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A Special Thanks To Our Contributors

We want to thank our alumni for their generous contributions during the past 12 months. These funds help sustain HixNews.Com. It's hard to believe, but it's been one year since we established the Hicksville High Newsletter Website.

The monthly fee associated with that site to publish it to the Web is an expense that's paid for from the donations that have been sent to us by our alumni & readers. Additionally, some of the funds are used to offset computer related expenses and supplies.

If anyone is interested in the specific expenses, please ask, and we'll gladly provide that information.

Thanks again for your support, and keep those cards & letters comin' in!

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Warm regards,
The HixNews Staff

Pat (Koziuk) Driscoll, Linda (Piccerelli) Hayden, Bob Wesley,
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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. 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



The Newsletter

Thanks for publishing my story about my Mom, and also about the memorial bricks. It seems as if you're getting a lot of participation lately, which is good! I know how much time it must take, and I'm sure the pay ain't too great. (*Actually we don't get a dime—hahahahaha—The Editors*) Taking trips down memory lane sometimes helps to center me when things seem to be spinning out of control.

The cartoon about the engaged couple who were registered with all the gasoline companies was a scream . . . but all too true. I feel very old every time I remember paying 25¢ a gallon. Thanks again for a great job.
—Lily (Collazo) Bornstein '69

Hi Folks—In the June issue of HixNews would you please place this want ad for me. Pat (Thompson) Dumas '75 is lookin' for Crystal Demas '75. I love what you folks do with our Newsletter and thanks a bunch.—Pat (Thompson) Dumas '75

My brother, Richie Henningsen, his wife Chris '60, my sister Volena '61 and I were talking about “the good old days” over dinner a couple of weeks ago. When it came to talking about high school, they began mentioning all the news they've been reading about HHS graduates from their latest copy of HixNews. I asked, “Where do you hear all this stuff,” and they told me all about this great Newsletter. Richie (now Dick or Rich) sent me the URL for the latest issue and I couldn't help reading through the pages and having many memories spark in the dull recesses of my brain.

I'm Charlie Henningsen, Class of 1964. I moved away from Hicksville in 1968 and have only been back a couple of times. I would, occasionally, drive out to the Island and cruise the neighborhood if business brought me to New York City.

I've been living in Cleveland, OH for the past twelve years but will soon relocate to Rochester, NY and join by brother and sister (both of whom live there now). My lovely wife, soon of ten years—Charla (native of Warsaw, NY), and I have just retired, bought a home in Rochester and look forward to time together in the years ahead. Both of us has fast paced jobs and are looking forward to the change.

It was GREAT to read the news, and I look forward to future issues.—Charlie Henningsen '64

HI—I love this Newsletter!! Please add me to your mailing list. My name is Maria (Gargano) DiPasquale from the Class of 1965. My husband, John, and I now live in Buffalo, NY. Keep up the good work.

I just found someone I was searching for—I found out that Susan Sitzer '65, whom I was looking for has just rejoined [Classmates.Com](#). I looked on your “People Lookin' For People” page and thought I would bring you up to date with the good news. Thank you very much.—David Berger '65

Stephanie (Schlegel) Manning, HHS Class of '68 has recently returned to her home in Berkeley, CA, from her 4,000 mile run from California to Washington, D.C. via New Orleans spanning ten weeks, Feb. 11—April 22, 2006. Entitled ‘Sacred Run 2006’, this effort was organized by Dennis Banks and the American Indian Movement. Forty people of all races from all over the world participated. About twenty were runners and twelve were walkers. Stephanie was on the walking team.

The theme of the Sacred Run was “All Life is Sacred.” It focused on peace and the importance of saving mother Earth. The effort had a strong spiritual component with daily morning and evening chanting by Japanese Buddhists who led the walking team (however the entire Sacred Run was non-denominational). There was also native Indian prayers that took place before each meal and on special occasions. The runners prayed for peace and a cleaner environment.

The route of the Run included “La Paz,” the ranch of Cesar Chavez in the mountains of southern California, the Mojave people's Salt River Community in Arizona, the Cheyenne, Arapaho and Oto-Missouria Tribes in Oklahoma, the Hoama people south of New Orleans and the Choktaws in Philadelphia, Mississippi. The group also stayed at many churches and gymnasiums, and on the grounds of several homes.

