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JHS Class of 1972 Thirderly On-Line Newsletter

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State of the (Re)union: A 35th Reunion in Jericho South in '07?

WILL THE JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL class of 1972 hold its 35-year reunion in Jericho South, a.k.a. Florida, in 2007? Ultimately you'll make that decision, in a class vote to be held on-line sometime next year.

Right now your reunion committee is investigating the possibility and will soon present to you all the information you'll need to make an informed decision. Here and on page 3 you'll find some preliminary info.

Why Florida? Many have asked that question ever since the United

States admitted it to the Union in 1845. But for one thing, we thought it only fair to hold at least one reunion down that way, where an increasing number of Jerichonians now live.

- Thirty-six members of the class of 1972 currently live in Florida.
- Another six live in neighboring Georgia.
- At least fifty non-Floridian class members say they have relatives or close friends living there, thus giving

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Could this be the official logo of the class of 1972's 35-year reunion in 2007 ????????



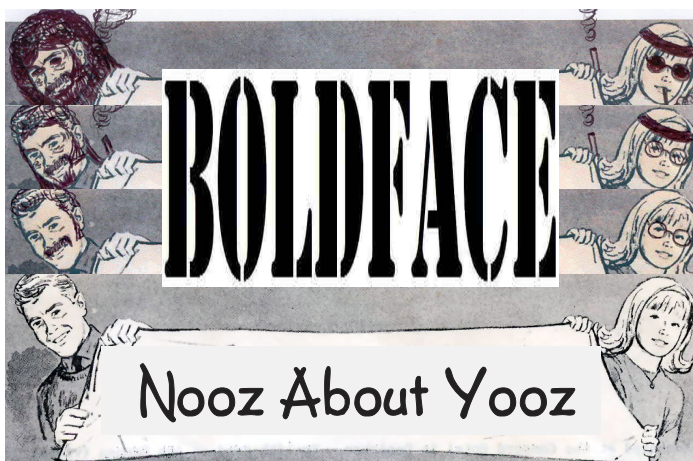
Reunites in Jericho South



Saturday, October 23, 2007

Only time will tell — and your vote, sometime next year — on where to hold it.

(The symbolism of the bagel palm tree and Macy's-shopping flamingo should be all-too obvious.)



Do the clean-cut young folks on the left look familiar? They should. Their images graced the Jericho School News newsletter that was mailed to your parents to let them know just what it was you were supposedly doing on weekdays between 8 AM and 3 PM.

Carol Schatzberg Meschkow Honored

Carol Schatzberg Meschkow of Plainview, L.I., was one of eight winners of the Town of Oyster Bay's annual "Women of Distinction" awards.

Carol was recognized for her extensive community involvement. She founded and is president of the Concerned Citizens of Plainview-Old Bethpage Community, Inc. Last year she served as president of the Middle School PTA — just one of several positions that she holds or has held over the years.

Carol traces her community activism back to high school, when she became interested in environmental issues. She and her husband, Lance, have one son, Ricky.



The 50th Birthday Watch

Birthday wishes go out to:

- Mark Paris, August 30
- Pam Shufer Eskind, September 8
- Gerry Gaffen Alterbaum, September 14
- Lee (Bloomrosen) Rose, September 14
- Ellen Weinstein, September 15
- Susan Sugarman Gold, October 1
- Dino Patelis, October 11
- Jane Altvater Duda, October 25
- Andy Romanoff, November 4
- Gail Spiegel Cohen, November 19
- Rachel Glickman, November 26
- Eileen Marder-Mirman, December 1
- Lori Nelson Shuster, May 14, 1955



Wedding Bells in Florida

Caren Kushner Gottesman's son, Jared, was recently married to Vivan Wong in Florida, and New Yorkers **Gerry Gaffen Alterbaum** and **Marna Ludwig Moseson** were on hand for the occasion.

Gerry writes: "Caren and I have remained close friends since high school. I guess you can say our friendship has not only stood the test of time, but also distance.

"We both graduated from Adelphi University, Caren with a degree in nursing, and me in educa-

Gerry Gaffen Alterbaum, Caren Kushner Gottesman, and Marna Ludwig Moseson at Caren's son's August wedding.

tion. During the beginning stages of our 'courtships,' her husband, Allan, lived in Toronto, and my husband, Alan, was in graduate school in Buffalo. We spent many weekends making road trips up north to visit. When weddings came around, we were both in each other's bridal parties.

"Ultimately Caren settled in Canada, while we made our home in Buf-

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Is "CSI: Jericho" Next? (No, Actually)

CBS has high hopes for TV producer **Bob Simon's** new show, "CSI: New York," which stars Emmy Award winner and Oscar nominee **Gary Sinese** as Big Apple crime solver Det. Mack "Mac" Taylor, a forensic investigator. Watch it Wednesday nights at 10 P.M.

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them a place to stay, if they wish, instead of having to incur the expense of a hotel.

- 169 class members still live on Long Island or in New York City.
- 22 live in New Jersey
- 9 live in Connecticut

In all, that's two hundred class members who live within driving distance of a reunion held once again on Long Island. However, of those, ninety-one did not attend either the thirty-year reunion in 2002 or last July's communal 50th birthday party. The point being that close proximity isn't always the deciding factor when it comes to attending or not attending.

In addition, the vast majority of your former teachers now live in Florida, mostly on the east coast. Holding a reunion party down there just might attract a decent number of teachers, which would be fun.

What Time of Year Is Best?

For our communal fiftieth birthday party, the class overwhelmingly voted to hold the affair in July. Summertime is when most high-school reunions are held; the classes of 1969 and 1974 held reunions the same month as ours.

In talking with their organizers, we all came to the conclusion that, contrary to popular belief, summer is actually the *worst* time for a large gathering. Too many people go on vacation then and can't necessarily take a second trip so soon before or after. Also, at least ten people couldn't attend our 50th because it was visiting weekend at their children's camps; others were making the rounds of colleges with their teenagers; and still others had family reunions. Etc.

Airfares

We were thinking of late October or early May (regardless of whether or not the 35th reunion is ultimately held in Florida). For one thing, the weather isn't unbearingly hot, and hurricane season generally runs out of steam by late September. But also, air fares to Florida are extremely cheap then.



*The Florida Chamber of
Commerce beckons:*

*Let our gently lapping 20-
foot ocean waves and
refreshing 160 m.p.h. winds
blow you away!*

For example, if in August or September you bought a roundtrip ticket from the New York area to West Palm Beach or Fort Lauderdale for this October, at least four major airlines featured fares of only \$115 roundtrip.

Early May is a bit more expensive, but far below the prices you find during peak tourist season, from about Thanksgiving time until April. Obviously we can't predict what airfares will be in 2007, but certain times of the year are certainly better than others.

Where in Florida?

Somewhere on the east coast of the state would seem logical, since that is where most of our Florida residents, family members, and teachers live. We were thinking of trying the Fort Lauderdale area, which is approximately midway between the Boca Raton-Boynton Beach-Delray Beach triangle and Miami and is at the eastern end of Alligator Alley, for those who would be driving across from the Gulf Coast.

Again, this is purely preliminary info; we'll have more for you when it's time to vote. And by no means have we exhausted the possibilities on Long Island; we just thought this might be an interesting change. Ultimately, you'll let us know by voting one way or the other next year. ■

Sad but True: You're Now Eligible to Join the [gulp!] AARP ...

SO IT'S COME TO THIS: Anyone age fifty and older is eligible to join the American Association of Retired Persons. A \$12.50 annual membership entitles you (and your better half) to a number of AARP benefits, including discounts on items and services such as drug prescriptions; health, car, and homeowners' insurance; computers and Internet providers; airfares, hotels, rental cars, and travel agencies; and more. You also receive the organization's *AARP Bulletin* newsletter and magazine.

For more information, visit the AARP Web site at <http://www.aarp.org>. And if it's too damn depressing to admit that you belong to the American Association of *Retired Persons*, you can always pretend that the acronym stands for the American Association of Reggae Proponents, or Radiant Philosophers, or Ravishing Plutocrats, or ... ■

The Saga of the 1971 Jericho Jayhawks

A Tale of Two Seasons: First Half, 4 - 0, Second Half, 0 - 4

**In the End, Promise Gave Way to Disappointment, but, Man,
What A Wild, Exciting Ride It Was!**

IN THE LATE 1960S AND EARLY 1970S, JERICHO HIGH School's football teams, though respectable, were never mentioned in the same breath as Levittown's Division High or Mephram High, then the Green Bay Packers and Dallas Cowboys of Nassau County high-school football.

