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Newsletter for the Alumni and Friends of Hicksville High School
Hicksville, New York

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Happy Holidays To You All

From Buffalo Bob, Linda, Pat, and your humble Web Master Bob

A Reminder To All Our Readers

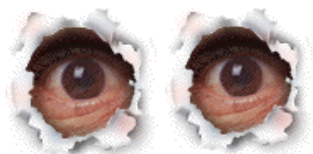
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Fraudulent E-mails

I'm sure many readers of HixNews received fraudulent e-mails that appeared to have been sent by us here at HixNews.Com. The truth is, we had absolutely nothing to do with e-mails that had addresses like *mail@hixnews.com*, *accounts@hixnews.com*, *info@hixnews.com*, *administrator@hixnews.com*, *service@hixnews.com*, *webmaster@hixnews.com* and several others.

None of the above e-mail addresses are connected with HixNews. They are all vicious, fraudulent e-mails sent for the explicit purpose of shutting down our Web site and creating havoc with the folks in our mailing lists (including the four of us).

The Editors and Web Master have been working long hours to get to the bottom of this mess, and unfortunately it will take some time to catch the person(s) that are responsible for hacking our site. We have taken every possible avenue to notify our ISP to assist them in catching the low-lives that have disrupted our lives and yours.

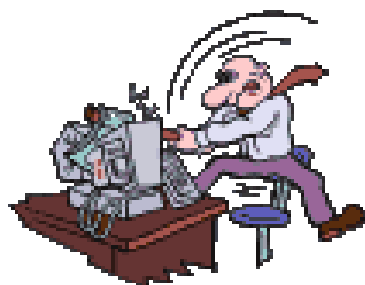
We are aware that some of your systems have been infected by the virus that was attached to these fraudulent e-mails, and for that we hope that you can recover quickly. If you don't have high quality anti-virus software, get it as soon as possible. If you have it installed on your system, make sure you have the latest updates. If your contract has expired with your anti-virus software company, renew it. NEVER open attachments, no matter who sends them to you, unless you're expecting one from a trusted friend or family member. I mean NEVER!! That's how you get into trouble!

The most important thing to remember is that neither Bob Casale '61, Pat Driscoll '56, Linda Hayden '60, or me; Bob Wesley '61 had anything to do with this tragic turn of events. In one day alone, I received more than 2000 (thousand) e-mails in

So you can see that we're in this up to our elbows, just the same as you folks. We have shut down the new HixNews Mailing Lists until such time as it's safe to use them again. Next month we'll post some of your comments, and I'm sure we'll get a bunch. We will, however, not publish vicious, accusing comments such as we've been getting the past few days from a small number of readers.

We hope that you can understand this situation came as a complete surprise to us, and we apologize from the bottom of our hearts. Hang in there, and we'll get it worked out ASAP.

Warm regards,
The Editors of HixNews





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Chet Nichols '58 Writes

After reading Pete Foster's '57 Remembrance article, I couldn't resist sending this in to HixNews. The Hicksville Airpark, as I recall, had a northern border up against a dairy farm that separated it from Jerico Turnpike. I recall this because my father left Grumman Aircraft to become manager of that Airpark.

During the summers I would go over to the Airpark with him and we would have to chase the cows back to the dairy farm. My dad took my mom and I up several times to watch my brother, Norm, play baseball for Hicksville High School.

Also, Pete mentioned that there was an airfield off Newbridge Rd., down by what is now the West Village Green. I believe the airfield was located across the street. This was before Levittown was built. The airpark was closed because of zoning ordinances after about 5-6 years. - Chet Nichols '58

Once again I thoroughly enjoyed the November issue of HixNews. I'm still wondering where the alumni of the class of '64 are??? No one seems to be writing in or contributing to our newsletter about our class. I was prompted to write in this month when I noticed that Peggy Maier was located through HixNews. Peggy lived just a few blocks from my house on Albany Street. She used to pick me up on the way to school, and often we made a detour. Instead of walking across the street to school, we would wind up at 'Pencal's Drug Store' on Old Country Road. We'd usually have cokes and corn muffins in place of first period class. We often met a few other students there but I can't remember any of their names. If you were one of them, please write in and tell us what classes you were cutting. Mine were Phy Ed and typing.

Also, the name Paul Calassano sounded very familiar. I think he lived in my neighborhood. I loved growing up in Hicksville, and I remember crying on graduation day because I had to leave a place I cared about so very much. Never mind the fact that I cut first period classes right through my senior year. *"Hey Peggy and Paul - if you're out there please write in. We'd love to hear from you."* - Judy (Marcus) Shivers

To the staff of HixNews - Thanks for being so persistent. I trust that all is well with each of you. We have heard a number of problems getting through those dates, and am happy that you persisted.