The Sacred Run will be repeated in 2008. Those interested should check out the Website at <http://www.sacredrun.org> for details and a photo gallery from this Sacred Run. The Run in 2008 will commemorate the 30th anniversary of Sacred Runs led by Dennis Banks and it may have as many as 100 participants, including any surviving runners from the original Run in 1978. Stephanie is happy that at 55 she's still fit and healthy enough to take part. She is proud that on Marathon Day during the Sacred Run she was able to walk 29 miles in only 12 hours.....pretty good for an old Hicksville babe. She invites anyone to write to her about this or any other subject. Her e-mail address is:



Memories from Jeff Vogel '58

We were the Class of '58, and on our Senior trip we went to historic Williamsburg, VA. We rode down the Chesapeake on a paddle wheeled steamboat and headed into the South. Having never ventured out of the NY area myself, I can remember looking on in amazement at the segregated South. The Civil Rights Act had done little to change the establishment.

Our busses went by slum-like schools that were for the Blacks, and almost every building had White & Black drinking fountains and restrooms. We had never seen anything like this on Long Island. I can remember one hot afternoon our class entered a Howard Johnson's in Williamsburg for lunch. There were more than 200 in our group and we sat patiently for a while for the waiters and waitresses to come to our tables to take the orders.

Finally, after waiting for what seemed like ages, I decided to ask for someone to please take out orders. The answer I received was shocking. "We can serve everyone here except that girl over there." I couldn't understand what her reasoning was until the waitress said, "We don't serve no colored here." I noticed who she was pointing to and immediately yelled out to our group, "If they won't serve her, we're all leaving!" We then all promptly all stood up left the restaurant.

We never told them that the girl they thought was Black was just a nice little Jewish girl from Hicksville with a really great looking suntan.—Jeff Vogel (Sakini from the Teahouse of the August Moon) '58

To those who travel among the Comets, beyond the bonds of everyday life, I suppose this memo might be asking for trouble, but here goes Has anyone considered a Class of 1962 gathering in 2007? Lots of things have changed, and more will occur in the next few years for sure. So . . . this may be a good time to saddle up and get back out on the range.

Several questions I asked some of our people are:

1. Should we do another reunion just for the Class of '63, or is it time to reach out to the classes of '61 & '63? Those classes were the best in terms of being in the academic arena with us and also on our sports teams.
2. Should we invite any known teachers and administration types?
3. More importantly, where should it be held? I can help with Washington, D.C. or Williamsburg, VA.

Let me know the challenge—You can reach me at kstrafer@henryvarthur.com.—Ken Strafer '62

I was reading the article about the USS Ronald Reagan CVN-76, and it brought me back to 1959, when after boot camp and "A" school, I reported aboard the USS Lake Champlain, CVS-39. Our flight deck was only 888 feet long and was not cantilevered (angled). The ship was built in 1942 and was decommissioned in 1962. During the Korean War, the carrier flew jets from Grumman's Aircraft, and then after the war, was made a CVS (C=Carrier, V=Fixed Wing Aircraft, and S=Anti-Submarine Warfare). We only flew propeller driven planes at that time.

The most exciting event happened on May 5th, 1961, when the USS Lake Champlain was the recovery ship for the first American manned space shot, Alan Shepard. Ten days later, I extended my service time by one year to get stationed on submarines, and ended up making 5 patrols on the Polaris submarine USS Robert E. Lee (SSBN-601). I was discharged out of the Navy in March, 1964.

Thank you very much for our super newsletter.—Chet Nichols '58

You asked in a previous issue of HixNews to send in our favorite classes at HHS. I don't know if I had a favorite class, but the two most useful classes I had were 'time-filling' electives in my Senior year. Typing with Mr. Forrest Underwood, and Public Speaking with Mr. Crucilla (sp)?.—Ken Marcus '67



Long Island IN The 50's & 60's

The 1950's and 60's were a great time to be a kid. And Long Island was a great place to be one. I'm one of the hundreds of thousands of baby boomers who were raised in Nassau and Suffolk during those more innocent times. As those members of Long Island's peak growth years recede further, my growing-up years have become crystallized—or is it romanticized—as a state of mind. Call it the Long Island I Miss.

