

# Regency Lakes Newsletter

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## Uncross Your Fingers, Toes and Eyes

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### Words To The Wise

"We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors...but they all exist very nicely in the same box." anon.



Ernesto showed us that females aren't the only fickle sex. Because of his indecision of whether or not to become a hurricane, children got a day off school, you got a vacation day, and the Master Board Meeting was cancelled.

We remembered well the lessons we learned from Wilma and her siblings last year. We had a good reason to practice our hurricane preparedness, and apparently we hurriedly topped off our gas, food supplies and other essentials.

Many residents who put up their panels or closed their shutters must remember to take them down or open them within one to two weeks. You cannot leave them as is unless there is another watch or warning.

Here are a few Regency Lakes matters of interest that are resolved, or still pending due to the cancelled meeting.

The fish floating atop the lake between Essex and Sandpiper died because rain and high temperatures affected the water chemistry, and decreased the necessary amount of oxygen needed for them to breathe. Jarbus, our handy man, drove around in the golf cart and scooped carcasses from the lake and shore.

Representatives of Fairmont, Lennar and Regency previously met to discuss barrier options between Fairmont's property line and Lennar's proposed project beyond our rear property line. A fence erected by us and owned by the



Master Association exists at Fairmont now. The options are to (A) Take the fence down at our expense. Lennar will replace it with their 6' wall; (B) Leave our fence up and have Lennar erect a 6' wall close to that fence; (C) We do nothing. We leave the fence alone. Lennar does not put up a wall. Instead there will be a landscape buffer. Final determination will be made at the next Master Association meeting by Directors.

Lennar agreed to put a fence from our back gate all the way down and tie it in to the existing fence at Fairmont. We asked the City for black chain link; the City suggested copper color spoked type fence. This will be at Lennar's expense. The scheduled time will be after the first of the year, if the City approves their plan.

Neighbors, we kindly request that you become more diligent about cleaning up after your dogs. Remember scoopers and bags! Please be more considerate.

There hasn't been official word that the alligators have been caught. Continue to keep your children and pets away from all lake banks as the lakes interconnect.

# Letter To The Editor

While I enjoyed reading the August 2006 letter from the president and agreed with many of her views, I can only say how disappointed I am that there was no representation at the August 9th city zoning meeting regarding the proposed Grand Cypress development. While the master has done much for the community, this seems to have been forgotten!

The development may not be in your backyard but it IS in the backyards of 20 homeowners of Fairmont.

Where were our property managers? Where was a representative of our master association?

Does anybody have even the slightest clue to what is going on? The answer is NO!

For your information, the zoning was changed from light commercial to residential, and [the issue] went before the city commission for final approval on August 24th. There is an important decision to be made regarding

the proposed wall the developer intends to build along the property line of Fairmont's backyards. We have a choice to either keep our fence and have a space between the wall and our fences, or take down our fences and have the wall built as our new fence.

There are several ramifications that are involved in this process that need to be addressed, so please choose involvement instead of apathy, or accept the outcome. Enjoy the construction!

Thanks also to Campbell Property Management for not keeping us informed of what we might be up against. Try taking a more proactive approach to issues instead of the easier reactive one. Be a representative of our community. It is what we pay you for.

Thanks,  
David Bartley, V.P. Fairmont Park  
954-570-4070

P. S I realize that as this is printed, it is too late.

*(Editor's note: On August 28, David sent the following e-mail from Jonathan Gart at Lennar and asked that I publish it.*

"John,

"While I have been the most vocal representative of our association, I may have misled you as to who we are.

"It seems you and Lennar want to isolate this issue to just the affected homeowners and not the master association and the Fairmont board which is responsible for these issues.

"From here on in I am asking you to direct any more communication through our property management association representative or the president of Fairmont Robert Hollander and the master association president Joyce Karney.