Thank you for all that you do to keep the Hicksville Alumni together!! - Tom Pilko

I just happened onto this Website and what a treat. I have already added this page to my favorites folder and will surely check back often to keep up with what's happening back home. I moved to Texas in 1982, and I only get home every couple of years to visit my dad. - Joan (Rogers) Petersen '72

I think you're doing a wonderful job. I do hope that you know that we in the class of 1955 (the last class to graduate from the old High School) celebrated our 50th reunion on October 15th. We had a tour of the school in the morning, and to our delight found typed letters on the walls from the Middle School students welcoming and congratulating us. It was very touching, and many of us wrote back immediately. It was kinda fun to try imagining how the young people tried to imagine us!!

Our reunion committee did a wonderful job planning and arranging, and it was one of those lifetime experiences which we will carry with us forever. - Frank Scarangella '55

America's four favorite leftovers: Pasta, Pizza, Chicken, and Meatloaf
More than 50% of Americans fall asleep on their sides

A record: 60.2% of the U.S. TV audience watched the last episode of M*A*S*H in 1983

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Hi - my name is Barbara (Harlin) Madden, and I graduated in 1965. I married Mickey Madden, owner of Madden's Auto Body in 1968. He attended LaSalle Military School. We have three children, Meigan, Kelly & Mark, who is in business with Mickey. We lived in Hicksville for five years before moving to Muttontown and sold our home in 2002. We now live in Southold, but also own a home in Hicksville where we stay three nights a week. We both work, and I'm the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer of Muttontown, and Mickey still has the auto body shop. We are looking forward to semi-retiring very soon.

We have two beautiful grandchildren and are expecting another in March. We love to stay in contact with many of our old Hicksville friends, and want to hear from our old friends and acquaintances from Hicksville High. You can send us an email at

Someone sent me some interesting pictures of Bayside, NY recently, but they are not your run of the mill photos. They are aerial shots of a major housing development under construction. I had to take a close look to put things into perspective . . . then it all fell into place. This was before the Long Island Expressway was even a dream. I'm not exactly sure of the year, but it has to be the late 40's or early 50's (the VERY early 50's).

The reason for saying the early 50's I was born at the Samaritan Hospital in Brooklyn. Both of my parents grew up in Brooklyn; Dad in Windsor Terrace on 18th Street, and Mom in Flatbush, on East 3rd St. between Greenwood Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway. Though my parents were living in Philadelphia in 1942, it was decided to have the same doctor that delivered my sister, Eileen, deliver me in Brooklyn. So, Mom, Eileen, and the newest addition, Bobby, returned to the Abbotsford Project in No. Philadelphia in January of 1943

We lived in Philly until 1949, moved to Pittsburgh for six months, then moved to Bayside in the early 50's. It was 1951 when we moved into an apartment on 69th Avenue in Bayside. We lived there until 1953 when we moved to 218th Street across the street from PS46.

The photos that are on Photo Page 1 show the old area of Springfield Gardens and the development of the Bell Park Gardens. I'm not sure if many, or any of Hicksville's old timers ever lived in Bayside . . . either in Springfield Gardens or Bell Park Gardens????? - Buffalo Bob Casale '61, Editor of HixNews

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Shelly (Heyman) Baron recently wrote in and asked if we had a list of all the alumni living in Florida. Since we're reluctant to give out e-mail addresses without permission, here's the next best thing.

How about all you Floridians sending Shelly an e-mail of your whereabouts with your name and address, and maybe you could start an Alumni Club down there? Her e-mail address is Caring5555@aol.com, and she'd love to hear from you!!

Wonderful issue this November! Thank You. - I have a couple of questions that may be answered through HixNews.

1. Has anyone heard any noise about a reunion for the Class of 1959?
2. Bob Gillette wrote an article about food, and he mentioned that he was in Tel Aviv and ate calamari there. Since I lived in Tel Aviv from 1961-82, I would like to send him an e-mail. So, Bob - please drop me a note if you're so inclined and maybe we can exchange a few stories. Lilian (Giller) Gordon '59

My e-mail address is: lili@gordon18.com

**One in 500 humans have one blue eye & one brown eye
The G in g-string stands for groin**

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Exercises Designed For Seniors

We just came across this exercise suggested for Seniors, and it's designed to build muscle strength in the arms and shoulders. It seems so easy, so we thought we'd pass it on to some of our younger friends and alumni. The article suggested doing it three times a week.

1. Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.
2. With a 5 lb. potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax.
3. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a few weeks, move up to 10 lb. potato sacks.
4. Then when you're comfortable with that, try using 50 lb. potato sacks, and eventually try to get where you can lift 100 lb. sacks in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.
5. After you feel comfortable at that level, try putting a potato in each of the sacks!!