OK, so nostalgia can be a particularly insidious affliction of the middle-aged, which has irrevocably been transformed and vaporized by 40 years of development.

I miss not just the empty lots and open spaces, but the other victims of progress: the bowling alleys, drive-in movies and amusement parks, which have all been bulldozed for one more strip mall and housing tract. It makes me sad that my 8-month-old daughter will only think I'm a sentimental fool when I wax rhapsodic about them.

And I do think about them ... with memories that are constant and vivid.

On the Long Island I Miss, families are eating Sunday dinners at Patricia Murphy's Candlelight Restaurant, a cavernous Manhasset eatery where waitresses dispensed hot, fluffy popovers, or they're waiting on the long wooden benches for their names to be called at Linck's Log Cabin out on Route 25A in Centerport.

They're shopping at malls—which haven't yet been enclosed—roaming down the cluttered isles of Alexander's, S. Klein's, Times Square Stores and Korvette's searching for bargains. They're feeding the ducks at Syosset's Lollipop Farm and riding the carousel at Nunley's in Baldwin.

The sound track to the Long Island I Miss is provided (more likely than not on a transistor radio) by the WMCA Good Guys, WABC All-Americans, or Murray the K and his "Swinging Soirée" on WINS. Or maybe the music wafting over this Vanished Long Island is The Vanilla Fudge playing its torturous blues-pop-psychedelic at the Auction House in Island Park or the Good Rats rocking at the converted bowling alley in Roslyn known as My Father's Place.

The Long Island I Miss is filled with the sense of really being in "the country." Backyard fences had not yet been erected to separate neighbors, and sycamore trees were still pint-sized. The stores were new. The schools were new. The air seemed fresher, or maybe there was just more to breathe.

On the streets, you could play "in the gutter," as my grandparents called it, and not worry about being mauled by a tail finned gas-guzzler. Mostly, you had to watch out for the procession of trucks, driven by vendors who seemed to follow the new suburban families out from the city: The Dugan's bread truck, the guy who sharpened knives, the Cascade diaper-service truck, the Cott's soda and seltzer man, and the trucks that had rides such as "The Whip" in their flatbeds.

The most-awaited mobile visitor was the Good Humor man (or if he didn't show up, we'd settle for Bungalow Bar). Those boxy trucks (or bicycle freezers) may still rumble up suburban streets, but do their tinkling bells still elicit the same reaction nowadays, when you can just as easily buy a pint of Ben & Jerry's at the corner convenience store? Talk about your Pavlovian response.

Each night about 7, from May through September, Nick—we never did get to know his last name—a Pied Piper in crisp white pants (with that very stylish coin changer hanging from his belt), shirt and cap and bow tie—would drive up the block ringing his bells. Suddenly, dozens of screen doors slammed as kids ran out as fast as their PF Flyers would carry them, clutching quarters for their toasted almond, strawberry shortcake or coconut ice-cream bars.

Nick, who had our neighborhood route through the Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson Administrations, had the good sense to arrive after most of us had finished eating dinner and we had no chance of ruining our appetites. For someone without an air conditioner, like my family, to be strategically placed outside his freezer door when he opened up and you got that gust of dry-ice cold air, why it was better than 100 Philcos raging at full power.

Those kind of scenes, like most of the Long Island I Miss, can only be conjured in the mind's eye. That's where you'll see rows of blue-suited Cub Scouts devouring sno-cones—despite the freezing temperatures at the Long Island Arena—rooting furiously for the Long Island Ducks as they body-check their hated rivals, the New Haven Blades.

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Your memory is the only place where you swear they used to have restaurants that delivered your hamburger to you atop a Lionel train. And it's where you can hear sounds you don't hear anymore: The click-clack of ice-cream sticks or baseball cards stuck in the spokes of your bike; a movie matron's ssshing rowdy kids during a 25-cent Saturday matinee of "The Three Stooges Meet Hercules," or the cat's wail of electric guitars in the basements and garages as hundreds of teen bands struggles mightily to learn the chord changes to "Sunshine of Your Love."

