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**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY**

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremonies

Hello Folks,

On Monday, May 29th, 2006, Hicksville will hold it's annual Memorial Day Parade & Ceremonies. This year, the Hicksville VFW is the host organization. They're excited about putting this event together and would like to get our support.

"We'd love to get some of the Hicksville High Alumni to join in and march in this year's parade as a group.", said Cmdr. Bill Walden '65. The march will start at the Sears parking lot, go down Broadway, and end up at the Veteran's Memorial at the Middle School on Jerusalem Ave. Cmdr. Bill adds, "It's still the Junior High to me." If you'd like to get together with your old school pals and support this event, please e-mail **Buffalo Bob Casale '61** at editors@hixnews.com.

Let's honor our Veterans. This is a Hicksville event, so let's get together and

50th Reunion Notice For The Class of 1957

Steve Goldsmith is interested in starting work on the reunion for the Class of 1957. This would be their 50th Anniversary, and the affair will be held sometime in 2007. Steve asks that anyone interested in helping him with the planning, please send an e-mail to tac@cfl.rr.com.

Come On Folks, Let's Have a Gala Event



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A Tribute To Mothers

Contributed by Bob (Gleason) Wesley '61—Webmaster

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. “Is this the long way?” she asked. And the guide said “Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning.”

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, she fed them and bathed them, and taught them how to tie their shoes and ride a bike and reminded them to feed the dog and do their homework and brush their teeth. The sun shown on them and the young mother cried, “Nothing will ever be lovelier than this.”

Then the nights came, and the storms, and the path was sometimes dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her arms, and the children said, “Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come.”

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and as they climbed they learned to weather the storms. And with this, she gave them strength to face the world.

Year after year, she showed them compassion, understanding, hope, but most of all, unconditional love. And when they reached the top, they said, “Mother, we would not have done it without you.”

The days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she became little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And the mother, when she lay down at night, looked up at the stars and said, “This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned so much and are now passing these traits on to their children.”

And when the way became rough for her, they lifted her, and gave her their strength, just as she had given them hers. One day they came to a hill, and beyond the hill, they could see a shining road and golden gates flung open. And mother said, “I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk with dignity and pride, with their heads held high, and so can their children after them.”

And the children said, “You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates.” And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said, “We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence.”

Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick and perfume that she wore, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of the rainbow, she is your birthday morning.

Your mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. A mother shows every emotion, happiness, sadness, fear, jealousy, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow, and all the while, hoping and praying you will only know the good feelings of life.

She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, even your first enemy, but nothing can separate you. Not time, not space, not even death! - Anonymous

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The Bracelet

by Lily (Collazo) Bornstein '69

Hicksville, Sept. 1963—I was 11, and my brothers Peter, Vinny and David were 8, 5, and 4 respectfully. We were having a family pow-wow, and the subject of this sibling meeting was the yearly dilemma of what to get our mother for her birthday.

Birthdays were a big deal at our house. In our family of six, with a mother who was one of nine siblings, holidays were many, and loudly attended by aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and family friends. But birthdays were “special days” . . . and our parents tried to make our secret wishes come true for each of us. When we were younger, we often marveled at how it just seemed to happen every year without fail, our secret dream would come true. As we got older, we realized that it was because our mother knew each of us very well and always knew the one thing that would bring us joy. We were not rich, by any means, but we never wanted for anything we needed. And there was always our birthdays.

This year, my mother was not too happy about her birthday. She was turning 35 and it was a bit depressing for her. She said she was “middle-aged.” So, on this particular birthday, we had decided to pool our resources so that we could get mother a “special” present. After carefully collecting all our dimes, nickels and pennies, off we marched to the local drug store. It was not just a pharmacy, but a store where you could buy just about anything you needed. They also had a section where they sold costume jewelry. Excitement was high, and we just knew that together, we could afford to buy our mother something that would make her eyes light up.

We walked into the store and almost immediately saw it . . . a sparkling, silver-toned bracelet with unique and intricate filigree . . . absolutely the most perfect present we could ever hope to find. There was no price tag on it, but we just knew we couldn't afford it. My brother Peter said there was “no way.” My younger brothers just looked on with hope. I cleared the fear from my throat and fearfully asked the man behind the counter if we could see it up close. He watched as we looked at it in awe. I explained that we wanted to buy it as a birthday gift for our mother. I held my breath as I asked how much the bracelet was. I remember how he looked at all of us. He smiled and said, “This bracelet? Let's see now—oh yes, this bracelet costs three dollars.”

We were incredulous! We HAD three dollars between the four of us! We COULD afford it! We quickly agreed, then paid the man and walked out with our prize. On the walk home we were all so happy. My brother Peter thought that for sure the man had made a mistake. Truthfully, so did I, and we left the store quickly in case he changed his mind or realized his error. I remember feeling a bit guilty, thinking that this was dishonest, but, he was a grown man after all, and grownups didn't make too many mistakes. Our initial nervousness turned into excitement over the wonderful surprise we were going to pull off. My mother never expected anything like this for her birthday. We couldn't wait to see her face! It was our secret, and we kept it well. In the days before her birthday we got busy making cards and took turns sneaking a peek at our treasure.

Finally, the day came when we would present our gift to our mother. She opened all of our cards, one by one, reading each one out loud and fussed over the artwork and the words. She ignored the little box until she was all done thanking us for the beautiful hand made cards. Then the moment we'd been waiting for came. We all held our breath while she slowly unwrapped her gift. The boys were just about jumping up and down. When she saw the bracelet, her face lit up—just as we had hoped . . . and she put it on immediately. It glowed on her wrist and she was just as radiant. From her reaction, you would have thought we had given her the Crown jewels instead of a bracelet made of stainless steel.

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In the years that followed she wore the bracelet everywhere, and with everything from casual stay at home clothing to “dress-up” clothes. She never seemed to get tired of it, even though she had many other bracelets and pieces she had worn and retired after a while. Whenever she wore the bracelet she got compliments on it. People wanted to know where she had gotten it. She smiled and said proudly, “It was a gift from my children.” She would come home and make sure that we all knew that our gift was appreciated by others as well as her. She wore it like a badge of honor.

