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Your Editors  
BufBob, Bob, Linda and Pat

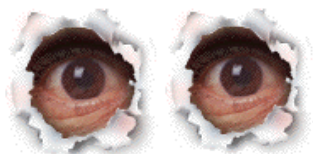
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**A Note from Lorraine K. Lowen '66** - My husband Bill and I now live in Rio Rancho, NM. We're about 5000' elevation, and looking out my back window we can see the beautiful Sandia Mountains. It's really a spectacular view. The property values have sky rocketed in our area, including Santa Fe, Placitas, and Corrales.

My dear friend Mike Cava '66 sold his home in Oceanside, CA, and has moved to Belen, which is just south of Albuquerque, and about an hours ride from our home. He and his wife Lora truly enjoy living in New Mexico. As a matter of fact, Mike ran for City Council there. His brother Charlie, who also graduated from HHS now lives in Florida. Bill and I want to thank the staff of HixNews for doing such a great job on the

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**I really look forward to reading** what is going on with out alumni, and to see what has changed in Hicksville. I do get back once in a while to visit my mother and sister Donna '66 who still reside there. This is a wonderful way to stay on top of everything, and I thank the editors for taking the time to do this, and for feeling it's important to all of us as well.. Thank You - 'Sister' Maureen Schrimpe '63

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**I just read the October Issue** and, as usual, it was very interesting. I've been very busy preparing for the Senior Star Search that will be held at the Senior Expo on the Suffolk Community Campus off Crooked Hill Rd. in Commack. I was picked as one of the finalists and I'm very happy that I was selected. I'm still doing my Charity Singing for many Senior groups on the Island. When Newsday interviewed me about being chosen, they asked me when I started singing. I told them my stage debut was on Lee Avenue Schools stage in Hicksville back when I was 10 years old. I remember singing "How Much Is That Doggie In The Window". That brought a laugh from the interviewer. Between my part-time church job, babysitting and singing, it's a busy life. My thanks goes out to all the editors of HixNews.Com. - Ann (Colascione) Fisher

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**Well, I'm finally back online** and can once again receive HixNews.Com. It certainly make for great reading, and it's really enjoyable to reminisce about the old times at HHS. I can remember Janis Barber, and she lived up the street from me. She was soooooo smart and always got A's. I also remember that she came from a big family. Thanks again for our Newsletter. - Sue Manning

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**A fellow Alumnus here in Florida** sent me the URL for HixNews.Com. I was pleased to see the old school once again. Although no one from the 70's seems to be involved, it was still enjoyable.

I still fly back every couple of months to play with my old band - The Jim Small Band, which played thousands of shows on LI over the last 25 years. Usually at Mulcahy's in Wantagh. The next show is at the Nutty Irishman in Bayshore on Nov. 19th. It would be great to see some of the alumni if you get a chance to drop by for a evening of fun. - John Boyle '75

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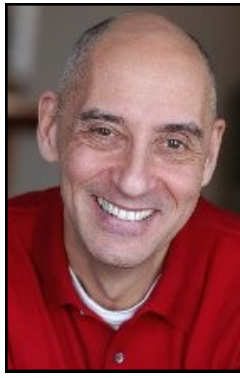
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Sal Mistretta 1962



Sal Today



Pirelli Publicity shot from SWEENEY TODD 1982

**Hi All** - I just wanted everyone to know that I just shot another LAW&ORDER CI "Acts of Contrition" episode to be aired in the next few weeks.

I've also been contracted to recreate 'Pirelli' in Sondheims 'Sweeney Todd' at the 5th Avenue Theatre in Seattle from October 25th through November 13th. I first created that role on the First National Tour with Angela Lansbury, and also on the restored CD.

If any HHS Alumni will be in the Seattle area during the 'Todd Sweeney' weeks, I hope you'll stop by and catch the show. ALL THE BEST

Sal Mistretta '62 - <http://www.salmistretta.com>

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**To The Staff of HixNews** - What a wonderful newsletter we have, and I look forward to reading it each month. About two or three times a year a bunch of us get together for an outing of some sort, and on this June excursion we went to Sarasota, FL and spent the day on Jimmy Armstrongs boat. It's usually Jimmy Armstrong, Ray & Beth Bianco, Bob & Linda Sterner, Pat (Uvino) Greenridge, Jack Wyler and Ginny Wills, Gene Yetter, Judy Trifaro and myself, Carol (Wills) Erlwein and my husband Chuck.



Pat Greenridge, Beth Bianco, Judy Trifaro and Carol Erlwein



Jimmy's Boat



Gene, Chuck, Beth, Ray, Jack, and Carol

**This is fantastic!**

I had no idea this kind of information could be compiled! See your High School or College Yearbook photos online for free.....I have no idea how they got all the school photos, but this is awesome. I found mine and it just takes 3 easy steps.

