

News about town

HMS Teacher Joseph Surgot Saves Student's Life

Seventh-grader needed Heimlich after choking at lunch

During this holiday season, the Hicksville community has something very special to be thankful for – the quick action of a teacher, Joseph Surgot, who saved the life of a child in October.

Surgot, a science teacher at the Hicksville Middle School, was on lunch duty in his building's cafeteria on Oct. 7 when he was alerted to a commotion at a lunch table. One of his seventh-grade students, 12-year old Kenneth Goubran, was doubled over choking. Surgot ran to the boy and performed the Heimlich maneuver, which he had learned in his First Aid Training course when he became a coach.

Kenneth began coughing, which was a positive sign showing that he could breathe. As he partially coughed up a mozzarella stick, he took a deep breath, which pulled the food mass back in and lodged it even more deeply in his throat. Suddenly Kenneth's demeanor changed and Surgot sensed the boy's panic and instantaneously performed the Heimlich maneuver a second time, which successfully dislodged it.

[Click here for the whole story](#)



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**May all of us have a healthy,
happy and prosperous
New Year!**

Letters



The Hicksville Historical Society has had a busy time of events and planning. On November 22, 2011. The Society hosted the Hicksville Post 3211 Veterans of Foreign Wars, to discuss their experiences. Some of our own members, Fran Perlmutter and Roy Tringali also got a chance to speak. Historical Society President Mike Christodoulou Spoke about the plans of a winter Social to be held at the Gregory Museum January 21st. Speaking of Winter, Member Bob Koenig also decorated a tree at Kennedy Park for the Hicksville Tree Lighting.

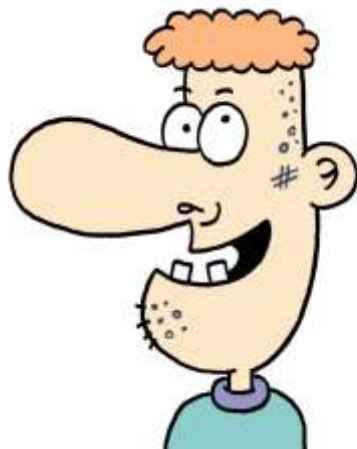
For more information on the Hicksville Historical Society, Call (516) 433-7462 or email hickshistsoc@aol.com.



Board Members of the Hicksville Historical Society pose with Veterans



Bob Koenig and Historical Society Tree



Stupid Facts

The space between your eyebrows is called the glabella.

Uni-brows can't have all the fun!

More letters



Hi. Just finished reading the Dec. issue. It was great, as usual. I want to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. I like the comment Josie Bacchi wrote on the two-dollar pizza lunch. When i went to scoolin in the 60's, pizza and a small coke was 30 or 35 cents!! It was a small pizza shop on main st. I forgot the name. You can't beat that price!

Judy Marcus shivers (1964).

Editor Note:

Main Street? I don't think we ever had a Main Street.



Hi there Hix News Gang!

After 25 years in south Florida, I think I may FINALLY have found some decent pizza. Where in FL is David Rubin who is pining for good pizza? If he's on the east coast, I may have some good news. Hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Tina (Gardner) Kwiatkowski '69



Hi Tina!

I am on the East Coast in Boca Raton. My friend, John Liguori, has his own Italian Restaurant called Liguori's Fired UP! in Davie which has excellent wood fired pizza (www.liguorisfiredup.com), but I haven't found authentic NY pizza What did you find?!

David Rubin '82

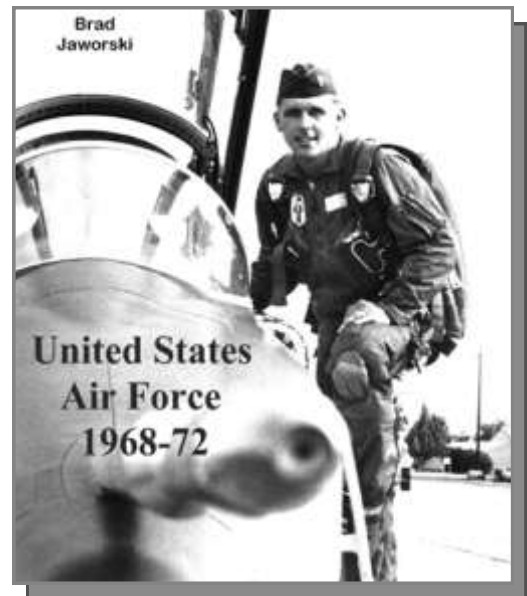
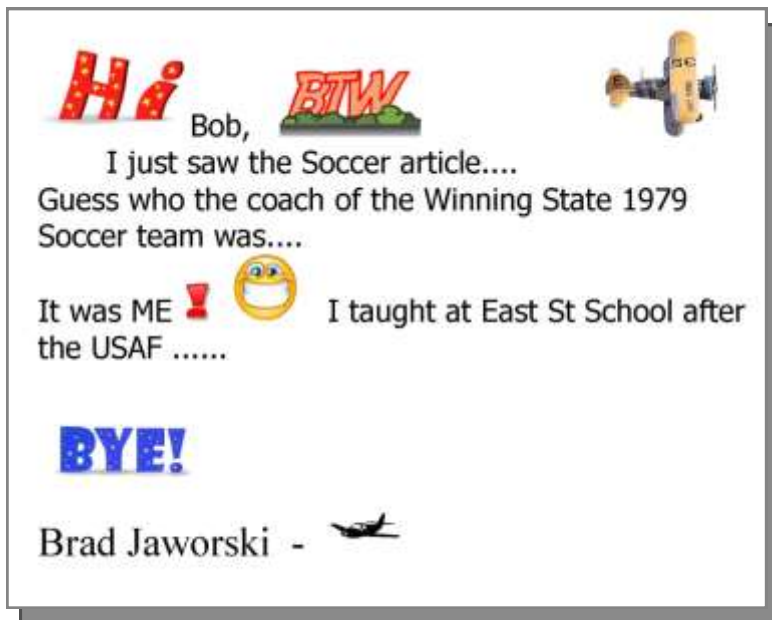
Hey David,

I live up in Boynton Beach and there is a really good pizza place called Dom & Louie's in Lake Worth. It has a thicker crust. There's a place called Pasquale's in Coal Springs that has thin crust - pretty good. I've only been searching for 25 years! Wood fire hasn't really done it for me; a friend managed one of the Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza and we ate that just to be polite. It's a problem. I heard about a place in Boca on 441 near 18th St. that I'm told is authentic (by a New Yorker) but can't think of the name and haven't tried it. The worst place in NY is better than the best place anywhere else. Well happy hunting. Drop me a line if you strike gold. Happy holidays!

