

News about town

Scott Starkey, Hicksville teacher & published Author

Author also coached boy's soccer NYS championship team

An enthusiastic crowd of over 200 people gathered at the Book Revue in the village of Huntington on a cold January afternoon, to attend author Scott Starkey's "book talk" of his debut novel, *How to Beat the Bully Without Really Trying*.

The Book Revue is one of the largest independent bookstores in the country and is considered a renowned cultural and social center. They regularly offer a schedule of distinguished author readings and celebrity appearances. Unfortunately, the first run of hard copies was sold out at the signing; however, digital copies are available via Nook and Kindle.

Starkey is currently a fifth-grade teacher at East Street School in Hicksville. He has worked in the district for the past 16 years, and as the Head Coach for the Varsity Boys Soccer team led his players to win the New York State Championship this year.

Starkey explained that he always liked the idea of being a writer and set out to write a book that children and adults alike would love to read. His primary goal is to encourage reluctant readers by holding their attention throughout and by providing an exceptionally interesting time for them while they are reading. Characters in the story are based on "reluctant heroes" of Starkey's, such as Bob Hope, Woody Allen and Abbott and Costello.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Letters



Hi editors:

Please reply to Neil Barrocas that his comment was absolutely hysterically funny. I can't believe it took him six months to figure out whom I was talking about! My high school sweetheart was supposed to be living with me, not Neil. Very funny.

Judy Marcus Shivers (1964).

p.s. A very good newsletter last month and thanks for the birthday wishes.



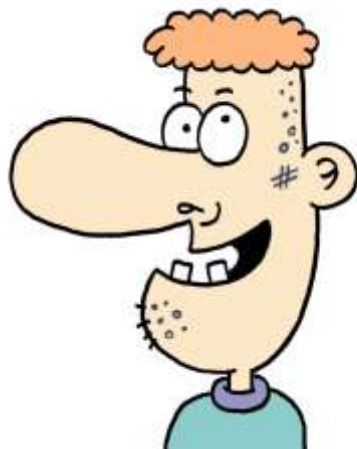
Hi Buff!

I was glad to see the terrific response you got on your fantastic Hicksville Then & Now presentation. It was very well deserved!! HixNews has really become something special and I doubt if the alumni of other high schools across this great land of ours have such a wonderful way to communicate with each other every month. We are all very blessed to have you and each of the other HixNews Editors who take a lot of personal time each and every month to make HixNews what it is.

In one article, I noted Dave Myerly is trying to locate Mike Cava regarding the USS Charles F. Adams. If you can send this note to Dave, I'd appreciate it as his name belongs on our Vietnam War Era List and we don't have it. I just need to know where he spent most of his active duty time, his active duty service dates and his graduation or class year from HHS. We do have Mike Cava's name already on our list.

All the best.

Joe Carfora 1962



STUPID FACTS

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

How do you make it WANT to stick out its tongue? Insult it?

More letters



I must have been asleep at the switch, or something. But, I missed out on the "Hicksville, Then and Now" presentation. Is there a place it can be viewed? I keep reading all the great comments and feel I missed something memorable.

Thanks for all the great things you folks do!

Charlie ('64) and Charla Henningsen

Naples, FL 34119

Editor Note:

We forwarded the link to Charlie!



Dear Bob C.,

Here is an old photo of myself in the Whelan's Delivery Car from 1968.

My boyfriend worked for Whelans and used to pick me up to go with him on deliveries. Thought you would enjoy this and hopefully print in your next newsletter.

Love, Barbara Hoosack Sarluco



Bob

Your presentation of Hicksville Then & Now...watched from England ... very well done. Picture of the Hicksville Gables showed my old home. Thank you. –

Cynthia (Van Nostrand) Clayton (HT Class of '76)



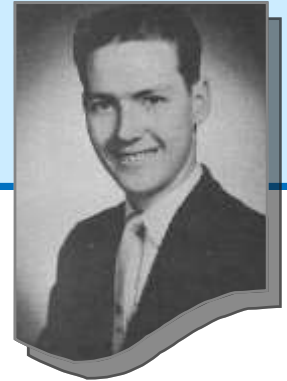
Letters, letters, letters



I started a Facebook page for HHS and tried to invite classmates, but they're listed as going to HHS in Ohio. I don't think they even realize it.

Maybe you could alert the folks about the Facebook page and making sure they're listed at Hicksville High School in New York

Denny Tillman 1960



Editor Note:

Last month, we had several former alumni send in a listing of places they visited over the years. I had the following to add this month...

