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Hicksville, New York

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## A Note From The Folks At HixNews . . . . .

**We'd like to take this opportunity** to thank all those that send us articles and blurbs to help us fill the pages of HixNews. Without folks like you we wouldn't be able to have much to present to you each month.

As a reminder to our readers, we'd like to tell you a little about the e-mails you send to us. When you write something for us and submit it to [Editors@hixnews.com](mailto:Editors@hixnews.com), your e-mail goes to a particular mailbox at Earthlink.com. From there, it is automatically forwarded to the four of us (the Editors and Webmaster) at our personal e-mail addresses. For instance, if you send us an e-mail, it automatically goes to Bob Casale, Linda Hayden, Pat Driscoll and me, your Webmaster at our Outlook Express accounts. So in reality, your sending an e-mail to the four of us at the same time.

We know that you all watch what mail you open very closely, and if you see an e-mail from someone you don't know and there's nothing in the 'Subject' box that would tell you about the e-mail, you just delete it to be on the safe side. Please be assured that we do the same thing for our own personal computer security.

So, when you write to us, please put something in the 'Subject' box that will catch our attention. There's no way we could know all 700 of our readers by name, and remember, the e-mails you send to HixNews are delivered to our personal computers. So please add something in the 'Subject' box like 'HHS News', or 'Article for HixNews', or 'HHS Alumni Newsletter'. That way we won't delete something by accident that would look great for all the alumni to see.

Once again, Thank You for supporting HixNews, and we'll look forward to hearing from you soon.

Warm Regards,  
Buffalo Bob Casale '61 - Pat (Koziuk) Driscoll '56  
Linda (Piccerelli) Hayden '60 & Bob (Gleason) Wesley '61

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**Hi All** - I can't seem to let a month go by without sending the "paper" a line. My brother, Ken sent me a Life Magazine from the date and year I was born (2/26/46). It was very nifty to look at all the advertising and see what was in vogue the day I was born. One ad that stood out was an ad for dextrose (sugar). It said how children required a lot of sugar to keep up their energy levels, and of course, candy provided all that energy!!! That's where the "dextrose" comes from. "So Mom - give your kids plenty of candy".

Today, sixty years later, America is concerned with obesity in children and one hardly sees a candy ad - at least not an overt ad. We did consume a lot of sweets in my home, growing up, along with good, proper nutrition. But none of us kids were overweight. If anything, we were skinny runts. Maybe that had something to do with running and playing outside everyday of our lives. Not only that, I hardly remember any of our friends being fat either. And God knows, we all consumed as much candy as possible.

I was a "Candy Girl" at the Hicksville Theater my junior year of high school. Two days a week, Wednesday evening, and all day Sunday. It was a great job and I really don't think they made any profit on the candy concession the days I worked. No one ate more of the stuff than me. Plus, I was able to watch all the movies. - Judy (Marcus) Shivers '64

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**Hello-o-o-o-o HixNews!!** This is Lou Siracusa, Class of '68. Just a note to say 'Hi' to all the alumni of HHS from up here in Wolfeboro, NH. I read HixNews every month, and you folks are doing a great job. You really keep us well informed on the goings-on of the alumni.

My wife; a Mineola '68 graduate; and I have lived up here on Lake Winnepoosee for ten years now and own a flower shop combined with a JC Penny Catalog store because it's a 1/2 hour drive to the local mall. We had many good times in high school. I made my 10 year, 20 year, and the Mega Reunion a few years back (which was fantastic). If anyone wants to e-mail and chew the fat, my e-mail address is [lindasflowersandgifts@yahoo.com](mailto:lindasflowersandgifts@yahoo.com). Please take care and stay healthy. - Louie Siracusa

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**My name is Minerva (Moddle) Kassinger.** I graduated from HHS in 1949. First, I want to thank you for doing a great job with HixNews. I had Mr. Galloway as a teacher in high school for Business Arithmetic. During class time he would send us to the blackboard to do the problems that he gave us. Then he would go around and tap anyone on the arm if the answer was wrong because of "stupid mistakes". I don't think teachers would get away with that today, but most of us didn't seem to mind. I received my very best Regents mark in that class. I just made one little "stupid mistake". I believe he made a big impression on us, and we were fortunate to have him as a teacher. Keep up the good work.

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**What happened to all those** from the Class of '53??? I have been reading HixNews for ages and rarely see anything from my classmates. Are you folks all dead or just not into modern technology. Come On - let's hear from you. - Denis Rossi '53

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**Hi Folks - You said that you have problems** with certain servers about getting HixNews through. I have Optimum Online and Hotmail and have had no problems getting anything. I do know that AOL is a pain in the butt on receiving things from friends of mine. I hope the problem clears up for them as all of you do an excellent job putting out HixNews. I know - I put out a sixteen page newsletter for my Knights of Columbus Council here in Farmingdale every month. - George McConnell '61

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**IDIOT SIGHTING** - When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked inside. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. I tried the passenger side and it was unlocked! "Hey," I announced - it's open. "I know," he said, "I already got that side." And this was at a dealership!!!!

