

DUST IN THE WIND

A Class of '76 Reunion Newsletter

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IF YOU ARE OVER 30...

(Contributed by Betty (Gin) Hale)

If you are 30 or older you will think this is hilarious!!!! When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were when they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning ... uphill BOTH ways .. yadda, yadda, yadda. And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of crap like that on kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

But now that... I'm over the ripe old age of thirty, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today. You've got it so easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a damn Utopia! And I hate to say it but you kids today you don't know how good you've got it! I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have The Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the damn library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalog! There was no email! We had to actually write somebody a letter ... with a

pen! Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox and it would take like a week to get there!

There were no MP3's or Napsters! You wanted to steal music, you had to hitchhike to the damn record store and shoplift it yourself! Or you had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio and the DJ'd usually talk over the beginning and @#*% it all up!

We didn't have fancy crap like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called they got a busy signal, that's it! And we didn't

have fancy Caller ID Boxes either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was! It could be your school, your mom, your boss, your bookie, your drug dealer, a collections agent, you just didn't know!!! You had to pick it up and take your chances, mister!

We didn't have any fancy Sony Playstation video games with high-resolution 3-D graphics! We had the Atari 2600! With games like "Space Invaders" and "asteroids" and the graphics sucked ass! Your guy was a little square! You actually had to use your imagination! And there were no multiple levels or screens, it was just one screen forever! And you could never win. The

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IMPORTANT

It is not too late to sign up for the Reunion. Contact Judy Newmarker at jsk9295@aol.com or 562-508-8481 and let her know you will be attending OR send your \$65.00 per person deposit to her at:

JUDY NEW-MARKER
4009 FIELDING COURT
CYPRESS, CA 90720



Available only on vinyl & 8 track!



FADS OF THE 70's

Trans Am automobiles

A muscle car that became popular after the movie 'Smokey & the Bandit' which starred Burt Reynolds and Sally Field.



Star Wars action figures

After the popular Star Wars movies there was a cult following with many fans who couldn't get enough of their favorite characters. Many youths started collecting action figures of Darth Vader, Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and more.

Streakers

People started the craze of taking off all their clothes and running across the field at major sporting events. A streaker ran across the stage of the Oscars in 1973 while it was being broadcast live on TV. There was even a 1970's song written about streakers called "The



Streak". Streaking was popular for only a couple years and soon faded, probably because people were being arrested for streaking.

Pet Rocks

More than a million people bought Pet Rocks as Christmas gifts in 1975. Gary Dahl, of Los Gatos, California, had the idea while joking with friends about his easy-to-care-for pet, a rock. This pet ate nothing and didn't bark or chew the furniture. Pet Rocks were sold with a funny manual that included tips on how to handle an excited rock and how to teach it tricks. By 1976, Gary Dahl was a millionaire and Pet Rocks were the



nation's favorite pet.

Rocky Horror Picture Show

For well over 30 years, fans have flocked to midnight screenings of the Rocky Horror Picture Show. The original movie came out in 1973 as a British musical. It was then turned into a motion picture, which was released around the time of the dying glam rock scene. Then, it was to be screened "only" at midnight, later the decision turned out to be a stroke of genius. Midnight movie going had become popular among young film buffs and turned the movie into an instant cult classic.

THANKS TO DAVID LONG FOR HELPING US GO ON-LINE

A big thank you to David Long for putting the newsletter on-line. You can see them at: <http://www.mers.byu.edu/long/LVHS/> I like having them on-line because of several reasons. One, the time it takes to mail them, two, you can print out as many copies as you would like and three, I can get them to you faster. So now that we have the newsletter available to everyone, I would like to ask people to send in items of interest to our class. Doesn't have to focus on our graduation year, it can be things about people today or yesterday or maybe something happening in the future. Send wedding photos, kids, personalities you may have met, pictures from back in the day etc. My hope is to keep the newsletter running after the Reunion on a quarterly basis. A way to keep everyone in touch until the 35th, 40th or 50th Reunion. So please feel free to send me items.



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game just kept getting harder and harder and faster and faster until you died! ...

Just like LIFE!

When you went to the movie theater there no such thing as stadium seating! All the seats were the same height! If a tall guy or some old broad with a hat sat in front of you and you couldn't see, you were just screwed!

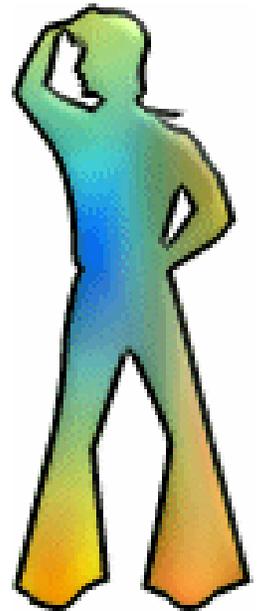
Sure, we had cable television, but back then that was only like 15 channels and there was no onscreen menu and no remote control! You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on!

You were screwed when it came to channel surfing! You had to get off your ass and walk over to the TV to change the channel and there was no Cartoon Network either! You could only get cartoons on Saturday Morning. Do you hear what I'm saying!?! We had to wait ALL WEEK for cartoons, you spoiled little rat-bastards!

And we didn't have microwaves if we wanted to heat something up; we had to use the stove or go build a frigging fire...imagine that! If we wanted popcorn, we had to use that stupid JiffyPop thing and shake it over the stove forever like an idiot. That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy.

You're spoiled. You guys wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1980!

JUST THINK IF YOU WERE BORN BEFORE THE 1980'S



**LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976
30TH CLASS REUNION
RETURN FORM**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

MAKE CHECK, MONEY ORDER, OR CASHIERS CHECK PAYABLE TO:
JUDY NEWMARKER

MAIL TO: JUDY NEWMARKER
**4009 FIELDING COURT
CYPRESS, CA 90720
562-508-8481**

QUESTIONS: jsk9295@aol.com or 562-508-8481

REUNION

DATE: JUNE 16, 17, 18, 2006

COST: \$110.00 per person

DEPOSIT: \$65.00 per person DUE NOW

Yes, I will be attending the Reunion

\$ _____ ENCLOSED

No, I will NOT be attending the Reunion (Circle)

GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006

COST: \$110.00 per person

DEPOSIT: \$65.00 per person DUE NOW

Yes, I will participate in the Golf Tournament

\$ _____ ENCLOSED

No, I will NOT participate in the Golf Tournament (Circle)