My mother passed away two years ago on Mothers Day. The first thing I thought of was that I wanted to see the bracelet. I went through her jewelry box and there it was, right on top, because she had worn it often. I put it on and immediately remember the history. I didn't think it looked as good on me as it did on her, but no matter, it was comforting to me.

A few weeks later I was chatting with a woman at my health club. I was wearing the bracelet, and she remarked that it was “just beautiful.” I smiled and said, “Thank you. It belonged to my mother.” The bracelet's aura endures.

*In Loving Memory of my Mother, Alice Collazo
September 13, 1928 - May 9, 2004*

My old girlfriend sent me the URL for HixNews. I graduated in 1962, and it seems to be a forgotten year, maybe because of Vietnam. Anyway, does anyone remember that I was the school photographer from the print shop? I saw that old photo of Nicholai St. School and it brought back memories of my days there. My classroom window is the first floor all the way in the back. It's still funny when I tell people that I went to a school made out of wood. They look at me like I'm some kind of nut. The playground was to the right of that photo and had a swing set and a Jungle Jim, and that was it. I also remember Huettner's Dep't. Store as my neighbor from across the street worked there. And, there's no way I could forget the Old Sweet Shop.—Herbie Pearce '62
ps. If Barbara DiBella is reading this “HI”.

Hi—My name is Pat (Montalbano) Frattini and my entire family was from Hicksville. My Grandfather owned the barber shop on East Marie Street right next to the old movies. My uncle had owned Montana Realty for many years, but after he passed away, his sons took over the business. I now live in Florida with my wonderful husband, but my heart is still where I was born and raised. We live in a 55 and older community called The Villages in Lady Lake, Florida. We'll be celebrating our 42nd anniversary on May 30th, and we were married at St. Ignatius in 1964. Thank you for doing this great newsletter.



By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.—Socrates



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Memories Of A Tragic Event

by Vicki (Penner) Whitaker '58

When I was a kid, the think I loved to do most was go to the movies. (It's still one of my favorite pastimes). Almost every Saturday morning, my mother would take my sister and I to the old Hicksville theatre on East Marie Street (or to the Rivoli in Hempstead) for the latest installment of some Superman serial, a western, a Sci-Fi, or a creepy black & white horror movie. But it was the tornado scene in "The Wizard of Oz" that left a lasting impression.

From that point forward, I became fascinated by tornadoes. Over the years, I've collected books and newspaper articles about them and have watched my share of TV documentaries on the subject. But what was abstract a few weeks ago, was frighteningly real when an F-2 tornado touched down in our neighborhood on Sunday, March 12th.

Six years ago, on the day I moved into my home in Springfield, Illinois, the tornado sirens went off. Much to my alarm, nobody paid much attention to their piercing wail. I quickly learned that even though there hadn't been a tornado here in 49 years, the city faithfully tested those sirens every Tuesday an 10 a.m. Over the years, the siren just across the street from our house had gone off a few other times, usually if a severe thunderstorm was approaching. But although the conditions were ripe for a tornado, none ever materialized. On those rare occasions when the siren did go off, my family and neighbors would run outside to see if they could see the twister. But newcomers, like myself, made a beeline for the basement. Amused, everyone was quick to reassure me that tornadoes never hit a city, and are, for that matter, rare in Central Illinois.

In defense of my sprint into the basement, I frequently joked that there was a tornado out there with my name on it and I didn't want to be in its path. I wasn't off the mark. The tornado (one of two to touch down in Springfield) hit on my birthday! Spawning numerous tornadoes along its zig-zag path, the single storm cell set a record in weather annals, traveling more than 700 miles, from Oklahoma to Michigan, before dying out.

We live on the west side of Springfield, the area that took the first hit. At 8 p.m., the F-2 tornado rampaged through one of the larger shopping areas here, about two miles west, flattening commercial buildings, cars and houses in its path. When it reached our area a few minutes later, it took down trees, roofs, siding and anything that wasn't tacked down. Fortunately, the tornado sirens went off about 20 minutes before the storm hit. The weather bureau and our local television station predicted the touchdown time for each area to the minute, so by the time it reached our street, my husband and I and out cat and dog were hunkered down in the basement, flashlights, battery operated TV in hand, blankets and pillows at our side. This time even the natives found shelter. Nobody stayed outside to watch. As a result, there was no loss of life and just a handful of minor injuries, a miracle in itself.

We were quite fortunate. It is difficult to gauge the damage by looking at the few photos I've attached. We lost a 150 year-old, 80 foot tree in our front yard, which thankfully fell sideways and crashed into part of our front fence. It weighed several tons and could have taken out part of the house had it fallen straight down. To get a sense of this, the tree in the photo of our neighbor's tree that fell across our road was slightly smaller than the one that came down on our property. We also lost an 80 foot pine tree in the back yard, but that too, fell away from the house (and onto our neighbor's side fence and power lines.). It took a crane and about 10 tree removal specialists to clear the trees off the property. Fortunately we have lots of other large trees that are now starting to bud. In a couple of weeks, everything will be green and you won't notice.

Around the corner, neighbors were not so lucky. You can see what a tree did to a car and how another toppled into the front of a house. That was typical. In the photos, the limb that landed against our bedroom wing was thrown some 70 feet away from the tree from whence it came.

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That wooden stake driven into one of the shingles is as thick as a fist and reminds me of all those tornado documentary demonstrations that show a piece of wood being driven through a thick slab of concrete by a tornado.

Amazingly, some brick homes were leveled as were stores within two blocks of us. We were without power for about eight days but had a whole house generator, gas fireplace, a gas range, and gas hot water, so it wasn't too much of a struggle. (I still recall being without power in Stony Brook for 14 days, thanks to Hurricane Gloria). Four of our five children also live in Springfield but, fortunately their homes were out of the tornado's path.