That Jericho's teams were as competitive as they were was a tribute to its players and coaches, because a comparatively small school such as ours naturally had a smaller talent pool than other schools. Consider that Valley Stream High School had 120 players try out for its varsity and junior-varsity teams in 1971. At Jericho, the figure was probably closer to 80.

Also, to the district's credit, it stressed a healthier balance between athletics and academics than other schools — though compared to, say, Texas, where football is worshipped as religion, that probably was true of Long Island in general.

The 1970 squad had put up a 4–4 record. But that was in Division IV, referred to by *Newsday* as the “weak sister” of the North Shore. This year Jericho would be one of three newcomers in the tougher Division III, which included Levittown Division, Roslyn, Great Neck North and South, Glen Cove, and next-door neighbors Westbury. Furthermore, the team was headed by a

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The 1971 Jericho High School Jayhawks Varsity Football Team

Bottom row: Paul Martino (#21), Gary Bass (#71), Wayne Banks (#31), Charles Keinath (#32), Robert Erwin (#50), Guy Fils (#43), James Agosta (#61), Lester Scheinfeld (#40), Gary Strudler (#30), Jeff Soukup (#10), Steven Dershowitz (#63)

Middle row: Tom Navarra (#33), Allan Cohen (#72), John Doogan (#67), Frank Bovino (#65), Doug Karol (#20), Bruce MacDougall (#12), Fred Schneider (#51), Mitchell Meyer (#62), Larry Goldstein (#42), Jimmy Rudy (#11), Lloyd Silverstein (#41), Matt Albanese (#53)

Top row: Head coach Mr. Richard Drab, managers Steve Sakson and Gerald LaRusso, Tom Damosh (#77), Sal Guasto (#73), Neil Martin (#60), Michael Esposito (#80), Mike Genna (#52), George Ploskas (#76), Mark Albin (#70), Stephen Spiers (#74), assistant coaches Mr. Fred Grasso and Mr. Martin Rosato.

Not in photo: Kevin Dominy (#22), Ken McNally (#64), Donald Stahl (#81).

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new coach in Mr. Richard Drab, who'd succeeded Mr. Steve Golder.

Not unexpectedly, none of the local papers picked Jericho to challenge the perennial contenders. But that's exactly what happened, and for seven exhilarating weeks in the fall of 1971, the Jayhawks appeared poised to pull off an upset rivaling those of New York's Miracle Mets and Joe Namath's Jets two years before. Here is the story of the team's memorably dramatic season, based on newspaper accounts and players' recollections.



Newsday and the now-defunct *Long Island Press* may not have viewed Jericho as a threat to take Division III, but the team was brimming with confidence.

"We were so into being the best football team that Jericho had ever seen," remembers tackle George Ploskas, who, like most of the linesmen, played both offense and defense.

The offense revolved around six-foot-three Bruce

MacDougall, who'd been the starting varsity quarterback since his sophomore year. Most high-school football teams generate yardage mainly on the ground, throwing only on third-and-long, but the Jayhawks boasted an explosive passing game, with Bruce repeatedly finding split end Kevin Dominy, flanker Larry Goldstein, and tight ends Mike Esposito and junior Donald Stahl.

Jimmy Rudy Casts His Vote for the Team's Most Valuable Player

"If you asked me then or now who was the toughest kid on our team, it would be **Mitchell Meyer**, hands down. I think you would get that answer from 80 percent of the team. [For the record, Jeff Soukup and John Doogan concur.]



"I will never forget Mitch losing his helmet in the middle of a play against Westbury and finishing the down with his helmetless head buried in the stomach of the ball carrier, whom he'd chased down some fifty yards or so to stop him from scoring a touchdown. I think that play alone let the Westbury kids know that if they were going to beat us, they'd better be prepared to die trying. Overstatement, sure, but not as it applied to Mitchell." ■

Game #1

In the September 25 opener at Roslyn High School, nine of MacDougall's twelve missiles hit their targets, for 209 yards and four aerial TDs. Two first-quarter touchdowns by running backs Tom Navarra and junior Gary Strudler demonstrated that the Jayhawks possessed a dangerously balanced attack.

Jericho 46	13	13	13	7
Roslyn 0	0	0	0	0

Jericho scoring:

- Navarra, 7 yd. run
- Strudler, 5 yd. run (Karol, kick)
- Dominy, 38 yd. pass
- Dominy, 28 yd. pass (Karol, kick)
- Goldstein, 38 yd. pass
- Soukup, 60 yd. int. (Karol, kick)
- Esposito, 23 yd. pass (Karol, kick)

Meanwhile the defense chipped in with Jeff Soukup's third-quarter interception, which he picked off at the Jericho forty-yard line and ran all the way into the end zone. Surefooted place kicker Doug Karol added four points in the 46-0 shellacking. It was the first of many for poor Roslyn, which would go on to endure further humiliation that season, losing by such lop-sided scores as 56-0 (to Levittown Division), 52-0 (Westbury), 52-6 (Glen Cove), and 53-6 and 30-0

to Great Neck North and South, respectively. *Ouch.*

Game #2

As dominating as MacDougall and Co. were versus Roslyn, the *Long Island Press* remained unimpressed, picking Glen Cove by two TDs.

The final score, 26-12, didn't truly reflect how Jericho had to grind out this victory. In contrast to the Roslyn game, played on a sun-drenched Indian-summer afternoon, the air was misty and the Glen Cove H.S. field was muddy. At half time, Coach Drab's team led 13-12, the one-point difference coming on Karol's PAT through the uprights following a seventeen-yard completion from MacDougall to Dominy.

In the second half, though, the defense slammed the door shut on Glen Cove while the offense began to peel away. First Larry Goldstein took a MacDougall pass into the end zone from seventeen

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Jericho 26	6	7	6	7
G. Cove 12	6	6	0	0

Jericho scoring:

- MacDougall, 1 yd. run
- Dominy, 17 yd. pass (Karol, kick)
- Goldstein, 17 yd. pass
- Esposito, 15 yd. pass (Karol, kick)

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yards out, one of forty-eight receptions and 678 total yards for the graceful flanker that year. A quarter later, Mike Esposito hauled one in for a touchdown. Jericho won the game handily plus set a school record by having scored in eight consecutive quarters.

Now the local papers began to take notice. A twenty-three-year-old *Newsday* writer named Tony Kornheiser wrote a lengthy feature on the Cinderella team of Division III. In addition to rating Bruce one of the top passers in the county, Kornheiser observantly made it a point to praise "Drab's offensive line of mother hens" — center Mike Genna, tackles Mark Albin and George Ploskas, and guards Mitch Meyer and Steve Spiers — which had allowed its valuable QB to be sacked only once. Kornheiser, incidentally, went on to become

an acclaimed sports columnist for the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, as well as a radio and TV commentator.

Game #3

A bye the weekend of October 9 gave Jericho extra time to gear up for its first home game, against undefeated Westbury. *Newsday* awarded the Green Dragons a four-point edge but added cryptically, "It's upset time."

It wasn't as though Jericho hadn't supported its sports teams in the past, but the buzz from the packed bleachers on this day was unlike anything the school had witnessed in recent memory.

At first it looked like the Jayhawks might steamroll to another easy victory. A pair of touchdowns extended their scoring streak to ten quarters in a row.

Meanwhile Westbury was unable to put a single point on the board. The Jayhawks' defensive line froze the Green Dragons' running game and bedeviled quarterback Billy Allegra. Mark Albin alone deflected three passes and picked off another.

Because Jericho's potent offense attracted so much attention, the other dimension of its game — the steel-trap defense — tended to get overlooked. In retrospect, it's hard to imagine how. Through the first two and a half games of the '71 season, the undersung defenders held opponents to just two TDs.

At half time, as the teams hiked back to the gym locker rooms and the marching bands prepared to take the field, the scoreboard read Jericho 14, Westbury 0.