<http://www.worldschoolphotographs.com/wsp/index1.htm>

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## **The Mystery Has Been Solved!!!**

**We can't tell you how many times** we've received e-mails from readers asking if we knew the answer to "What was in the Gertz Ice Cream that made it taste soooooooo good???" Well, Editor Linda Hayden took it upon herself to get the answer. Below are the results of her search for the 'Mystery Ingredient'.

TO: Linda (Piccerelli) Hayden '60  
FROM: Frederick Heck '70  
SUBJECT: Reply to Classmates Post

Dear Linda,

I worked at Lerner Shops in Mid Island Plaza in the late 60's and early 70's. I would often go to 'The Malt Shop' at Gertz and watch the folks there many times, as I often had to wait until the custard was cold enough to serve.

There was only one ingredient to the plain custard. They would pour gallon sized containers of "Queensboro Mix" into the machine. That was it!!! Queensboro Mix was made by the Queensboro Dairy. The custard was sweet and creamy, but was not flavored. The chocolate syrup had malt in it, and that gave it the unique flavor. Hershey's Whoppers Syrup with malt really comes close to that flavor. So, get a cup of Carvel vanilla (or any soft vanilla ice cream), and pour the Hershey's syrup on it, it'll sure bring back a vivid memory of the Gertz custard.

*The Staff would like to thank Fred for sharing this with all the readers of HixNews*

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**I was wondering if anyone remembers** the ice cream store in Mid-Island Plaza that had a rectangular cone with a round cylinder of ice cream? The ice cream was horizontal and fit into the rectangular cone. Any info would be appreciated. - Wendy Elkis '77

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### **A letter from Pat (Koziuk) Driscoll '56**

**Dear Wendy** - They were called MelloRolls. The stationary store near the movie house on Marie St. sold them when I was a kid. The ice cream was served in a paper wrapper, then you unwrapped the ice cream and put it in the cone yourself. I left Hicksville in 1965 and moved to Maryland, so I don't remember too much about the Mid Island Plaza (except Gertz). Boy, I spent lots of money on clothes and shoes there when I was working.

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**You all do a wonderful job with HixNews.** It's the only way some of us who have moved from NY can keep up with our past. It might be nice if people from the 70's could be on the editorial board and bring news from that era. - Diane Lobel '73

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**Dear Diane** - Thanks for writing to us about publishing things from the 70's. Unfortunately we can only include things sent to us by our readers. Sometimes when you see an article written by one of the staff, it's done to 'fill the pages' so to speak, because of the shortage of articles sent to us on a given month. We'd LOVE to have articles from the 70's, as well as from the other age groups that attended HHS. We want you to know that you're certainly welcome to write to us about your times at Hicksville, and I know the readers will appreciate your efforts.

**Thanks again for writing - The Editors of HixNews**



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## A little humor from Victor Sahadachny '57

**Edgar and his wife, Sarah, both in their 80's,** went to the doctor to get their annual flu shots. As they were leaving, Edgar pulled the doctor aside and tells him that he is concerned that his wife may be losing her hearing. "What would be the best course of action, and how soon could you start treatment", he asked him.

The doctor told him that, of course, his wife would need a hearing test. But before that, he would like to get an idea of the range of her hearing because that would determine the kind of treatment she needed. He suggested that, when he and his wife get home - at some leisurely time - to begin to test the range of Sarah's hearing thus: As she is facing away from him, ask her a question in a normal, conversational tone from thirty feet away, then listen for an answer. Then, if need be, repeat the question from a distance of twenty feet and listen for a reply. Should there be no response, get to within ten feet, pose the question one more time, and listen to see if she heard him.

That evening, as his wife was busy at the kitchen sink, he sat behind her on the living room sofa, some thirty feet away. Noting that she was at an ideal distance, he asked his wife, "What's for supper, Sarah?" Getting no reply, he softly walked in to within twenty feet and asked again, "What's for supper, Sarah?" Still hearing no answer, he approached to within ten feet and, once again, asked, "What's for supper, Sarah?"

"Chicken, Edgar. Chicken for the third time," she replied!!!

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## Metamorphosis of a Fussy Eater

by Bob Gillette

When I was growing up, the foods we ate in our house were the traditional American foods passed on from my ancestors who arrived from England in the early 1600's, and that would be roast beef, roast leg of lamb, baked chicken or ham on Sundays, along with baked or mashed potatoes and green beans, broccoli, carrots, and peas, etc! That was what I ate, and that and only that was what I liked to eat! Lasagna, ravioli and pizza were strange words to me, and eating Chinese foods were out of the question.