For those of you who have never experienced a tornado, it is somewhat like a powerful hurricane, except that it's over in a matter of minutes rather than several hours. (The ones in this part of the country are not as wide as those you read about in Kansas and Oklahoma and other states in "Tornado Alley"). The tornado can do the same amount of damage as a hurricane but along a narrower path. While the preparation lead time is less than that for a hurricane, tornado forecasting has become more sophisticated. If you keep an eye on the long range forecasts, keep a weather radio in the alarm mode, pay attention to television alerts and to the sirens, there is adequate time to prepare. A section of our basement is set aside for such an emergency. We keep batteries, portable radios and a battery operated television set, water, some food and other essentials within reach, and make sure to take our cell phones.



The Neighbor's Car



Wooden Stake Through House



Tree Across The Road



Our Bedroom Wing



The Neighbor's House



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Dear Editors:

Thank you for all your hard work in preparing HixNews. You certainly are doing a great job and I thought you might like to hear it from an appreciative recipient.

My name is Val (Zalewski) Pakaluk '51, and my husband, Michael, also graduated from HHS in 1948. Unfortunately, there's not a whole lot of interest in HixNews for folks like us because I rarely recognize a familiar name. But, I thought I'd tell you a bit about us.

We were both born and raised in Hicksville (we're living in the house my husband was born in), and we continue to live here even though our children feel we would be better off elsewhere! We graduated from Hicksville High, as did our kids, June, Michael and Jim. June is married and living in Atlanta, GA, Mike and his wife and children live in Lancaster, MA, and Jim is a bachelor living in Cambridge, MA. We have 10 grandchildren (all thanks to Mike and his lovely wife).

While my husband is retired now (from Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.), I'm working part-time at Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory in the Meetings & Courses office. I'm proud to say that I was honored at the Town of Oyster Bay last week as a "Woman of Distinction" in the Community and Civic Affairs category. I'm also the president of the Hicksville Historical Society, a trustee of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce and the The Hicksville Boys & Girls Club, and serve as secretary to the Hicksville Library Board of Trustees. I love Hicksville, and my role as president of the Community Council have reached out to various Civic Associations to band together for the good for us all. For 20 years I served as an editor at Litmor Publications (Mid-Island Times) with their office in Hicksville.

By the way, There were three woman winning the Woman of Distinction award from Hicksville last week! Jo Ann Miltonberg in education as a teacher in the Farmingdale School District, Beth Dalton-Costello in business as the owner of Thomas Dalton Funeral Homes, and, of course, myself.

If anyone reads the two local newspapers; Mid-Island Times and/or Hicksville Illustrated News; there will be photo's in upcoming issues. If you don't subscribe to these great publications, I really recommend getting them for local news and events. So while so many Hicksvillites have abandoned us and moved on elsewhere, Mike and I continue to do what we can in Hicksville and are very happy about it.

We received several responses from our readers this month who answered the question about what was used for the seventeenth birthday on a birthday corsage. Here's the names of those readers.

Lily (Collazo) Bornstein '69

Jim Wise

Nancy (North) Park

They all agree that the answer was 'Lemondrops'! Thanks for putting this to rest for us.

Here's a Web site where you can check out: <http://brooklynboard.com/cgi-bin/arcsrch.pl>

Thanks Valerie for your answer regarding the birthday corsages. It made me think a little more about what we had when we were seventeen. I thought it could be lollypops? But then it dawned on me—Tootsie Rolls, or am I wrong. And I also have to believe we used candy cigarettes . . . I hope,

I really enjoy HixNews. I had a good laugh after reading the article on 'Long Guyland.' And I especially enjoyed Bob Gillette's article on preparing and cooking steak. I can't wait to try it out, and maybe even have a little Eiswein to boot. Happy Memories!!! - Jeanne (Dethlefsen) Cornelsen '63

The secret to a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible George Burns

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I don't know if you're aware of this, but in the center of town (Hicksville), there's a small memorial park where you can purchase a brick and have it engraved to honor anyone you want. Our neighbors got together and had one made in honor of my Mom after she passed away. In the first photo, the "Pinstripes Forever" refers to the fact that she was a 'die-hard' Yankee fan. We thought it was such a great idea, we had one made for our dear neighbor Teddy Schwartz, who passed away the same year as my Mom.

Here are some photo's of the park and the bricks. It's really quite lovely. Nancy Schwartz and I went to see the bricks together one evening, and it was a moving experience. Coincidentally, the two bricks we bought were placed close together. The last picture is of my Mom, Alice Collazo, standing between Lenny and Teddy Schwartz. —Lily (Collazo) Bornstein '69





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Computer Tips and Fixes

by Timothy Donovan '70

SELF DEFENSE ON THE INTERNET

So what can you do to protect your valuable information on your computer? There are three distinct products involved. In the last few years, these have been bundled into 'all in one' packages, but you should understand the differences.

FIREWALLS—A Firewall is a software program installed on your PC, or a software program installed in a separate piece of equipment, like a wireless router or a dedicated computer, that acts as a go between a PC user and the outside world of information networks. The firewall monitors incoming and outgoing activity. Firewalls look for unusual and unauthorized activity and stop entrance or egress of information or programs to and from your PC or your private home or office network.

It doesn't stop files from coming in as attachments to your e-mail, though, since that is the way e-mail works and it's not an unusual activity. But it would typically prompt you when you attempt to download a file to make sure that what you want to do. Windows® XP has a built-in firewall program. For more information about Firewalls, check out:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_firewall

ANTIVIRUS—Antivirus software scabs your hard drive, computer memory, and incoming/outgoing messages and files, including attachments to an e-mail.

AV software searches against a database of known viruses and can also search for a suspicious pattern within the file code. It is essential that these programs be kept up to date with new "virus signatures", as these suspicious patterns are called, whenever the software provider releases a new update. These updates are released either weekly, or whenever a new threat makes an appearance on the net. Antivirus programs are much more selective and more sophisticated than firewalls.