But the Green Dragons, a perennial powerhouse, came roaring back with sixteen points in the third quarter. Another touchdown early in the fourth put them in front 22-21. As abruptly as the lead switched hands, so did the noise from the stands. The once-euphoric Jericho contingent sank back in their seats anxiously, while the outnumbered Westbury fans grew progressively louder.

Not for long, though. "We realized that we'd better get together and start playing football again," recalls George Ploskas. In the third quarter, MacDou-

Westbury 22	0	0	16	6
Jericho 35	7	7	7	14

Jericho scoring:

- ♦ MacDougall, 1 yd. run (Karol, kick)
- ♦ Goldstein, 16 yd. pass (Karol, kick)
- ♦ Stahl, 60 yd. pass (Karol, kick)
- ♦ Stahl, 65 yd. pass (conversion: Goldstein, pass)
- ♦ Stahl, 21 yd. pass (conversion: Goldstein, pass)

gall had connected with Donald Stahl on a sixty-yard touchdown. Now, with the ball on the Jericho thirty-five yard line, he stood undaunted as chaos raged around him and spotted his tight end's home-white uniform amidst a sea of dark jerseys deep in Green Dragons territory. The pass found its target, and the six-foot-one Stahl loped across the goal line, accompanied by a crescendo of cheers.

On Jericho's next possession MacDougall hit No. 81 again, this time from twenty-one yards out. Larry Goldstein then grabbed a short toss for the extra point. Between Goldstein and Doug Karol, the Jayhawks converted successfully after all five TDs — a rarity in high-school football. The score now stood 35-22, Jericho.

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MacDougall Practices To Sing Winning Tune

By Tony Kornheiser

Jericho—Almost everyone knows the story of the two singers who meet on a street corner of New York. One a concert tenor and the other a distressingly shabby squealer in a rock and roll band . . .

"How," the youth asks, "do you get to Carnegie Hall?"

The old master looks down his nose at the boy for a moment, then sings out with gusto, "Practice."

So maybe all the boy wanted was some spare change or the way to the BMT. But the message is clear. If you want to make the big time, it's got to take some



Bruce MacDougall

said with the tact of a player who knows which side his bread is buttered on. "I only play offense so there's not much I can say. And when they said they were sorry, I just said, 'okay, but let's not let it happen again.'"

Jericho's linemen hardly need the advice. "Their job," said Drab, "is to develop a pocket for Bruce and he's supposed to stay in it." That's because the Jericho offense is mostly pass, and mostly pass is what MacDougall does better than most other quarterbacks in the county. Mostly drop-back passes, not sprint outs, because MacDougall is "not the fastest guy in the world."

But as long as the pass finds the receiver MacDougall doesn't have to beat Bob Hayes in the 100.

Not that he doesn't run at all. He'll rush if the opportunity is there. And he can scramble when he should. Like if he has to. In fact, MacDougall's biggest fault is a tendency to drift out of the pocket that his linemen try to

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MacDougall Aerials Erase Dragons
Suddenly, Jericho's 'Big'

Newsday Photo by Cliff De...
Westbury's No. 12, Billy Allegra, is tackled by Jericho's Steve Spiers, as Allegra's Westbury teammate, Doug Blackwell, can do nothing but watch. Westbury watched a bit too often all game long, losing to unbeaten Jericho, 35-22.

← **Newsday got it wrong. That's actually Jim Rudy rearranging QB Billy Allegra's internal organs, not Steve Spiers — although Steve lurks right behind Allegra, poised to finish him off. "Don Stahl gave me a laminated copy of the photo the day after it ran," says Jim. "To this day it sits in a frame on the 'Wall of Fame' — which resides, perhaps most appropriately, in my home's master bathroom. I have seen it every day for thirty-three years!"**

Top Ten
Newsday's Top Ten
High School Football Rankings

1. Berner (4-0)
2. Massapequa (4-0)
3. Port Washington (5-0)
4. Farmingdale (4-0)
5. Jericho (4-0)
6. New Hyde Park (4-0)
7. Locust Valley (5-0)
8. Plainview (4-0)
9. West Hempstead (4-0)
10. Calhoun (4-0)

1. Seton Hall (5-0)
Central Islip
NORTH SHORE III
JERICHO DIVISION
WESTBURY
GNN SOUTH
GLEN COVE
GNN NORTH
ROSLYN
Greenport (4-1)

Check it out! On October 25, 1971, Jericho was the fifth-ranked

football team in Nassau County and tops in its division.

"If you look at the Division III standings today, however, the name of Jericho can't be missed. It stands on top with a 3-0 after the Jayhawks bombarded previously undefeated Westbury 35-22."

Game #4

Newsday finally picked JHS to win one, against 1-and-2 Great Neck North. The game, also played at home, got off to a rocky start.

"They came on strong the first couple of plays," recalls George Ploskas, "blitzing linebackers." One of those linebackers tackled MacDougall in the end zone for a safety and an early 2-0 GNN lead. But the contest quickly turned into a 30-8 Jericho rout, with Bruce tossing three TD passes and running one in himself.

At the season's midway mark, the Jayhawks' QB
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"We went crazy!" says Ploskas. The Westbury players, realizing the game was irreparably lost, fumed silently. Their frustration erupted on the final play.

With six seconds to go, junior guard Jimmy Agosta knocked the ball from quarterback Billy Allegra's grasp. Tom Navarra scooped it up and raced toward the end zone. The clock ran out before he crossed the goal line, but the action didn't end there. When a few Westbury players started throwing punches, both benches emptied.

"Upsetting the Green Dragons is my favorite memory," says Jeff Soukup. "We knew a lot of their guys from living so close. Not only did we beat 'em good, we thumped them in the melee at the end of the game."

Order was restored quickly enough that Newsday's account of the game contained no mention of any brawl. Headlined "Suddenly, Jericho's 'Big,'" the story began: "When you talk about 'big' teams in North Shore high-school football circles, the name of Jericho is not often mentioned. And when you compete in a division with teams such as Levittown Division and Westbury, any piece of glory you can get is appreciated.

GNN	2	0	6	0
8				
Jericho	12	6	6	6
30				

Jericho scoring:

- ♦ Silverstein, 9 yd. run
- ♦ Stahl, 7 yd. pass
- ♦ Dominy, 7 yd. pass
- ♦ MacDougall, 3 yd. run
- ♦ Goldstein, 15 yd. pass

Larry Goldstein: The Stolen No. 42 Jersey Jinx



"We were in first place in our division, and with Great Neck South coming up next on our schedule, we were looking to tie or clinch the division with a victory, since we had beaten Westbury, and Westbury had beaten Levittown Division. The team was very cocky at that time.

"Teams had found out about the passing duet of MacDougall to Goldstein. The morning before the Great Neck South game someone stole my blue No. 42 jersey, making my new number 80. I think it was done on purpose to divert the other teams' defense from double-teaming me.

"I ended up getting hit by the lineman, then pushed by the linebacker, then covered by the defensive halfback every play of the game. It devastated our scoring threat. We ended up losing 14-6, we were upset, and the whole idea of my missing jersey became one big jinx."

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QB Bruce MacDougall (No. 12), enjoying airtight protection from George Ploskas (No. 76) and the rest of the offensive linemen, lets one fly.

boasted numbers worthy of Roger Staubach: 53 for 79 — a 67 percent passing percentage — 1,016 yards and 14 touchdowns. The Monday, October 25, 1971, *Newsday* (the paper hadn't launched a Sunday edition yet) carried this praise:

"Jericho remains undefeated mainly because of their extraordinary passing attack centered around gifted quarterback Bruce MacDougall." With mediocre (2-2) Great Neck South up next, confidence was riding high.

Game #5

Maybe too high, suggests George Ploskas, who grew increasingly uneasy in the days leading up to game five. In his scrapbook, which evolved into a sort of diary of the '71 season, he wrote that team practices didn't seem to crackle with their usual intensity. Maybe the players were distracted by the prospect of the following week's battle

against second-place Division High.

Whatever the reason, Ploskas worried that if the team didn't regain its focus, Jericho just might be in for an ambush.

On its first possession, though, the visiting Jayhawks picked up right where they left off, marching downfield to the GNS ten-yard line. The next three plays produced seven yards, setting up a fourth and goal from the three-yard line.