Tina

Anyone else see a pattern in the discussions here?

Letters, letters, letters



Hi Bob,

I just browsed the December posting of the HIXNEWS Newsletter. You and the editors really do a wonderful job with the presentation of communications and pictures from the Hicksville classmates.

While browsing the December issue, I came upon a picture of Bill Reilly and his wife Vi. There is a “Small World” story here. I have lived in the Dallas/Fort Worth area now for over forty years, and while living in Carrollton, TX, a suburb of Dallas, I ran into Bill and Vi at a neighbors Christmas party of all places. We had a nice visit and I met them a few times after that at various parties that were hosted in the neighborhood. In 1989 I moved my family to a new home in Grapevine, TX, just north of DFW Airport, and I lost contact with Bill and Vi.

In anticipation of our 50th 1960 class reunion, I tried to get back in touch with Bill and Vi thinking that I would say hello to Dave McCoy for Bill, as he and Dave were firemen together. I had one problem though, so much time had passed that I could only remember Bill’s first name. It wasn’t much to go on, but I emailed my neighbor who hosted the party in Carrollton, anyway, to see if she had any contact information for them. Unfortunately she did not. So the idea was shelved.

Now, who do I find in this month’s posting but a picture of Bill and Vi Reilly. A day late and a dollar short. I also noticed Dave McCoy in the memoriam section. Can’t will for losing.

There have been a number of Hicksville classmates that have lived in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. In addition to the Reillys, I’ve crossed paths with Bob Mead at a party, and Fran Reganato Ranieri at a mall in North Dallas. I did call John Petree, Bill Ramos’ friend a time or two to say hello, along with a Peter Turchiano, who had a “gold” business at our World Trade Center. His brother Joe was in our class of 1960.

I wish the editors and staff of your HIXNEWS web site the very best Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ron Rocek



Still more letters



Hi guys,

Too bad I don't watch Law and Order—would have loved to see Sal Mistretta again. Is he a regular? Just thought you should mention Sal had two roles in "Sunset Boulevard" with Glenn Close. Tried to see him after the show but didn't get to do that. Met Glenn Close, however, who was so gracious.

Katie Kennedy

Editors Note:

Tell us about your experience! And she did !

When "Sunset Boulevard" was on Broadway, Charlie got tickets. Glenn Close was the star. I'm looking at the guy playing Sheldrake and I thought there was something very familiar about him—thought maybe I had seen this guy on TV. I checked out the program to find Sal Mistretta was playing Sheldrake!

Sal and I were in the same class.

Oh, wow. I sent a note backstage; "Are you the Sal Mistretta from Hicksville High School?" Didn't know if he received the note. Charlie and I waited at the Stage Door, but we never saw Sal. However, we had a special treat...we met Glenn Close (a teeny, tiny thing) who was so gracious and pleasant.

I remember Sal playing another character at the end of the show. Do wish we had been able to meet after many years and also wish I had seen the Law and Order episode that Sal was part of.

Katie and Charlie



Editor Note:

Go to Photo Gallery for an update on Sal with some neat pictures.



Updates



To All:

Please note the NEW personal email address for MICHAEL J. HAND effective immediately is: <concealed for security purposes>

My AOL address will be checked only at night. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards

Michael Hand 1967



Editor Note:

To contact Mike; send a note to editors@hixnews.com

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Bob,

Thanks for sharing your power point presentation. What a nice journey through time. I am amazed how much I have forgotten about Hicksville in the many, many years I've been gone. Although I could find my home last time I visited during the 40-year reunion. Obviously, much has changed. And now that the Sweet Shoppe is across the street, I will be completely confused. At least with this pictorial, I can navigate around town using St Ignacius as the landmark. Thank goodness it's still there. Ever notice how much smaller it is than you remember 50 years ago?

I look forward to my 50th next October. It should be a blast. I will be there.

Steve Backman '62



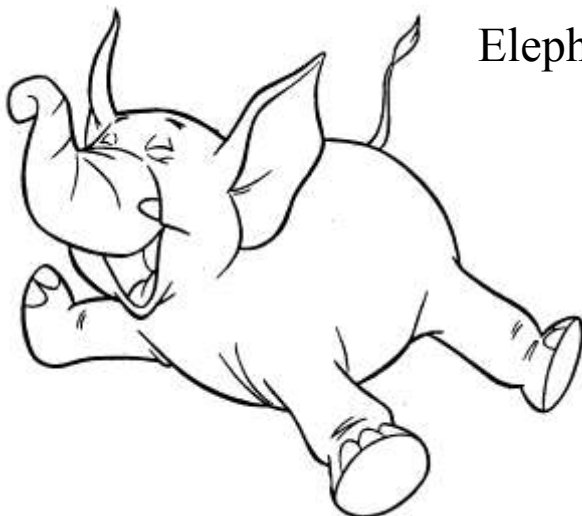
Updates

A special thank you to Henry Lichtenstein for all of the help he gave me (and I mean HOURS) with technology and his extraordinary patience! Thanks to him, the volunteer work I am doing has been made easier and more efficient. And, the second thanks is late in coming as it is related to my role in the 1960 Reunion. Big Henry and I spent a lot of time on the phone with him solving my data problems. It strikes me that he plays a critical role in capturing and maintaining the information we all so appreciate - such as being able to contact old friends. So, Henry, a big Atta Boy for you!