ANTISPYWARE AND ADWARE FILTERING—Although Popups are a nuisance, if you don't periodically scan and remove the little programs that attract these nuisances, they can become a BIG problem. Last year, my daughter brought her laptop home from college with so many Popups, the operation system (Windows®) would freeze and her computer was inoperable. Antispyware will prevent this from happening to you.

If all of this makes perfect sense to you, skip down a few paragraphs, but otherwise, read on!

In order to grasp these concepts, let's make an analogy to your home. A Firewall is like the front door. Before someone can come in, they knock on the door and someone must let them enter. A Firewall answers the knock on the door and lets them in if it recognizes the file or knows that the file is an authorized type.

But what if your friend has unwittingly allowed the neighbors cat to follow her in, and the cat is making a nuisance of itself by getting underfoot, or waking you up late at night. The cat is like Adware or Spyware.

It gets worse. Not only did your guest let the cat in, but she also had a cold coming on. She didn't know this when she came through the door. But as she was leaving, she coughed and sneezed a few times blaming it on "cat allergies." Two days later, you start coughing and sneezing also and you can't get out of bed for work! You knew that this was a friend, so you let her in the front door. What she didn't know, and what you didn't know, was that she had a virus.

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So How Can You Avoid Viruses, Spam, Spyware, Hijacks, and the Rest????

Try a New Browser—The Firefox browser, available for free, is just like Microsoft's Internet Explorer, but has better protection against Popups and doesn't seem to be as vulnerable to security threats as does the Microsoft product. You can find this browser at <http://www.mozilla.org>.

Try Some Free Firewall Software if you don't have Windows® XP. If you use a router (if you have to ask "What's a router," that's OK, but trust me, you don't have one), make sure the Firewall is enabled and **change the default password**. Every router sold on the market has the same default password—'Windows'.

CAVEAT— These Firewalls are free but typically offer little or no support, and some include advertising to subsidize their free software.

Sygate Personal Firewall: <http://www.sygate.com>

Zone Alarm Personal Firewall: <http://www.zonelabs.com>

Kerio Personal Firewall: <http://www.123download.com/LastFreeware/page7.html>

Kerio Ftrewall Software was acquired in December, 2005, and new versions carry a price tag. But, the new company still permits you to download the free version.

Install Antivirus Software On Your PC—There is absolutely no reason (other than a need to be victimized) for you not to have antivirus software on your system. At least one program I know of is FREE for non-commercial use and it's updated frequently.

AVG Anitvirus: <http://free.grisoft.com/doc/2/lng/us/tpl/v5>

Webmasters Note: This is the antivirus software that both Tim and I use on our systems.

McAfee and Norton also offer commercial antivirus programs with free updates for the subscription period at about \$30 per year. I prefer the McAfee product <http://www.mcafee.com> for its easy updating.

Install Free Antispyware Software—Some experts recommend installing more than one antispyware program since there coverage is not as effective as antivirus software (you should NOT install more than one antivirus program or firewall on your system). Spyware that gets past one application might be detected by your secondary Spyware program.

Spybot Search & Destroy: <http://www.safer-networking.org/en/index.html>

Ad-Aware SE Personal: <http://www.lavasoftusa.com/software/adware/>

Windows Defender (Beta 2): <http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/software/default.msp>

Lavasoft: <http://www.lavasoft.de/ms/index.htm>

Good Luck & Be Careful Out There!!

Gardening Tips

by Bob Gillette

To avoid wasting the seeds of vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, eggplant or tomatoes, here's a simple, reliable method I have used many times.

After wetting and wringing out a good quality paper towel, I lay it out flat, then place the seeds on half of it, spacing them 1¼" apart . Now fold the other half of the towel over the seeds and slip the flat into a one gallon zip topped plastic bag and zip it shut. Now place the bag on a flat surface somewhere out of the way so it won't be disturbed. I like the top of my refrigerator, but any flat area will do nicely. The important thing here is to keep it from getting any direct sunlight, but a lighted room will be OK.

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After letting it rest for a few days, hold the bag up to a light and check to see if the seeds have started sprouting. If not, place them back in their spot and check again in a day or two. Once the roots have started to sprout, it's time to transplant them. *One word of caution here—if you wait too long to transplant them, the roots will commingle and become hard to separate.*

Open the paper towel carefully to avoid breaking any of the roots that have penetrated the top fold. Now, carefully remove each seed and plant them into individual pots with a quality planting mix, being sure to place them with the roots down, and cover them until the mix is just below the leaf junction. Should the roots have already extended through the paper towel, cut around those roots with a pair of scissors and plant the seedling with the paper still attached to the root. Trickle water over the plants to saturate the soil and keep them in a dark place overnight.

The following morning the seedlings can be placed in a sunny location. If it's above 50°, the seedlings can be placed outdoors in the sunlight, but in a sheltered location. If the seedlings are kept in pots that are not filled to the top with your planting mix, more may be added after they've grown to keep them from getting spindly. I have found that peat pots do not give good results, probably because they're too acidic and dry out too fast. *Be Aware—A seedling in a small pot can dry out very fast in the sunlight!*

This method results in more than 90% germination with fresh seed. Unused seed may be put in zip top bags and kept in the freezer for the following year. Five years of freezer storage is OK for many seeds. A similar method works great for green beans, which may have a high failure rate when directly sown into the ground. In this case, use less space between the seeds on the paper towel, and this time check for sprouting after two days. Once the roots are out of the seeds, plant them directly into your garden, root down, and the seed flush with the surface. (There will be no leaves at this time). Be sure to saturate the soil as soon as the sprouts are planted. You should see some growth by the next day. Be sure to sprinkle vegetable insecticide granules around the seedlings to guard against cut worms and slugs which are likely to be in the soil.—Happy

Great job this month. I've already contacted the 1966 reunion committee about attending their affair if it happens. Thanks for all you do with HixNews.—Chris Andersen '67

Thank You for a Great Paper and All Your Hard Work—Michael Lenihan, a former neighbor and childhood friend contacted me . . . thanks to HixNews.