"Thank you  
David Bartley"

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## Personally Yours

**Happy Birthday** to Santo Accurso, Armand Barreiro, Jayce Bertucelli, Elvira Cartagui, Joe Daesch, Nick DeSola, Denise Engel, Vibeke Fischer, Lisa Juceam, Rabia Khan, Rosemarie Mpazicos, Jeffrey Nascimento, Sharon Owens, Stephen Owens, Meir Solomon, Ligal Solomon, Lior Solomon, Blanca Steinberg, Tortorici Salvatore, Bob Tyminski, Laurie Weissman, Ena Westerbeck and Kathy Zizzo.

**Special Birthday Wishes** to Lauren Castner, Morgan Chichester, Raquel Garcia, Jaclyn Jones, Daniel Khan,

**Happy Anniversary** to Marie and Tommy Boccagno, Lisa and Jess Castner, Randi and Adam D'Alena, Vivian and John Freeling, Amy and Chris Giglio and Lilly and Mario Woskobochnik.


**Belated Birthday Wishes** to Doug Farrane.

**Congratulations** to Laszlo Fischer who became an American citizen in August.

**Congratulations** to Beverly Baran on the August 6 birth of her granddaughter Alexis Danielle who weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Call Greta at (954) 725-0321 to include your family dates and news. Thank you!



**Happy Grandparents Day  
to all Regency Lakes  
Grandparents and  
Great Grandparents!**

# From The Dog House

## Behavior Training From A Dog's Point of View

Misbehavior is the number one reason people relinquish their animals to shelters. But, most of us dogs can easily learn the basic commands such as sit, stay, down, come and heel. All it takes is the same thing it takes to raise well-behaved children: consistency, structure and lots of positive reinforcement.

Contrary to popular opinion, you definitely can teach an old dog new tricks. Many behavior problems are created by you humans. For example, if you keep us isolated on a chain, in a crate or in a garage we're going to be lonely, frustrated and unhappy since we dogs are very social animals and crave human interaction. So depriving any dog of this basic need will result in bad behavior.

Remember, we dogs feel the same emotions you humans do—fear, loneliness, boredom, anxiety and joy. And just like a child, we thrive on structure. So establish a daily routine for us to walk, eat, play and sleep. The more consistent you are, the more confident and obedient we will be.

Participating in a basic daily grooming ritual allows us to become comfortable with good touches. It also gives you the opportunity to check us for lumps and bumps that may require medical attention.

If we are not exercised enough we can

develop behavioral difficulties. So try to take us on long walks in your neighborhood, to the park or even to the beach. Play ball with us in the backyard. A dog who is loved, exercised, and receives lots of positive social interaction is going to be a happy dog.

We also enjoy mental stimulation, so consider buying a Kong toy and filling it with treats. Our mom hides treats around the house and then directs us to find them. This exercises our brains and it's a lot of fun.

Make sure you establish leadership and give sincere praise when we do something good. Encourage acceptable behavior by using positive reinforcement and discourage negative behavior such as nipping, biting and jumping.

Never hit or strike us. This only makes us fearful and possibly aggressive. We hate agitating noises, so try shaking a can with a few coins inside to show us when our behavior has a negative impersonal consequence. Some of us dogs are easier to train than others, but most of us really want to please our human pack leader and we are willing and able to learn. Good training does not include jerking our neck while walking, or rubbing our nose in our waste when we have an accident in the house. Those are old fashioned and ineffective methods of discipline.

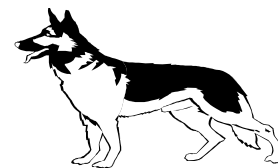
The more time you initially spend training us, the more likely you are to have a well-

behaved life-long companion. You will be able to enjoy us more, and we will be welcomed in many different places. If you have a busy schedule, take us with you as often as possible, such as when you drop your kids off at school, get money from the ATM or stop at a drive-through restaurant. This gives you more time to spend with us and is fun for us, as well. Enroll us in a basic training class.

Places like PetSmart, and local humane societies offer low cost training. You can also consider private trainers who often come to your house. You can even learn some great techniques by watching the Dog Whisperer on television. And remember to get your animal spayed or neutered. It helps reduce aggression especially in males, and it provides health benefits. In addition, unaltered animals often escape from homes and yards when the female is in heat. In the process, your pet may become lost or seriously injured.