Kathy McDonald Corey 1960



Random Fun Fact



Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.

Anyone who wants my clean joke about how you can make an elephant jump, just email the editors!

Updates

I just wanted to catch up with my old classmates of '63, and tell everyone I'm still kicking out here in the high desert of Santa Fe. Wondering if there are any plans for a 50th reunion.

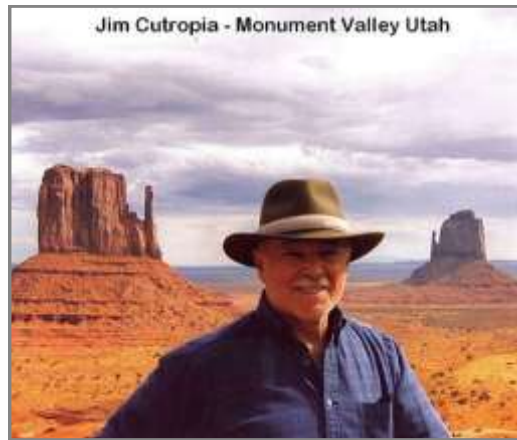
I'm the finance director for the Cathedral Basilica of St Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, NM. The Cathedral was built between 1862 and 1885, but they never finished it. They did not construct the steeples on top of the towers, and they only installed some bells in the North Tower. We installed 4 new bells in the South tower in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the parish.

Jim Cutropia 1963

Merry Christmas to all!



Jim Cutropia at Graduation



Navajo National Monument on the NE border of Arizona & Utah



Jim Cutropia's Tenant "Mr. Snake"



Cuchara, Colorado from a fishing trip to that area last year around Spanish Peaks



My Solar Heated House in Eldorado About 15 miles from Santa Fe, NM



Thanks

Thank you very much for the birthday card, now I am up to 83 and still counting. Enjoy the newsletter and appreciate all the work that goes into it. Sincerely

Bill Stahley 1946

Thank you Bob and the HixNews staff for your lovely card for my birthday. It was so nice of you to send it. I wish you a very Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2012. You all do a wonderful job with the HHS newsletter and your effort is appreciated.

Minerva (Moddle) Kassinger 1949 HHS Grad.

Dear HixNews:

Just want to say thank you so much for the birthday and anniversary cards. They were really appreciated.

Cookie Koziuk Hannaman 1960



Your presentation was EXCELLENT! Thank you for sharing. It brought back many memories of Hicksville. I went to Nicholai Street School as my first school and then when Lee Ave. was built, I went to that one. Of course, back then; we had the Junior High School, not middle school. And finally Division Ave. HS. I left NY in 1976 and never returned. I had no family left there, so there was no reason for me to return. I keep in touch with Kurt Stietz and he told me to not even go back because I wouldn't know where I was. By the looks of the "new" Hicksville, he was right.

After I married, I lived in a house on the corner of West John Street and I thought it was Newbridge Road. The house was about 150 years old and I loved that house. The walls in the kitchen were tin. There were remains of 3 fireplaces, one in the kitchen, and the other two were in the dining room and living room. It was one of my favorite homes and I don't think I will ever forget it.

Thanks again for the great memories.



Cookie

Editor Note:

I believe it was Newbridge Road. Newbridge Road turned to the right and the station was nearby? Are there any pictures available?



More Thanks!



Bob & The Gang at HixNews

Thank you all for my birthday card, and Bob you have a Happy Birthday, too!

Ann Cassese Costantino 1961



HICKSVILLE
COMETS

Thank You all for the Birthday wish,
Murry Dalaimo



Dear Bob:

Thanks to you and the gang at HixNews so much for the adorable knitters card - I am an avid knitter so it was perfect. Loved it. I waited until today, my actual birthday, to open it. Thanks so much.

Pat Appelman Levitin 1962

Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci

Thank you for the beautiful Happy Anniversary ecard that you sent to me. I enjoy reading the newsletter each month. Mary and I were married 43 years ago in Richmond, Virginia.

Bob Siegel 1962



Thank you so much for the BEAUTIFUL Birthday cake (I mean card)! I loved it!!!! With love from the birthday girl.

Arlene Andersen



Bob,
Thank you for the delightful, animated birthday card. It was a lovely way to start my 65th year.

Charlie Coney 1965



You guys are full of Thanks!



HI BOB

Thank you for the birthday card. That was nice of you.

Have a great Christmas and New Year.

JOE INGINO 1967



Bob

Thanks for the Birthday wishes.

Have a great Holiday season.

Sincerely,

Ed Cochran 1968

PS. Keep up the GREAT work with the newsletter.



Scottie McCreery

Editor Note:

There's a remarkable likeness of Ed Cochran from the class of 1968 and Scottie McCreery who won the American Idol show earlier in 2011. Check it out.

Thanks Bob.

That was really neat.

It's a shame I didn't have my guitar in hand for my yearbook photo. I was in a rock band at the time. Just not as successful as Scottie (in fact, not even close). Still have the guitar, though. It's a classic now.

Have a great holiday,

Ed

More comments on the Scottie McCreery resemblance on next page

It is our pleasure!

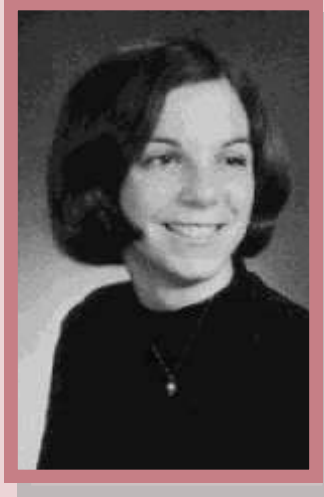


Subject: Re: a resemblance

Big resemblance Wow!