I'm still amazed at all the communicating thru the computer network.. Business teacher, Gladys Jenkins would have gone crazy with it all. I loved her! My father, John Uss, Sr.—Class of '42 also had her when he was in school. We are two generations of HHS graduates. When Dad graduated, there were only 42 in his senior class. One of those graduates was Ray Rusch. That was the end of my ever cutting class!

Dad used to hold reunions in Florida for former Hicksville Grads, longtime Hicksville residents, and parishioners of St. Ignatius that remembered Father Ballwig. One reunion had 250 attendees including Mr. Rusch. You would have thought it was a football rally or a Sweet Sixteen party that they were at. The stories were flying.

I wish I had heard those stories growing up. It is funny that we can't remember what we had for dinner last night, however, when it comes to the past days of our youth it is all so clear. That's a good thing! Thanks again for all you do.—Maureen Uss '64

Barbara (Jones) Benjamin '66 would like to let everyone know that her favorite class at HHS was Mr. Painsner's Chemistry Lab.

How about it, folks—what was your favorite class? Write to Editors@hixnews.com

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Hi All:

My Senior Citizen acting career is still amazing me every day! Several months ago I mentioned that the show, "Love Monkey", that I appeared in was cancelled. Well, it's been picked up by VH-1 (CH. 19 in NY). The episode you will (hopefully) see me in is called "Opportunity Knocks", and is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at 9pm. I'm the short blonde in the pink sweater in the Pizza Parlor, and the crying relative (all in black) in the church scene. Of course, one never knows where the film editor will cut, but I still have my hopes.

I just finished a short film called "The Night Before". I play the lead role, Jane. It will be shown at the NYU Film Festival and other film festivals. Additionally, I've just gotten the lead in another short film done by the New York Film Academy. It's a goodie called "Taking Care", and I play a grandma who has a pension for killing people (with kindness, of course).

These last few months have been very hectic. Besides acting, I've moved into a different apartment in the same building and have been busy putting it together. My e-mail address is the same, however, and I'd love to hear from some of the old alumni. Just write to: hsmpr@netzero.net. I'm also hoping to see my HHS classmates at our 50th reunion!!

Warm regards,
Harri Molese

Note From Phil McCrea '65

A friend of mine from the Class of '65 referred me to HixNews, so I thought I'd write a few lines so my old classmates will know I'm still kickin'.

After graduating from Cortland State, I taught elementary school in a suburb of Binghamton, NY for thirty-one years. After that, I retired to Beaufort, NC, (home of the Freedom Fries), which is located on the coast. The weather here in Beaufort is nice—'cept for the hurricane season, which is not too good for someone who suffers from anticipatory anxiety—but I survive.

Surprisingly enough, I have a close neighbor here in Beaufort that lived just around the corner from me in Hicksville. His name is Frank DiMaio '71, and he's trying to locate Billy Raffalee (sp) who was Frank's friend, and also the guy that did my parents lawn for awhile.

I've been a Yankee fan since 1978 (Guidry), and now that I have a new HDTV, I get to watch some great Yankee games. What I don't have is the YES channel, (the TV home of the New York Yankees), so I have to subscribe to the Baseball Package offered by Times-Warner (who will soon rule the world—hahahaha).

Below is a picture of my son, John, and some of my grandchildren. By the way, my grandkids came in sets of triplets!! How's that for a coincidence. I named my son John, given that a friend of mine wrote in my yearbook, "a good friend, even though you like John Lennon." Anyway, everyone can use a 'John'. Hope you're all doing well.

You can reach Phil at the following addresses:

philmccrea@aol.com

beatlecollector@aol.com

beatlecollector@msn.com

beatlecollector@yahoo.com

Write and I'll tell ya' about the Beatlecollectors!



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ANN FISHER

(Antoinette Colascione '61)

Ms. NY State Idol Singer Finalist

Ann Fisher has been singing in her house, around her children, and now, around her grandchildren all her life. On Saturday, October 22, 2005, she employed that talent before a crowded arena on the Brentwood Campus of Suffolk County Community College. In fact, twelve people did just that.

It all began last August with the New York State Senior Idol contest, sponsored by 50 Plus Lifestyles, in which over 100 crooners (50 and over) competed against each other. The field was narrowed down to 40, and in September, once again, the field was slimmed to just twelve.

Long Islander Ann Fisher is from Plainview, and says, "I'm doing this because I love to sing. Whether I win or lose does not make a big difference to me. I'm honored that the judges think I'm in the top twelve." So, on Saturday, October 22nd, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., Ms. Fisher, along with five other women and six men, competed in the third and final round for the prizes of two plane tickets, some cash and other miscellanea, as well as possible exposure to opportunity. "Hey, I'm being interviewed by LongIslandExchange.com. I've never been interviewed before. Who knows if this will lead anywhere? I hear Newsday will be there." You can e-mail Ann at acolascione@optonline.net.

[Click Here To View Ann Singing 'At Last'](#)

[Click Here To View Ann Singing 'At-Last-East Wind'](#)

[Click Here To View A Video of Ann At The Contest](#)

[Click Here To View The April 23, 2006 Performance](#)

This Just In Maureen (Uss) Bensen's daughter has just given birth to her 5th child. Maureen says, "So now that makes eight grandchildren. Six grandsons and two granddaughters. Their ages are 16, 14, 12, 9, 8, 7, 4, and one day old!! I LOVE IT!!!!" (received 4/28/06)

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HICKSVILLE TIDBITS

HICKSVILLE LIBRARY BUDGET PASSES

Residents of the Hicksville community voted 122 to 74 Wednesday, April 5, 2006 in favor of the library's 2006-2007 spending plan of \$4,649,400. In addition, Stephanie Sokenis, a local business owner, was elected trustee with 150 votes. Sokenis, who will serve a five-year term beginning July 1, was elected to fill the trustee seat currently held by Elaine Clancy, who chose not to run again.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The **Hicksville Gregory Museum** seeks volunteers from every age and walk of life. The museum is especially interested in high school and college student volunteers. This is a good way to gain "real world" experience and looks impressive on a resume and/or letter of recommendation to potential employers. Call Paul Manton or Tome Heckhaus @ 822-7505, extension 10. Visit www.gregorymuseum.org.