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## A Welcome To Jim and Vickie Fischer '65

**We recently received a request** from Jim & Vickie Fischer to be added to the mailing list for HixNews. When we confirmed his e-mail, we asked him to catch us up to date on what's been happening with him and his family. The article below is the response he sent to us for all to see. WOW, I wish we'd get more like this. - Buffalo Bob Casale '61

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**Dear Bob - I graduated from Hicksville High** in 1965 and married the following April. I worked for Sears in Hicksville, Grumman Aircraft where I helped build the Lunar Modules (one of them is in the Smithsonian), Trans World Airlines at Kennedy and La Guardia airports, and New York Telephone among a variety of other jobs.

After moving from Long Island to Placerville, CA in 1978, I spent 20 years in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains just 7 miles from Coloma, CA where gold was first discovered, and 60 miles from Lake Tahoe. While living there I was able to experience some things I would never have had the chance to do had I not made the move. I've owned horses and been on cattle drives in the mountains - I've been able to experience the beautiful North Coast of the Redwoods - I've worked in Lake Tahoe in the winter, and I've driven the coast route (US 1) from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

After retiring from Pacific Bell in January of 1998 after working 29 years as a sales rep, communications technician and lineman, I continued my electrical contracting business I have been running since I lived in New York. It sure felt good to be back to having only one job to do.

I moved back to the East Coast in August of that year and now live in New Bern, NC. New Bern reminds me of Hicksville when I was growing up in the 50's and 60's. It is a wonderful small town with friendly people and a deep sense of community. Apparently, I am not the only one who feels this way, as the influx of "Yankees" from New York, New Jersey, and all other surrounding states is increasing every day. This place is now growing fast, and there doesn't appear to be any end in sight.

I've been running my 'retirement' electrical business since I arrived here, and it's been growing every year. I meet new transplants every week through my business. I'm having a ball and I have no idea when I'll stop doing what I love to do. I married my wife, Vickie, two and a half years ago after I met her through a mutual friend. She's a native of New Bern, so we've had a lot of fun with our cultural differences (y'all vs. youse guys, Hi vs. Hey, etc.) I graduated with more than 1000 students, and she graduated in a class of seven. I like to tell her that she graduated in the top ten of her class.

I still have two daughters, a son, my sister and her family, eight grandchildren, and my Mom still lives on Long Island so we visit her several times a year. Every time we come up I try to show Vickie and her two daughters something new about Long Island and New York. We especially love the North Fork and the wineries. When we visit my other daughter and her family in San Clemente, CA, I get to show Vickie different parts of California.

We hope to retire (or semi-retire) in a couple of years and see more of the country on the road. We're looking at travel trailers that we can pull with out truck and start exploring all the different back roads and small towns this country has to offer.

Thanks for HixNews and all of your efforts you put into it every month. It brings back memories of growing up that I have long forgotten. We're all fortunate to have grown up where we did, and all of the contributors jog a lot of old brain cells. - Jim Fischer '65

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**Thanks for a great job.** Tony (Anthony) and I will be married 44 years on May 5th. Our first granddaughter will be 19 on that same day. All told, Tony and I have been “going steady” for fifty years - having met each other in the halls of Hicksville High in 1956. Thanks for the memories. - Eileen (Walter) Toscano ‘59

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**Hi All - Just my luck!!** “Love Monkey” has been cancelled right before the episode I was in to be aired. So, you won’t get to see me on TV unless some other channel picks it up!! You may, however, see me in background shots of upcoming “Law & Order SVU”, and “Law & Order episodes (if you look very hard)!! - Harri Molese ‘56

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**Monday, Feb. 20, 2006,** my Golf Digest calendar had a beautiful picture of the Back Course at Bethpage State Park - <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/info.asp?parkID=67>. The calendar said that in 2002, Golf Magazine rated the Back Course 3rd on the list of the “Top 100 courses you can play in the U.S.”

If you’re a golfer, this is a celebrated place that hosted the 2002 US Open, and will again host the Open in 2009 - <http://www.bethpagecommunity.com/golf.htm>. The Back Course ranks among the top 50 courses in the U.S., and is one of the only 16 courses awarded ‘Five Stars’ by Golf Digest’s Best Places To Play. The A.W. Tillinghast design features deep bunkers, velvety greens and deep rough. The Back Course is the most difficult because of the many hills.

My memory of the Back Course has nothing to do with golf. I remember it in the winter of my senior year when the snow piled high as it did a week ago. We drove to Bethpage at night with several cars packed with HHS students taking a homework break, parked in the golfers parking lot, carried our Flexible Flyers to the top of the sand traps and “hit the slopes” meeting other students from nearby Plainview, Bethpage and the surrounding areas. I can remember the hills being very high, but that was before leaving Long Island to ski the Catskills, the Adirondacks, and eventually the Swiss Alps. It was a dark night and the snow was cold. The speed of the sleds covered distances faster than our vision could see the dangerous objects in our path. Somehow we avoided serious injury and can only believe that someone was watching over us that night. It would be good to someday experience the Back Course for what it was intended - a round of golf with some good friends. - Tom Pilco ‘60

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## Some Interesting Thoughts On Aging

**Old age, I decided, is a gift.** I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometimes despair over my body . . . the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by the old person that lives in my mirror, but I don’t agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I’ve aged, I’ve become more kind to myself. I’ve become my own friend. I don’t chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn’t need, but looks so avant-garde on my patio.