Ominously, the pass play sent in from the sidelines failed, and for the first time all season, a quarter ended without Jericho putting points on the board. The second quarter too. What was going on?

Jericho	0	0	0	6
GNS	0	0	7	7

Jericho scoring:
♦ MacDougall, 1 yd. run

A week earlier, Coach Drab had observed to *Newsday*: "The only way to stop Bruce is with a good rush from the defensive line." And that was precisely what Great Neck South did, putting relentless pressure on him so that he didn't have time to set up and exercise that riflelike right arm.

Fortunately, the defense did a typically masterful job of stymieing the opposition, so that following half time the teams returned to the field tied at 0-0.

GNS didn't have much of an aerial assault, but its workmanlike running game would scrape for three yards here, five yards there. With the ball on the Jericho twenty-one, one of its backs suddenly broke free and vaulted down the sideline and into the end zone. The successful point-after put Jericho behind 7-0. It was the first time all season the Jayhawks had trailed by more than two points.

In the fourth quarter the team finally scored when MacDougall lunged across the goal line from the one. A kick through the uprights by reliable Doug Karol would even the score. In a gutsy, if controversial, move, it was decided to try catching Great Neck South offguard and go for the two-point pass instead.

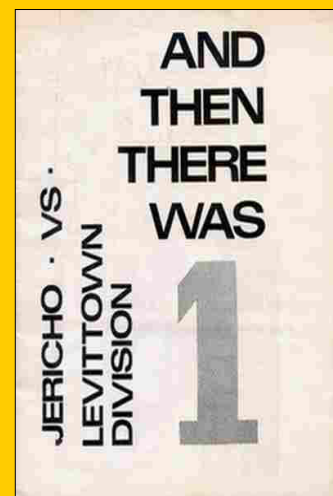
Perhaps the braintrust of coaches Drab, Mr. Marty Rosato, and Mr. Fred Grasso figured that this represented the team's best

opportunity to grab the lead. After all, Great Neck had stopped the offense cold, picking off three passes and ganging up on poor Bruce more than ten times. And time was running out. With a defense as stingy as Jericho's, eight points just might be enough to eke out an 8-7 victory.

The gamble fizzled. Minutes later a GNS ball carrier named Biel fended off a tackle at midfield. The Jayhawks could only watch helplessly as he galloped fifty-one yards for a touchdown, shattering dreams of a perfect 8-0 season. Jericho, Westbury, and Levittown Division, with identical 4-1 records, were now deadlocked in a three-way tie for first.

Game #6

Still, the Jayhawks held two important advantages. Levittown's Blue Dragons
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The program to Jericho's November 6 big home showdown with Levittown.

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had been upset the third week of the season by the Green Dragons, who in turn had lost to Jericho the following Saturday. Even if Westbury won its game, a JHS victory would clinch the Division III title. Also in the team's favor: The November 6 game was to take place on its home field.

Division 24	6	6	0	12
Jericho 6	0	6	0	0

Jericho scoring:

- ♦ Dominy, 12 yd. pass

Newsday, which regarded the 14–6 loss to GNS as an aberration (“a stunner!” the paper gaped), predicted a hard-fought contest, but with Jericho emerging on top.

Through the first half, MacDougall and Co. kept pace with Division, a team that had posted a combined 15-1 record the previous two seasons. They came out for the third quarter trailing just 12–6, well within striking distance.

CHEERLEADERS



Beth Flanders, captain
Isabel Bass
Kelly Celenza
Debbie Levine
Karen Litman
Laurie Ross

Optimism about a second-half comeback was tempered, however, by the fact that the offensive woes of the week before were still evident. Levittown's defense stormed the front line relentlessly, dropping Bruce three times and forcing four interceptions.

On the very first play of the game, Levittown had connected on a fifty-yard touchdown pass. Before the stunned Jayhawks had even gotten their bearings, they found themselves down by six. The second half opened in similar fashion, with the Blue Dragons driving down to the Jericho three.

The Jayhawks defense displayed its mettle by beating back Levittown to the thirty, then regaining possession. But the Blue Dragons simply proved too overwhelming. When the second of two touchdowns put the game out of reach late in the fourth quarter, 24–6, the bleachers began emptying out even though there were four minutes left to play.

With that, the Jayhawks' hopes for a playoff berth disintegrated. As for Levittown, now 5–1, its players' celebration was quickly dampened by word that Westbury had won its game, thereby seizing the Division III title and moving on to the championships.

Games #7 and #8

The two final games, against Division IV's Carle Place and North Shore, were played with dwindling enthusiasm before sparse crowds.

Prior to game seven, Kevin Dominy broke his collarbone in a car accident. Now stripped of Bruce MacDougall's favorite receiver, the anemic offense sputtered to a complete halt. Against the Carle Place Frogs, the Jayhawks penetrated the twenty-yard line only once, losing 10–0. And in the November 20 finale, the team narrowly averted a second consecutive shut-out when Bruce plunged into the end zone from one yard out with just minutes remaining. The 18–6 loss was staged at North Shore High, but by then the Jayhawks' fortunes were so far removed from the student body's collective consciousness that the game might as well have taken place in Siberia.

Post-Mortem Time

From 4–0 to 4–4. What happened? As with most events in life, people's perceptions vary somewhat. But the prevailing sentiment, then and now, seems to be that in the process of building the confidence needed to become a true champion, the Jayhawks lost some of the discipline that brought

1971 SCORING LEADERS



Touchdowns rushing

Bruce MacDougall, 5; Lloyd Silverstein, 2; Tom Navarra, 1; Gary Strudler, 1; Jeff Soukup, 1 (returned interception)

Touchdowns receiving

Kevin Dominy, 5; Larry Goldstein, 4; Don Stahl, 4; Mike Esposito, 2

Extra points

Doug Karol, 9 kicks
Larry Goldstein, 2 passes

them to that point in the first place.

“By the middle of the season, everybody was talking about getting measured for division-champion jackets,” says George Ploskas. “Even the coaches.”

Then there were the Friday night team drinkathons at the Executive Diner, which over the years have assumed legendary proportions. According to Jimmy Rudy, “Most of the team was just so full of itself that it continued to abuse itself every Friday night (and during the week as well) for the rest of the season. And it showed on the field, badly.”

If the coaching staff knew what was going on, they didn't try putting a

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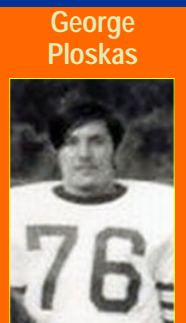


stop to it. In fact, one time Jim and Jeff Soukup were given a dressing down for not joining the others. Something about team unity.

To be fair, maybe in 1971 it was still unthinkable that a bunch of high-school juniors and seniors might be experimenting with reconstructing their brain chemistry, although by no means were athletes the only Jericho High students getting loaded on occasion. After all, testing boundaries is part and parcel of growing up. And by our junior year, the burgeoning drug culture was in full bloom, whether you lived in the inner city, the sticks, or the 'boibs.

What's more, as the new breed of sports memoir like Jim Bouton's *Ball Four* laid bare, post-game boozing was deeply ingrained in the culture of professional sports. Mark Albin observes, "We were merely following in the footsteps of the Mick, Whitey [Ford], and Billy [Martin], and it didn't seem to affect *their* productivity."

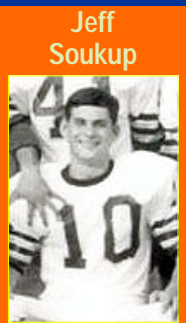
It might have been wiser, though, for the Jayhawks to have restricted



George Ploskas



Mark Albin



Jeff Soukup

ed their celebrations to Saturday nights, after games, instead of Fridays.

Jim Rudy recalls laughingly: "One time, before practice, Bruce MacDougall, Tom Navarra, myself, and a few others went to the Parkway Tavern for some refreshments, and we arrived at practice a bit too refreshed!

"On the first practice play from scrimmage, Bruce lines up behind Mitch Meyer — the *right guard* — while

Mike Genna is waiting over the ball at center for Bruce to put his hands in position for a snap. Half the team just busts out laughing. The coaches were so angry that they cancelled the rest of practice and sent the whole team home."