As I reached my teenage years, it seemed like groups of us kids would congeal together in ever larger groups and hang out at the swings at the West Village Green, or just move along the road, maybe stopping at someone's house, or settling around the Fork Lane School yard which was undergoing expansion.

The first hints of Rock 'n Roll were in the air and we were a restless group of kids. It was "Cool" for guys to have their shirts and jackets unbottened, no matter how cold it was out! Nowadays, the guys wear pants that are ten sizes too wide and a foot too long. I wonder which was more comfortable?

My first enlightenment came when a very large group of us were on the road somewhere midway between the West Green and Hicksville. Some one in the group wanted to get Pizza. Now at that time, I hated tomatoes, and anything having to do with tomatoes, other than catsup on my hamburgers! So of course not wanting to stand out in the crowd as the odd one, I would have to force myself to eat "Pizza"! Well, after the first bite, I was scoffing down Pizza and burning the roof of my mouth just like everyone else.

Several years later I worked part time in the Pizza place at the West Green, with all the Pizza you could eat. None of the Pizza around the country matches the thin crust Pizza of 50's Long Island which took 2 hands to hold. Several more years and I married my first wife, an Italian girl from Levittown, and so Italian food became a staple in our house. Eventually, I even started cooking on my own, having my wife admit that my Lasagna was better than hers!

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When I was in the Air Force in the early 60's, they had Chinese food one night that looked like a beef stew. There were chunks of meat in a dark gravy, like sauce on rice, that looked like home cooking. I took a big mouthful only to find one of the vilest tasting dishes that I had ever come across. So much for my first flirtation with Chinese Food.

When I got out of the Air Force, I began working as a Computer Field Engineer. Most Computer Tech companies had their home offices in California, and thus that was where you would be trained on their computer equipment. While going to school at General Precision Corp. Burbank,, CA, we stayed in Hollywood on per diem for meals. One of the best restaurants in the area was Diamond Jims. Their Blue Cheese salad dressing was to die for! Prior to that trip I didn't eat salads, and didn't relish the thought of one either. It came with the dinner, and the way the other three guys were gushing about the salad induced me to take a taste. One forkful and I was hooked. I eventually got tired of fishing tomatoes out of my salads so left them in and enjoyed the contrast they provided. At the same time I had a favorable introduction to shrimp cocktail.

Many years later in my mid 30's, I was over at my friend Doug's boatyard in Sayville when he decided we should go get something to eat at his favorite Chinese restaurant, Hoi Ming's in West Sayville. I told him that I didn't like Chinese, and he couldn't believe it, saying, "Who doesn't like Chinese????". He then said, "Ok, they have some American dishes there...You'll be able to find something!" Looking over the menu, they had butterfly shrimp wrapped in bacon and barbequed. That looked safe enough to try! It was delicious and encouraged me to try other dishes Eventually I found that all Chinese food was quite good.

A few years later found me in downtown Tel Aviv, Israel, after a day of working in an Israeli electronics company. Most companies in Israel have a compound, and if a worker eats inside the compound, he gets paid while eating lunch. Lunch is subsidized, costs less than a dollar, and is served hot in a large cafeteria You had a choice of several dishes and unlimited bread and fruits.

Downtown Tel Aviv looks like a clean version of Queens NY, with colorful plantings of greenery and flowers. The main boulevard is a pretty street that is lined with these huge globe lights. There is a good selection of cafes with tables spread all over the wide sidewalk. I settled into a small restaurant with about 6 tables, just a few blocks off of the main boulevard. Half the building was the restaurant, the rest was the owner's home.

The menu was interesting, and I settled on a beef steak. The owner then intoned, "Ah Monsieur, perhaps you would like to try the Calamari, it is quite good!" Now I used to spend quite a few days fishing off of the Jones inlet jetty using squid for bait, and I knew that squid was calamari, and I also knew that I didn't eat bait! We went back and forth a bit, the owner trying to convince me to try the Calamari, me insisting on the beef. He was so insistent that I eat the squid rather than the beef that I began to realize that I probably wouldn't enjoy the beef and so, I resigned myself and accepted the Calamari! It was a large piece covering much of the plate, and it was delicious! I found out the next day from my host that most small restaurants in Tel Aviv have extensive menus for "Looks", but usually only actually carry a few items!

Over the next few months, every time I went out to California, the first meal I would try to have, was Calamari. A few more years later and I found myself in Los Angeles working until 10:30pm. That was Field Engineering,- always in a rush to repair a piece of equipment before a sales contract is accepted or a ship is sailing.