I am entitled to overeat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read, or play on the computer until 4 a.m., and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50’s and 60’s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love . . . . I will.

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I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over my bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the bikini set. They too, will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten, and I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when a beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what gives us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. I can say "no", and mean it. I can say "yes", and mean it. As you get older it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day.

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## My Memories

by Pat (Koziuk) Driscoll

**I often receive e-mails with tests** for old folks or links to Web pages with music from different decades. My mind remembers some things that nobody mentions.

Back in the late 50's and early 60's, everything was pink and aqua. My mother had an aqua Admiral refrigerator, and some cars came from the factory with pink paint jobs. The 1956 Chevy had a pink and black paint job that was very popular.

In the 70's the colors were gold, brown, and avocado green.

Remember when bathroom fixtures were pink, green, yellow, and even lavender?

They're gone now, but I can still remember the heady smell of the trees in bloom in front of the old high school.

I loved the way babies smelled in their cloth diapers that were dried on the line in the fresh air. Those were the days before pollution. Same goes for getting into a freshly made bed with the line-dried sheets.

The first paper diapers were terrible. The baby crackled when you picked it up. They were used only for travel.

Then there were the glass baby bottles. My twin brother and sister had great fun when my sister would throw her bottle out of the crib, and then my brother would bomb it with his bottle. Sure made my mother run fast!

In the late 60's I wore bell-bottoms, bare midriffs and platform shoes. Only problem was that I kept forgetting to lift my leg high enough to avoid tripping on curbs!

Everybody remembers the Edsel, but do you remember the Ford Pinto. Wasn't it the first hatchback?

We used to call the parking brake an emergency brake. So much more exciting.

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How many kids today would know how to pop a clutch to start a car with a weak battery? I did it in reverse at a drive-in once and my sister said that the man in the car behind us almost had a heart attack! I believe that was the time we secretly went to see an Elvis movie. Mom and Dad didn't approve of Elvis.

My grandmother and her girlfriends loved to watch wrestling. I liked to watch Dennis James, the announcer, do the commercials. He always ended up drunk and slurred his speech after drinking beer during the entire show.

## WANTED

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE GRADUATES OF HICKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF 1956, AND ARE BEING SOUGHT TO APPEAR AT OUR 50TH REUNION IN JUNE. THEY ARE ARMED WITH MEMORIES OF PAST EVENTS THAT OCCURED DURING THEIR TIME AT HIGH SCHOOL, AND ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS, JUST MISSING. THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE REUNION COMMITTEE, AND ANY HELP IN LOCATING THEM WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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Diana Ferlazzo  
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## The Enjoyment of Wine

by Bob Gillette

**When I come into my home** in the evening before dinner, I like to relax with a glass of Merlot or Cabernet and watch the network news. During dinner, I usually have a glass or two (or ???) - well, let's just say I enjoy my wine around mealtime. I don't have any wine on the two nights a week that I work at the hotel, and never drink if I'll be driving anywhere within a few hours.

My introduction to wine began in the mid 60's when I was working as a field engineer for SMC Small Computer Systems. Their home office was in Oakland, CA, and they would send a group of about twenty of us to Oakland for training. We generally went three times a year for three weeks at a time. They put us up at a friendly Mom 'n Pop motel in Berkeley with per diem for meals. The motel was on University Blvd., the main road from the Bay to downtown Berkeley. There was a huge selection of good restaurants in the Berkeley/Oakland area, with Jack London Square being primarily a restaurant and club area. For a further excursion we would head over to San Francisco - one of the few 'big city' downtown's that I liked. I never realized the Buffalo Bob Casale, whom I had hung out with in my early teens, was living in the same area. I wonder how many times our paths had crossed without even knowing it?

A little ways down and across the street from the motel was a huge liquor store; Jay Vee Liquors; which was about the size of a Grand Union supermarket. I went in one day to check it out and discovered that it was primarily a wine store set up with halved wine barrels filled with bottles of wine. There were also racks and racks everywhere you looked just filled with wine bottles. They even had a section devoted to wines that were progressively older with some that looked like they'd just been retrieved from a spider infested cellar!! They also provided a free booklet that told all about red wines - how to enjoy, the history, the formalities, etc... It was in that booklet that I learned that you don't 'drink' wine - you sip it.

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And so, if you do not already enjoy a glass of Cabernet or Merlot with a succulent, juicy steak, I'll tell you how, so you can discover for yourself how wine improves the taste!

First of all, red wines are never served chilled, but served at room temperature or slightly above. When you sit down with your steak, eat a few pieces BEFORE you have any wine. Note the taste and the juiciness of the meat as you eat it. Now cut another piece of meat, but before you eat it, take a sip of your wine and let it roll over your tongue and then to the back of your mouth before you swallow. Now have another piece of meat. It should now have a more intense, juicy flavor compared to before you sipped the wine. Your taste buds should be awakened! And so it should go - a sip of wine, a few bites of meat, and all the time being relaxed and unhurried. And the same goes for Italian and other dishes, although it is with steak that wine truly shines.