Mark Albin guesses that about seventy-five percent of the team congregated at the Executive Diner on Friday nights.

But, he insists, the communal drinking wasn't the predominant factor in

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Jerichonians Involved in Professional Sports

Randye Ringler



Randye Ringler is one of several class members who went on to careers involving pro sports. You might remember that Randye was one of the *Jayettes*. (With those short skirts, it's certainly something that we won't forget any time soon.) She has had an eclectic and colorful career, most notably with the New York Mets and currently as assistant general manager of the Albany Conquest arena-football team. The following story about Randye from *The Business Review of Albany* was so good that we couldn't improve upon it, so we're reprinting it in its entirety.

Randye Ringler loves sports. It's a good thing, too, because she has spent nearly thirty years selling, managing, and promoting teams. Now an old friend has lured her up from New York City to help raise the profile of the Albany Conquest arena football team as its assistant general manager.

"They're looking to upgrade the level of entertainment and the experience for the fans," Ringler said. "It's not as simple as a game. It's a whole experience."

Her old friend is Robert Zeig, the Conquest's general manager and her new boss. "Her knowledge of and commitment to the sports industry, in addition to her dedication to sales, will become a valuable asset to the Conquest and arena football as a whole," Zeig said in a release.

The Conquest is an arenafootball2 team that plays at the Pepsi Arena from April through August. In her new job, Ringler will work to make Conquest games more fun, not just in terms of play, but in the quality of pre-game, half-time, and post-game activities. That could mean, for example, higher-quality half-time acts.

Ringler is already developing an aggressive marketing plan for the team. "I have to say, with all the sports I've been involved in, there's none as perfect as arena football," she said. "For a price-point similar to baseball, you don't have to worry about rain-outs, you can plan an event and have the event because it's

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Randye Ringler

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indoors. For groups looking to do something, it's an affordable experience."

The team has choreographed dancers who double as cheerleaders — although, Ringler says, the Conquest already has a high-energy product and high-energy fans, so little traditional cheerleading is needed. Unlike the NFL, arena football encourages fans to come down to the field after the game to meet the dancers and the players, a practice that often feeds fan enthusiasm.

One strategy Ringler plans to pursue to develop the team's fan base is encouraging more corporate attendance. "It surprises me how few companies have season tickets here," she says.

Conquest games, she says, are "a very positive experience" for business people.

"No company can have a bad time when you come with a group of people you know. It's something I think they would get a lot of value out of, just for company morale," says Ringler, who wears a 1986 Mets World Series Championship ring. She spent fifteen years with the Mets, starting her sports career as a group sales manager and ending her time there as director of marketing.

Ringler grew up on Long Island, earned a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations at Cornell University, and was an intern for former U.S. Rep. Bella Abzug (D-Manhattan) in the early 1970s. While there was much she enjoyed about her Washington, D.C., experience, Ringler decided politics wasn't for her, and headed to Shea Stadium. During her time with the Mets, Ringler served in a number

of sales, marketing and operations roles, positions, including post-season duties with the 1986 champions. She rose to the marketing position just before the players' strike of '94.

Ringler went on to other sports-related jobs. For two years, she was director of sponsorship and television sales for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. She was a sales representative for WFAN-AM, the big New York City sports radio station, and served as a sports management and event marketing consultant

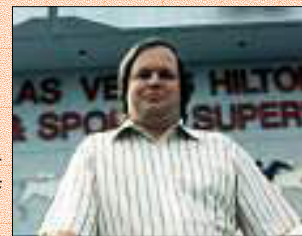
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turned-felon Darryl Strawberry have in common? A.: Fortunately for her, just one thing: a 1986 New York Mets World Championship ring.

Other Class Members Involved in Pro Sports

• **Andy Iskoe**, a graduate of Penn's Wharton Business School, is considered one of the preemi-



nent sports handicappers in the country. He entered the field in 1982 with the formation of his company Logical Approach, which provides statistical analysis on football, baseball, and basketball. Check out LA's Web site at <http://www.thelogicalapproach.com>.

In addition, Andy's sports-handicapping radio talk show, "The Stardust Line," can be heard on Saturday nights live from Vegas's Stardust Hotel on KDWN-AM; it's also broadcast on the Internet at <http://www.kdwn.com>, from 10 PM until midnight, Pacific Time. Andy has lived in Vegas since 1991.

• **Harvey Fialkov**, of Plantation, Florida, is a sportswriter for the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* newspaper. Last fall he had the unique experience of covering the 2003 World Series between his beloved New York Yankees and new local favorites the Florida Marlins.

Harvey's work has also appeared in *Baseball Digest*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, the *New York Times*, and *Newsday*. After working the Miami Heat beat the past three years, he now covers the Marlins, the football Miami Dolphins, and professional tennis.

• **Howard Silber**, an attorney and sports agent in California, is president of Pacific Sports and Entertainment in Los Angeles. His firm's clientele has included National Foot-



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By Dan Clurman

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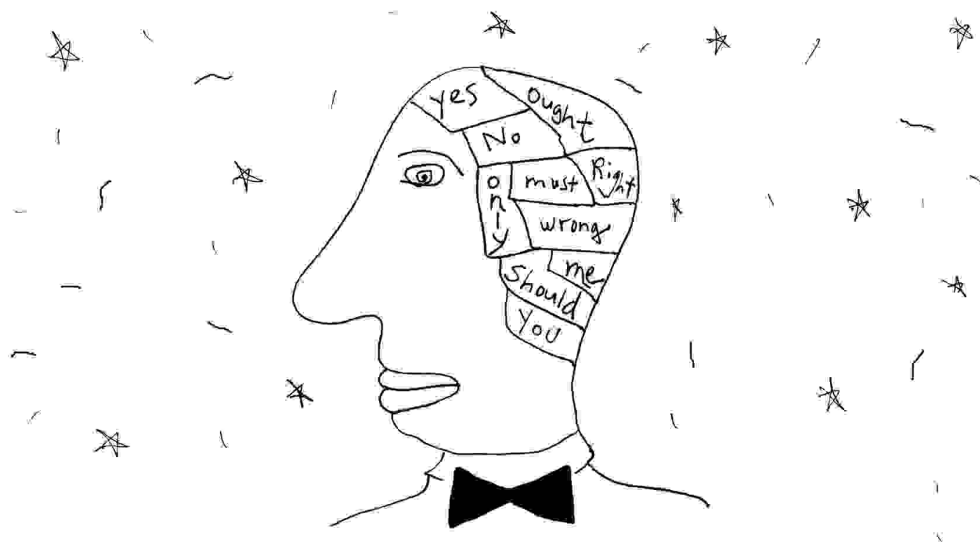
Dan: "I have been a coach and educator for the last twenty years, delivering training and classes in non-profits, universities, and corporations."



"I assist professionals, business people, couples, and students to more skillfully navigate life transitions, as well as improve their communication and presentations. I also have a small practice as a Feldenkrais® practitioner, a movement-based form of education."

"I've cowritten a few books, *Money Disagreements: How to Talk About Them* and *Conversations With Critical Thinkers*, as well as a book of poems and drawings, *Floating Upstream*. The book these toons are part of will be published in a few months."

To purchase *Floating Upstream*, send \$15 (plus \$2 postage) to Dan Clurman, 396 61st Street, Oakland, CA 94618. For *Money Disagreements*, send \$10 to the same address.



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Brad (Ryon) Quiri

Patty Ryon Spiers's twenty-one-year-old son, Brad, recently won the eighty-seventh Florida State Amateur Golf Championship by shooting a seven-under-par 281 over four rounds. Brad, a senior at the University of South Florida, is ranked number-one on the school's golf team.



The FSA competition, first held in 1914, is the oldest and longest continuous sporting event in Florida, and past champions have gone on to the pros. Patty and husband Steve Spiers were in the gallery on the final day to root Brad on. Congrats!

Simon (Fleischer) Strauss

Simon Strauss, son of Cherrie Fleischer Strauss, recently entered Bronx High School of Science. Simon, a hockey goalie, spent two weeks of his summer at goalie camp in Canada. Where else would you expect to find a camp for goalies? Cherrie, her husband, and her son live in Manhattan.