Well, I'm still alive I'll be 79 on November 30th. I would love to hear from anyone from the class of '44. I know that Lucille (Keller) Kochersberger is still around and living in Virginia, and Arline (Thoman) Noll is living in Ridge on Long Island. I'm especially interested in anyone else in my age group (or children thereof). I lived in Plainview, but attended Hicksville High for three years. My sister, Elizabeth (Schwartz) Lamb lives in Sarasota, FL, and probably graduated in 1949. Our brother Conrad J. Schwartz graduated in 1948, then graduated from New Paltz.

Conrad has been a teacher most of his life and now lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. When we get together, we talk about living in the boonies out in Plainview and what a different life we led then. The three of us have e-mail addresses and find it surprising that many people from our generation aren't using it. I couldn't escape learning about computers as I worked in Silicon Valley for thirty years, and both sons, John & Chris Youden became engineers.

Does anybody know whether Anne or Josie Taormina is still with us? If you have any info for me, you can e-mail me at hap_cele_horn@hotmail.com. - Cecelia (Schwartz Youden) Horn '44

As usual, HixNews is always great fun to read . . . The job you are doing is exceptional. I noticed in the listing of recent deaths that you had Joe Kasten listed. I was a very good friend of his wife Edie, and was wondering if anyone knew how I could contact her. Any help would be greatly appreciated, and you can e-mail me at bettur@frontiernet.net. Thanks in advance!! - Bette (Goldman) Turer '57

We received a note from Lynnelle (Killmeyer) Mahtociqala '75 asking if we knew where she could get a copy of the 1975 Hicksville High School yearbook, and we don't have a clue. She'd like to send it to a friend that now lives out of the country. Soooooo . . . if anyone has some information that would help her, please contact Lynnelle at LRKLBEAR@aol.com. - The Editors



Just a note to let you know you're doing a wonderful job. The new format is great! I really enjoy reading about Hicksville because I moved to Florida 37 years ago and often wonder about it. What would you think about including some "What's Happening Now In Hicksville" information, so all of the 'out-of-towners' could catch up on what's goin' on? - Bonnie (Scharr) Papes '61, Riviera Beach, FL

How do you wash your pet??? 3% of Americans shower with them
Vultures fly without flapping their wings
Shoot 'em up - John Wayne made more than 200 movies

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Memories of Chuck Wilson '56

10/28/1938 - 12/27/2003

by his brother, Ron Wilson '62

Charles F. Wilson "Chuck" had a business degree from San Jose State College, CA. He was also an accomplished pilot, with about 15,000 hours of air time. Chuck enjoyed flying immensely. He flew entertainers who were on tour. On the Andy Williams tour he had the best steak dinner ever in Pennsylvania.

He really missed 'good ol' Hicksville, like all of us. The good times, that is, and there were many. He worked at Scheiner's Drug Store across from the big Catholic church. It's not there anymore because when Broadway was widened it wiped out a lot of stores and such. Chuck's friend Frank Scarangella '56 also worked at the drug store, and they made fun of Doc Scheiner all the time. They'd mimic Doc, and when he'd say something, they'd say "blaba zaa".

Mom was after us to join the Lutheran Church in Hicksville, so we did. I remember we went to the church beach party in, I think, 1957. Well!!! - they had a huge watermelon loaded with booze, and we both got drunker than skunks! That wasn't the end of drinking.

In 1972, Chuck was working for Pan Am at the San Francisco Airport. He managed to get two free tickets to Hawaii so off we went. Chuck befriended the manager of the hotel who was also a pilot, and they hit it off so well that we got the Penthouse for half-price.

I can remember the last time we met we had cappuccinos at Starbucks. Both of us couldn't drink booze anymore, so the old coffee bean was our second choice. The last summer that I talked to Chuck he didn't let on how serious his skin cancer had become. Our very last conversation was when I spoke to him at the Veteran's Hospital in Long Beach, CA. Even then he didn't let on how bad his condition was. I believe he was in denial up to the end. Chuck wanted to be remembered for the good memories, and not have us agonizing over his passing. - Ron Wilson '62

How Many of These Students Can You Name???

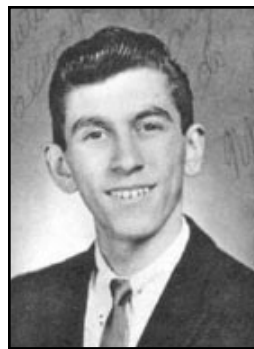
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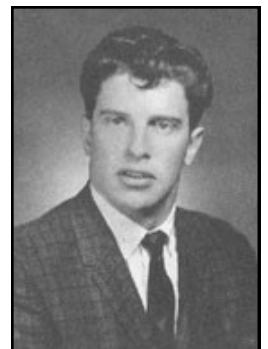
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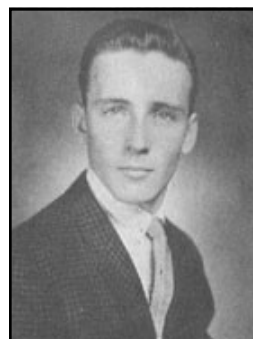
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Carolyn (Wood) Imbrie '63	Donald & Alice Huffstutler
	Anonymous

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AOL And It's Affiliates Have Blocked Our Mail

AOL, in all it's glory, has seen fit to disallow us from sending e-mails from our HixNews account to all AOL members and their affiliates! They have taken it upon themselves to declare the test notice we sent to you as SPAM.