I bought an old bottle of French wine from one of the bins that day; Chateau D'Aggasac; and took it back to the motel with some take-out. The next day I had a steak dinner with a glass of Cabernet at Harry's - a pleasant little Berkeley steak house, and have been enjoying wine ever since.

Back in the 60's and early 70's it was the French wines that were the best. The California wine industry was in its infancy, and the wines were generally not that good. Then the California wineries got their act together to become the leader in good, affordable wines. Nowadays I find that the Chilean wines are the stars, with affordable and good quality wines. Israeli wines are also quite good, and the Australian and South African wines are improving.

When a bottle of Cabernet is opened it begins to age rather rapidly. This is not bad, however, as many Cabernets and Merlots will taste better the second or third day after opening. If you open a bottle of wine and the taste is a bit harsher than you were hoping for, put the cork back in and try it again the next week!

When another engineer and I were working in Marseilles, France, we noticed during dinner that wine spilled on a napkin was bright red, only to turn dark purple a few minutes later. Never refrigerate red wines. If it doesn't improve in flavor after several weeks you can use it for cooking. I've had some Cabernets that I had opened and put back into the cabinet that have tasted better after I returned from a three-week trip than when I first opened it.

White wines, which should be chilled to around 40 degrees, are good for sipping and eating hors d'oeuvres and light meals. I stopped drinking white wines years ago. I guess I got spoiled. I used to love a white German wine; Rudesheimer Rosengarten; from the Nahe Valley, but for some reason it's no longer imported into the U.S. It is, however, still available in Great Britain.

And no story on red wine enjoyment would be complete without a recipe for a delicious steak. To me, cooking is not just following a recipe, but a base starting point, with continual small changes with the hopes of continual improvement. In next month's issue of HixNews, I'll have a great recipe for either pan-fried or charbroiled steak. We'll use the preferred cuts, i.e., Filet Mignon, Porterhouse, T-Bones, or Strip steak.

If you'd care to comment on this article, please submit it to [Editors@hixnews.com](mailto:Editors@hixnews.com) and we'll publish it in the April issue. Thanks - The Editors

**An Aside From Bob Gillette** - This is in response to the article in HixNews about whether I have a certain brother who is a priest. The woman that inquired had the wrong Gillette. I have an older brother named Bill, and an older sister named Cathi. You may know her from her cheerleading days. I also have a younger sister, Mary, who died of cancer in 1993. I'm sorry I can't help you in your search . . . . .



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Here are some interesting and informative sites that we thought you'd be interested in. Some of the sites are from HHS Alumni, so check them out if you'd like. If you know of an interesting site you'd like to add to the list, just send it to [editors@hixnews.com](mailto:editors@hixnews.com) and we'll add it to the list.

## Check Out That Rumor Before You Forward The Mail

- <http://www.truthorfiction.com/>
- <http://www.snopes.com>
- <http://www.datafellows.com/news/hoax.htm>
- <http://hoaxbusters.ciac.org/>

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- <http://photos.yahoo.com/buffalobob11801> (Bob Casale '61)  
*(Plenty to see, and always looking for more. Scan us your favorites)*
- <http://www.classmates.com/user/index.tf>  
*(Click on Hicksville - scroll down & click on Photos - then select Albums)*
- [http://group.classmates.com/user/photoalbum/album.tf?album\\_id=128029](http://group.classmates.com/user/photoalbum/album.tf?album_id=128029)  
*(This link displays HHS Misc. Faces - How many can you name?)*

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## Alumni Sites

- <http://www.truenorthpress.com> - (Robin Jacobsen '71)  
*(Info about current and upcoming publications and literary competitions)*
- <http://www.dropdeadcomedy.com/index.html> - (Tony Walker '88)
- <http://www.rwhit.com> - (Vicky Penner '58 & Roger Whitaker)
- <http://www.adogshome.com> - (Sue Manning Gray '63)  
*(Gebirgshaus Kennel)*
- <http://forums.delphiforums.com/HicksvilleNY/start/> - (Frank DiGiorgio)  
*(Frank has brought back the old 'Message Board' format)*

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## Historical & Informative Sites

- <http://Gradfinders.com>  
*(A new site like Classmates, but they're free)*
- <http://antonnews.com>  
*(A local L.I. newspaper)*
- <http://www.lihistory.com>
- <http://www.cradleofaviation.org/history/airfields/index.html>
- <http://www.nassaucountyhistoricalsociety.org/>
- <http://www.mynassauproperty.com>  
*(If you know the address, you can find out about a particular property)*

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## Odds and Ends

- <http://oldfortyfives.com/TakeMeBackToTheSixties.htm>  
*(Ya gotta check this site out - it's c-o-o-o-o-o-o-l)*
- [http://www.thestatenislandboys.com/U\\_thrill\\_me/](http://www.thestatenislandboys.com/U_thrill_me/)



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## Hicksville Tidbits

### Hicksville's Chris Defeo Opens West John Street Deli

by Katie Mehr

**The only class Chris Defeo ever failed** in school was economics. "It's funny. I think it's ironic because look at me now," said 20 year old Defeo who, only three years after he graduated from St. Anthony's High School, has opened his own deli in Hicksville.