Bob:

Among other places, I recently visited Berlin with my daughter Stephanie. It has one thing in common with Hicksville. Almost everything was built after 1945!

Ken Marcus 1967



STILL MORE LETTERS



The Hicksville Historical Society Hosted their Winter Social at the Gregory Museum on January 22. The society President, **Mike Christodoulou**, Presented a plaque to **William Walden**, Commander of the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign wars post 3211.

The guest speaker was Society Vice President **Denward Collins, Jr.** Denward presented the history of Gold Beating in the late 1800's. President Christodoulou also presented a plaque to Denward for his role in keeping history in Nassau County. The Social was a true social, with a gathering of friends of local history, right in a historical Building. For more info on the Society, call Mike Christodoulou at (516) 433-7462 or email hickshistsoc@aol.com



Mike Christodoulou presents award to William Walden



Richard Althaus, Mike Christodoulou and Bob Koenig present award to Denward Collins, Jr.



Denward Collins, Jr. presents discussion on Gold Beating



Updates



We had a mini reunion for the class of 1967 on Friday 27 January. The reunion was orchestrated by Jim Rubins and was held in California. The group included Jim Rubins from Napa, California; Don Berger and Dr. Madeline Miller who live in San Francisco; Martin Brandfon, Esq. from Redwood City, California and Nick Saman from Lafayette, California. The only outsider was Bob Taub who hails from Commack, New York but we let him into the state. We hope to continue additional get togethers amongst ourselves and encourage others to join with us.

Regards

Jim Rubins



Editor Note:

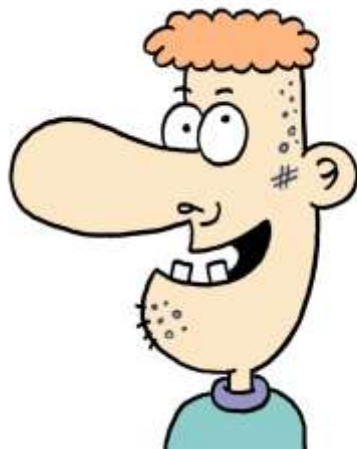
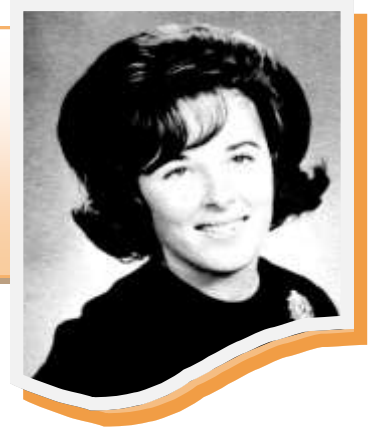
we have a new email address for Ed Zivica from the class of 1958. Anyone needing his email, drop us a note. Also Noreen McCormack Payne from the class of 1967.

Updates

**“ KEEP
UP TO DATE WITH
WHAT’S
GOING ON ”**

Hello,
I have switched my e-mail address (concealed). Please be sure to update your Address Book and use my new e-mail address from now on.
Thank You!

Maureen Kilkenny Rizzo 1964



STUPID FACTS

*In England, the Speaker of the House is
not allowed to speak. .*

All of our government should not be allowed to speak!



Thanks

Thanx for the BD card, Buf and the newsletter crew!
Best
Henry Lichtenstein 1959



Dear Hix Gang --

Thank you so very much for remembering my birthday and the beautiful card. Nothing more gratifying than the smiles and memories this card brings with it.

Thank you - and best regards to all

Sue Gilbert Finder 1960



Dear HixNews

Thank you for the beautiful birthday card.

Pat Kelly Bruno 1960

Thank you so very much for the lovely Birthday card. I enjoy the Hicksville news letter very much.

Sincerely

Martha (Gross) Parent

MORE THANKS!



I love you Bobby!! Thanks for remembering me.

Mary O'Shaughnessy Cleary 1961

Editor Note:

How could anyone ever forget you.

love yah bobby



HICKSVILLE
COMETS



Thanks so much for the lovely Anniversary card.

We appreciate you remembering us every year.

Elyse Marlin (1961) & Seymour Soffer

Hi Bob and the HixNews Gang.

Thank you for the adorable birthday wish.

All the best,

Jo (Cipullo) Walston 1962



Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci



Dear HixNews

Thank you bob and the gang. This is my big one, 70th; don't feel a day over 60. Ha!Ha! Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

God Bless

Diana Urena 1961



Thank you so much for my birthday card.

