at Hix News are doing well.

Cathy Bell for Jennifer Bell

New Readers

Welcome



Norman Reid 1963



Paul T. Bansbach 1972

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Nancy Schult Yarsinske 1970 & Husband, Tom



Looking for



A note to Henry Landau...Don't remember if I sent you the snail mail address for Mary Ellen "Chickie" Horan. I knew you were looking for her. I sent an email but found out from Mary O'Shaughnessy that Chickie doesn't open any emails. However, her address is (concealed).

Hope you are doing okay. Being 70 is a major slow me down factor.

Regards

buffalo bob casale

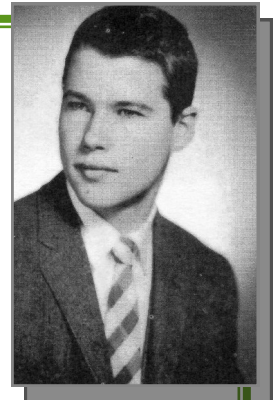
Bob

Thank you very much. My mom and Chickie's mom were best of friends. Chickie and I lived across the street from each other in Jackson Heights from about 1944 to 1950. Her family moved to the same street as mine in Hicksville in about 1950.

Yes, we are getting older so we must act younger (or try to). I have been kayaking Lewis and Clark's return journey. Made it to Pierre SD last year. Hope I can get the old body in shape to continue this summer.

Best regards to a great sprinter from a much slower long distance runner.

Hank Landau 1960



Fun Links

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Thanks to Kathy Koziuk Hannaman for the following...

BE SURE TO CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW. IT WILL MAKE YOUR DAY.

<http://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/6dbBfXCMbH4?rel=0>

Youtube-nocookie.com is safe. It's still youtube/google.

Looking for



Hi

Suzanne is looking for Steven Smith: Steve lives in Florida with his mother.

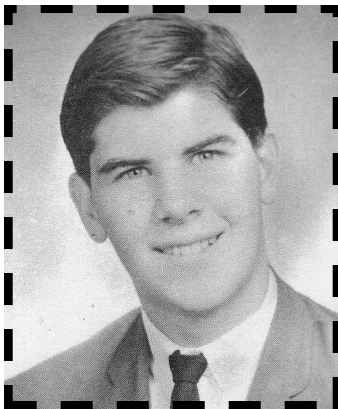
Linda Ruggiero 1973

Editor Note:

Linda

Suzanne who is looking for Steve Smith? Please advise

Thanks. love yah, buffalo bob casale



I saw a photo in April's newsletter with Robin Winkel in it. He lived across the street from me in Hicksville and seeing that he lives in Port Saint Lucie, I would like to contact him as I live in the next town. Do you have any contact info that you can send me regarding him? Thank you.

Sincerely

Morton Richman 1965

Dear Robin Winkel (Class of 1964),

Your friend from Hicksville High, Morton Richman, would like to get in touch with you (see his request, below).

Morton's email address is: (concealed for security purposes)

Best, Henry

H. Lichtenstein

HixNews Systems

Henry

Thank you for your assistance. I hope he contacts me.

Mort

A Refreshing way to use a Thomas' English Muffin

Cut an English muffin in half and toast lightly. Spread Miracle Whip onto the two sides of the muffin. Put a dollop of Spicy Brown Mustard on each side. Then put a slice of tomato on top of the miracle whip and mustard. A little salt... a little pepper. Now top that off with a slice of Swiss Cheese. Microwave on high for about 30 seconds. Taste is great!!!

Looking for



My friend Karen Kozak, class of 1967 asked me to send you an email requesting her name be added to the Name and Class List. Even though at the moment she does not have access to the internet she would also like to be added to your mailing list. Her email address is (concealed).

Thank you in advance.

Also, I heard awhile back that there was going to be a reunion sometime in the fall of '13. Can you tell be if this is true and if so for what graduating classes and the details.

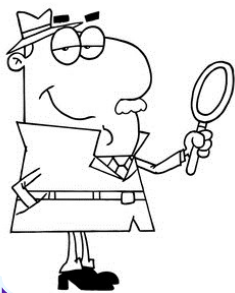
Thank you.

Delia Sackmann Fitzgerald 1967

Editor Note:

Delia, I have added Karen's name to our Name and Class List, but I cannot enroll her in our mailing list. Karen will have to subscribe herself when she regains access to the internet.

Best, Henry



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Enjoy the show!

EACH FLOWER IS FILMED FOR TWO DAYS AND PHOTOS ARE COLLATED WITHIN 7 MINUTES TO GET THIS EFFECT.