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I was very hungry and looking for a place that was still open for a sit down meal. I came across a large pagoda shaped building. , “Ahh, a Chinese restaurant I thought”, and glided into a parking slot. I was quickly seated and offered tea and water. The menu came, no one spoke English, and as I looked through the menu realized that I was in big trouble. This was not a Chinese restaurant - it was Japanese! It was already too late to bail out. Nothing on the menu was in English it was all Japanese. With some help, the waitress, who spoke little English, was able to tell me to try a dish which was a sampling of Tempura, Teriyaki, and other Japanese foods. The food came and was a delightful presentation of fried and braised foods, none of which was even vaguely recognizable. It was one of the best meals I had ever eaten. Japanese cuisine moved to the top of the list, and I was soon trying sushi which became one of my top favorites! To this day, I think the Japanese are the best cooks in the world and with the best cuisine. I have never had Japanese food that I didn't like.

All of these enlightening experiences got me to thinking. that I had spent half of my life missing foods which were really good because I DIDN'T THINK that I would like them! I then changed my outlook. I would try any food presented, and if I didn't like it, I wouldn't have to eat it next time! If it was good, then Voila, I had another new food to enjoy.

One of the things I like to do when in the Philippines is to pretend that I am going to try a “Balut”, a 21 day old duck embryo cooked in the shell! The history goes back to where they took a Balut prepared and buried it for 5000 years, then dug it up and ate it, being bestowed with virility and longevity. Now it is just a fertilized duck egg that is incubated for 21 days then cooked in the shell. If you go bar hopping and shooting pool, there are these runners in town with baskets of hot baluts on their backs selling and shouting, “Balut, Balut!”. A Balut costs about 10 cents apiece, and many times I would stop the Balut vender and offer to buy Baluts for anyone in the bar. None of the bar girls ever turned down that offer! They would usually reciprocate by not charging me for the games of pool played When the Navy was there, if a sailor made Chief Petty Officer, as part of the initiation he would have to eat a Balut! So most would eat the Balut and then race to the rest room to heave it out.

Feeling brave one night I decided to try a Balut. The wide eyed look of anticipation on the faces of all the Filipinos milling around the corner when I said, “Let me try one of them there Baluts!” was priceless. I was prepared for the worst! A Balut is kind of dark and slimy with small soft wet feathers, and a strong sulfur smell with a watery liquid on top. The shell is broken on the top and salt is sprinkled inside. You drink the liquid, break the shell, and eat the Balut! Surprise, the liquid tastes like egg drop soup, and the rest tastes like a semi hardboiled egg yolk! Then there is a rubbery piece that is not usually eaten. I still pretend it's my first time whenever I am in the Philippines and “Trying“ a Balut!

The arrival of the airline age has resulted in the movement of large numbers of peoples from all over the globe. There are many immigrants settling in the US, and bringing their own cuisine which has resulted in all types of ethnic restaurants. If you will try, you will find that almost every ethnic culture has several “Special” dishes that are quite good! A majority of my own cooking nowadays is a blend of ingredients from cuisines around the world that I have incorporated into my own dishes to provide great tasting variety! The point is, that an item on the menu or table that you won't try because you don't think you will like, may just be your next, “Favorite” food. If you don't like it, you can skip it next







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## Comments From The Class of 1955 Alumni Party Saturday, October 15th, 2005

...one of the best teachers, Mr. Pat Naso. He gave us many good lessons about life...not just history and social studies.

... Mable Farley got so upset at our squirt gun fights in Mr. Wellon's class. She never found them. We kept them in hollowed out, hard backed, old books...Ho Ho!!!

**Dick Adams, married 44 years, 3 children, 6 grandchildren**

...fond memories of cutting some classes and going down to the beach with my yellow "Chevy Convertible."

...living on the Boos farm and having friends come down to ride the tractors and trucks. Having great classmates that I soon will see.

**Ronald Boos**

...favorite memory of high school - playing hockey (field) and volleyball with great teammates.

...going to D.C. on our Senior trip was great. First trip by air. Favorite teacher was Miss Healy...she really opened up poetry and literature for me.

**Jane (Tweeddale) Adams, married 42 years to Dick Adams, widowed in 1998, 2 children & 2 grandchildren**

...although I didn't have enough playing time to earn a letter, being part of the 1955 championship baseball team was great.

...fond memories of reading MacBeth in class, and Mr. Ray Rauch was my favorite teacher.

**Charlie Cava, married 49 years, 2 children, 2 grandchildren**

...funniest memory was being in the stall in the girls room listening to the girls complaining about their teacher, Miss Wetteauer (who was my aunt), then watching their faces when I exited the stall.