Judy Tremel Wyatt 1965



Thanks to you and the gang for remembering my birthday.

Tony Bellacera 1966

You guys are full of thanks!

Dear Editors,

Linda & I would like to thank you for the great anniversary card from the Hix News. It is obvious that a lot of thought and caring go into the selection of the cards. Thanks.

Also, attached is a picture taken on January 4, 2012. We had the honor of being invited to the deployment ceremony for the 310 Military Police Battalion who were leaving the next day for Afghanistan. There were over 250 family members and friends there. I remember leaving for Vietnam in January of 1970 and the only people there to see me off were Linda and our three-month-old daughter, Elizabeth. Boy, how things have changed. Semper Fi

Bill Walden 1965



Left to Right

Joe Ingino (1967) Past President of VVA Chapter 82

U.S. Congressman Steve Israel

U.S. Congressman Peter King

Sidney Lynn (1966) Past Suffolk County VFW Commander

Bill Walden (1965) Hicksville VFW Commander



It is our pleasure!

Dear HixNews

Thanks so much for the birthday card. It was greatly appreciated. I applaud everyone at the newsletter for a fantastic job putting the newsletter together each month. I so enjoy reading it each month.

Donna Schrimpe 1966



Bob & the Newsletter Gang

Can't thank you enough for the wonderful Birthday Card you send every year. While graduating 44 years ago, it's always a fond remembrance of times from the past. All of you who put our newsletter together do a terrific job that is appreciated by all. Thanks again for the Birthday Wishes.

Paul Backman '67



Thanks so much for the lovely Anniversary card. As always, we appreciate your thoughtfulness and the wonderful job that you do each month. The newsletter is a time for reflection on some of the best days and times of my life.

Lynn (McMorrow) 1968 and Marc O'Riordan



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

Dear Bob Casale and everyone at Hix News.

Thank you for remembering my birthday and for your e-card!

All your work in putting together this great newsletter each month is so much appreciated!

Sue Z (Ambrico) Smith (1968)



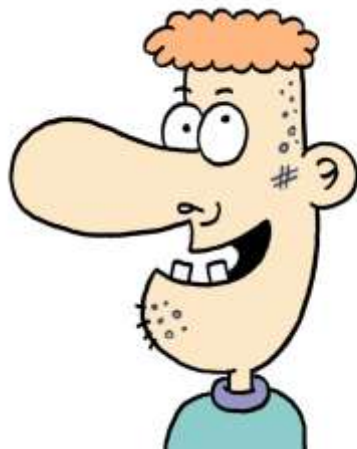
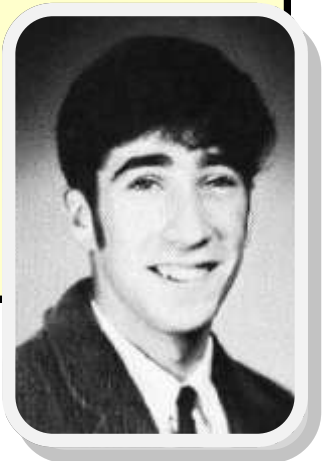
Thank you so much for your good wishes
Also to update my local I am now a native of Florida.
Moving to Boynton in April.

Thank you again

Jeff Feierstein 1969

*Welcome to Florida, Jeff! Let me know if
you need any help as I'm in Boca Raton!*

David Rubin '82



STUPID FACTS

QUESTION:

There are only four words in the English language which end in "DOUS"

Do you know the answer? Email us!

New Readers



Hi!

I accidentally came upon this site and I'd love to be added to the alumni list. I'm from the graduating class of 1978 – Marie Franzese - my married name is Watts. My best friend, from the same class is: Laura Maniscalco and her married name is Klein. If you need any further info, please contact me.

I'm still on Long Island but moving to Florida and I can't wait!!

Good luck with compiling the LONG list!!

Marie Franzese Watts 1978

Christine Wells Mandell (Holy Trinity) HS
1984

Adam Tisdale 1993

John O'Donnell (Island Trees) 1994

Christina Sardi 1995

Amanda Bremen 2005

Lorraine Cooper 1970

Hi Marie,

In order to get on the list, all you need to do is use the Google Subscription box in the upper/left corner of our homepage at: <http://hixnews.com>

Best, Henry

P.S. Please tell your friend Laura (Maniscalco) Klein to do the same, if she wants to join too.