I have contacted their legal department to no avail. I haven't even received an acknowledgement that they are addressing the problem. Our Web site is through Earthlink.Net, and they have been attempting to resolve the problem to no avail. This is not an isolated incident regarding AOL. There are many other dot com sites that are having the same problem, and it doesn't faze AOL one bit.

If you have an account with AOL, Netscape or wmconnect, please call and complain that they've gone too far to censor your High School Alumni Newsletter. Please don't wait for someone else to do it. It's your Web Site (HixNews.Com), and it's your right to receive notices from us.

The notices were sent to you by editor Pat Driscoll as a test mailing. For technical reasons, she must use her personal Earthlink e-mail address padriscoll@earthlink.net to send the bulk notices. AOL has completely blocked any mail she sends to their subscribers, including personal e-mail to friends, because they view her as a SPAMMER!!!

Please be sure to mention Pat Driscoll's e-mail address when you call. Come-on AOLer's, help us in getting the messages out to you. We're Counting On Ya'!!!



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Pause and Reflection

by Bob Gillette

As we come into this holiday season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year, it is a good time to reflect on the past year and to be appreciative of the many things we tend to take for granted. It has been almost a year since the big Indian Ocean Tsunami (my god, has it already been a year??), and since then we have had our own disaster as well as more disasters in other parts of the world. If we have not personally been touched by any of this years tragic events - if we have not suffered our own loss of loved ones or suffered a severe illness, then we are among the lucky ones.

My big screen TV has been acting up lately. When I first turn in on, the convergence goes out anywhere from five minutes to two hours. I guess I'll have to put a service call in to eliminate that annoyance. I'm also having problems with my gas heating system, and will have to get the serviceman back for another repair visit. It seems like something always comes up and needs attention. Last year it was my well pump crapping out and needing an expensive replacement. These are the regular annoyances that crop up with almost standard regularity.

Then I stop and think of my travels abroad, especially to places like the Philippines. I'll focus on the Philippines because I have made over ten trips there, but most of the Southeast Asian countries are very similar except for the religions and languages, although even there, the languages of Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines have many similarities. In fact, several years ago, I was watching a movie on a coup attempt and power struggle in Indonesia. All of the people were speaking Tagalog (Filipino), and all the scenes supposedly of Jakarta were actually in Manila.

There are over 6 billion people in the world, and most live in a lifestyle far removed from what you and I are accustomed. They wish they had a TV that was intermittent, any TV. When I was in the Southern Philippines on the island of Negros, I spent some time with people who live right on the shore of the beautiful emerald green Sulu Sea.

There are masses of people who live in small Nipa huts, each smaller than the average american kitchen, and the floors are either sand or dirt. There is a short, narrow hallway with a table ledge to eat on, and a gas stove or fire pit box on the end with which to cook. Their sleeping quarters are no larger than a king bed. They pay about \$3 a year for rent for their little patch on the beach, which is about 120 feet from the waters edge. Most families have a small boat and live off the sea. On a good day, they will catch enough fish to feed themselves, and then sell the rest for \$12 to \$15. On a bad day, they may not catch anything. During the rainy season, they may have many days when they can't go fishing at all. For water, there is a community well where jugs of water may be filled. There is usually a community house that has electricity and a TV, and so neighbors tend to be very close to each other. Can you imagine what it would be like waking up every day not knowing if you were going to get paid that day, or having enough to eat?

I also think that if the big tsunami causing earthquake off Indonesia had occurred a mere 450 miles east on the other side of Sumatra, and in the South China Sea, all those friendly people I met would have been the ones to have perished.

A bit farther north on Negros, and halfway up the coast towards the city of Bacolod, is another community of people who live in the compound of a lime factory. These people all work for the factory which provides housing, and which the employees may purchase. These huts tend to be more spacious, with several rooms on a raised bamboo floor with little flower lined paths between neighbors houses. If a stranger such as me is visiting a house, neighbors and kids will pop in and out as though it was their own home, so again the neighborhood is very close.

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And what are the jobs that are done at the lime factory? There are men who haul large rocks of limestone to a central area, where other men wielding sledge hammers smash the rocks into softball sized pieces. Still more men shove the chunks into wheelbarrows, which are then dumped onto a conveyer belt which feeds the stones into a crusher. Eventually the limestone is placed in a furnace where it's cooked into preparation for concrete. All this takes place with a 95 degree blazing sun, and where all the men are covered in the white dust.