...my favorite teacher was Mrs. Neuman (my Spanish teacher).

**Muriel (Mass) Froehlich, widowed, would be married 48 years, 3 children, 7 grandchildren**

...my favorite memory - singing in the glee club and doing musicals with Helen Majors and Jackie in the leads.

...funniest thing was having to do deep knee bends in gym class for Miss Franke because my blue gym suit was wrinkled (or I was late).

**Mette (Simonsen Hellested) Goldeen, married 27 years to Louis Hellested (passed in '68) remarried to Michael Goldeen for 7 years, 5 children, 6 grandchildren, my husband Michael has 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren giving us a total of 8 children, 10 grandchildren**

...so many memories, it's hard to pick out one, but I remember being a cheerleader and especially cheering at the football games.

...the Sweet Shop and the hanging out.

...getting my license and driving at night for the first time.

...funniest memory was getting set up by some friends. I embarrassed easily, so the plan was for Joe Pepe to plant a kiss on my cheek while I was at my "hall cop" post. I turned beet red and everyone was laughing heartily - it was funny and a good joke.

**Gail (Fallon) Hessel, married 47 years, 2 children, 4 grandchildren**

...funny memory - being in senior pictures, twice, one on each end in Washington, D.C. Was Reprimanded by Miss Farley.

...loved watching the sporting events, all. Participated in Field Hockey, volleyball and HiY. Favorite teachers were Mr. Rusch, Mr. Knerr. Miss Franke.

**Flo (Olson) Hogan, widowed, married 39 years to Dick Hogan, 5 children, 12 grandchildren**



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**The Glass Menagerie's Holiday Concert '05 is coming soon.** The date is Saturday, Dec. 10th at 8 pm. The concert will be held at St. Joseph's Church which is on the corner of 6th Ave. and Washington St. in Greenwich Village. The concert will feature a mixed bag of seasonal music featuring the "Te Deum", by Haydn, and our famous sing-a-long! I hope all you folks in the area will be there. Ticket prices are \$15.00 (I think), and are available at the door. Oh, ME???? I'll be the rather large tenor with the goatee. - David Teitel '68



**Sheri Epstein, 1982, Marcy (Lipschutz) Seus, 1962,  
Susan (Lipschutz) Epstein, 1957, Rebecca Sloan 2019**

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- 22 - Joan (Perduto) Koudakis '57
- 23 - Caroline (Kolff VanOosterwyk) Kelly
- 24 - Noel (Horowitz) Heinz '58
- 26 - Bill Stahley '46 (FL)
- 26 - Valarie (Herold) Chavez '77 (NM)
- 26 - Paul L. Korman '68
- 30 - Cecelia (Schwarz) Horn '44 (CA)



## Anniversaries In November

- 11/1/1958 - Phil & Diane Anselmo (MD)
- 11/2/1980 - James & Angela Carpinone (NY)
- 11/5/1966 - Tom & Joanne (Picari) Skelly (SC)
- 11/8/???? - Sam & Judy (Topliffe) Brumit (CA)
- 11/11/2002 - Roger & Vicky (Penner) Whitaker (IL)
- 11/24/???? - Chas & Lorrie Brooks (L.I.)



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*And don't forget to include your maiden name, year of graduation and the state you live in. - THANKS*

### Belated Birthday Wishes

- 10/5 - Beth (Reilly) Bianco '59
- 10/23 - Roberta (Dictor) Frankel '58

### Belated Anniversary Wishes

- 10/6/???? - Philip & Suzanne Chester (CT)
- 10/18/1969 - Mel & Roberta (Dictor) Frankel



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### **New Readers This Month**

**Editor Linda (Piccerelli) Hayden Adds:** To all, a hearty welcome to HixNews.Com. We hope you will all feel free to participate with memories and thoughts that you may have about Hicksville High, and your times growing up on the Island.

**John Boyle '75                      Patricia (Stephenson) Jordan '62**  
**Rick DiFilippo '60                Marcella Yenick '53**

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### **New Names From [Classmates.Com](#)**

Editor Buffalo Bob Casale has sent emails to the following former students of Hicksville High School to make them aware of HixNews.com. Their names were listed as new [Classmates.com](#) members.

**Jimmy Hoffman '62                Barbara Farradino '65**  
**Al Silbert '62                        Shan Ito '66**  
**Diane Quaglio '63                Adrienne Wolffe '66**  
**Ed Balestrine '64                 Anthony Bocchiere '67**  
**Peggy Maier '64                    Katherine O'Donnell '68**  
**Nancy (Hall) Alff '65              Shelly Stier '69**

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### **Returned Newsletters for October, 2005**

Returned Newsletters for the month of October totaled 15. The list follows, and the Editors ask that you look it over to see if you're in contact with any of them. Have them drop us an email with the correct information to: [Editors@HixNews.Com](mailto:Editors@HixNews.Com).