H. Lichtenstein



Judy Cooper Schlachter 1963



Estelle Myers Lackmeyer 1963

WELCOME

New Readers



Arnie Gould 1964



John Byrne 1967



Dan-ly



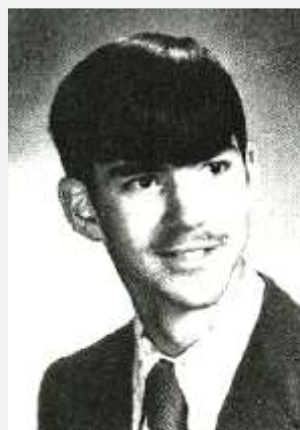
Noreen McCormack Payne 1967



Kathy



Rich Bowra 1968



Kevin W Baldwin 1974



Nancy Nemeth 1976



Maureen Yorke 1976

Looking for



I was so happy to see Sue Ambrico in your newsletter today. I was a friend of Sue's in high school. If you can please send her my email address so she can contact me.

Joan Immoor 1968

Dear Sue Z,

Your friend from HHS Class of 1968, Joan Immoor, read your profile in HixNews and asked me to forward her request that you contact her. Her request and contact information are enclosed, below (concealed).

Best, Henry

H. Lichtenstein

Dear Henry,

Thank you for forwarding me this email!

Sue Z



An outstanding tribute to Hicksville. The video gives the warm and fuzzies, as it gets colder in December. Anyone from 1970 to 1973, if you played basketball for coach Buddy Brian, please contact me @ <email hidden for privacy—please contact the HixNews Editors for Bob's email address>. Also, if anyone knows where I can find Nick Monfredo, please let me know.

It's hard to believe the class of 1973 will be 57 years old...yet it feels like just yesterday we had senior skip day and went to Jones Beach. Remember how good the clam chowder was and the ice cream "roll" in a cone.

Bob Goldmacher class of 1973

Looking for...

Dave Myerly made a request to get in touch with Mike Cava. They did get together.

I asked Dave some questions since he and Mike were shipmates. Wasn't sure if he was a Hicksville boy. Did Mike Cava get in touch with you. We put a note in the February newsletter and also sent him a separate email.

Where did you go to school?
And where do you live now?

I'm an old Hicksville guy who is now transplanted in Augusta, Georgia.

Let me know.

Thanks

Buffalo Bob Casale

Editor HixNews

Hi Bob,

Thanks for the follow up. Yes Mike Cava got back to me in late Dec. I am an old Hagerstown (Western) Maryland boy and have lived in Denville NJ since 1977. Came up here to continue a career with AT&T and retired in 1996 after 33 years.

Thanks for asking

Dave



Looking for...



I recently saw the letters from Hope Lamberts daughter looking for info about her mom. I have some memories about Hope and some information to pass onto to her. Best regards

David Goldstein dgoldstein@schneideroptics.com

p.s. please pass this e-mail address onto Lauren Gonzalez (Block) Thank You

Dear Lauren (Block) Gonzalez,

We are forwarding an email we received from David Goldstein (enclosed below) in connection with information about your mother, Hope Lambert.

David Goldstein's email address is: <removed for privacy>

 Best, Henry H. Lichtenstein

Dear Henry

Thank you so much Henry. This truly is a gift to me. I never knew my mom and hearing about her makes me smile!

Lauren

Happy to be of service, Lauren.

Best, Henry



Passages



Hi, Bob,

On Wednesday, February 1, Ann Ponteri (Thompson) McKee, my late brother Jerry's widow, passed. Her viewing was on Friday, February 3 and the funeral was on Saturday the 4th. Maloney's Funeral Home in Ronkonkoma handled the funeral arrangements. She was class of 1967 like Jerry.

Pat Thompson Dumas 1965

Astrology/Energy Healing
Tarot/Holistic Hydrotherapy



Ann Ponteri (Thompson) McKee



Charles (Chuck) Smith

I noticed that Charles (Chuck) Smith from the class of 1966 is not listed in those who have passed. I do not remember the exact year but he died over 10 years ago of a brain tumor. He was married and lived in Alabama and had two children.

Annie Kappel Byrne 1967



Annie Kappel Byrne 1967

Charles W. Smith Sr.

CHARLES W. SMITH SR., 60, of Hicksville, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Published in Fort Wayne Newspapers on October 21, 2004

Passages



Have some bad news...a HHS classmate has passed on. Barbara Michaels Jesselli (Class of 70) passed away on January 22, 2012 from a massive heart attack. She's joined her husband in heaven. With women not using their maiden names with their married sometimes it had taken me forever to find her. On facebook she did. We caught up right before the holidays. Her bday would have been in Feb. I think it was vday. I had sent an electronic card. Another classmate contacted me and let me know. It WAS posted on her profile, but I don't often go to people's profiles after I find them. I have so many friends it gets tedious.