Off the subject, Did anyone notice how many of this 1968 group still has aol.com and other odd email addresses? And most of the younger set (i.e. our children) go with gmail.com and make fun of us sticking with "old fashion Aol.com." Anyway, that has been my experience,

Just another sad note; I recently tried to find a good friend from our 1968 class—Barbara Tedesco.



Barbara Tedesco.

Through Internet searches I found out that she had passed away in 1995. Her married name was Barbara Just. Had anyone heard about this sad event back then? The last time she and I had been in contact was back in about 1988.

Janice (Schwartz) Block 1968



Janice (Schwartz) Block

Yes, the resemblance is there and Ed even was in a band in HS.

Bob Bittner



A definite resemblance.

Funny!

Maxine Frimmer Grove



Bob must send out a LOT of e-cards, eh?

Bob,

Tom and I want to thank you for all your hard work in putting together Hicksville Then and Now.

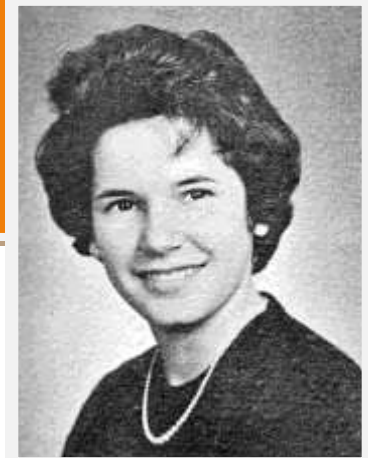
You did a great job, and I am sure it was a labor of love.

I don't know where all the time has gone, all those memories, old stores and places we used to hang out are no more. Since we still live here we at least get to see the changes.

Fork Lane is still a great school, we have 2 grandchildren attending it, 2 in the middle school and 1 who will graduate from Hicksville High this June, 50 years after his grandmother. Wow, I must be getting old.

Thanks for the memories old friend.

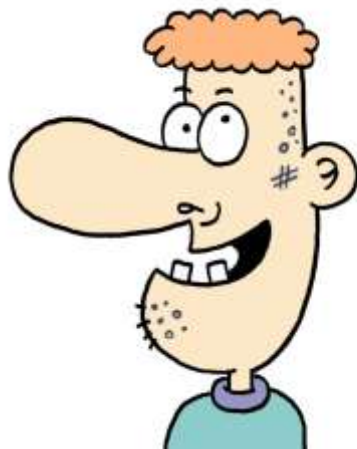
Jan Breeden Manaskie 1962



To access the Power Point Presentation, Hicksville Then and Now, Please click the below hyperlink or copy and paste to your browser

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/23036589/12-10%2005%2021%20wvm/Then%20Now%20volume%2010%20dec%202011.wmv>

Then click on open



Stupid Facts

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Probably because they are blinking in surprise at the stupid things we men do!

New Readers



Do nal



Dominick Notaro 1961

Daniel Perotti 1962

Connie Damarodas Skow 1962
I moved to NJ in July '61 and graduated there!

Carol DiNatale 1970

Kevin Farrell 1971

Bob Goldmacher 1973



Joseph Batewell 1963



Maureen Schrimpe 1963



Neil Barrocas 1964



Donna Doriand 1974



Jo Ann Kacprzycki 1976

Looking for



Hi all

I am looking for Donna Renda who was with the Class of 1972. We dated briefly when I first went in the Army and I have always wondered how she is.

Kevin Farrell 1971

Kevin

I searched the 1972 yearbook and there is no indication of a Donna Renda anywhere throughout the yearbook. I also searched facebook and classmates to no avail. Any additional information on Donna might help. Where did she live in Hicksville? Thanks

buffalo bob Casale

HixNews

Hi Bob,

Thanks for the reply. I dated her in 1970 before shipping out to Vietnam. Perhaps she did not graduate?? She lived at 228 8th Street in Hicksville, which is right down the block from the high school. Thanks for your help

Kevin



Hi Kevin,

Your subscription to HixNews has been confirmed, and I have added your inquiry about Donna Renda to our "[Looking for People](#)" list.



H. Lichtenstein



Looking for...



Hi Bob and all Editors, I was wondering how to find those lists of our many alumni and their contact info, I think you may call them spreadsheets. Thank you in advance.

Lynn McMorrow O'Riordan 1968



Editor Note:

The link to our subscribers' Name & Class'list is found on our homepage:

<http://hixnews.com> a few lines below the image of the HHS patch. But you won't find any contact info there (just name and class year), because we protect the privacy of our subscribers.

Subscribers may contact other subscribers, however, via the editors, by sending a request to the editors at: editors@hixnews.com

Best, Henry



H. Lichtenstein

Thank you, Lynn



Looking for....



Hey, Bob.

My sister, Marilyn Bowles (class of 1966), is in contact with Pat's sister, Kathy ('65?) and tells me Pat Kocher is alive, well and living in Oregon.

Austin Bud Bowles 1961

Thanks Bud. Does Marilyn have an address or email for Pat?

Bill Canham 1961

Bill,

No, but she told me she would get it the next time she speaks with Kathy.

Bud

Hi,

Please say hi for me too. We were friends in high school. Pat was a great gal and so smart.

Regards,

Beth Knipfing



Hunting for Vic Olsen

Dear Vic Olsen (Class of 1965)

We are forwarding a note to you, enclosed below, from Dennis Listort (Class of 1964).

Your email address has not been disclosed (for your privacy), but feel free to respond to Dennis.

Best, Henry



H. Lichtenstein

Dear Dennis Listort ('64)

My attempt to forward your note to Vic Olsen bounced. Presumably, the email address we have for Vic in our database is no longer valid.

Henry

Henry

It looks as though you sent this note to Listort at a bad email address.