WILLIAM M. GOUSE, JR., POST #3211 VFW MEETS TWICE A MONTH

The **William M. Gouse, Jr. Post #3211 VFW** meets every second and fourth Monday of each month. The Ladies Auxillary meets on the second Monday of each month. For information, call the VFW Hall @ 931-7843.

HOMEOWNER CLEAN-UP IN OYSTER BAY STARTED APRIL 8

The first of eight Homeowners Cleanup programs for Oyster Bay Town residents took place on Saturday, April 8, 2006, according to Town Councilwoman Rose Marie Walker.

Residents only (no businesses) in the town's Solid Waste Disposal District may take unwanted rubbish to the town's Solid Waste Disposal Complex, Bethpage- Sweet Hollow Road, Old Bethpage, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walker said, "Bushes, tree limbs, fence posts and similar items will be accepted as is and need not be broken into smaller pieces. Used tires, large metal items in excess of four feet, yard waste, clean fill and clean broken concrete will also be accepted. Only four wheel drive vehicles will be allowed into the complex. Proof of residency must be shown.

Walker noted that additional Homeowners Cleanup dates are: Saturday, May 6; Saturday, June 10; Saturday, July 22; Saturday, August 12; Saturday, September 30; Sunday, October 22; and Saturday, November 4. Residents can call 677-5853 if they have any questions.

K of C HOLDS ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

The Knights of Columbus #2520 held their annual St. Patrick's dance on Saturday, May 11, 2006. Special thanks to the dance committee for making the dance a huge success.

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Katherine Castoro of Hicksville was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2005 semester at the University of Albany. Castoro, daughter of Skip and Gail Castoro, is a senior majoring in psychology. She was the recipient of the Dean's Leadership Award and is also secretary of Project Shape. **Project SHAPE (Sexual Health and Peer Education):** Project SHAPE is comprised of student volunteers who assist the University's Coordinator for Health Promotion in facilitating AIDS/HIV prevention programs for the campus community. Project SHAPE members complete an extensive training program. Castoro is also a member of the American Marketing Association and will graduate from the University of Albany in May.

Alyssa Marin Kobin of Hicksville, a freshman at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, received academic honors for the fall 2005 semester. She is a 2005 graduate of Hicksville High School and the daughter of Janice and Stan Kobin of Hicksville.



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REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF 1957

Steve Goldsmith is interested in starting work on a reunion for the Class of 1957. This would be their 50th anniversary, and the affair will be held in 2007. Steve asks that anyone interested in helping him with the planning, please send an e-mail to Buffalo Bob Casale at Editors@hixnews.com.

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.

**Irene Aker
George Barsuaskas
Edward Becker
Beverley Blyman
William Bormann
Mary Byrne
Peter Catalano
Mary Cassese
Carole Collier
Betty Constance
Helen Constance
Herbert Cook
Stephen Curyk
Leonie Dold
Frank Estrada
Diana Ferlazzo
Barbara Guljord
Richard Hahlbohn
Stew Hickey
Doris Hische
Margaret Hutchinson
Joseph Ingino
Donald Jenulis**

**Mary Joseph
Brian Judd
Eileen Kalfur
Lynn Kaplan
James Kelly
Janet Kuhl
Judith LaCagnin
Kathleen Leanard
Claire LaMoureux
Vincent Lepore
Mary Ann Leto
Frank Libasci
Harriet Loeb
Marilyn Maroney
Russell Martin
Patricia McCarthy
Lily Meir
Judith Ann McTavish
Eleanor Theresa Morrisom
Henry Moltzen
Virginia Nelson
Joan Nicolini
Mary Queen**

**Lewis Riley
Mildred Ritter
Diana Rosen
Regina Savage
Harold Schall
Donna Schellhammer
Ruth Ellen Schlicting
Ann Silvestro
Lila Sjam
Eugene Sladish
Patricia Smith
Frank Thieme
Margaret Travers
Betty Lou Weeks
Katherine Weiss
Barry Williams
Eric Weller
Louis Yevoli
Robert Zimmerli**

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Donations From The H.H.S. Alumni

Reunion Committee '48 - '52 <i>(Grace Way)</i> Chet Nichols '58	Carolyn (Wood) Imbrie '63
Ed '56 & Mary (Fuller) Osborne '57	Madeline (Bianco) DeLouisa '60
Joe & Sharon Carfora '62	Robert & Dorothy Klewicki '54
Jim & Vickie Fischer '65	Bonnie (Scharr) Papes '61
Judy (Marcus) Shivers '64	Harvey & Shirley Weiss '47
Bob & Lorraine Briell	Nancy (North) Park '61
Steve & Diane Baum	Tom & Eileen (Greenberg) Ingala '61
Stephen & Marilyn Dunefsky '58	Michael & Sharon Rozos '68
Jeanette (Martello) Lupis '59	Art Lembke & Irene Hall '49
Jerome & Liz (Munkel) Lester '57	Steve & Carmen Moddle '53
Anton Muré '68	Elaine (Grecz) Libert '62
Lou & Grace Zabbia '61	Lorraine (Kalen) Lowen '66
Loretta (Lorenzo) Siebert '56	Sue (Jonsson) Postel '66
Pete Foster '57	Michael & Lora Cava '66
Carol (Bachman) Katz '60	Pat (Koziuk) Driscoll '56
Janet (Luna) Marcus '59	Rudolf & Dolores (Etsel) Frey '54
Norm Nichols '52	Cecelia M. Horn '49
James & Dianne Rubins '67	Minerva Kassinger '54
Chris Andersen '67	Ed & Valerie (Palmer) Towsley '60
Christine (Heidt) Beasey '59	John Turi '61
Helen (Mangialomini) Coulmas '60	Donald & Alice Huffstutler
	Charlie '55 & Barbara '56 Cava
	Anonymous

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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 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/>

Photos

<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 Aalbums)

http://group.classmates.com/user/photoalbum/album.tf?album_id=128029

(This link displays HHS Misc. Faces - How many can you name?)