It's something that came naturally to him," said his father, Harry DeFeo, who owns Harbor Deli in Port Washington. "My wife and I are very proud of him for such an accomplishment."

Chris DeFeo opened DEFO's Deli, which is spelled like his high school nickname, last August and two days later he opened the doors to the public. "The first week was nuts," he said. "I was in here scrubbing on my hands and knees while placing orders on the phone."

When a discussion of opening a deli became more serious, DeFeo began stirring up his menu. He created specialty sandwich menus with names after local places, including the "Route 106" and "The Broadway Mall." He developed a "Create Your Own Specialty Salad" where customers can choose from a list of salad makings and toppings. He also created a large selection of pre-made salads and sandwiches for "on-the-go" customers. He also serves a variety of catering items as well.

Despite the large variety of products offered, DeFeo cannot sell alcohol because he's not yet 21. However, his business is not hurt by it. "The other things I can sell instead," he said. "And because there is a 7-Eleven on one side of me and a bar on the other, there's no reason for me to carry it."

DeFeo had a knack for the deli business at an even younger age. When he was 10 years old, he helped his father load and unload vending machines, and by 12, he was behind the counter making sandwiches. Four years later, he was running his father's deli on Sundays and saving his money to buy a deli of his own.

"I learned the concept of what [my father] did and nailed it. I learned through his mistakes and successes," he said, adding that working with his father at such a young age prepared him for the future. "It's a learning process." DeFeo said. "I'm young and creative and have lots of new ideas. [The deli] is a good entrepreneurship start for me."

DEFO's Deli, located at 392 West John Street, is opened Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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### Express Gratitude for Community Support

**Words cannot express** how grateful our family is to all of you who came out to vote in support of Bob Manson for Fire Commissioner. We all know that many of you spent an average of 45 minutes on line to cast your vote, and many of you drove past the firehouse numerous times that night looking for a parking space and hoping for a shorter line.

As a result of our letter to fellow residents, our family received many phone calls the day of election from members of our community who are either disabled or work a 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. shift and were unable to vote because our fire district doesn't allow absentee ballots. As promised, we will include your names in our next request to the Hicksville Fire District for: Increased voting hours, The ability to vote at more than one firehouse, Special/easy access for handicapped individuals, and Absentee ballots. Thanks again to all.

**Gary, Terry, Matt, Mike, & Gary and Kelly Tietjen**

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## Birthdays In March

- 2 - Tom Steedman, '60
  - 4 - Den Collins '53 (L.I.)
  - 4 - Debbie (Rubenstein) Sirkin, '67 (CA)
  - 5 - Pam (Kurth) Baker, '65
  - 5 - Helen (Penner) Ackerman, '56 (FL)
  - 6 - Michele (Jordan) Kowalski, '74
  - 7 - Sonya (Teresko) Fluckiger, '38
  - 9 - Beverly (Fetz) White, '67 (NC)
  - 9 - Howard Bell, '68
  - 10 - Carolyn (Wood) Imbrie, '63 (AZ)
  - 12 - Vicker (Penner) Whitaker, '58 (IL)
  - 12 - Sister Maureen Schrimpe IHM, '63 (MD)
  - 13 - Julia White, '63 (FL)
  - 14 - Anton Murè, '68 (L.I.)
  - 14 - Jacci (LaSalle) Gallucci, '59 (NY)
  - 15 - Nancy (Walsh) Gustafson, '58 (L.I.)
  - 16 - Steve Baum, '62 (PA)
  - 16 - Carolanne (Luisi) Saletto, '75 (HX)
  - 18 - Chris Andersen, '67 (HX)
  - 18 - John Ennis, '50
  - 18 - Jeffery Schlegel, '70
  - 20 - Rick Campbell, '70
  - 20 - Mike McGregor, '57 (PA)
  - 21 - Carol (Ofenloch) Tranchina, '72
  - 23 - Joyce (Gabrielsen) Casale, (GA)
  - 24 - Betty Sue (Gardner) Brunell, '72 (AL)
  - 24 - Jed Schaiman, '59
  - 25 - Jeff White, '73 (CA)
  - 27 - Janis (Bartlett) Wood, '73 (HX)
  - 29 - Richard Calma, '71 (NY) 29 - Ruben Callejas, '53
  - 30 - Joan (Curry) Kioleidis, '65 (L.I.)
- Belated wishes to Bob Gillette, '60 (SC) - Feb. 8th*



## Anniversaries In March

- 3/15/1942 - Fred & Sonya Fluckiger
- 3/22/???? - Dave & Jan Baldwin (FL)



Send Your Birthdays & Anniversaries to: [Editors@HixNews.Com](mailto:Editors@HixNews.Com)

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



## This Just In . . . . .

Here is a photo of the 1956 Reunion Committee taken on 2/25/06

- Jack DeVaul
- John Sherin
- Richie Gallagher
- Rita (Henkel) Gordon
- Anna (Pavlicek) Martorello
- Judy (Parker) Lang



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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.