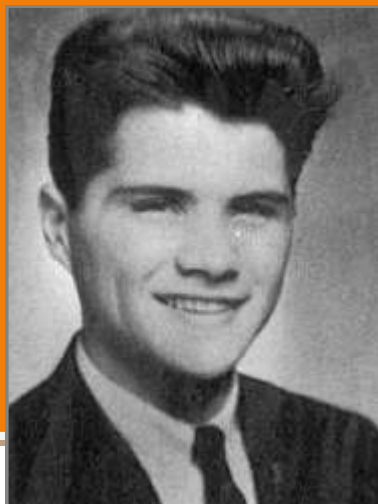
I have an email address for Vic Olsen (concealed).

Thanks

love da buff

Then Henry resent the request

Hi, I got a copy of this from Buffalo Bob and replied to Dennis. Much thanks. I use to subscribe to HixNews but somehow got unsubscribed when I moved from Miami to North Carolina when I changed my e-mail address. I will resubscribe. Thanks



Vic Olsen 1965

Hey Bob, Hope you had a good turkey day.

Say, do you remember a gal named Joan Powell. She played the part of Anita in the our 1964 (or 1995) production of West Side Story. As I recall she had piercing blue eyes, tall and has a prosthetic hand. Not to mention a terrific voice. Just wondering.

Vic Olsen



more recently

The "Hunt" continues on the next page...

Hunting for Vic Olsen

Vic

I was class of 1961 and was long gone and in the navy in 1964. I can ask around.

We did South Pacific...here I am playing Luther Billis.

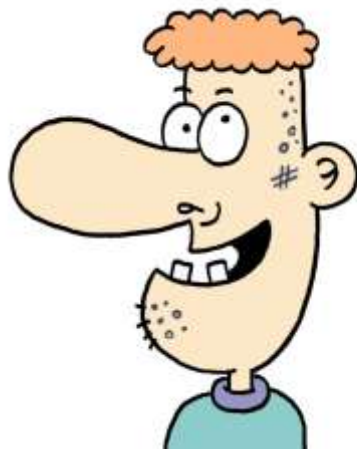
Regards

buffalo bob casale



That's quite a photo. I'd be careful letting that one out.. I think WSS was either '64 or '65. I had to get a set of vibes and learn how to play them for the tune "Cool". It was a terrific production. As I recall, we used the actual Broadway scores. But then we had one heck of a music department back then.

Vic



Stupid Facts

The Bible is the most shoplifted book in America.

C'mon! I mean really! C'mon!

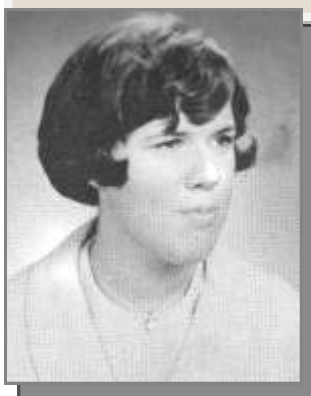
Passages



Hi

I never thought I would be writing this so soon. My brother, William Schrimpe, 69 years young and a 1960 Hicksville graduate, passed away on Thanksgiving Day November 24, 2011. Bill was active in all the traditional sports.... baseball, football, basketball while in high school. While we didn't always see eye to eye, my sisters and I will miss him dearly. I hope he is resting in peace now.

Donna Schrimpe 1966



SCHRIMPE - William A., of Hicksville on November 24, 2011 in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Maria. Loving father of Scott Schrimpe, Dawn (Michael) Whittendale, Kim Catania and Susan (Eric) Kowalski. Treasured brother of Sister Maureen Schrimpe IHM, Vivian Buonasera, and Donna Schrimpe. Cherished grandfather of 8. Family and friends may visit the Vernon C. Wagner Funeral Home, 125 W. Old Country Rd., Hicksville on Monday 2-4 and 7-9pm. Funeral Service Monday evening 8:30pm at the funeral home. A private cremation will follow.

Why do they die so young?



Herb Pearce 1962



Thanks for the news. It is always very sad when someone passes.

My condolences to the entire family.



Kathy "Cookie" Koziuk Hannaman

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Passages



William Schrimpe

Bob,

That is sad news indeed. Billy was our HHS quarterback – a terrific athlete and a great guy.

I'm very sorry to hear of his passing. Kathy & Bob Cerone wrote me the other day of Joan Sabatella's passing. She was my junior prom date and a wonderful girl.

Bill was a centerpiece person in our class. He deserves a big sendoff. I'm sure he'll get it. My condolences to his family

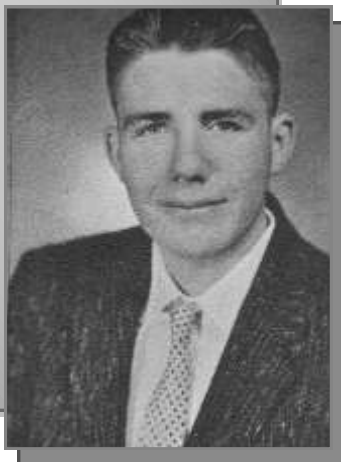
All the best



Bob,

Bill Schrimpe was the quarterback of the 1960 Comets football team. I was on that team. We finished 3-4-1 when we were picked by everyone to be the best in our division. Our coaches were Tomaini, Petro and later on Grantham. I still remember the sad bus ride back to Hicksville after we lost a heartbreaking game to Port Washington on a blocked field goal attempt. Later on we had that memorable tie with Mineola 20-20 who were the best team. He was a great guy, a real leader. He's another one who will be sorely missed by everyone. We're losing too many of our classmates. The only thing that death can't take away are our memories.

Gerry Bair 1961



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Passages



William Schrimpe

Hi Bob,

My husband, Bob, saw Bill's obituary this morning in Newsday. He was in electrical shop with him and graduated in 1960 also. I don't remember him too much but Bob said he was a real nice guy with a good sense of humor.