**Dick.Muller@fsbti.com** - Dick Muller '56  
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**richard.delia@1-3.com** - Rich & Peg (O'Neill) Delia '68  
**ptdumas@twcny.22.com** - Pat (Thompson) Dumas '75  
**msf997@aol.com** - Beth Goldmacher '68  
**Junehi@aol.com** - June Gutekunst '74  
**Bjak@aol.com** - Bill Jakabek '71  
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**karl@coralsprings.org** - Karl Milenkovic '80  
**JenJoJohnson@aol.com** - Joan (Malfatti) Morgan '60  
**larbevo@aol.com** - Larry & Beverly (Harrigan) O'Shaughnessey '61/'62  
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**DYPIZZA@al.com** - Danielle (McGregor) Yanopulos '82



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## Veteran's Day

(Formally Armistice Day)

November 11th is the anniversary of Armistice, which was signed in the Forest of Compiegne by the Allies and Germans in 1918, ending World War I, after four years of conflict.

At 5 A.M. on Monday, November 11, 1918 the Germans signed the Armistice, an order was issued for all firing to cease; so the hostilities of the First World War ended. This day began with the laying down of arms, blowing of whistles, impromptu parades, closing of business places. All over the globe there were many demonstrations; no doubt the world has never before witnessed such rejoicing.

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation. The last paragraph set the tone for future observations:

*To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation.*

In 1927 Congress issued a resolution requesting President Calvin Coolidge to issue a proclamation calling upon officials to display the Flag of the United States on all government buildings on November 11, and inviting the people to observe the day in schools and churches...But it was not until 1938 that Congress passed a bill that each November 11 "shall be dedicated to the cause of world peace and...hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day.

That same year President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill making the day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia. For sixteen years the United States formally observed Armistice Day, with impressive ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where the Chief Executive or his representative placed a wreath. In many other communities, the American Legion was in charge of the observance, which included parades and religious services. At 11 A.M. all traffic stopped, in tribute to the dead, then volleys were fired and taps sounded.

After World War II, there were many new veterans who had little or no association with World War I. The word "armistice" means simply truce; therefore as years passed, the significance of the name of this holiday changed. Leaders of Veteran's groups decided to try and correct this and make November 11 the time to honor all who had fought in various American wars, not just World War I.

In Emporia, Kansas, on November 11, 1953, instead of an Armistice Day program, there was a Veteran's Day observance. Ed Rees, of Emporia, was so impressed that he introduced a bill into the House to change the name to Veteran's Day. After this passed, Mr. Rees wrote to all state governors and asked for their approval and cooperation in Observing the changed holiday. The name was changed to Veteran's Day by Act of Congress on May 24, 1954. In October of that year, President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so gallantly, and through rededication to the task of promoting an enduring peace. The President referred to the change of name to Veteran's Day in honor of the servicemen of all America's wars.

**(Excerpts from *All About American Holidays* by Mayme R. Krythe)**

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**The USS Liberty - AGTR-5**



Capt. William L. McGonagle

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## 1956 Hicksville High School 50th Class Reunion

The Class of 1956 will be holding their 50th Class Reunion on June 24th, 2006. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville, NY 11801. The price is \$60.00/pp, and a cash bar will be available.

After the Saturday night festivities, there will be a Sunday Brunch at Shish Kabob in Plainview, NY. A \$10.00/pp deposit is required if you'd like to join us.

To read what's on the menu for Saturday night, and to also print out your reservation form  
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### Check Out the Photos of the August 2005 Reunion

Chief Editor Buffalo Bob Casale took more than 100 photos at the August 2005 Reunion. Many of them are posted with Classmates.Com, and can be viewed by clicking on the following links.

To go to the Main Album Page to see all 68 HHS photo albums  
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To see the specific photo album of the August 2005 Reunion  
**[CLICK HERE](#)**

Be sure to send in your own stories and photos so we can share them with all the readers of HixNews.Com. Send them to:

**[Editors@HixNews.Com](mailto:Editors@HixNews.Com)**

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### Pictures of the 1955 Class Reunion at [Classmates.Com](#)

What a special evening we had at the 1955 Class Reunion. Thanks for allowing Karen and me to share your special evening. I have posted 51 of the 95 pictures I took at the event, and they're posted at [Classmates.Com](#). You can access the Photo Site by clicking the hyperlink below.