If you are a new member (or know of one), please send the name, year of graduation, date of birth, anniversary date, name of spouse, and the state where you live. Send it to: [gocomets@nac.net](mailto:gocomets@nac.net)

- Bob Gerrets '66**
- Minerva (Moddle) Kassinger '49**
- Bill Walden '65**
- Frank Walker '85**

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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.

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Dorothy (Abramoski) Braja '49</b>   | <b>Angela Becker '97</b>                |
| <b>Alan Aker '63</b>                   | <b>Jonathan Bernard '75</b>             |
| <b>Connie (Ammirato) Henderson '67</b> | <b>Christina Blackman Kelly '88</b>     |
| <b>James Arlet '84</b>                 | <b>Patricia (Cagliostro) Sewell '81</b> |
| <b>Janet (Bardenhagen) Keegan '80</b>  | <b>Roseanne (Catalano) Pitrelli '59</b> |

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### **Returned Newsletters for Febuary, 2006**

Returned Newsletters for the month of Febuary totaled 11. 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 e-mail with the correct information to: [Editors@HixNews.Com](mailto:Editors@HixNews.Com).

- nvbob59@earthlink.net** - Robert Rinaldi
- heckathorne@prodigy.net** - Diane (Baum) Heckathorne
- GlenCarusoIM@aol.com** - Glen Caruso '81
- ngd50@aol.com** - Naomi (Groont) Doudera '74
- Junehi@aol.com** - June Gutekunst '74
- larbevo@aol.com** - Larry & Beverly (Harrigan) O'Shaughnessey '61, '62
- ritzler@venustel.net** - George Ritzler '57
- icetimejsa@aol.com** - Michael Steuer '67
- DYPIZZA@aol.com** - Danielle (McGregor) Yanopulos '82
- Irishls642@aol.com** - Maureen (Kilkenny/Pittman) Rizzo '64
- rrupeq@aol.com** - Rudy Rybak '66



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### **A Message From Editor Buffalo Bob Casale to the Alumni . . . . .**

There will be seventy Albums posted at the Hicksville High School [Classmates](#) Site when we post some old photos of the way Hicksville used to be. Anyone can go to the [Classmates](#) Site and create an album. The list of contributors continues to grow, so please get involved. If you have photos you want posted, you can scan and forward them to [Bob Casale](#), and he will create the album for you.

The album most viewed to date is highlighted below. There have been in excess of 700 hits so far.

[http://photos.classmates.com/user/photoalbum/album.tf?album\\_id=115859](http://photos.classmates.com/user/photoalbum/album.tf?album_id=115859)

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**Did you know** that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the Honor Guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 states, but we learn something new every day.

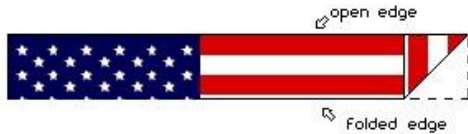
**The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.**



**The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.**



**The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world**



**The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.**



**The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in the dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.**



**The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that They pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.**



**The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.**



**The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day**



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The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, the Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.



The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust."



After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the Soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded, and now you'll know why. Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to as the symbol of "Liberty and Freedom."



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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.

We are delighted to be able to share this once-in-a-lifetime event with you. Space and tables remain, but the time is flying. So, if you're still planning on coming, *don't put it off any longer*. Especially you folks that live on Long Island and only live minutes away. Reserve your places for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**If you require info regarding accommodations in the area, you may contact:**

Richard Gallagher [Dorig01@aol.com](mailto:Dorig01@aol.com)

John Sherin [Jmsherin@optonline.net](mailto:Jmsherin@optonline.net)

J. J. DeVaul [jjdevaul@optonline.net](mailto:jjdevaul@optonline.net)

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](#)

## Class of '66 Reunion In The Planning Stage

**A 40th Class Reunion for the Class of '66 is in the air.** Pat (Alonge) Wafer, Kate (Bruton) Cooney, Karen (Chameides) Gowrie, Judy (Fox) Katala, Angela (Totone) MacIntosh, Maureen (Hanafin) Olsen, Sue (Jonsson) Postel, Fran (Nesbitt) Ryan and Gayle (Schoenberg) Wenchell have all formed a group to see if the reunion is feasible. They'd like to see about how many folks would like to attend and would like some input from you - (the date and location are still in the planning). They've set up a Blog (Discussion Group) at <http://hicks66.blogspot.com>. Once you register your name, you can write anything you have to say about the reunion and it will be posted just like a bulletin board for all to read.