It is always sadder when someone dies around a holiday, which makes it all harder on the families. Have you heard from Dennis Naso's family? I am sure this was a rough holiday for them too.

Stay well.

Best regards,

Beth Mangani Knipfing
1961 and Bob Knipfing 1960



Robert,

Please forward my deepest condolences to bill's family. I remember him well and always will.

Ed Harrison
1960



I will pray for this really fine man. Many great memories.

RoseAnna LeCours



Hi Bob,

Thanks for sending this message. Very sad for the family, his passing on Thanksgiving Day - if he was suffering and was ill, sometimes it is a blessing. Our sincere condolences.

Hope you are well.

Barbara Dibella Dowd 1961

Passages



I would like to add Roy Meier to the list for the class of 1954 as passing in 2011 not sure of the month. Thanks

Steve Moddle "53"

Hey everyone:

First of all, thank you for putting together such a great, heartfelt newsletter every month. It's very much appreciated.

Secondly, and sadly, I'd like to start the 1983 in memoriam list. Here are the folks I know who've crossed over:

John Larkin - killed by a drunk driver on October 16, 1982

Barbara Ryan (Esposito) - died in April 2010 with her daughter Joanna.

Patricia Santaniello (Spacey) died in October of 1999.

Anthony Spinosa - died on January 14, 2010.

Mike Berrios

Danny Burke

From the class of 1982, we lost Evan Golub and Pete Franco.

Mr. Erickson passed away last year:

<http://www.newsday.com/retired-hicksville-teacher-richard-ericson-dies-1.2496950?qr=1>

Thanks very much,

Alice Freeman Prota 1982

I'd like to put my "2 cents" of info to Mr. Bill Stahley as I had his mother as my teacher for the 4th and 5th grade in the "old Plainview School". When it came time to go to the 6th grade Plainview was starting to grow and there wasn't enough room for all the new kids so we were bussed to East Street School in Hicksville, all eight of us, 7 boys and one girl. From East Street we went on to the Hicksville High as normal. Good memories of all my school times growing up in the "country".

Steve Moddle class of 1953

Passages



Comrades,

I am sorry to announce the passing of **Mary Ingino**, wife of VFW life member Vincent Ingino and mother of VFW life member Joe Ingino.

Mary Ingino will be waked at the Vernon C. Wagner Funeral Home, 125 West Old Country Road, Hicksville on Monday (November 21) evening (7:00pm to 9:00pm) and on Tuesday (November 22) from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars we send our deepest condolences to the Ingino family.

William G. Walden 1965

Commander



Editor Note:

We heard from Joe Ingino -

Mary Ingino was 89 years old and was married to Vincent Ingino for 64 years. She had 2 sons Joseph and William (deceased). Mary had 9 Grand children and she had 12 Great Grand children. Mary & Vincent were residents of Hicksville for 58 years. Mom was a long time member of the Sons of Italy. She was dearly loved and will be deeply missed.

The class of 1961 mourns the recent deaths of Dennis Naso and Joan Sabatella.

I asked for stories about Dennis and Joan that would reflect on their explosive personalities.

Hey Bobby, It's me Nancy McCotter, Rob McCotter's wife. I have a funny story from that giant mega reunion back in September of 2000. I had just had my daughter, Kelsey, then.

I was walking through Huntington Town House and don't remember what floor I was on. Dennis came up to me and he did not know me yet. He said to me, "Hi I'm Rob McCotter, do you remember me?"

I lost it and remarked, "Funny , you don't look like my husband." The expression on his face was a story in itself. His face was priceless and that face is etched into my brain.

Luv ya Nancy

Passages

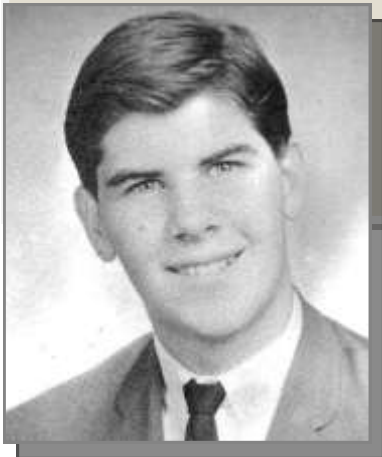
I would like to add two of my friends who were also 1965 classmates to the memorial list. They are:



Philip Storch (1974)



William Calhoun (2010 car accident)



Sincerely
Mort Richman - Class of 1965



Hi Bob:

The ceremony for Chris at Arlington was incredible, he would have been so proud. You can access the photos at photorelect.com, and follow the prompts, the name is Christopher Thiel, the date was November 9, 2011 and the password is ct110911.

I hope that your reunion was good. Happy Holidays.

Ann Thiel

Passages



Henry,

Please post the passing of Sue Flanagan Meza, class of 1959. Thank you.

Carl Probst 1959



Hi Carl,

Joan Gabriel's report of Sue's passing appears on page 27 of our December issue of the Newsletter. And Roger (our Webmaster) has added Sue's name to the In Memoriam section for the Class of 1959. If you would like to post a personal message about Sue's passing in the HixNews email distribution list (the list where my monthly announcements appear), you do have posting permission to do so (I will be sure to approve the post during moderation).

Best, Henry



H. Lichtenstein

I was reading the latest edition of HixNews and noticed Syndie Bender's name in the **In Memoriam**. So sad to hear of her passing - over the years I've thought of her and her twin, Trudy -- usually when I see twins, naturally.

Anyway, the Bender twins were in my class - 1971 - not 1972, as posted. Just thought I'd let you know.

Thank you all for the wonderful job you do with HixNews -- it's a joy to read every month.

Regards,

Ginnie Becht Moore 1971

Thanks for the correction, Ginnie. It's been updated.