Sit, Stay, Down, Come and Heel. My mom trained both of us to be great dogs. You, too, can have a great dog if you put forth the time and effort

Love, Chloe and Snuggles



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## Make That Gas Last

Gas prices may have come down a penny or two recently but not enough to make us jump with joy. Ron Hollenbeck, the coauthor of *The Gas Mileage Bible*, has a few tips on how to make your fill-ups go farther.

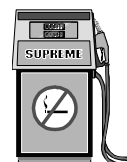
- ◆ **Lose Some Pounds**—Take every bit of clutter out of your trunk until you need it. **Gauge says** that for every 100 pounds of extra weight your car hauls, you lose one to two percent of your fuel mileage.
- ◆ **Keep It Steady**—When driving, imagine there's an egg between your foot and the accelerator. "If you press too hard, you're

going to break the egg and get bad gas mileage," says Hollenbeck. **Gauge says** drivers who jackrabbit start and then jam on the brakes get 37 percent worse gas mileage than those who maintain a consistent speed.

- ◆ **Tune It Up**. Ask your mechanic to change the air filters and test the oxygen sensor. **Gauge says** cars more than a year old can lose as much as 40 percent gas efficiency when they go untuned.
- ◆ **Check Your Cap**. As temperatures climb, gas evaporation increases, creating pressure inside your fuel tank. If your gas cap has a

less than airtight seal, the pressure will force out precious fumes. **Gauge says** the average car loses about 30 gallons of gas a year due to evaporation. (Multiply that by the price per gallon of gas!)

Adam Raymond  
LIFE MAGAZINE, August 18, 2006



# Project Lifesaver

## Electronic Technology to Locate Missing Persons

You read about it too often. A child with autism or Down syndrome wanders away and is "rescued" by a predator. A 60 year old adult with Alzheimer's becomes lost and disoriented. A beloved nana leaves home in the middle of the night. Tragically, these and other people in similar situations could have been rescued within an average of 22 minutes. Their families or caregivers could have had the reassurance these victims would be found, returned quickly and safely. All each needed was a bracelet. A special bracelet.

For two years, The Alzheimer's Family Center, in partnership with the Broward's Sheriff's Office, have been working in our area to start the program "Project Lifesaver," a public safety program that locates missing persons who suffer from disorders that cause them to wander. The pilot program recently began with 50 people who live in Margate, Tamarac, Lauderdale Lakes and Pompano Beach.

A bracelet is attached to the wrist or ankle of the individual. If the person wanders or gets lost, the Sheriff's office is noti-

fied and an officer can locate the individual with a tracking device similar to the Lo Jack car system. Bracelet batteries are changed monthly by a trained volunteer who goes to each individual's home.

Project Lifesaver International, Inc., established in 1999, is a not-for-profit organization that serves sheriff, police, fire, public safety and search and rescue teams nationwide. The program is endorsed by National and International Organizations. So far it has been established in over 400 communities in 42 states. It is volunteered staffed seven days a week, and volunteers assist in all aspects.

I attended the volunteer's training program two weeks ago, and was impressed by the simplicity of the program. As a volunteer, I'll be spending about one hour a month changing batteries on bracelets that are a permanent "fashion accessory."

So far, the recovery rate of "victims" is 100%. Is there a better percentage than that?

We should add Coconut Creek's name to the list of participants as soon as the program opens. We're very foolish if we don't because it means we don't care enough to save the lives of our at-risk loved ones when

we easily could. However, politics rears it's ugly face even now, even before this program is available to us. For the bottom line is that cities have to participate. They have to sign up or their residents cannot reap the benefits of having a reciprocal arrangement with another town or city who is part of the Program

And already one of our City politicians proclaimed for some unknown reason, "Never in my town!" I'd like to know why. It's my town, too. I'd prefer this program to another housing development or strip mall.

For information, call (954) 971-7155, your contact to the Alzheimer's Family Center, a non-profit organization located in Margate that has been providing service to the community for 20 years.