Most of all, the Long Island I Miss was filled with kids, which is not to say that today's L.I.—with its new baby boom—is going to be confused with a Century Village. But will so many kids roughly the same ages ever arrive in one place again at the same time? When my family (lawyer dad, housewife mother, myself, 3, and sister, 5 months) moved from Far Rockaway to West Hempstead in August, 1955, it seemed as if every one of the families that moved that same month onto Western Park Drive had at least two kids, the offspring of the foot soldiers in the great suburban migration. Within a two-tenths of a mile-long street, there were 48 potential playmates, all of whom had just a few weeks earlier been living in apartments in Brooklyn, the Bronx or Queens. You could scour up enough boys to get up two complete baseball teams plus several scrubs.

The word "play date" hadn't been invented. You "called" for someone (that meant ringing the doorbell, not phoning—phoning was for grownups) or simply gravitated to the street as if called by some internal kid radar. You and a group of friends could wander away for an entire afternoon on bicycle or foot without worrying that your face would end up on a milk carton (a moot point, since milk mostly came in bottles then). Even when the sun went down and on Halloween. And when you returned home, you didn't need a key because the door was always unlocked. The sense of security made you feel confident and self-reliant.

And the same kids would grow up with you, be part of your lives for the next decade and a half. They'd be part of the bicycle brigade, exploring the strange uncharted land outside your immediate development (Malverne! how exotic, as we crossed the border into the next town). They'd be there through Cub Scouts and Little League, birthday parties, bar mitzvahs and communions, elementary school, junior high and senior high. A few stayed, but most left.

Of course some things that made growing up on Long Island so special have not really changed: easy access to the culture and variety of the greatest city in the world, superb schools and public libraries, and lots of recreational opportunities, especially the beach. Which, despite decades of erosion, is still Long Island's best asset. But even so, a sense of wistfulness informs my trips to the beach nowadays. You can still enjoy Jones Beach, but don't expect to arrive to see a musical at the Zak's Bay theater via boat after eating a leisurely dinner at Guy Lombardo's restaurant across the water in Freeport.

You can still have frozen custard and play Skee-Ball at Long Beach, but you can't ride the roller coaster or Ferris wheel at the Edwards Boulevard amusement park. The boardwalk is still thick with strollers and cyclists, but it's no longer filled with the "summer people," the lower-middle class retired couples from Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens who took small rooms for the season and on Saturday nights would promenade in their summer finest: the men in their white shoes and captain's caps; the women in flowered dresses and stoles.

Like most of the Long Island I Miss, they're gone now, and they're not coming back.

The Long Island I Miss is so vivid, I suppose, because my parents still live in the same house my father purchased for less than \$20,000 43 years ago. My parents have steadfastly resisted the migration to the Sun Belt that has enticed so many suburban pioneers. The house that I grew up in, likewise, has not changed that drastically: It hasn't been aluminum-sided, decked or whatever else people have done to their 1950's-era homes to drag them on to the late 20th Century.

Its finished basement is my personal Baby Boomers Smithsonian. Without much effort I can locate my official Franklin Square Little League team photo, a campaign poster urging re-election of our long-gone congressman Jack Wydler, and a guide book to the 1964-65 World's Fair. And that's just at the top of one pile.

For a brief moment, The Long Island I Miss lives. But I know the clock is ticking.

Andy Edelstein, Newsday's television-multimedia editor, grew up in West Hempstead and graduated in

Ancient Manuscript Found in Hicksville Citibank Vault

Levittown Tribune—April 28, 2006

Excerpts from the article by Victoria A. Caruso

National Geographic revealed last week that a 1,700-year-old papyrus manuscript or codex believed to be the only known copy of the never before told Gospel of Judas, along with three other texts, was sitting in a Hicksville safe deposit box for 16 years. The deteriorated codex, removed from the vault at the North Broadway Citibank branch some five years ago, was recently conserved, authenticated and translated from the ancient Egyptian Coptic language and publicly revealed on April 6 in Washington, D.C. Experts state the document clearly translates as the Gospel of Judas as it titled on the codex' final page. The Gospel of Judas tells a story very different to that presented in the Bible's New Testament Gospels in that it states that Judas did not betray Jesus but rather did what Jesus wanted him to do.