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)

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)

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/

<https://home.comcast.net/~josh.hosler/NumberOneInHistory/SelectMonth.htm>

(Check out the song that was #1 on your date of birth)

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Birthdays In May

- 1—Chris Calma '76 (FL)
 - 3—Laurie Maurice Chruchill '79 (PA)
 - 4—Grace (Callegas) Way '50
 - 5—Pat (Burton) Pirkle '68
 - 8—Bob Karen '64
 - 9—Bill Smith
 - 12—Harriett "Harri" Molese '56 (NY)
 - 12—Kurt Stietz '60 (NY)
 - 13—Ginny (Mohr) Tronbetta '57 (L.I.)
 - 13—Gerry (Bracero) Callejas '53
 - 13—Richard Webster '72 (TX)
 - 14 Eric Eriksen '57 (L.I.)
 - 15—Karen (Malter) Coles '65 (FL)
 - 16—Judy (Frimmer) Kessler Dow '63 (FL)
 - 19 Florence (Zoubantes) Composto '53 (NY)
 - 19—Sue (Jonsson) Postel '66
 - 22—Wendy (Harris) Ascenzo '68
 - 26—Joe Barna
 - 27—May (Perduto) Horn '58 (FL)
 - 28—"Clem" Baldwin Moors '61 (FL)
 - 31 Atleen M. Brigandi '61 (VA)
- Belated April 14th Wishes to Bob Klewicki, '54 (FL)*



Anniversaries In May

- 5/1/1965—John & Barbara (DiBella) Down (FL)
- 5/3/1958—Tom & Jeannette (Beauregard) Wiesenhahn
- 5/4/1063—Anthony & Rosaria (Marchese) Genovese (FL)
- 5/5/1962—Tony & Eileen (Walter) Toscano
- 5/10/1958—Tom & Carol (Kiever) Ohliger (PA)
- 5/10/1996—Richard & Doreen (Jakabek) Wittig (FL)
- 5/13/1980—Robert & Mary Bialick (L.I.)
- 5/19/1969—Ed & June (Olsen) Cullen (FL)
- 5/25/1991—David & Susan (Voelbel) Dalton (TN)
- 5/28/1955—Bill & Joan Stahley (FL)
- 5/30/1964—Charles & Pat (Montalbano) Frattini (FL)



Send Your Birthdays & Anniversaries to: editors@hixnews.com

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

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all the four essential food groups:
Alcohol, Caffeine, Sugar and Fat.

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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: editors@hixnews.com

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| Rich & Annamay (Thomas) Adams | Virginia (Barricelli) Rossi '62 |
| Gus Alfieri (Teacher) | Kurt Schaaf '77 |
| Barbara (Benjamin) Jones '66 | Alison (Swanton) Mason '86 |
| Harvey Dunefsky '56 | Phil McCrea '65 |
| Robert Pietras '62 | Lynn (McMorrow) O'Riordan '68 |
| John Polli '75 | Herbie Pearce '62 |

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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| Adrian Lawrence '00 | Elise (Bixby) Rooney '76 |
| Denise (Kline) Bloom '86 | Annamay (Thomas) Adams '75 |
| Charade Barbera '80 | Barry Leach '74 |
| Joan Chambers '80 | Daniel Vath '65 |
| Bryan Myher '76 | Ray Walker '63 |

Returned Newsletters for April, 2006

Notice To AOL Members: We're still getting many returns on our monthly e-mail regarding the announcement that the new HixNews has been posted to the Web. They are refusing to send them to you! PLEASE—call AOL and explain to them that the hixnews@hotmail.com address is **NOT** spam. We can do nothing about it because we don't subscribe to their services. Thanks Bunches.



- Lisa (Neuenhoff) Esposito—liv2skee@optonline.com**
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Larry & Beverly (Harrigan) O'Shaughnessey—larbevo@aol.com
Robert Rinaldi—nvbob59@earthlink.net
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Rudy Rybak—rrupeq@aol.com

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. 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 list of contributors continues to grow, so please get involved.

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

USS Ronald Reagan CVN 76

Seen Here Passing the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor
Submitted by Gary E. Weller

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Boy!!! When the Bridge pipes “Man the Rail”, there’s a lot of rail to man on this monster. Shoulder to shoulder about 4½ acres. This does not give her displacement, but it’s about 100,000 tons with full compliments.

The USS Ronald Reagan can exceed 30 knots, and is powered by two nuclear reactors that can operate more than 20 years without refueling. She’s expected to operate in the fleet for about 50 years and carries more than 80 combat aircraft. The three arresting cables can stop a 27-ton aircraft going 150 mph in less than 400 feet.

She towers 20 stories above the waterline and is 1092 feet long (almost as long as the Empire State Building is high). Her flight deck covers 4½ acres. The four bronze propellers, each 21 feet across, weigh in at 66,200 pounds per propeller. Her two rudders, each 29 by 22 feet weigh 50 tons. The four high-speed aircraft elevators are more than 4,000 square feet each.

The Ronald Reagan is home to about 6,000 Navy personnel, and carries enough food and supplies to operate for 90 days. The galleys serve 18,150 meals a day, and the distillation plants daily provide 400,000 gallons of fresh water that is made from the sea water. Nearly 30,000 light fixtures, 1,325 miles of cable and wiring, 1,400 telephones, 14,000 pillow cases and 28,000 sheets. She costs the Navy approximately \$250,000 per day for pier-side operation, and she costs approximately \$2.5 million dollars per day for underway operations (Sailor’s salaries included).