They'd love to get some feedback from you, and they've even talked about extending the reunion to the classes of '65, '66, and also '67. If you'd rather not use their Blog, just send an e-mail to:

[Hicks66@optonline.net](mailto:Hicks66@optonline.net)

**How about it, folks. Let's get this reunion going!!!**

## 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

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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:

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## **Polar Bears Are Becoming Extinct Because of Global Warming and the Melting of the Ice Caps**



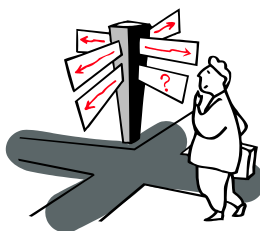
**The editors of HixNews are encouraging the alumni to submit names of those who have distinguished themselves over the years and deserve special consideration for induction into the Hicksville High School Newsletter**



**These Photo's Taken by a Nuclear Submarine at the North Pole**



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## People Lookin' For People

Barbara (DiBella) Dowd '62 is looking for Kathleen Kennedy '62  
Karen Kelly '69 is looking for 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  
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:  
[Editors@HixNews.Com](mailto:Editors@HixNews.Com)

## Yearbooks For Sale!!!!

We just received this notice that the following yearbooks are for sale

**Hicksville Junior High School and Middle School (Meteor)**

1979, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989

These may be purchased individually or as a lot

**Hicksville High School (Comet)**

1964, 1966, 1970, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1989

These may also be purchased individually or as a lot

**For information about price and condition, please contact:**

Amnon Tishler

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2972A Merrick Road

Bellmore, NY 11710

516 221-0994 (11am - 6 pm, Mon-Sat.)

516 579-2848 (After 8pm)

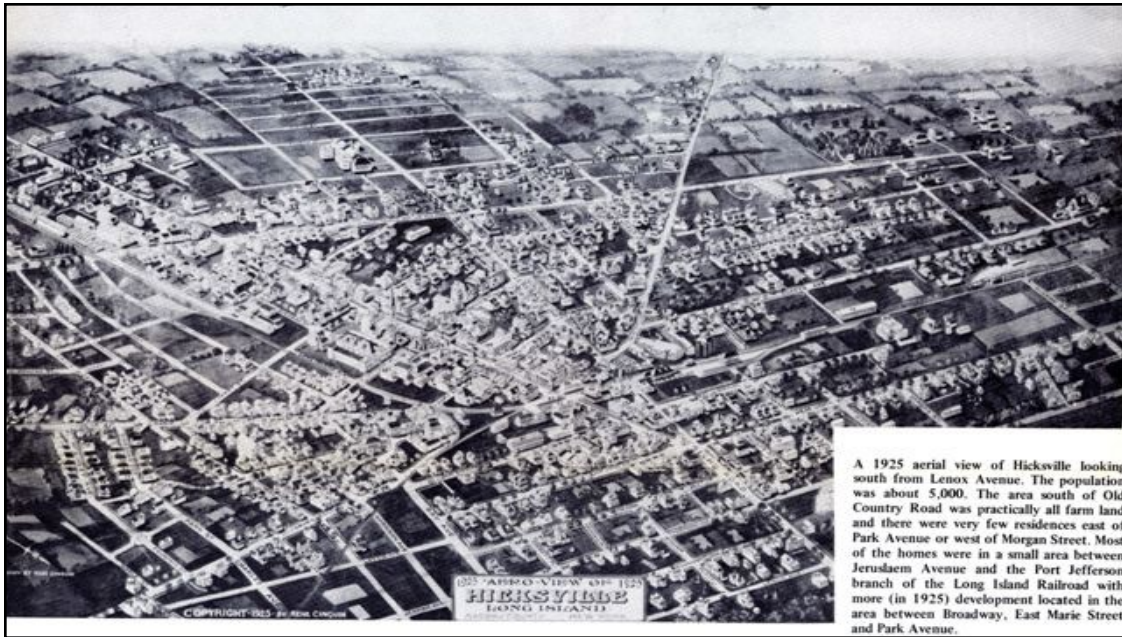
E-mail: [booklovpar@aol.com](mailto:booklovpar@aol.com)

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**Hicksville Memorial Library**



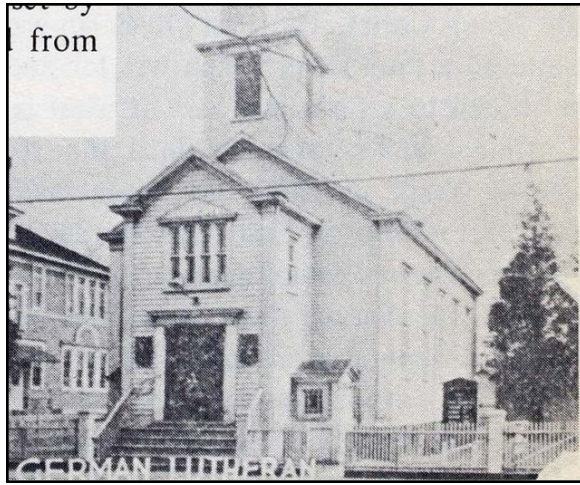
**Hicksville 1925 - Looking South from Lenox Avenue**