The Journey to Hicksville—According to published reports from the National Geographic Society, the anonymously written codex was found some three decades ago in a desert near El Minya, Egypt by villagers who sold it to a Cairo-based antique dealer known as Hanna around 1978. About two years later, before Hanna could find a buyer, the codex was stolen but Hanna recovered it two years later in Geneva, Switzerland. After being unable to sell it for a \$3 million asking price, Hanna brought it over to the United States, but even after reducing the price to \$1 million, was still unable to sell it to a Manhattan-based rare book dealer. Wanting to return to Egypt, Hanna, who did not speak English, received assistance from the late Rev. Gabriel Abdel Sayed, a Coptic priest from New Jersey with ties to the Hicksville community. The priest recommended Hanna put the codex in a bank vault and that's where it remained, deteriorating in safe deposit box 395 at the Hicksville Citibank, until 2000 when Zurich-based antiques dealer Frieda Nussberger -Tchaco arranged to purchase the codex for hundreds of thousands of dollars. National Geographic reports that Tchaco then offered to sell the document to Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, where it was, for the first time, accurately identified as the Gospel of Judas. Yale declined the purchase and the codex was sold to Bruce Ferrini, an Ohio-based antiques dealer, who stored it briefly in a refrigerator freezer. In February, 2001, the sale fell through so Tchaco recovered the codex and transferred it to Maecenas Foundation for Ancient Art in Basel, Switzerland for conservation and translation. The codex is currently on display at National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C. Following the exhibit, the codex will be donated back to Egypt for exhibit at the Coptic Museum in Cairo.

Additional Information at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/lostgospel>



Hicksville Tidbits—June 2006

Holy Family CYO Basketball Team named Nassau-Suffolk Champs

Congratulations to the Holy Family Eagles Boys 8th Grade Basketball Team on winning the Nassau-Suffolk CYO “B” Division with an incredible 46-45 overtime victory over St. Aloysius of Great Neck on March 26. Sixty-two teams entered the “B” Division with the Eagles in the tough 5B1 league.

The Eagles team, coached by Dan Rogers and Carlos Petit includes Ben Aloï, Terry Brennan, Ryan Cacchioli, Mike Callahan, Chris Dragone, Brandon Gamblin, Patrick Hayden, Connor Mahan, Ryan Mc-Enaney, Carlos Petit, Kyle Rogers and Nick Tobin.

It's noted that earlier in the 2006 campaign in Our Lady of Mercy Heaney Tournament, Chris Dragone was named MVP. In the final game, a nail biter, Holy Family bested Our Lady of Mercy 55-50 to finish first.

(See Photo Page 1)

Exhibits

An ongoing exhibit of rocks and minerals, dinosaurs and fossils, butterflies and moths and historical artifacts and curiosities in Hicksville's historic 1895 Heitz Place Courthouse. Now featuring the “Sights and Sounds” autoguide system in English and Spanish, the Naturalist's Gift Shop and “Butterfly Days” every Thursday afternoon, Gregory Museum, Heitz Place and Bay Avenue. Call 516 822-7505 or log onto <http://www.gregorymuseum.org>. Closed Mondays.

Named To Nassau County Basketball All-Conference Team

Congratulations to Hicksville High School senior Dave Moran and junior Danny Franchese on their selection for the Nassau County Basketball All-Conference Team. Dave and Danny received their awards at a Coaches Association Dinner on March 15th. Their hard work and determination contributed to their success. Their families are so proud. So is the staff of The Hicksville High Newsletter!

(See Photo Page 1)

Third Annual Kevin Kolm Lacrosse Day May 20th

The late Martin Luther King said, “Not all of us can be famous, but all of us can be great because greatness is determined by service.”

Kevin Kolm, a graduate of Hicksville High School and the Hicksville PAL lacrosse program, never sought to be famous, but through his deeds, achieved greatness. His greatness results from his service to his country and to the Iraqi people hungering for freedom. But freedom does not come cheaply, and on April 13, 2004, 23 year-old Marine Corporal Kevin Kolm paid the ultimate sacrifice when he died heroically in Fallujah, Iraq. **For his heroism, Corporal Kolm was awarded, posthumously, the Bronze Star for Valor in Combat.**

The third annual Kevin Kolm Memorial Scholarship Lacrosse day was held May 20th. This month (June), four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. m Kevin was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. He died on April 13, 2004.