USS Ronald Reagan Pen Pal Program

The USS Ronald Reagan Public Affairs Office sponsors a “pen pal” program for civilians and other military personnel wanting to communicate with the Sailors onboard. Civilians who want “pen pals” can e-mail requests to penpal@cvn76.navy.mil with “Request for Pen Pal” in the subject line. These requests will be posted on the ship’s computer network. Sailors who want to communicate with a pen pal are encouraged to read and respond to these requests. The program is strictly voluntary, and is conducted on a “not to interfere with mission” basis. (The public affairs office does not match individual Sailors to those requesting pen pals. For operational security (OPSEC) reasons, all participants in the pen pal program are reminded not to discuss the ship’s schedule, logistics related data, or any classified information. Use of government information systems, including the Internet and e-mails is subject to monitoring, interception, accessing and recording, and violations may be passed to law enforcement.

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1956 Hicksville High School 50th Class Reunion This Reunion Is Opened To ALL HHS Graduating Classes!!!!!!!

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:

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John Sherin Jmsherin@optonline.net

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To read what's on the menu for Saturday night, and to also print out your reservation form **JUST CLICK HERE**

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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

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

Hicksville High School Class of 1981 Reunion

November 25th, 2006 at 8:00 PM

Long Island Marriot

Uniondale, NY

Check Out the Photos of the August 2005 Reunion

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

To go to the Main Album Page to see all 68 HHS photo albums

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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 Sitzler '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:
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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

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Gang . . . It's Howdy Doody Time

by Buffalo Bob Casale '61



Not really, but I sure remember never missing a show. I would lie on the floor in front of our little TV that was cut into an opening beneath the staircase in a Levit ranch. If I remember correctly, the paneling going up the staircase was knotty pine.

That was only one of the shows that caught my fancy. Another of my favorites was Flash Gordon, starring Steve Holland. Who were those guys that became part of the rocks???? - Were they the Ming Men???? It's the year 2203, and Flash, Dale and Zarkov are members of the Interplanetary Bureau of Investigation. They soar around the galaxy in their famous *Skyflash* taking care of various villains on orders from Commander Richards.

And of course there was the Ed Sullivan Show on Sunday evenings. Who would have known that several of our classmates would perform on that show in December, 1969 as part of The Brooklyn Bridge?



was a Monday night show for a long time. I can still remember many of one thing that always stuck in my mind was something about "her Zorch." It was in the 70's when I was delivering carpeting to a se in Westchester County that I got to meet and also talk with Vivian was married to the doctor and very retired.



and Red Skelton shared top honors every Tuesday night. The many characters that weekly routines will forever be a fond memory. I remember 'What's My Line' del night, then moving to Thursday, and then finally to Sunday nights when it became original series ran for 18 seasons, ending its CBS run on September 3, 1967. It is the show in the history of prime-time network television. The original show was veteran radio and television newsman John Daly. And who can forget "The Lucky Strike Cigarette Parade?" The show ran from 1950 until 1959 on a Wednesday or Thursday night. Featured each week were the top songs being performed on the radio. The cast of the 1950 TV version included Snooky Lanson, Russell Arms, Dorothy Collins, Gisele MacKenzie, Eileen Wilson, June Valli and Johnny Desmond. All were conventional performers of standards, show tunes, and Big Band tunes. Bob Fosse was an occasional guest dancer during the first year or two of the show.



Do you remember 'Rawhide' on Friday nights . . . Rollin', Rollin', Rollin' - Though the Streams are Swollen — Keep Them Doggies Rollin', Rawhide!!! There was a young Clint Eastwood v Rowdy Yates.

Saturday nights brought us 'The Million Dollar Movie'. Many of the 'Million Dollar Movies 1940's were modest and expressive Black and White movies. These films are impossible broadcast television today with the exception of PBS, but can be tracked down on cable or d particularly on the American Movie Classics channel.



Another Saturday night favorite was Bonanza. The adventures of Ben Cartwright and his sons as they run while helping the surrounding communities. Here's a photo of Ben (Lorne Greene), Little Joe' Cartwright (Michael Landon).



What were your favorite TV shows while growing up. Send us a little story and the next issue of HixNews.

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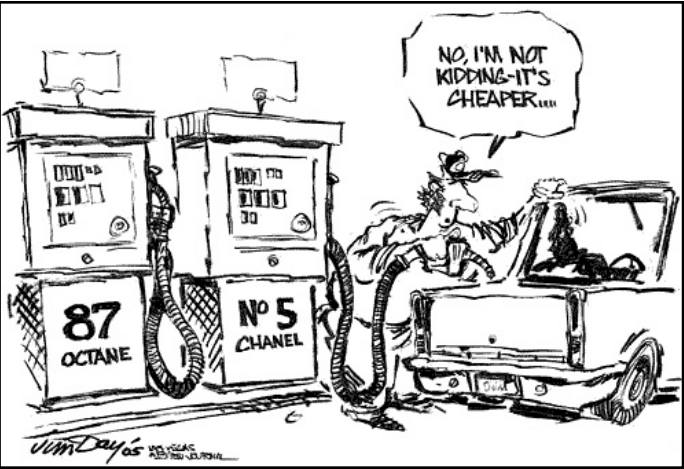
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Here's a trucker who has painted his cab and trailer with the names of all those who lost their lives on 9/11. The truckers name is John Holmgren and he hails from Shafer, MN. The truck has been pulled over quite a few times just so the troopers can get their pictures taken with this magnificent 'Rolling Memorial'.



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Lucille Muhlenbruck '50

We've received news that Lucille Muhlenbruck '50 has passed away. She had been plagued with ill health during the past year. After she had received a Pacemaker, she developed an intestinal infection that she couldn't shake.

Shortly before her death, she moved in with her daughter, Dawn, and seemed very happy. But, in mid April, the infection went to her heart and liver, and she died in Boston with her family at her side. She will be missed by all, and HixNews sends it's condolences to the family.

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