Just wanted to keep you up to date. So you know if Barry Lebowitz (class of 70) did pass away shortly after graduation? I was told he did, but you know about rumors. Also looking for Alfonso Squillante, Victor Chernauskas and Joe Egan. You have Joe posted in your vets spot of Hix News. He was in the Marines.

Carol DiNatale 1970



Bob,

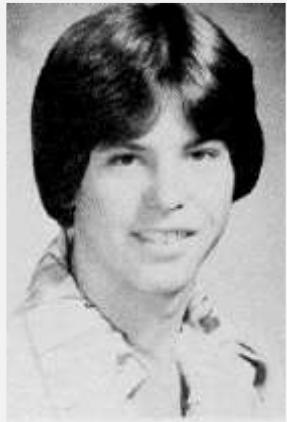
I was looking through the February issue of HixNews and noticed that In

Memoriam did not list Joan Sabatella (deceased 11/14/11). I hope we can get that updated for the March issue. Thanks, Bob.

Vinnie Luna 1961



Passages



KEVIN DRUMMOND



CHARLIE WAYTE



Hi again!

Love this site and I noticed the "IN MEMORIAM" section so out of curiosity, I looked at it. For the graduating class of 1978, unfortunately, please add KEVIN DRUMMOND, who passed away from ALS, and CHARLIE WAYTE (I forgot how he died). Another person who passed, was my former next-door neighbor, GARY OLSEN, but he didn't graduate in 1978 – I'd say probably around 1973ish? If you have access to old yearbooks, you can probably confirm the year but he did pass away as well. Hopefully, the next email will be on a happier note!

Again, if you need to contact me, please email at: (concealed).

Thanks again for putting this info together!!

Marie Franzese Watts 1978



Editor Note:

We couldn't find any information on Gary J. Olsen other than the following...

Name: Gary J. Olsen

Born: 13 August 1955

Died: 23 December 2000

<other information removed for privacy>

Passages



Hi Bob and Staff,

Sure enjoy reading the monthly newsletter. I have information that should be included:

The following members of the Class of 1955 are deceased:

Michel M. Contant

Richard G. Hogan

Donald G Huffstutler

James P. McGuirk

Bernice T. Marcus

Jay H. Poggiali

Jerome A. Siegler

Joan T. Sullo

Albert M. Rife

Joseph G. Kasten

These are the classmates that I personally know of and there may be others that I'm not aware of.

Thanks to you and your staff for all your hard work.

Cheers,

Bob McWilliams 1955



Dear Buffalo Bob

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

Editor Note:

Last month, Jeanne Dethlefsen sent a class picture of her classmates when they were at Old Country Road School in 1953-1954

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



We, unfortunately, didn't get much response to the plea of please put names to the faces.

I printed the picture you sent me, then went name by name according to your list. I went to the 1963 yearbook and could not find pictures for Lorraine Dethlefsen, Tommy D'Amoto, Jane Shackinback, David Sarota, Lynette Statz, Nancy Davey, Tommy Arundel, Marie Miller, Gail Mosely, Vernon Ritter, Larry Green, James Glass, Billy Hutchinson, Donald Mott and Matthew M.

If the majority of the people in your photo went through to graduation in 1963, why are there so many blank spots in the yearbook?

Is it possible that the names you gave are close but not accurate???

I am going to post the picture in the February issue with the names and pictures I can identify and let's see if we get some feedback.

Thanks

love yah bob

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Bob,

I don't believe most of those people you mentioned graduated with us. I know Lorraine, my cousin, and Nancy Davey went on to catholic high school. Lynette Statz was a great friend of mine back in elementary school but moved away after a family tragedy. Tommy Arundel married Delores Roman and I thought he graduated with us but he must have gone to catholic high school also. Big questions mark on Marie Miller. I remember her walking home from high school with Maureen Ables and I (at least to the 'B' section). It seemed as if either our feet were freezing off from the cold or we were dying of thirst from the heat. Poor Maureen had to walk lots further than either of us. Can't say whether Marie graduated with us, though. And I lost track of Vernon Ritter but I thought he was in high school with us. Tommy D'Amato lived around the corner but I can't remember what happened with him. Larry Green moved away - I believe the same for Billy Hutchinson. The only reason I remember all the names is that I actually wrote them all on the picture cover way back then. It will be fun to see if others know anything more about the missing....