In this country we used to call this type of work, "Forty years at hard labor". Over there it's called their job, six days a week at about \$10 per day. These people's lives are not unique, rather, they are similar to the norm in most parts of the world, and, the majority of the world's population. Give thanks YOU were born in the USA and for all that you have.

Ken Marcus '67 Looks Back In Time

We all know that we can't go back home again, and we certainly can't go back to our old high school days. But, HixNews is about the closest thing we have to getting there, and the editors deserve every credit. But on my visits back to Hicksville and Long Island, I'm able to re-enjoy many of the things I've missed living in Michigan.

Of course, numero uno is the great pizzas. My spouse has long grown weary of my statement, "the worst pizza in New York is better than the best Michigan has to offer!!" (There was a note in the November issue about pizza at the West Village Green, which was also *my* first bite of pizza. I miss Carvel, although franchises have cropped up. And how about the diners? If you're hungry when leaving the movies, or didn't get enough to eat at a wedding reception, there was also those great diners!! Open 24-7 with 16 page menus and rotating desserts which looked better than they actually were.

And how about the beaches? Believe me, the beaches on the Great Lakes can't hold a candle to the beaches on Long Islands South Shore! On the Island I can get 'Franks', not *hot dogs*, and they come with mustard and sauerkraut. In Michigan, 'Coney Dogs' are served with chili and onions??!!

Nobody actually pronounces Long Island as "Long-uh Island," contrary to the folks in my neck of the woods. There is that pleasantly familiar Long Island accent that I miss, where the *r's* sound like *a's* as in 'water = 'watah', and the *a's* sounding like *r's* - Linda becomes 'Linder'. I can also say I graduated from college at Stony Point without any further explanation, and I'm not the only Yankee fan within a 50 mile radius! And folks from the Island think it's perfectly normal to live 45 minutes from one of the greatest cities in the world, and never actually go there. So, all in all, I guess I really do miss the Island, and truly enjoy the times I have when I 'come back home'. - Ken Marcus '67

Some Interesting Quips

Idiots in the Neighborhood: I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administration office to request the removal of the Deer-Crossing sign on our road. The reason - "too many deer were being hit by cars" and he didn't want them to cross there anymore.

Idiots in Food Service: My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

Idiot Sighting: At a good by luncheon for an old and dear worker who was leaving the company due to "down sizing," our manager commented cheerfully, "This is fun. We should do this more often." Not a word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that 'deer-in-the-headlights' stare.

And to think, they walk among us and REPRODUCE!!! Kinda scary, huh?

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 - 3 - Diane (Ofenloch) O'Brien '68
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 - 3 - Tom Skelly '64 (SC)
 - 8 - Mark Leippert '78 (L.I.)
 - 8 - Micket (Powers) McCleary '65
 - 9 - Bob (Gleason) Wesley '61 (NY)
 - 10 - Joy (Watson) Haller '58 (FL)
 - 11 - Carol Dichtenberg '76
 - 11 - Christina (Moulton) Morian '68 (TX)
 - 12 - Peggy (O'Neil) Delia '69 (HX)
 - 13 - 'Murry' Dalaimo (need e-mail address)
 - 15 - Susan Stahley '75 (VA)
 - 15 - Pat (Ofenloch) Longo '67
 - 18 - James Gorman '66
 - 18 - Carol (Wills) Erlwein '59 (NY & FL)
 - 21 - Susan (Handwerk) Ackerman '75
 - 23 - Roger Weiss '69 (MA)
 - 25 - Bill Fogelberg (VA)
 - 27 - Marilyn Bowles Nejman '66 (NY)
 - 29 - Lisa (Neuenhoff) Esposito '73
 - 30 - Christopher Composto '79 (HX)



Anniversaries In December

- 12/1/1962 - Chet and Betty Nichols
- 12/5/1981 - Roy and Kathy 'Cookie' (Koziuk) Hannaman (FL)
- 12/6/2003 - Robert and Pam (Kurth) Baker
- 12/14/1962 - Eric and Betty (Funfgeld) Eriksen (L.I.)
- 12/21/1954 - Roy and Gwen (McCue) Schaaf (FL)



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

The can opener was invented 48 years after the can

Diet Pepsi was originally called "Patio Diet Cola"

The Rolling Stones made their American TV debut on "The Red Skelton Show"

We're Outnumbered: 7,000 insect species are discovered every year

Why the '7th Inning Stretch'? - 7 is considered a lucky number

The term "rookie" comes from the Civil War slang "reckie," which stands for "recruit"

In 1789, the total US federal government debt was \$190,000

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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.

Judy (Manning) Baran '63 (NY)	Lynelle (Killmeyer) Mahtociqala '75
Florence (Zoubantes) Composto '53	Joan (Rogers) Petersen '72 (TX)
Barbara (Harlin) Madden '65 (L.I.)	N. Neil Harden '76 (CA)

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.