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

If that did not get you to the site, go to [Classmates.Com](#), locate and logon to Hicksville High School, then click on the 'Photo's' window. The album is the first one listed of the many albums created over the years.

Warm regards,  
Bob Casale, Karen Wieman and the HixNews staff





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## **Denward W. Collins, Jr. '53**

Denward W. Collins, Jr., a member of the Hicksville High School graduating class of 1953, recently returned to his alma mater, this time to be inducted in to the Hicksville High School Hall of Fame.

At a ceremony held during the 2005 high school commencement exercises, Mr. Collins was recognized for his numerous accomplishments since graduating Hicksville High School. Nominated for this prestigious honor by his wife, Ruth Olsen Collins (HHS class of '56, Mr. Collins is described as a "warm, generous and loving man who has a strong commitment to his family, friends, church and community.

Each year, the district accepts nominations of former graduates for the Hall of Fame. A committee of graduating seniors reviews the nominations and selects an individual that they feel has made a valuable contribution to their community.

Following his days at Nicholai Street School and Hicksville High School, Mr. Collins continued his education at the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute (currently known as Farmingdale State University), where he received his Associate's Degree in Construction Technology.

After graduation, Mr. Collins served in the United States Army for six years and was employed by Metalab Equipment Company of Hicksville until the firm closed it's doors in 1990. Currently, he is a consultant with the architectural firm of Eagle Designs in North Bellmore.

Always a believer in giving back to his community, Mr. Collins has served as a member of the Levittown Public Library Board of Trustees for the past 25 years. Mr. Collins has also served for the past 15 years as president of the Nassau County Historical Society, and is currently a member of various historical societies, including the Hicksville Historical Society, Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, Concerned Citizens for Montauk, plus many more.

Mr. Collins and his wife of 47 years, Ruth, reside in Levittown and have two sons, Denward III and Richard, as well as three grandchildren, Marykate, Daniel and Jenna.

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## A More Accurate Computer Term Dictionary

**State-of-the-art:** Any computer you can't afford.

**Obsolete:** Any computer you own.

**Microsecond:** The time it takes for your state-of-the-art computer to become obsolete.

**G4:** Apple's new Macs that make you say, "Gee, it's four times faster than the computer I bought for the same price a microsecond ago."

**Syntax Error:** Walking into a computer store and saying, "Hi, I want to buy a computer and money is no object."

**Hard Drive:** The sales technique employed by computer salesmen, especially after a Syntax Error.

**GUI** (pronounced "goeey"): What your computer becomes after spilling your coke on it.

**Keyboard:** The standard way to generate computer errors.

**Mouse:** An advanced input device to make computer errors easier to generate.

**Floppy:** The state of your wallet after purchasing a computer.

**Laptop Computer:** A device invented to force businessmen to work at home, on vacation, and on business trips.

**Disk Crash:** A typical computer response to any critical deadline.

**System Update:** A quick method of trashing ALL of your software.

## Dr. K's Motown Revue at Delaney's



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Bring your dancing shoes!

### People Lookin' For People

Karen Kelly '69 is looking for Ann Marie LoGatto '69 & Fran Barber '69

John Connelly is looking for Jennifer James '90

Bob (Gleason) Wesley '61 is looking for Jeff Foster '61

Carol (Kiever) Ohliger '57 is looking for Betty Kenny '57

Linda (Zuckerman) Rausch '60 is looking for Richie Bizzaro '60

Susan Spector '62 is looking for Loretta Noce '62

David Berger '65 is looking for Susan Sitzer '65

Ann (Krex) Friedman '65 is looking for Laura Krakoff '65 and Lynne Cohen '65

Betty (Gardner) Brunnel '72 is looking for Bob Lowig '71 & Janet Lowig '72

Pete Maiorino '64 is looking for Kathleen (Jacob) Curtin-Antoniades '64

Ed & Val (Palmer) Towsley '60 are looking for Sharon Ward '60

If anyone knows these folks, send us an email at: [Editors@HixNews.Com](mailto:Editors@HixNews.Com)





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## An Old Man's Song

**Hi All - I received this** from a fellow retiree from the same Police Dept., and it brought back a happy memory that I would like to share with you. - Ed Graham

When I was a young cop, about 26, I operated Car 207 in Hicksville, NY. On my post there was a barber shop in a shopping center. It was located on the upper floor of a two-story complex. I can remember telling the dispatcher that I was going "On Meal", but instead of eating, I decided to get a haircut.

I pulled up with the PD right next to a brand new Cherry Red 1955 Thunderbird convertible. This was the first year that Ford manufactured them, and was it ever beautiful! After drooling over the car, I continued upstairs to the barber shop. Saying "hello" to the barber, I headed to the window overlooking the parking lot where that Cherry Red Thunderbird was parked.