Jeanne Dethlefsen

Regarding your question about alumni from the Class of 63, Lorraine Dethlefsen and Nancy Davey attended Queen of the Rosary Academy (QRA) in Amityville so would not be in the graduating class of 1963. I, too, was there for freshman and sophomore years of high school, then transferred to Hicksville High. I heard from a QRA alumni that Nancy passed away years ago. However, I have no info for Lorraine.

In the Old Country Road School photo, it appears to me that Nancy Davey is seated behind Susan Heller, and Lorraine Dethlefsen is in front of Gail Parker.

Carolyn Wood Imbrie 1963



This month, we have a double feature! I haven't seen a double feature in I can't remember how long... guess it was long before the movie theater at Mid-Island Plaza went multi-plex.

Anyway, on with the show!

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Dear Buffalo Bob

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Do you put flyers in the paper? I sell Mary Kay and was wondering?

Please advise. Thanks

Amanda Bremen

Amanda

Your name does not appear on our mailing list for the Hicksville Newsletter. Are you a graduate of Hicksville? What class?

You can become a reader by going to the home page of the newsletter <http://hixnews.com> and putting your email address into the Google box on the left. You will be contacted by one of the editors. You don't have to be an alumni...you can be registered as a friend of Hicksville High. We don't really allow flyers that advertise where our alumni are involved in business.

What Henry has done, if you go to the links page of the newsletter and scroll down to where it says Alumni Sites. Henry set that up. Once you become a member of the newsletter alumni, you can post your site there and anyone interested in contacting you can.

Also, if you are a graduate and want to do a bio sketch of your life, you can certainly mention the fact in your sketch that you are a Mary Kay Distributor. Do you have a pink car?

We have one alumnus who does have a pink car and she graduated back in the sixties. Give us a shout.

Regards

Buffalo Bob Casale

Editor

Ok, thank you. And yes, I graduated in 2005 from Hicksville. I just started Mary Kay in September, so no pink car yet but maybe someday. Thanks for the info.

Amanda

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Dear Buffalo Bob

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

Amanda

You're very welcome. If you join, you will be the youngest member of HixNews. The oldest member is 92.

Check out this picture. Below are two of my shipmates from my navy days (January 1963). I was the photographer.

We were leaving Bremerhaven, Germany heading to pick up a train in Bremen that would take us to Frankfurt, then we flew to Nicosia, Cyprus. We worked there for the American Embassy.



So ends another episode of "Dear Buffalo Bob"

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



**Just a few more days until
SPRING!**

Hicksville Memories

Last month's challenge

Give us your memories of :
The Village Green

For once I have some memories - The Village Green. Oh boy do I remember that place! We lived on Mill Road and back then all we did was walk places. I remember walking and riding my bicycle to the Village Green several times a week especially in the summertime. I even remember when there was a drug store there (can't remember the name) but I would pick up scripts for my dad and mom and remember that I could put them on the "charge" as we called it (no credit cards back then) but because everyone knew everyone back then, I guess it was okay to do that. I used to love to go to the candy store and read the movie magazines, buy candy for 5 cents and just browse around for an hour. Also, there was pizza place there as well that served great pizza - probably could buy a slice or two and get a coke with your allowance.

I'm sure others will have memories that will trigger something else for me but that's all I can remember for now.

Thanks for all that you do to keep Hicksville alive for those of us who had to move away. Stay well.

Betty Brunell Gardner

Class of 1972



My name is Tony Benante I graduated Hicksville High in 1966. Billy Joel hung around with my crowd at the Villiage Green on levittown Parkway. We were the tough guys. Billy's parents were just going through divorce at the time. One night we were sitting and standing around the bench just outside Levittown Pool. We were all trying to sing along with Billy but he was just so good we all stopped singing. Then a shooting star went by and Billy said I am going to be a muscian some day. He played at the high school and the song he played there was satisfaction, as in I can't get no satisfaction. He also was a good diver and used to dive off the high board at levittown pool. His sister Judith Joel is in my high school year book. I remember playing ping pong at the Joel house. I could go on and on but thats it for now.

Tony Benante 1966



Judith Joel

Hicksville Memories

Thanks to all who responded to our challenge! We can still do better! Not only can you give us your memories of our next place/event, please suggest a location/event and we'll make it our next challenge.

Your assignment this month, please send us your memories of **Mid-Island Plaza**!



A little comedy

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