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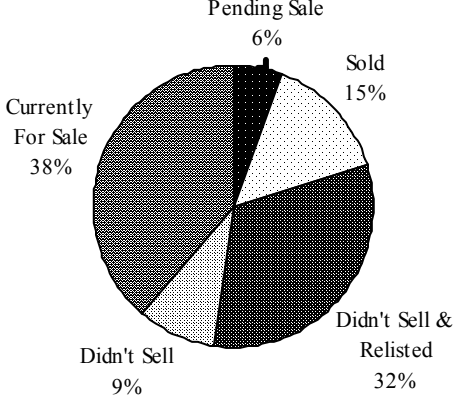




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5805 EAGLE CAY LN	3	2	0	1302	1	N	N	319,900
5801 EAGLE CAY LN	3	2	0	1584	1	N	N	319,900
5029 HERON PL	3	2	0	1662	2	N	N	362,000
5117 HERON	3	2		1662	2	N	N	375,000
5841 EAGLE CAY CR	3	2	1	1800	2	N	N	379,899
4963 PELICAN MNR	3	2	1	1776	2	N	N	380,000
5847 EAGLE CAY TE	3	2	1	1698	2	N	N	384,999
6504 PELICAN AV	3	2	0	1441	1	N	Y	390,000
4979 PELICAN ST	3	2	1	1776	2	N	N	395,000
4973 PELICAN MNR	4	2	1	2104	2	N	N	395,000
4946 PELICAN ST	3	2	1	1776	2	N	N	395,000
6564 PELICAN AV	3	2	0	1920	2	N	Y	397,000
5827 EAGLE CAY TE	4	2	1	2036	2	N	N	399,000
5224 EAGLE CAY WY	3	2	1	1797	2	N	Y	399,999
5030 IBIS PL	3	2	0	1588	2	N	N	407,000
5200 EAGLE CAY WY	3	2	1	1652	1	N	Y	413,900
5024 IBIS CT	3	2	0	1511	2	N	N	414,900
5300 EAGLE CAY WY	4	3	1	1912	2	N	Y	419,900
5416 EAGLE CAY WY	3	2	1	1800	2	N	Y	424,900
6500 IBIS WY	3	2	0	1812	2	N	Y	425,000
6163 OSPREY TE	4	2	1	2075	2	N	N	425,000
5107 HERON	4	2	1	2122	2	N	N	428,000
5033 IBIS	3	2		1611	2	N	N	429,990
5854 EAGLE CAY CR	4	3	1	1912	2	N	Y	434,499
5109 MALLARDS PL	3	2	0	1825	2	N	N	435,900
5201 EAGLE CAY	4	3	1	1912	2	N	N	439,000
5515 LAKE TERN CT	4	2	1	2066	2	N	N	439,000
5036 HERON PL	3	2	0	1563	2	N	N	439,000
5140 HERON PL	4	2	1	2115	2	N	N	439,500
6203 OSPREY TE	4	2	1	2075	2	N	N	439,900
5009 HERON PL	3	2	0	1681	2	N	N	442,711
5540 LAKE TERN CT	4	2	1	2510	2	N	N	449,900
6331 OSPREY TE	4	2	1	2450	2	N	N	449,900
5337 FLAMINGO PL	3	2	0	1884	2	N	N	454,928
5104 HERON PL	5	2	1	2085	2	N	N	469,900
6211 SWANS TE	3	2	0	2091	2	N	Y	475,000
5103 HERON CT	3	2	1	2486	2	N	N	478,900
5354 FLAMINGO CT	3	2	1	2054	2	N	Y	499,900
4968 EGRET	4	2	1	2280	2	N	N	529,900
5532 LAKE TERN CT	4	2	1	2742	2	N	N	535,000
6410 MALLARDS LN	4	3	0	2814	3	N	Y	549,000

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### Playing With Words

1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count who votes.
6. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
7. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
8. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
9. Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.
10. A calendar's days are numbered.
11. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
12. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
13. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
14. A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.
15. A plateau is a high form of flattery.
16. The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large.
17. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
18. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
19. When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

AOL Joke of the Day



Do not ignore STOP SIGNS in REGENCY LAKES.! Do not merely slow down. Do not make a rolling stop. MAKE A COMPLETE STOP WHEN YOU ARE AT A STOP SIGN.