Roger Whitaker, Webmaster for hixnews.com

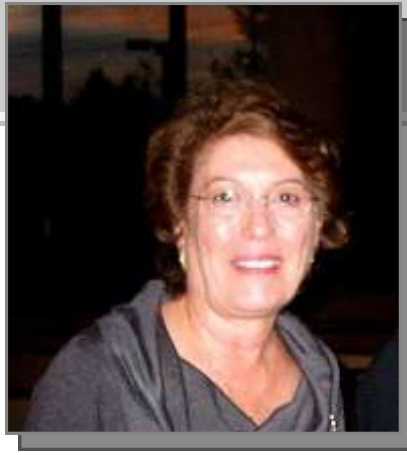
Passages



Hi everyone

I was saddened to see at the 1961 reunion, the list of deceased. Too many names, two of which I'd like more info on, if possible. Cynthia Moulton (CAM to most of us) and Pat Kocher. Pat was one of my bridesmaids and we kept in touch until she moved to northern CA. Anyone out there know anything about either?

Bonnie (Scharr) Papes '61



CYNTHIA A DEAN

Born Apr 02, 1943

Died Oct 29, 2003

Last residence:

11704 (West Babylon, Suffolk, NY)

DEAN-Cynthia A., on October 29, 2003, of North Babylon. Beloved wife of Paul. Devoted mother of Paul Christian Dean and Laura Oak. Dear sister of Suzanne Callaghan, Christina Morian and Eric Moulton. Cherished grandmother of Rebecca, Katherine and Kristina Dean. Friends may visit Sunday 2-4:30 and 7-9:30PM at the Claude R. Boyd-Spencer Funeral Home, 448 West Main St., Babylon Village. Funeral Mass Monday 10AM Our Lady of Grace RC Church, W. Babylon. Interment Calverton National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to your favorite charity.

Bonnie

The above was info I could find on Cam because we knew her married name. I know nothing about Pat Kocher. If you stayed in touch for many years, then you might know her married name? This is all we found out.

Hope it helps.

Love yah bob

Thanks for the info on Cam. I remember her parents having a pet monkey, which was very exotic for the 60's.

Pat Kocher married Bruce Voorhes and later moved to Castro Valley, CA, a suburb of San Francisco. Bruce went on to be a fireman somewhere in the area and I know they had a son before I lost track of her. Any other info on either would be appreciated. Thanks Tom, Marilyn, Buddy, Vinnie, BufBob.

Love yah Bonnie

Dear Buffalo Bob

Where our own beloved Buffalo Bob corresponds for a few pages with a random reader

On December 7th, we remembered the events of 1941.

Today, we remember Pearl Harbor. Many of us have been there to visit the Arizona Memorial. When I visited, it gave me an eerie feeling knowing that men had been entombed there and the remains were never recovered. The remains of 1102 of the 1177 killed on 7 December 1941 still reside. Just below my feet was a rusted superstructure that 70 years ago was a majestic battleship that was part of the Pacific Fleet. The destruction was such that the ship was destined to remain in its final resting place.

I marveled at the amount of Japanese who were paying homage to the men whose lives were cut short. They bowed their heads and said silent prayers and their empathy was quite obvious.

That day was "**a day that will live in infamy.**"

I've been there several times as well over the years... And I have tears in my eyes each time I visit.

Thanks for sharing.

Art Pardo '62



Hi Bob,

Thanks for the reminder. I was 6 months old at that time and I wonder, sometimes, how our parents did such a great job handling us in the midst of these tragedies and worries. Yet, they are no less today for us and our children.

I married a retired Army guy 28 years ago after spending 10 years with the Overseas Dependent School System in Asia, Africa and Europe. Thanks for your service and bringing our military, past and present to mind.

Sincerely, Nancy Johnsen Kaye 59

Nancy

Where in Europe and Africa were you working? I was in the navy and got a chance to go to both places. I always wanted to go to Asia and almost made it.

Unfortunately, when my time to reenlist rolled around, there were no billets open for my MOS anywhere in our operational area. So I got out instead. Thanks for your response.

Warm Regards

buffalo bob casale

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Dear Buffalo Bob

Hi Bob,

Between 69-79 I was in Sasebo, Japan, loved it, then a year in the district office coordinating the School Health Program which was 18,000 kids at 20+ schools, a year in Okinawa, 6 months in Hanau Germany, 6 months in Asmara Ethiopia, now Eritrea, and 6 years in Rota, Spain, loved it there too.

It was another life. I'm grateful for the rich culture and experiences. It makes it hard to travel today, as a day here and a day there in cities of millions of people is hard to have a feel for the cultures and stories of that country. Went from there to central British Columbia and missioned for 3 years before falling over the border and settling in WA state, more of God's country.

Regards,

Nancy

Very Interesting.

We had a navy facility in Kami Seya, Japan and that's where I really wanted to go.

I was in the navy from 1961 to 1969.

Boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, Class "A" School in Pensacola, Florida, then off to Bremerhaven, Germany then off to Nicosia, Cyprus (While on Cyprus, I made two trips to Naples, Italy to play softball, and one trip to Rota to play basketball), then back to Class "B" School in Pensacola, then off to the USS Liberty. Picked the ship up in Bremerton, Washington, through the Panama Canal to Norfolk. Made two cruises to Africa...we patrolled the entire West Coast of Africa from the Canary Islands to Capetown, South Africa. Our mission was to intercept foreign communications and to develop their chain of command based on the intercepted traffic. We actually, at one time, recreated the complete order of battle for Senegal and received unit citation.

Made port stops at Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Dakar, Senegal, Lagos, Nigeria, Luanda, Angola and Capetown, South Africa.

Left Liberty and went to Class "C" School in Norfolk, then off to Skaggs Island, California (that's 30 miles from San Francisco and in the Sonoma Valley). I was an instructor in the Navy Reserve program. While there, I went to Class "D" School in San Diego. Was discharged in December of 1969 and returned to Hicksville.

Your time in service was exciting. I feel fortunate to have been exposed to many different cultures and a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds. Africa was very interesting. When we were in the Ivory Coast, the locals provided a bus for those sailors who wanted to tour the local culture. It was surprising that only a handful of guys wanted to learn anything about the locals. Most wanted to get drunk and find a companion.

