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Dennis, would you pass this on please. Thanks. Hap

When Life Was Simpler....7-13-20....Hap Hansen

We live in strange times. Wearing masks, avoiding handshakes and crossing the street if we meet someone on our walks. These times are not simplified, so it's time to take a memory test. Do you remember these 20 items from days gone by when life was simpler?

Blackjack chewing gum, tiny wax Coke shaped bottles containing colored sugar water, candy cigarettes, soda pop machines that dispensed bottles, not cans, coffee shops with jukeboxes at each table, where songs could be heard for a nickel or six for a quarter.

How about home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard toppers that came off when the cream expanded, which drew every cat in the neighborhood, telephone party lines with six or seven families on each line and where everyone knew the neighborhood gossip, Warner Pathe News before the beginning of each movie, where kids under the age of 13 paid 12 cents to watch Tarzan the Ape Man.

If you go back that far in memories, you should also remember Butch wax for those with crew cuts, telephone numbers with a word prefix, such as Olive 6912. Do you remember Elizabeth Taylor in Butterfield 8? You probably owned a pea shooter, watched Howdy Doody and played 45 RPM records. You're getting on in years if you played 78's or wound up the old Victrola.

I remember our icebox had metal trays with levers to remove ice cubes, blue flashbulbs for shooting colored film, and I was always losing my roller skate key. We went to drive-ins in Studebaker's that looked about the same whether going forward or backwards, and we stowed a number of things in the 'cubby hole', which is now the glove box or the dash receptacle.

The simplified memory test is over. If you remember only 1-5 of the items, you're probably not old enough to live in Windsor Gardens! Remember 6-10? You're getting older. 11-15, you rarely discuss your age. All 20, you are mature beyond any words of description. You have probably had a good life and are looking forward to several more years of simply remembering!