Pricilla Bozarth '65	Melinda Amadeo Spierer '79
Robert Reardon '69	Debra Natale Callaghan '82
Michael Barello '76	Charles Blaha '86
Denice Booth Barrow '76	Belinda Cuevas '90
Laura Derasmo Wallraff '78	Jaclynn Demas '98
Anthony Pelicane '79	Jared Stanton '99

Returned Newsletters for November, 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).

JenJoJohnson@aol.com - Joan (Malfatti) Morgan '60
larbevo@aol.com - Larry & Beverly (Harrigan) O'Shaughnessey '61/'62
DYPIZZA@al.com - Danielle (McGregor) Yanopulos '82
mrnmrscook@comcast.net - Carolyn (Dealy) Cook '81
mikenlynn@fnol.net - Michael (James) Donovan '59
janiswood123@hotmail.com - Jan (Bartlett) Wood '73
pjl_17@hotmail.com - Phil Leonhard '61
Karl@coralsprings.org - Karl Milenkovic '80
cemortx@sbcglobal.net - Christina (Moulton) Morian '68
papicus1@comcast.net - Ann (Panich) Picus '58
nvbob59@earthlink.net - Robert Rinaldi
dandswiacki@yahoo.com - Denise Trembly



Cleopatra wasn't Egyptian; she was Greek. And she was the seventh queen by that name

Women in Switzerland didn't win the right to vote until 1971

First president to wear long pants instead of breeches: James Madison (1809-1817)

If you're an average American, you spend 4-6 hours a day watching television

First president to greet people with a handshake: Thomas Jefferson. Earlier presidents bowed

Napoleon Bonaparte, a Frenchman, designed the Italian flag



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Last Allied Veteran of 'Yule Truce' Dies

Reuters Monday, 21 November 2005

By Peter Graff

The last known Veteran of the Christmas Truce that saw German and British soldiers shake hands between the trenches in World War I died on Monday, Nov. 21st, 2005 at age 109, his parish priest said.

Alfred Anderson was the oldest man in Scotland and the last known surviving Scottish Veteran of the war.

“I remember the silence, the eerie sound of silence,” he was quoted as saying in the *Observer* newspaper last year, describing the day-long Christmas Truce in 1914, which began spontaneously when German soldiers sang carols in the trenches, and British soldiers responded in English.

“All I’d heard for two months in the trenches was the hissing, cracking and whining of bullets in flight, machine gun fire and distant German voices. But there was a dead silence that morning across the land as far as you could see.

“We shouted ‘Merry Christmas’ even though nobody felt merry. The silence ended early in the afternoon and the killing started again.”

Troops in the trenches swapped cigarettes, uniform buttons and addresses and even played football in one of the most extraordinary episodes of the war.

Parish priest Neil Gardner of Anderson’s Alyth Parish Church in Scotland said he had died in his sleep and was survived by a large family, including 18 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

“He was a wonderful old man; he was gracious, gentle, he had a great sense of humour and a fine sense of wisdom from his experiences spanning three centuries,” said Gardner, who also served as chaplain to Anderson’s regiment, the Black Watch.

Anderson also served briefly as a member of the household staff of Queen Elizabeth’s uncle, Fergus Bowes-Lyon.

With Anderson’s death, fewer than 10 British Veterans of the war remain alive, of whom only three or four were Veterans of trench warfare on the Western Front.

Attention has turned to the last survivors in recent weeks, with film makers bringing out documentaries in time for this month’s Armistice Day holiday, marking the day the guns fell silent on November 11, 1918.



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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
JUST CLICK HERE

TO SEE THE TOP 100 SONGS FOR 1965 - CLICK HERE

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
CLICK HERE

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

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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John Harry Dounelis '57

John Harry Dounelis, Parish Council President of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Hicksville, NY was one of seven Greek Americans recognized for their outstanding contributions to their church communities. Nassau County Executive Thomas R. Souzzi presented each recipient with a medal and citation at the 2005 Summer Concert Series-Greek American Night at the Harry Chapin Theatre in Eisenhower Park on July 10, 2005. Nassau County Executive Souzzi stated, "Americans of Greek Heritage have contributed to the economic, social and cultural enrichment of their country and their local communities, earning the respect and admiration of their fellow citizens. They are to be commended for their outstanding contributions which have enhanced numerous aspects of history, literature, and social life."

John's parents, both from the Greek island of Mytilene, were the second Greek family to settle in Hicksville and owned the Hicksville Hub Diner on East Marie St. When John and his brothers were growing up, their family traveled to Jamaica each Sunday to attend church services, and in 1950 Harry became a founding member of St. Paul's Church in Hempstead.

In 1974, John, his wife and children left the Greek Orthodox parish of St. Paul's to volunteer their services to the newly formed Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Hicksville, and their children were among the first students of the Sunday Catechetical School program, organized by his wife. John is currently in his second two-year term as Parish Council president of Holy Trinity. He has served on the Parish Council in various positions and committees since 1976, organized and chaired Holy Trinity's first two Greek Festivals in 1977 and 1978, served as president of the Mr. & Mrs. Club, as a GOYA advisor, Building Fund chairman, Church Consecration chairman, is on the editorial staff of *The Life of Our Community* church periodical, and is a past president and current board member of the Nape (Mytilenian) Society.