The barber, Joe, came over and stood next to me - both of us looking down at the car. He told me it was his car, and then said something I didn't quite understand at the time. He said, "I'll give you that car just to be your age". I surely didn't understand him then, but I certainly do now!!! - John C.

**To Listen To "An Old Man's Song"**  
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**Editor Buffalo Bob Casale writes** - This is really strange . . . . I remember car 207 and car 209 stopping at the West Village Green in Hicksville. There was a call box behind the deli on the corner of a shopping center. This was directly across the street from an Exxon station owned by a man named Bob. I can remember him because my Dad always filled up the car there, and he said, "He's the greatest"!

I went to the barber shop that was located right next to the deli. A fellow by the name of Joe used to cut my hair, but it was on the main level of the shopping center. Sunrise Super Market was in the middle of the complex, and there was a drug store on the right toward Flamingo Road. I don't remember a barber shop on the second floor????

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**Editor Pat Driscoll writes** - I can remember those 1956 Thunderbirds. I was in Oneonta when one of my housemates' boyfriend got one. It was black and beautiful. He took us for a ride all the way to Cooperstown. It did fit four with the top down, but two of us had to sit in the back on top of whatever you could fit with that today - no seatbelts! - Does anybody remember those round

**Dear Alumni...**  
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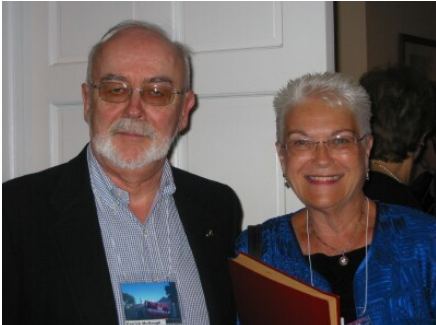
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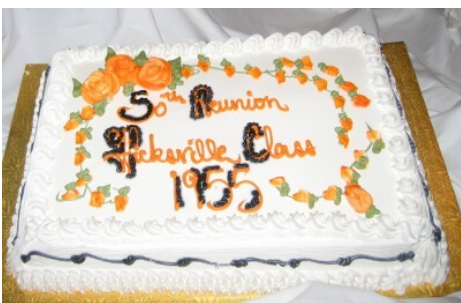
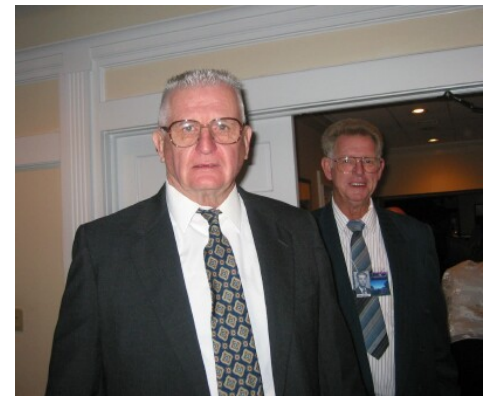
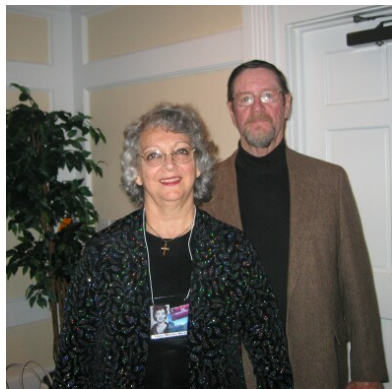
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## In Loving Memory of Ralph Tremmel



Ralph with his daughters Tracy & Christina

TREMMELE-Ralph G., on September 27, 2005 of Holtsville, in his 60th year. Beloved husband of Lori. Loving father of Tracy Larkin, Christina McKee, Amy Tremmel and Thomas Tremmel. Cherished grandpa of Jesse, Brian and Crystal. Donations to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Commack, NY or Good Shepherd Hospice, Port Jefferson, NY, appreciated. Cremation at Nassau Suffolk Crematory, Lake Ronkonkoma. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Moloney's Holbrook Funeral Home, Holbrook, NY.

**The Editors would like you** to know that we're establishing a listing of those alumni who have passed, and will honor several of them each month on HixNews.

**Kindly send your listing of anyone you'd like to acknowledge to:**

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### Here Is Our Listing For This Month

Michael Constant '55	Joe Kasten '55
Paul Heyer '55	Bernice Marcus '55
Richard Hogan '55	James McQuirk '55
Eddie Kasten '55	Jay Poggiali '55

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