(See Photo Page 1)

East Street's Celebration

Patricia Svraka's second-grade class at the East Street Elementary School welcomed Nassau County Comptroller Howard Weitzman as part of the East Street Annual Read Aloud. Weitzman joined the youngsters for the tale of The Lima Bean Monster.

(See Photo Page 1)

HHS Gymnastics Finishes in Top Three

The Hicksville High School Gymnastics Team finished their season on a high note coming in third place in Nassau County

Representing Hicksville at the State Gymnastics' Meet were high school students Danielle Cecco and Melanie Tlach, and seventh grader Allison Osmundsen. Danielle qualified to compete on all four events; Melanie competed on floor; and Allison qualified to compete on bars and beam. Danielle finished the competition in 14th place with a score of 34,825, placing 6th on floor with a 9.475, and Melanie placed 10th on floor with a 9.35. Allison placed 17th on bars with an 8.90 and 13th on beam with an 8.95. Allison trains at Royal T's Gymnastics, and Danielle and Melanie train at Mid-Island Gymnastics.

Congratulations also to all the girls of the Hicksville Girls Varsity Gymnastics Team for a season well done.

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Donations From The H. H. S. Alumni

Reunion Committee '48 - '52 (Grace Way) Chet Nichols '58	Carolyn (Wood) Imbrie '63 Madeline (Bianco) DeLouisa '60 Robert & Dorothy Klewicki '54
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The Staff of HixNews.Com Thanks These Folks For Helping Us Out

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)

<http://debbydoll.com> - (DebraAnn Kasimakis '71) *****NEW THIS MONTH*****

(Assorted artistic stuff & things about the Gregory Museum)

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)

<http://www.topix.net/city/hicksville-ny> *****NEW THIS MONTH*****

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)

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.



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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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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| Don Brophy '56 | Georgette St Jean Noller '58 |
| Arlene Blassberg Rose '59 | Jane Washington '59 |
| James Bruce '56 | Catherine Yoost Dibenedetto '55 |
| Walt Dunbar '55 | Carol Egan '57 |
| Hope Matienzo Dixon '55 | |
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Returned Newsletters for May, 2006

Remember the 3 strike rule: Three returns and your name will be removed from our mailing list. If you see your name listed below and still wish to be contacted by HixNews, please send a change of address to Editors@hixnews.com. Also, you may want to contact your ISP and advise them that HixNews is **NOT SPAM**.



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Artists rendering of the USS New York

With a year to go before it even touches the water, the Navy's amphibious assault ship USS New York has already made history. **It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center.** USS New York is about 45% complete and should be ready for launch in mid-2007. Hurricane Katrina disrupted construction when it pounded the Gulf Coast last summer, but the 684-foot vessel escaped serious damage, and workers were back at the yard near New Orleans two weeks after the storm.

It is the fifth in a new class of warship—designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

“It would be fitting if the first mission this ship would go on is to make sure that bin Laden is taken out, his terrorist organization is taken out,” said Glenn Clement, a paint foreman. “He came in through the back door and knocked our towers down and (the New York) is coming right through the front door and we want them to know that.”

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA., to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on September 9th, 2003, “those big, rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence,” recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. “It was a spiritual moment for everybody there.”

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the “hair on my neck stood up. It had a big meaning to it for all of us,” he said. “They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back.”

The ship's motto? . . . 'Never Forget'

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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 Steve Goldsmith at tac@cfl.rr.com.

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

HHS Class of '76 Is Holding Its 30th Reunion

August 5th, 2006—8:00 pm to 1:00 am
Huntington Hilton Hotel
598 Broadhollow Road
Melville, NY
Price \$107.00

Tickets for this event CANNOT be purchased online. Contact Reunions of America directly (not Classmates.com) by calling (631) 266-1836, or lireunions@aol.com. Please include you Name (including Maiden Name), Address, Phone Number, e-mail address, School, and the Year of Graduation. If you've already registered with us, it's not necessary to do so again unless there is a change of address. The number of attendees listed on Classmates.com does not reflect the actual number of classmates who will be attending the reunion.