John, a 1957 graduate of Hicksville High School, attended C. W. Post College and was employed for 25 years as Manager of Reservations for Chandris Cruises/Celebrity Cruises in NY City. Since 1990, he has owned and operated his own travel agency, Axis Cruises & Tours in Farmingdale. His many years in the travel industry afforded him the opportunity to travel throughout the United States, the Caribbean, South America and Europe, on both business and pleasure trips. John and his wife Anna have resided in Farmingdale, L.I. since 1970; have four children and two grandchildren



John Dounelis & Thomas Souzzi

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A Note From Your Web Master - Bob (Gleason) Wesley '61

I joined the editing team of our Alumni Newsletter back in March of this year. After a month or so, I proposed the idea of changing the format from an e-mail to a Web site. While the e-mail was *always* a great publication and service to our readers, I thought a Web site would be more attractive and make us more 'up-to-date'.

It wasn't long before the idea caught on with the other editors, and in May we published our very first online issue. The response from our readers was tremendously favorable, so much so, that the first few months we were inundated with articles and ideas. We implemented many of your ideas for a better Web site, and we also had no problem filling the pages with interesting articles and comments from you folks.

For the past few months though, we've noticed that we're not getting many things from you, and we have to spend more and more of our time coming up with articles, pictures and interesting things to publish so we can present you with another interesting issue of HixNews. And, we're just four people who have lives just like you - we work, we own homes, we have families, busy schedules, never enough time in a day, health issues, etc...

I can only speak for myself about the time I invest into HixNews each month, but from a conservative standpoint, I average between 30-50 hours each month developing and publishing our Newsletter to the Web. As an entertainer and musician, I prepare and play about 20 performances a month, which includes many hours of learning new material. As a computer technician, I make quite a few house calls a month either upgrading or repairing systems. Sound familiar?

You have to know that I LOVE working on HixNews, as do the other editors. We stay in contact almost on a daily basis through e-mails or phone calls. But, we really need your assistance in filling the pages. Send in some pictures - write an article about what's going on in your life now - tell us about your memories of HHS and growing up in Hicksville (or wherever you grew up) Hahahahaha.

Please understand that you don't need great writing skills 'cause we can edit most anything, and we do that each month with things that are sent to us. We're just four regular, everyday folks. Please help us keep HixNews a 1st Class Newsletter so you can reminisce about your days at the Home Of The Comets, HHS!!!

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

Mike Linihan '65 is looking for Terry Sheehan '64 & Charles Dohrenwend '65

If there's someone you're looking for, just sent your request
and we'll be happy to add it to the list.

If anyone knows these folks or wants to add a name, send us an email at:

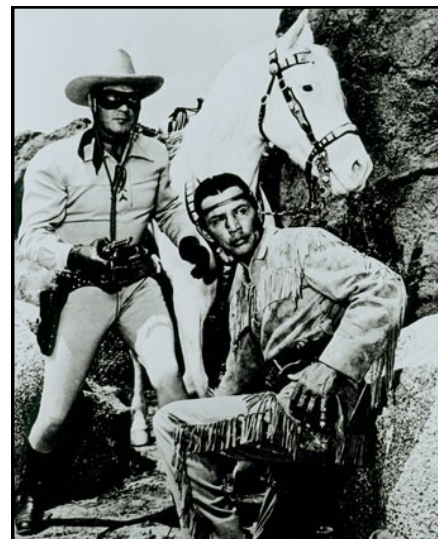
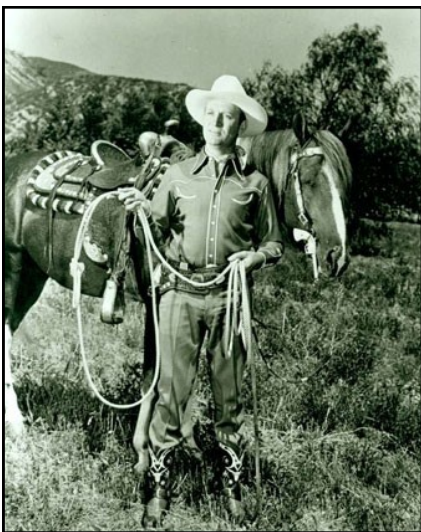
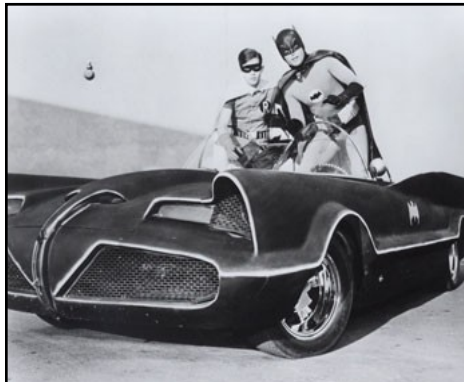
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Depending on the channel you tuned, you got Rob & Laura or Ward and June.
It felt so good, it felt so right - life looked better in Black 'n' White.
I Love Lucy, The Real McCoys, Dennis The Menace, the Cleaver boys.
Rawhide, Gunsmoke, Wagon Train, Superman, Jimmy & Lois Lane.
Father Knows Best, Patty Duke, Rin Tin Tin & Lassie too.
Donna Reed on Thursday night - life looked better in Black 'n' White.
I wanna go back to Black 'n' White - everything always turned out right.
Simple people, simple lives, Good guys always won the fights.
Now nothing is the way it seems, In living color on the TV screen.
Too many murders, too many fights, I wanna go back to Black 'n' White.
In God they trusted, alone in bed they slept, a promise made was a promise kept.
They never cussed or broke their vows, They'd never make the network now.
But if I could, I'd rather be, in a TV town in '53.
It felt so good, it felt so right - life looked better in Black 'n' White.
I'd trade all the channels on the satellite, if I could just turn back the clock tonight.
To when everybody knew wrong from right - life was better in Black 'n' White.