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Dug Up From the Archives



From the February 22, 1972, issue of the Jer-Echo:

Two issues ago, we reprinted the *Jer-Echo's* account of a January 1971 S.A.M.'s Jam concert that was more reminiscent of Altamont than Woodstock. The audience was rowdy, drug use was allegedly rampant, and rumors abounded that at least one student overdosed and had to be rushed to the emergency room. According to the high-school administration, there would be no more annual S.A.M.'s Jams.

A year later the ban was lifted, albeit reluctantly, and with some major changes. Most notably: no deviant rock & roll. This year's show was a folk festival. And the jam was held in the cafeteria instead of the Little Theater or the auditorium.

On the following page, Michael Leshin reviews the folk festival, which went without a hitch. Joyce Barry and Debbie Schindler selected the talent. Among the entertainers: Andy Romanoff, George Ploskas, Ken Kraus, Dan Clurman, Mark Paris, Mark Whitehill, and Mitch Douglas, plus Karen McBride from the class of '73, and the class of '74's Lynne Rosenbaum. The undisputed star of the show, though, was Barry Asrelsky's pants.



From the same issue of the *Jer-Echo*, we have Mitch Douglas and Jerzy Dubinsky's existential cartoon series "The Choice." Jerzy Dubinsky, of course, was an alias used by Jerry Kay.

Between the minimalist cartooning style and the fez worn by one of the characters, in retrospect "The Choice" could have been the inspiration for Matt ("The Simpsons") Groening's 1980s series "Jeff and Akbar." The similarities are almost eerie. Say, you don't suppose ... How would Matt Groening have seen Mitch and Jerry's work? ... Naw, it couldn't be ... But ...

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S.A.M. PRESENTS FOLK FESTIVAL

For the past three years, S.A.M., the Student Action Movement, has organized a night of music for the entertainment of the student body. It evolved into a traditional event, which was held on Friday nights, in the Little Theatre and which was utilized as a fund raiser for S.A.M.'s various projects. Soon, however, this S.A.M.'s Jam also evolved into a drug fest, with at least one student having O.D.'ed at last year's concert and many more stoned on various other drugs. Due to this problem, the Administration was a bit apprehensive in giving S.A.M. permission to hold a Jam this year. But due to certain innovations on the part of S.A.M., the Administration gave them permission to hold a S.A.M.'s Evening of

Folk on a Wednesday night with no ticket sales at the door.

Held in the cafeteria, S.A.M.'s Evening of Folk took on a nightclub-cafe type atmosphere. The lights were dimmed and the audience was seated at tables, with S.A.M. members acting as waiters and waitresses.

The entertainment was excellent. Those who performed were selected from a much larger group of students who auditioned for Joyce Barry and Debbie Schindler and music teacher, Mr. Henry Sweitzer.

Two really outstanding performances were given by Lynne Rosenbaum on guitar, singing her own compositions, and George Ploska and Andy Romanoff on banjo and guitar, respectively.

Other superior performances were given by Danny Clurman on guitar, Mitchell Douglas on guitar and cello and Mark Whitehill on guitar and mandolin, the trio of Karen McBride, Karen Bunin and Lynne Rosenbaum, and Andy Romanoff and Kenny Kraus, both on guitar.

Comic relief was provided by Philip Bashe, Barry Asrelsky and Mark Paris with their hysterical take off on the rock groups of the early sixties. Their first number was entitled "Teenager in Love;" it was the very poignant story of a teenage girl who attended her last prom with a clunker who got into a car accident by not keeping his hands off ten and two on the wheel. Their second number was cut short by the untimely splittance of Barry Asrelsky's pants.

S.A.M.'s Evening of Folk was a very exciting and enjoyable way of spending a Wednesday evening or any evening for that matter. It is only hoped that it too will evolve into a traditional Jericho event.

Michael Leshin



Many, many thanks to Dale Krakow Rothfeld and Barry Kornblum for loaning us a whole bunch of pristine copies of the Jer-Echo.

The Future — Hey, It Could Still Happen!

The 1964-65 New York World's Fair

ON APRIL 22, 1964, THE 1964-65 New York World's Fair opened on the same 646-acre site in Flushing Meadow, Queens, that had held the 1939 World's Fair. Just across the Grand Central Parkway sat the New York Mets' newly opened pop-art playpen, Shea Stadium.

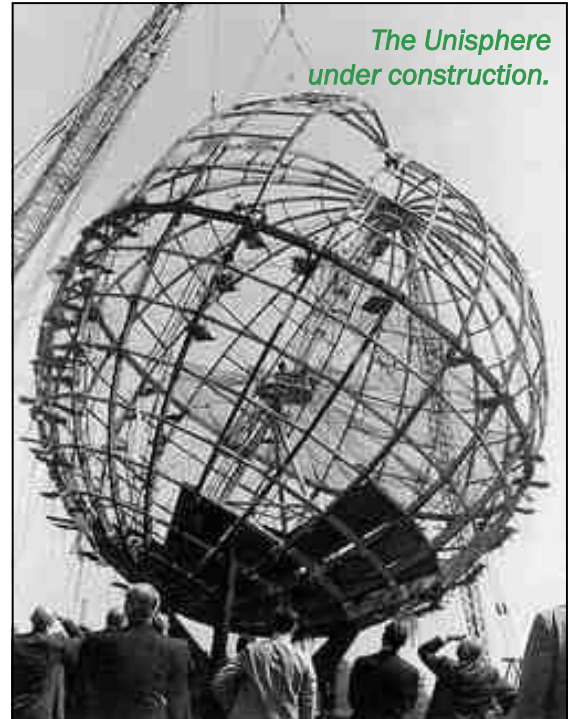
With the United States still in the icy grip of the Cold War, the fair emphasized salvation through Western technology, as evidenced by its dual themes "A Millennium of Progress" and "Man's Achievements in an Expanding Universe."

For example, those newfangled machines called computers were on display at several pavilions. At National Cash Register, you could select any date and receive a computerized printout of famous events. The Better Living Center's computers spit out lists of colors for use in home decorating, while at Parker Pen you could list your hobbies on a questionnaire and be matched with a pen-pal overseas.

The Soviet Union still dominated the space race — although not for long, it would turn out — and so another popular attraction was Space Park, which featured the rockets then used for the recently completed Mercury missions and the upcoming two-man flights of the Gemini program. The exhibit is still there, by the way; after a three-year absence for refurbishing, the rockets stand next to the Hall of Science Museum.

The '64-'65 World's Fair consisted of 140 buildings in all, including 36 international pavilions and 21 state pavilions that in retrospect were little more than glorified gift shops. Most of Europe boycotted the fair, and not only the Iron Curtain nations. The reason? Robert Moses's fair was never approved by the Bureau of International Expositions. Rules forbade countries from holding more than more than one fair per decade, and Seattle had played host just two years before.

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The Unisphere under construction.



The Bell Telephone pavilion introduced the picture phone, which displayed a still image of the person talking to you from another phone booth.

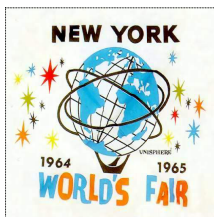
"Someday, Son, you'll be able to look at a picture of Grandma while you're talking to her!"

"Jeepers, that's swell, Mom, but what I wanna know is, how long will it be before I can download pornography in the privacy of my very own bedroom while you and dad are asleep?"



The Chrysler pavilion featured a fifty-five-foot-high engine.

Forty Years Ago: The 1964-65 New York World's Fair



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In hindsight, the exhibitors' views of the future bordered on comical. The Norge Kitchen in the Festival of Gas Pavilion (yee-hah!) featured a dishwasher that rinsed and dried your plastic dinnerware, then melted it down and remolded it into a brand new set.