The trip to the rain forest was very educational. We went to a monkey slaughterhouse in a section of jungle that had been cleared. Many of the locals in nearby villages came to the market to get their meat.

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Dear Buffalo Bob

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They had the monkeys strung up on ropes that were tied between poles. They would cut the monkeys throat to let it bleed out, then they would strip the skin off the body so you could see what kind of meat you would get. It was disgusting but I learned a lot in a short period of time. In Santa Cruz, they gave us a bus and brought us to an inactive volcano that was about 5,000 or so feet above sea level. In the center was a German restaurant and I had schnitzel that was so good, I can remember that to this day.

In Nigeria, we visited several villages that had no bathrooms and no running water. The bathroom was an open hole at the top of a hill that was adjacent to a stream that ran downhill. The natives would do their business and the result was washed down the hill with the running water. At the bottom of the hill was where the natives used to wash their clothes.

I was delighted to have had the opportunity to learn a little about a lot of different people.

Where in Washington are you living?

My ex partner from the plumbing and heating business we established in Hicksville, Ted Swedalla, rode his bike from Roanoke Virginia to Seattle covering over 4,000 miles in about 80 days.

I think I should write a book.

Warm Regards

bob



bob and ted awhile back



bob and ted when we retired



Here's Ted Swedalla on his trip entering Colorado...



So ends another episode of "Dear Buffalo Bob"

Tune in next month for another nostalgic episode, sure to bring back wondrous memories... we hope!

Hicksville Memories

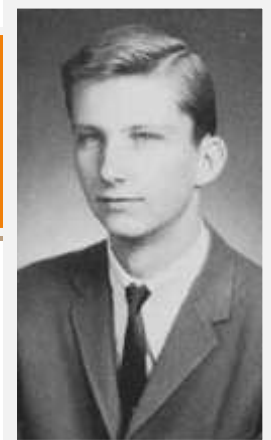
Last month's challenge

Name these three Hicksville churches



One out of three in baseball earns you a lot of money these days. but, alas, I can only recognize St Ignatius in December's Monthly Challenge and in school that is 33% and not much of a passing grade.

Bob Bittner '68



Hi Bob:

Yep, in baseball you'd be a millionaire. Here, you're the first to answer and the first to get one right. St. Ignatius is one of them. That gets you our undying respect and admiration. That and two-fifty gets you a cup of coffee (didn't it used to be a nickel?)

Thanks for playing!

David Rubin '82

Hicksville Memories

Last month's challenge

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Hi Gang,

Just got to read the newsletter and once again you out did yourselves. The photos of the churches you posted are Trinity Lutheran on Nicholai St., St. Ignatius on Broadway, and Holy Family on Fordham Ave.

Tom Manaskie 1960

Congratulations, Tom! First to answer all three correctly! Great job!

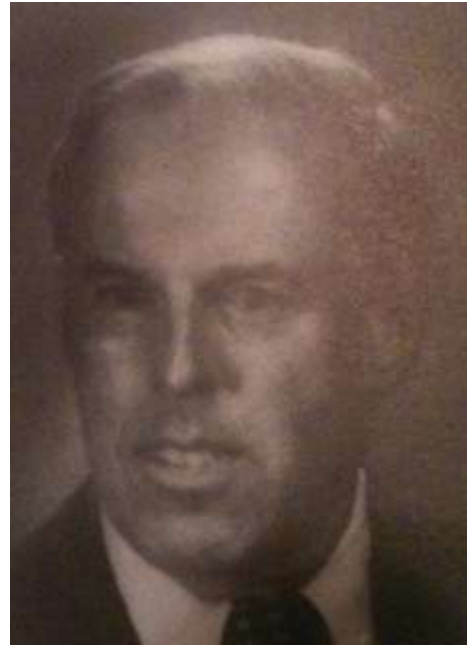
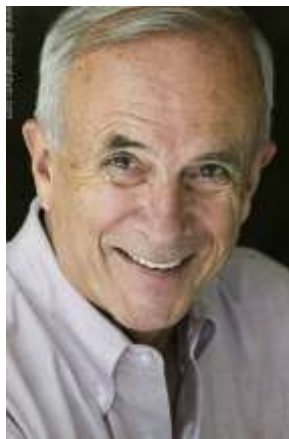
David Rubin '82



Hicksville Memories

So onto the next challenge! Name these three past Hix Teachers! There is a common theme here.

GOOD LUCK!



Random Fun Fact

**Every second, Americans collectively eat
one hundred pounds of chocolate.**



Yeah? What's so bad about that?

Where's the newsletter?

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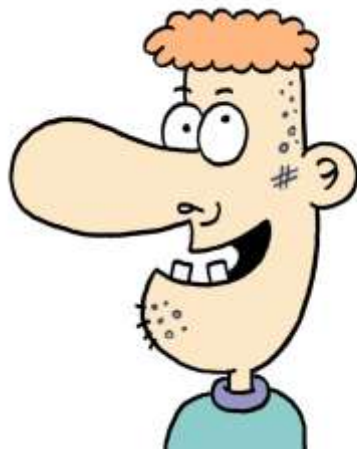
Sorry all, but this month it is impossible to open the newsletter file hix201112 in any format. All other files, home/memory lane, etc., opening without incident.

Rich Delia 1969

Richard, I'm sorry you're having trouble. Are you on a very slow connection? I just checked it here at the office, which has a rather slow Internet connection. It opened fine, although it took about 15 seconds to start showing up. If you click on the newsletter link, it should open a page with a built-in viewer that allows you to scroll through the newsletter.

Regards, Roger Whitaker, webmaster for hixnews.com

Happy New Year



Stupid Facts

*The longest recorded flight of a chicken
is thirteen seconds.*

That's about how long my kids' rooms stay clean!