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Buffalo Bob's Photos of Bayside & Bell Park

Bayside, Queens, New York Circa 1950. The housing project in the upper part of the first picture is Springfield Gardens. The upper left shows a tree-lined street that runs East & West. That is Horace Harding Boulevard that will eventually become the Long Island Expressway. The project under development is Bell Park Gardens. PS 46 will be built on 218th Street between 64th & 67th Avenues (on the extreme left side of the photo about a third of the way down).

The second photo, (bottom left), shows Bell Park Gardens completed with people moved in and you can see PS 46 in the upper center under construction.

The third photo, (bottom right), shows Joe Bovino. He lived in the area and was our ice cream man. I can still remember my favorite to this day . . . Cho-Cho . . . a chocolate flavored ice cream inside a chocolate casing with sprinkles of chocolate imbedded in the casing . . . *IT WAS DELICIOUS!!!*



Bayside, Queens - Circa 1950



Bell Park Gardens with PS 46



Joe Bovino - The Ice Cream Man

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Front Row: Bob Zembraski, Tom Sparaco, Frank Estrada, John Magee (deceased), Charlie Horton, Pete Nygren

Back Row: Coach Chester Jaworski, Ted LeViness, Carl Schulz, Richard Muller, Ray Boglioli, Mickey Moscow, Kenneth Malm



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Joan (Sullo) Joachim '55

Joan Theresa Joachim, 67, of Inverness, FL died Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at her home under the care of her family and Hospice of Citrus County.

A native of Bronx, NY, she was born Dec. 20, 1937, to Louis and Henrietta Sullo and moved to this area in 1974 from Hicksville, NY.

She retired from First Federal Savings & Loan Association as the Beverly Hills branch manager, with 15 years of service. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Joseph C. Joachim, on August 23, 1993. Survivors include three sons, Joseph Joachim of Inverness, Jeffrey Joachim and Marty Joachim, both of Beverly Hills; two brothers, Anthony Sullo and his wife, MaryAnn, of Hicksville, NY, and John Sullo of Tampa; and seven grandchildren.

She is interred at Florida's National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

Blanche M. (Donlon) Baldwin '62

Blanche M. (Donlon) Baldwin '62 of Hicksville, NY, died on September 27, 2005. Devoted wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Brian, Kevin, Erin and Ellen Mackey. Cherished grandmother of thirteen and great-grandmother of one. Caring sister of the late Gerard and William.

Mass was held at Our Lady of Mercy RC Church. Interment is at Pinelawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Farmingdale, NY.

Published in Newsday on 9/30/2005

Please acknowledge Ray Leutje, class of '71. Ray died of cancer in his early thirties. He had been a Nassau County Corrections Officer, and then a Suffolk County policeman. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and one daughter, Meagan. - Lynne Lombardi '71

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:
Editors@HixNews.Com

Alumni from Class of 1962

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Joe LaRocca | Susan Bloom |
| Peter Lambert | Mary-Jane Gillette |
| Norman Samberg | John Sullivan |
| Gene Burke | Francis Brousseau |
| Mike Heaney | Tanya Hawrylowicz Radgowski |
| Mary Benedict | Eugene Burke |
| Joseph Fatula | Lois Chameides |
| Judy Sauer | George Kinsley |
| Virginia Benson | Robert Christopher |
| Sally Gavrill | James Clark |
| George Spinner | Patricia Cochran |
| Kenneth Marcheneck | Rosemary Dowling |
| Warren Dickerson | Rita Rupply |
| Patricia Nave | Elizabeth (Betty) Dwyer |