Based on the predictions of General Motors' Futurama exhibit, by now we should be inhabiting lunar colonies as well as deep-sea cities 10,000 feet beneath the surface of the ocean. According to GM, here on earth five-

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'64-'65 World's Fair Highlights

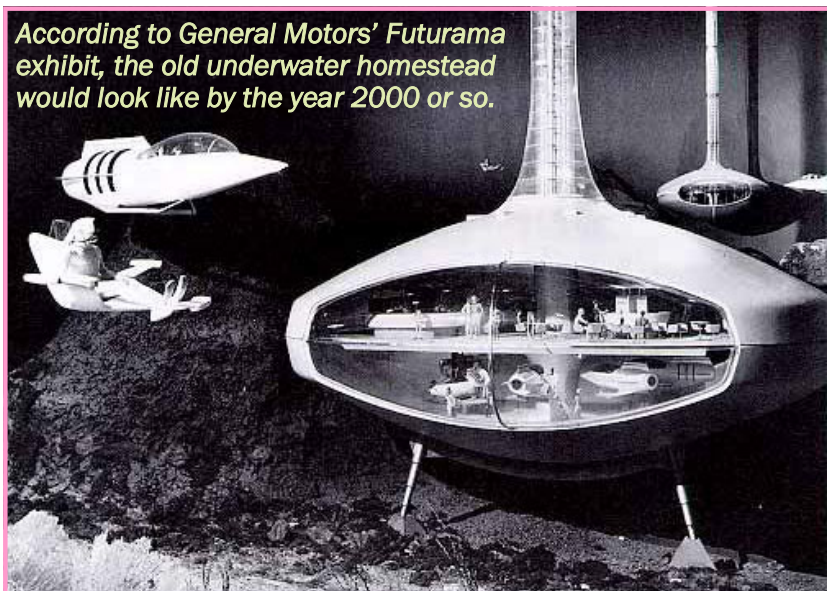
- **At the IBM pavilion**, a hydraulic lift carried 500 visitors inside the 90-foot-high egg-shaped theater for a 15-minute multimedia show called "The Information Machine," about the workings of the human brain.
- **The DuPont pavilion** treated you to a musical titled "Wonderful World of Chemistry," which included such toe-tappin' numbers as "The Happy Plastic Family" (see photo at right). The entire theater, incidentally, was [cough, cough] constructed of plastic [cough, cough], from the nylon carpets to the Mylar stage curtains, and the [cough, cough] Fabrilite and Antron seat fabrics.
- **At the General Electric "Progressland" pavilion**, you sat in a revolving theater, which shifted you from one stage to another. Themes: "Progress through Electric Power" and "The Wonders of Atomic Energy."
- **At the New York State pavilion**, you could ride an all-glass outdoor elevator up to its twin observation towers, which resembled a pair of flying saucers.
- **The Vatican pavilion** showcased Michaelangelo's "The Pieta." The marble statue, carved circa 1500, had never been displayed outside Rome before.
- **Belgian waffles made their American debut**, both at the 400-acre mock Belgian Village and at concessions throughout the fairgrounds.



The Pepsi pavilion's Disney-produced tribute to UNICEF. Make it stop! For the love of God, pleeeeee-ase make it stop! "It's a small world after all"? Sometimes it's just not small enough!



Dressed like Droogs from a movie of the future called *A Clockwork Orange*, these singer-actors gave up two years of dinner theater to perform "The Wonderful World of Chemistry" at the DuPont pavilion.



According to General Motors' Futurama exhibit, the old underwater homestead would look like by the year 2000 or so.

Instamatic Moments



Pictures From Back When You Were Adorable* ...



April 1967, Philip Bashe's Bar Mitzvah. Using our remarkable powers of deduction, we'd bet that the band is about to strike up the bunny hop. Front row: Deborah Kaufman, Robyn Cashton, Joyce Barry, Eileen Marder, Debbie Armstrong, Michael Gilbert, Steven Perlman, Philip Bashe (in blue tux rejected by the Four Tops), Mark Albin, Robert Belkin, Stuart Fishman, Robert Banner (in front of Stu), Andy Romanoff, and Barry Asrelsky. In the back, you can see Eileen Marder's folks (far left), and Debbie Segal's mom (behind Eileen).

At right, Jericho au-go-go (or au gratin): Now, how good must this have sounded? The Doom, at the time a two-man band (bigger profits!) comprised of only guitar prodigy Andy Romanoff and Philip Bashe, wreak havoc on "Gloria." That's Stu Fishman groovin' with Debbie Armstrong, and Amy Harmon (in blue) with Ira Katz.



* Don't worry, you're *still* adorable.

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Okay, we got this new fun feature rolling. Now it's your turn. Please e-mail or mail photos from birthday parties, Sweet Sixteens, Communions, or Bar Mitzvahs, and we'll run them.

February 1966: Amy Lubow's twelfth birthday party, with Ellen Rader, cousin Susan Lubow, Amy, Susan Sugarman, Carolyn Fialkow, and Wanda Baskin.

Nooz: Caren and Gerry

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falo. With the arrival of our children (the eldest just five months apart), lots of family vacations were spent together. When my son Jordan was born, I couldn't think of two finer people to be his godparents.

"In 1983 Alan and I moved down to Yorktown Heights, in Westchester County, to be closer to Long Island. Soon after, Caren and Allan made the move to Florida. There would be years of family vacations to a mid-point destination, like Myrtle Beach or Washington, D.C.

"In August 2001, both couples spent ten days in England to celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversaries. Our most recent visit with the Gottesmans was for Jared's wedding. Both my children and my parents were there as well. We have managed to see each other at least once a year. We even talk of eventually retiring to the same area in Florida!

"As I conclude this note, I've just dropped off Caren at LaGuardia Airport. She came in for my fiftieth birthday celebration this past weekend. It's great to have a true friend!" ■

Classes of '73 and '74 Reunion Photos On-line

So the problem, as we understand it, is that ever since the last photo from our communal 50th birthday party was e-mailed out, you spend your late nights desperately downloading pictures of high-school reunions in Hungary, Madagascar — anywhere.

Then you'll be thrilled to know that both the **Jericho High School classes of 1973 and 1974** have posted on the Internet photos from their respective 30-year reunions. You'll find the class of '73's pictures at <http://groups.msn.com/jhs73> reunion, and the class of '74's at <http://www.jerichohs1974>. ■

Locating the Class of '72

We've found all class members except for these seventeen folks. If you have any ideas where they or their family might be, please let us know.

Georgene Borgess • Grainger Cole • Juliet Cucco • Joseph Esposito • Olivia Fairfield • Steven Gross • Randy Haas • Billy Hartley • Judy Lubitz • Bea Mari • David Meadow • James Rorer • Ayda Saydan • Laurie Siegel • Barbara Simpson • Emma Snow • Sam Turetsky

JHS Class of '72 On-line
 Be sure to visit our official class Web site at <http://www.jhs1972.org>. Features include contact info for more than 300 of us, an updated yearbook, reunion photos, updates on upcoming reunion activities, all issues of this here newsletter, and much more.

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Jericho's second-half free fall; it was a rash of injuries to several key players, starting with tight end Donald Stahl. "Not only was he a threat to catch a pass or two, but he was an efficient blocker," Mark points out. "His being out of the lineup put more pressure on the QB and caused a loss in running productivity.

"Which leads me to reason number two: the loss of Lloyd Silverstein, our lead running back, to injury. Once again, he was not only a runner but a strong

second line of protection for MacDougall in the passing game when asked to provide blocking.

"Michael Esposito was also playing hurt, when playing at all," says Mark, who played through aches and pains himself most of the season. "The injuries were a big factor on a thin team with no depth."

So which was the *real* '71 Jayhawks football team? The one that rolled to victory in its first four games, "committed to getting the job done and winning," in Jim Rudy's words, or the one that spent the second half of the season "basking in the sunshine of our prematurely self-awarded glory — and losing"?

Probably both. Certainly Jericho's .500 record didn't accu-

rately reflect just how talented this team really was. Even in defeat, the Jayhawks were never out of a game until the final quarter.

How might the squad have fared in, say, a twelve-game season, where post-season eligibility wasn't decided after just six games? Jeff Soukup, after conferring with John Doogan ("the world's skinniest offensive guard"), believes that a 7-5 finish would have been realistic.

"We were able to 'sneak up' on most of our early opponents," he says. "Lose to Jericho in football?! C'mon! But once we started to nosedive, it

would've been hard for us to turn things around, since we didn't have the experienced personnel that the better football programs had."

Because the season began so promisingly, it was generally regarded as a cruel disappointment, ranking alongside the Black September of 1969 for Chicago Cubs fans, or practically any September for poor deluded followers of the Boston Red Sox.