(Video is about 2 minutes long. Enjoy the Dance of the Flowers as they Bloom, make sure your sound is on!!!)

Click the below hyperlink or copy and paste to your browser...when the new screen appears, click on the play button on the left bottom

<http://player.vimeo.com/video/27920977?title=0&%3bbyline=0&%3bportrait=0&ref=>

Passages



Dear Editors,

I had previously reported that Charles Clare, Class of 1958, had passed away but his name still does not appear on the 1958 graduate list. In addition be aware that Barbara Dylewski Mallett, class of 1958, passed away in Oct. 2012. It would certainly be respectful to remember them on the list.

Thanks for your hard work

Kathleen Donovan Agiesta 1958

Editor Note:

Sorry for the oversight. I get thousands of emails every month and sometimes while sorting through, I inadvertently delete something important. We try to be respectful to each former student who has passed. Thanks for the reminder. The names will be added.

love yah

buffalo bob casale



More fun and games

I Haven't Heard Of This before!

For those of you who don't read Facebook, here is a saving treatment for burns we should all know.

A young man sprinkling his lawn and bushes with pesticides wanted to check the contents of the barrel to see how much pesticide remained in it. He climbed into the truck bed, raised the cover and lit his lighter; the vapors ignited and engulfed him. He jumped from his truck, screaming.

His neighbor seeing what happened immediately came out of her house with a dozen eggs and a bowl yelling to anyone who could hear her to "bring me some more eggs!"

She broke them, separating the whites from the yolks. Another neighbor woman who heard her pleas brought more eggs and helped her apply the whites onto the young man's face.

When the ambulance arrived and the EMTs saw the young man, they asked who had done this. Everyone pointed to the lady in charge.

They congratulated her and said "You probably saved his face."

By the end of summer, the young man brought the lady a bouquet of roses to thank her. His face was like a baby's skin.

A Healing Miracle for Burns

Keep in mind this treatment of burns is being included in teaching beginner fireman. First Aid consists of first spraying cold water on the affected area until the heat is reduced which stops the continued burning of all layers of the skin. Then, spread the egg whites onto the affected area.

One woman burned a large part of her hand with boiling water. In spite of the pain, she ran cold faucet water on her hand, separated 2 egg whites from the yolks, beat them slightly and dipped her hand in the solution. The whites then dried and formed a protective layer.

She later learned that the egg white is a natural collagen and continued during at least one hour to apply layer upon layer of beaten egg white. By afternoon she no longer felt any pain and the next day there was hardly a trace of the burn. 10 days later, no trace was left at all and her skin had regained its normal color. The burned area was totally regenerated thanks to the collagen in the egg whites, a placenta full of vitamins.

Since this information could be helpful to everyone: Please pass it on?

Fun Links

My son, Chad Casale, does part time work with Bay Fireworks. Enclosed is a taped show that was filmed probably last year. Some of the fireworks are exquisite. Enjoy!!!

Buffalo Bob Casale

https://www.facebook.com/chad.casale?clk_loc=2#!/photo.php?v=1680012214250&set=t.1236942068&type=3&theater

Random Stuff

Ben Portsmouth and his band, 'Taking Care of Elvis', present an amazing tribute to the King of Rock and Roll, with his looks, style and fantastic voice which will set hearts racing and feet tapping.

In the blink of your eyes you'll be taken back to what it was like to see, hear and experience the young and sexy Elvis when he first burst on to the U.S. music scene in 1954 right through to 1977.

Ben Portsmouth's stunning outfits, all U.S. custom made, span the black leathers of Presley's comeback in 1968 to the white jumpsuits of the later Las Vegas shows, all costumes are exact copies of the originals.

Not only is Ben Portsmouth a natural showman but he is also an extremely talented professional singer/songwriter, a dedicated musician who sincerely goes that bit extra in all his performances, in doing so he leaves his audience craving more!

In 2006 Ben Portsmouth was awarded the title of 'Best Festival Elvis' at the annual 'Porthcawl Elvis' convention in Wales which is the biggest of its kind in Europe. He took the audience of assembled Elvis devotees by storm with his remarkable voice and stage presence. In 2007 he was awarded the Gold Lame (Jacket) Award for his 50's set and in 2008 he was voted best '68 Comeback Special. And now he has won the "The World's Ultimate Elvis Presley Impersonator".

In my opinion it doesn't get better than this. Click here and turn up the volume as he appears on The Dave Letterman Show.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8fjHJbF9Es&feature=player_embedded



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