You can also e-mail Neil Hardin directly at nnhardin@socal.rr.com

So there it is folks . . . since I missed the 20th, I'll definitely be at the 30th—Frank DiGiorio '76

Check Out the Photos of the August 2005 Reunion

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

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

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To see the specific photo album of the August 2005 Reunion

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The Newsletter Staff is honoring Ted “Smith” Swedalla this month. We will continue his story next month.

His induction into the Hicksville High School Newsletter Hall of Fame has been in the works for awhile. The only thing that kept us from continuing his induction process was the gathering of date. Much material has been located and the scanning and editing continues. Some of the material dates back to a period of time that is the late thirties and early forties. The quality of some of the documentation is not very good. We are attempting to present a story along with the documentation. Some of the pictures have no captions, so we ask the “old timers” who knew Ted Smith and recognize the ballplayers pictured with Ted to send in names. Ted was best known as Ted Smith, and the story behind the name is a whole different ballgame. Ted was born in Hicksville on July 7, 1918. His growing up in Hicksville was not unique. He was a typical boy who did the things young boys do. His Mom and Dad were wonderful parents who helped him establish a personality at a very young age. He was stubborn and never took “no” for an answer. He was a kid who would try almost anything and he felt there was nothing he couldn’t do. Not that he was disrespectful...his early strength generated through his parents would carry him through a very stressful time later on in his young life. Ted was introduced to sports at a very young age and showed promise in many areas. He had a special interest in baseball and played catch whenever the opportunity presented itself. Ted and his friends were not mischievous, though they found themselves involved in small “problems” many young boys encounter during their times together. One notable encounter was when young Ted and his friends decided to climb a tree.



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People Lookin' For People

Bob Gerrets '66 is looking for Belle Miller '66
Pat (Thompson) Dumas '75 is looking for Crystal Demas '75
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
Ann (Krex) Friedman '65 is looking for Laura Krakoff '65 and Lynne Cohen '65
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

We're curious to know if anyone has taken advantage of the ad below. If you've contacted these people and purchased a yearbook or two, please let us know at Editors@hixnews.com. Thanks!!

Yearbooks 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)

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These may also be purchased individually or as a lot

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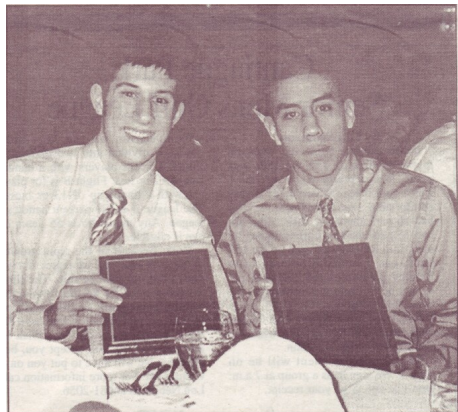


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The Holy Family Eagles Boys 8th Grade Basketball Team recently won the Nassau-Suffolk CYO "B" Division Championships.



Named to Nassau County Basketball All Conference Team



Marine Corporal Kevin T. Kolm



East Street's Celebration



Allison Osmundsen with Danielle Cecco and Melanie Tlach.

Around Hicksville Schools



A 'First Step' to Healthy Teeth
 During the month of March, students from the First Step Nursery School in Hicksville learned about good food and healthy hygiene. As part of the lessons, Dr. Michael Criss, a local dentist, and his pony visited the school and showed the students how to keep their teeth healthy and prevent cavities.



Track
 Madden, Lyons, O'Brien, Schlitz, Rusch, Gleason, Smith, Yaremo, Ulmer, Strong, Grona ck, Pastuszchenko, Adessio, Schnepf, Engebretson, Blake, Pastore, Cogan, Berry, Dodwell, Stachle, Stegie, Linnekin, D'Andrea, Staryk, Abrams, Cheslock, Trlush, Halaburda, Yarotzkey, Szerbiak, Zulkof-ske, Kappstatter, Borduk, Quinn, Pignataro, McInnes, Cornwell, Yutzler

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