**EAST STREET GRADE SCHOOL**

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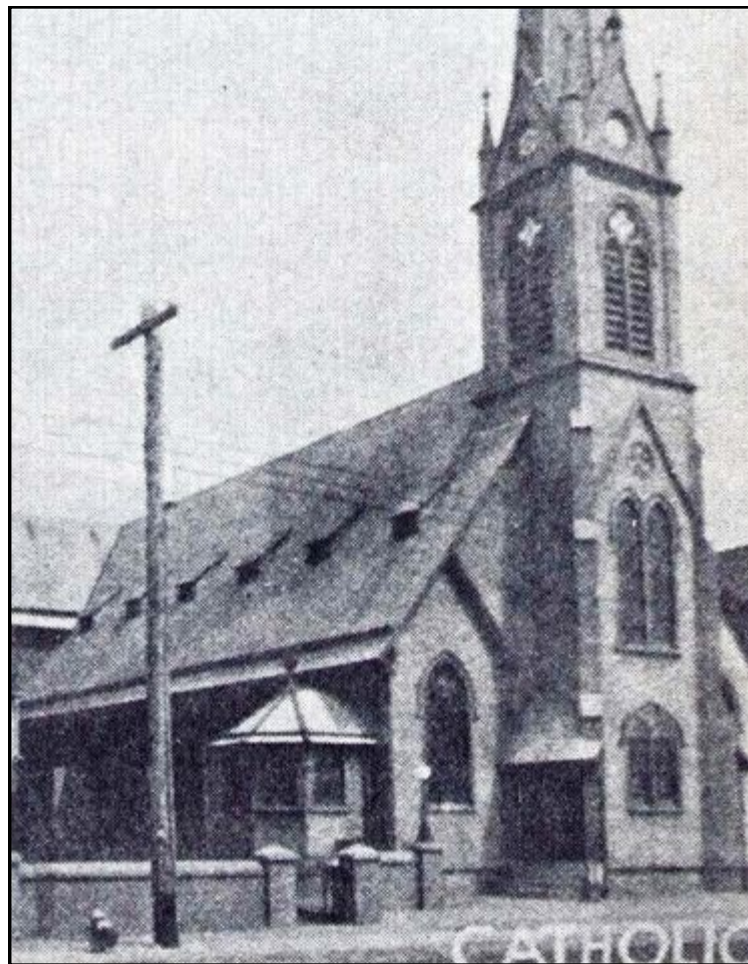
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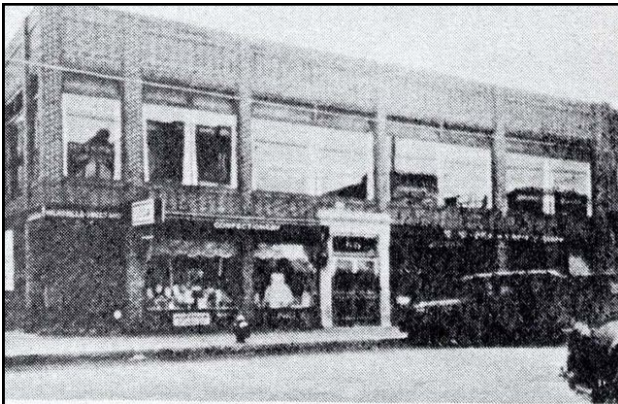
Trinity Lutheran - 1850



Shaarei Zedek Cong. - 1919



St. Ignatius Built 1859



Sweet Shop and 5 and 10 on Broadway

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## Sue (Relling) Cronin '62 On Air Force One



**Meeting with President Bush**



**Briefing the First Lady**

**Hi HixNews** - I think I may be the 1st person from HHS '62 to fly on Air Force One with the President and First Lady. I was briefing the First Lady for the Summit of the Americas. I currently work at the White House as the Director for Western Hemisphere Economics at the National Security Council.

I have done a lot of stuff - married an Army Officer, lived in Korea, Turkey and Morocco, taught school, became a reading specialist, joined the Foreign Service in '89, served in Mexico, left the Foreign Service, joined the Office of the United States Trade Representative in 2000 and then went to National Security Council at the White House in 2005.

FYI - My White House badge hangs from my Hicksville High School lanyard that I bought when I went to the Homecoming Football game in 2000. I really enjoy HixNews and thanks to the staff for putting it together. - Sue (Relling) Cronin '62



**Another meeting with President Bush and his Staff**

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## Class of 1974 Homecoming

**Homecoming Day '73** was held on Saturday, October 13, a beautiful day, perfect for a game and a parade. Lorraine Meddis was crowned homecoming queen, with Monica Innes, Joanne O'Connell, Laura Delapp, and Lynn Barondess as the proud runners-up. The Marching Comets' half-time show, as well as the lively spirit of the faculty, alumni, and students helped lead the football team to an astonishing 20-6 victory over Herricks.

This year's **Pep Rally** for the HHS Homecoming Day football game was held on Friday afternoon, October 12, 1973. The team was out in full force, as were the Marching Band, cheerleaders, and coquettes. Speakers included Mr. Rusch, quarterback Steve Cannone, and Coach Brown, all of whom helped spur the Comets to victory.



Leslie Abatiello



Sharon Aboulafia



Ricky Abuhoff



Steven Adelman



Edward Agins



Kim Adamic



Nadine Adams



Janice Adamy



John Agnoli



John Ajello



Margaret Alati



Myra Albin



Michael Alfano



Carole Alleman



Robert Allen



Frank Ambrico



Ellen Ambron



Susan Ames



Susan Amundsen



Robert Anderson



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Robert Casale  
195 Lauman Lane  
Hicksville, NY 11801-6522

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