# Regency Lakes September / October 2006


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MEETING DATES MAY BE INACCURATE! CHECK WITH REPS.					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Cribbage 1:30 PM Game Nite 6:30 PM	6	7 Cribbage 1:30 PM	8	9
10 Grandparents day	11	12 Cribbage 1:30 PM Game Nite 6:30 PM	13	14 Cribbage 1:30 PM Swans 7:30	15	16
17 Brittany 10:30 AM	18 Security 7 PM	19 Cribbage 1:30 PM Game Nite 6:30 PM	20	21 Cribbage 1:30 PM	22	23 Autumn Begins Rosh Hashana
24	25 Master Board 7 PM	26 Cribbage 1:30 PM Game Nite 6:30 PM	27 Mallard 7 PM	28 Cribbage 1:30 PM Osprey 7 PM	29	30
OCTOBER 1	2 Sandpiper 7 PM	3 Cribbage 1:30 PM Game Nite 6:30 PM	4	5 Cribbage 1:30 PM	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10 Cribbage 1:30 PM Game Nite 6:30 PM	11	12 Cribbage 1:30 PM Swans 7:30 PM	13	14



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## National Grandparents Day

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### A Proclamation

As we seek to strengthen the enduring values of the family, it is appropriate that we honor our grandparents.

Grandparents are our continuing tie to the near past, to the events and beliefs and experiences that so strongly affect our lives and the world around us. Whether they are our own or surrogate grandparents who fill some of the gaps in our mobile society, our senior generation also provides our society a link to our national heritage and traditions.

We all know grandparents whose values transcend passing fads and pressures, and who possess the wisdom of distilled pain and joy. Because they are usually free to love and guide and befriend the young without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations.

The Congress, by joint resolution (H.) Res. 244 has authorized and requested the President to designate the First Sunday of September following Labor Day of each year as National Grandparents Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Sunday, September 9, 1979 and the first Sunday following Labor Day in each succeeding year as "National Grandparents Day." I urge officials of Government at the national, State, and local levels, and of voluntary organizations to plan appropriate activities that recognize the importance and the worth of the 17 million grandparents in our nation. I urge all Americans to take the time to honor their own grandparents or those in their community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter".

# Whom Do I Call When ... ? ? ?

**Call Campbell at 954-427-8770 ...**

- Maintenance payment problems
- To report violations
- Common Area lawns & sprinklers
- Lake Conditions & problems
- To appeal a violation
- Pool/Fitness Center/Clubhouse/Tennis Court/Repairs
- And any common area problems
- Satellite Pools
- Lawn Service
- Home Sprinklers
- Construction Debris
- Adding/Changing Info at gate house

**But for the following, call ...**

- Water pressure—Water Dept., 954-761-5150
- Street light out—FPL, 954-797-5000, ext 53
- Info for Newsletter—Greta Silver, 954-725-0321
- Home Addition Approval, Etc.—Your rep + ACC Committee
- Security Problem—Gate attendant, 954-426-0670 & Brian Tight 954-427-8770
- Clubhouse Rentals—Joe Daesch, 954-725-9548 & Herb Silver 954 725-0321

**Who Is My Main Representative?**

- Brittany Park—Art McCarthy, 954-426-1959
- Cambridge Park—Joyce Karney, 954-571-8765
- Eagle's Cay—Sharon Owens, 954-426-6619
- Essex Park—Kathryn Bedard, 954-596-9905
- Fairmont—Robert Hollander, 954-571-7210
- Mallard's Landing—George Hegedus, 954-725-9988
- Osprey Pointe—Dave Cooper, 954-698-6605
- Sandpiper Landing—Gary Blum, 954-698-6355
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- Architectural Control—Antoinette Palazzolo, 954-571-9305; George Hegedus, 954-725-9988; Suzanne Aberdale, 954-596-9905, Ann McCarthy, 954-426-1959
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- Newsletter—Greta Silver, 954-725-0321
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**Other Handy Information**