Nevertheless, it shouldn't be forgotten that for seven weeks in the fall of 1971, the Jayhawks treated Jericho to the most exciting football the school had ever witnessed, and they had every right to feel proud. ■

Despite their 4-4 final record, the '71 Jayhawks could take pride in having treated Jericho to the most exciting football the school had ever witnessed.



1964-65 World's Fair

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story-tall atomic-powered monster machines would cut giant swaths through our jungles to make way for new roads. Just laser down those damn trees, disperse a cloud of insecticide to nail down pesky underbrush, and we'll have you and yer high-pollutin' automobile blazing down the Amazon Freeway in no time at all.

Speaking of atomic power, fair organizers ambitiously approached the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission about constructing and operating a mobile nuclear plant right there in heavily populated Queens. Thankfully, the AEC rejected this brilliant idea. Instead it built "Atomsville USA" at the Hall of Science. In case you were feeling a bit too euphoric after riding the Log Flume, an exhibit all about bomb shelters was guaranteed to restore you to an appropriately anxiety-ridden state.

In the end, the World's Fair was deemed both a success and a failure. Even though a record 51 million people turned out over the course of its two-year run, the fair still lost money. The media explosion of the next decade or two more or less rendered the concept of a World's Fair obsolete. From 1968 to 1984, four fairs were staged in the U.S. — in San Antonio ('68), Spokane ('74), Knoxville ('82), and New Orleans ('84) — every one of them a financial debacle.

Want to see the original map of the '64-'65 World's Fair? Go to <http://naid.spspr.ucla.edu/ny64fair/map-docs/fair64-mainmap.htm> ■

Thanks to Mark Albin, John Doogan, Larry Goldstein, Neil Martin, George Ploskas, Jimmy Rudy, and Jeff Soukop for sharing memories of the '71 football season, and especially to George for the loan of his amazing scrapbook.

Randye Ringler

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for Movado-U.S. Open Tennis, the Brooklyn Sports Foundation, and Long Island University's Jackie Robinson Conference.

The Conquest is the second arenafootball2 organization she has been involved with. Last year Randye was a consultant and director of sales for the former Mohagan Wolves, who recently moved to New Hampshire.

She does what she loves, says Ringler, who boils her marketing strategy down to one simple principle. "Understanding the fans and what they're looking for is the nice thing about being in sports. We all want the same thing: for the experience to be as fun as possible."

Over the years, Ringler estimates she has talked to tens of



thousands of fans to find out what's important to them. Sports is a "great common denominator," she says, and talking about it brings people together, no matter what their station in life is or where they are.

Very proud of her long connection to New York City, where she still has her primary residence, Ringler lives on a "wonderful" horse farm in Stillwater while in the Capital Region.

Happily single, she describes her Mets championship ring as "the only ring I ever really wanted."

Sports occupies so much of Randye's time that she says she has no real hobbies outside of it. In addition to newspaper sports coverage, Ringler's reading includes science articles such as those found in *The New York Times'* "Science Times" section or *Discover* magazine. ■

FAN MAIL AND THREATENING LETTERS



"Comments?
Feedback?
Fan mail from
some flounder?"

Elise Goldstein LaPaix: Postscript

It is more than a year since my diagnosis of breast cancer, and I am grateful to have my health, my beautiful family, and extraordinary friends. I believe I've got everything that "counts" and try to remember that every day.

As I celebrated my 50th birthday in February — in the midst of treatment — I mused about how fortunate I was to be given a second chance at life, to begin all over again.

Fifty is the beginning of the second half of my life — of all of our lives. I celebrated that cold, rainy afternoon with a close friend: walking along a small beach, picking up shells and weird fossilized rocks. It was a joy just to be able to take a walk again after six months of sickness. We were in Bolinas, north of San Francisco. To my delight and amazement, rainbows appeared again and again along the coast that afternoon — what a gift!

Happy birthday to the class of '72!

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Howard Silber

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ball League players Stephen Davis, Skip Hicks, Craig Newsome, Jeff Jaeger, Leo Araguz, and Tai Streets, and, from the National Hockey League, Claude Lemieux, Dan Hinote, Jocelyn Lemieux, and Patrick Roy. Another current client is Los Angeles Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak.

From the entertainment world, Howard has represented Vanna White (see "Six Degrees of Separation," at right), of the long-running TV game show "Wheel of Fortune," and producer/director Steve Perry.

Howard, an agent since 1996, earned his law degree from the University of Miami. He lives in Westlake Village, California, and is the father of two sons, **Justin**, thirteen, and twelve-year-old **Devon**. ■

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The Jericho- V_nna Wh_te Conn_ct_on



The JHS class of 1972 enjoys (?) a three-way connection to everybody's favorite TV game-show letter-turner, **Vanna White**:

1. **Howard Silber's** Pacific Sports and Entertainment company once represented her.
2. Philip Bashe's wife, **Patricia Romanowski Bashe**, cowrote Vanna's 1987 tome, *Vanna Speaks!*
3. Best of all, a few years ago **Alane Avallone Murphy** got to buy several vowels from Vanna when she was a winner on "Wheel of Fortune." ■

Your Back Pages

"I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now." — Bob Dylan
You wish!

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◆ Two events you'll never forget: (1) On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas; that evening Lyndon Baines Johnson is sworn in as the 36th president of the United States. It's probably the first time you ever saw any of your teachers cry — maybe even the first time you saw your father cry.

◆ (2) On February 9, 1964, it's official: Rock & roll no longer sucks, as the Beatles debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show," singing "All My Loving," "Till There Was You," "She Loves You," "I Saw Her Standing There," and that week's No. 1 record in the U.S., "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

A record 23 million viewers tune in for the show, which also features future Monkee Davy Jones as part of the Broadway cast of *Oliver*. The following week, the Fabs again appear on the Sullivan show, this time from Miami's Deauville Hotel. A third consecutive performance, this one prerecorded, airs on February 23.

Incidentally, Ed Sullivan didn't actually introduce America to the Beatles: On January 3 "Tonight Show" host Jack Paar aired a film clip of the group singing "She Loves You." Or as *New York Times* TV critic Jack Gould erroneously referred to it in his review, "With a Love Like That, You Know You Should Be Bad." According to the clairvoyant Gould: "It would not seem so likely that the accompanying fever known as Beatlemania will also be successfully be exported. On this side of the Atlantic, it is darted stuff."



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ON THE RADIO:

Pre-Beatles — Bobby Vinton, "There! I've Said It Again" • The Singing Nun, "Dominique" • Dale and Grace, "I'm Leaving It Up to You" • Nino Tempo and April Stevens, "Deep Purple"

Post-Beatles — Beatles, "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "She Loves You," "Can't Buy Me Love," countless others • Dave Clark Five, "Glad All Over" • Peter and Gordon, "A World Without Love" • Beach Boys, "I Get Around" • Mary Wells, "My Guy"

ON THE BIG SCREEN: *Dr. Strangelove • The Great Escape • The Pink Panther • The Carpetbaggers • The Unsinkable Molly Brown • It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*

ON THE TUBE: "The Beverly Hillbillies" • "Candid Camera" • "Ben Casey" • "Dr. Kildare" • "The Dick Van Dyke Show" • "I've Got a Secret" • "To Tell the Truth"

In Sports:

◆ In the World Series, Los Angeles's pitching dominates the New York Yankees, who manage just four runs in the Dodgers' four-game sweep. Series MVP Sandy Koufax sets the tone in game one by striking out fifteen, then an October Classic record.

◆ In the NFL championship game, the Chicago Bears, led by tight end Mike Ditka, edge Y. A. Tittle and the New York Giants, 14-10, while the AFL title is claimed by the San Diego Chargers, who trounce the Boston Patriots 51-10.

◆ Bill Russell, Bob Cousy, and the Boston Celtics beat Jerry West, Elgin Baylor, and the Los Angeles Lakers, four games to two, to become NBA champs.

◆ In the NHL, the Toronto Maple Leafs win their second of three straight Stanley Cups by beating the Detroit Red Wings in five games.



Sandy Koufax and catcher Johnny Roseboro exult after the final out of the Dodgers' '63 World Series sweep.