- All-Service Refuse (garbage pick-up) 954-583-1830
- Animal Control (to report an injured animal)
  - Broward County—954-765-4700
  - Humane Society—954-482-8110
- Automobile Registration—954-765-5050
- Bell South—customer service-1-888-757-6500
- Broward County School District— Dr. Bob Parks—954-321-2007

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- Campbell Property Management**
  - 1215 E. Hillsboro, Deerfield Beach, FL, 33441
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  - 4800 Copans Road—954-973-6770
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- Coconut Creek Code Enforcement**—(report unleashed dogs, illegal parking, etc.) 954-973-6752
- Coconut Creek Medical Center**
  - 1487 Lyons Road—954-973-9222
- Cypress Trace Security**—954-344-6444, 954-755-1432
- Drivers License**—954-765-5050, 497-1570
- FPL**—954-797-5000
- Info/Referral/Crisis Line**
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  - Teen Line—954-467-8336
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## Gate House

**(954) 426-0670**

**Please use your Access Pin # and inform the attendant if you change your phone number or want to add to or remove people from your permanent guest list!**

# How Young Are You? Or Are You Older Than Dirt?

"Hey Dad," one of my kids asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?"

"We didn't have fast food," I informed him. "All the food was slow."

"C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?"

"It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained. "Grandma cooked every day and when Grandpa got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it." By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer internal damage, so I didn't tell him about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it: Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card that was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears AND Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice because we never had heard of soccer. My bicycle weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11, but my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white, but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was sky blue and the bottom third was grass green. The middle third was red. It was perfect for programs that had scenes of fire trucks riding across someone's lawn on a sunny day. Some people had a lens taped to the front of the TV to make the picture look larger.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called "pizza pie." When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against

my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

We didn't have a car until I was 15. Before that, the only car in our family was my grandfather's Ford. He called it a "machine."

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. I delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost seven cents a paper, of which I got to keep two cents. I had to get up at 4 AM every morning. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day. Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. Touching someone else's tongue with yours was called French kissing and they didn't do that in movies. I don't know what they did in French movies. French movies were dirty and we weren't allowed to see them.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

MEMORIES from a friend: My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that

sat on the end of the ironing board and used to "sprinkle" clothes because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

All right, here's a quiz for you. How many do you remember? Count the ones you remember, not the ones you were told about. Ratings are at the bottom.

- Blackjack chewing gum
- Candy cigarettes
- Pop machines dispensing glass bottles
- Wax bottles with colored sugar water
- Diners with tableside juke boxes
- Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
- Party lines
- Newsreels before the movie
- P.F. Flyers
- Butch wax
- Telephone numbers with a word prefix
- Peashooters
- Howdy Doody
- 45 RPM records
- S&H Green Stamps
- Hi-fi's
- Metal ice trays with lever
- Mimeograph paper
- Blue flashbulbs
- Packards
- Roller skate keys
- Cork popguns
- Drive-in movies
- Studebakers
- Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5- You're still young.

If you remembered 6-10- You are getting older.

If you remembered 11-15- Don't tell your age.

If you remembered 16-25- You're older than dirt!

I might be older than dirt but those memories are the best part of my life.

An e-mail from a college friend

## Same Old, Same Old And A New Bit

### Reminder!!

A subdivision swimming pool is private and can be used only by residents living in that subdivision.

### Reminder!!

If you see a speeder, write down the license number and relay it to the security officer.

### The West Nile Virus is up 16%!

Take precautions by applying mosquito repellent, removing stagnant water sources (breeding sources), wearing appropriate clothing and, if possible, avoiding the outdoors at dawn and dusk.

### Reminder!

You have to go to the gatehouse to verify the identity and approve the entry of a guest who does not have photo ID. You will be called, so stay off the phone or computer!

### Reminder!!

Use unbreakable plastic containers only at swimming pool picnic areas and clean up thoroughly. Thank you!

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