

ONE DAY AT A TIME

NOSTALGIA

INSTEAD OF THE MONTHLY MESSAGE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PLEASE ACCEPT THIS NOSTALGIC REFLECTION FROM A FELLOW WHO JUST RECENTLY REALIZED THAT "HE'S NOT A KID ANYMORE." THE IDEA IS NOT UNIQUE AND HAS APPEARED IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS. NO DOUBT EACH OF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS OF ITEMS TO ADD.

SO LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK AND REFLECT. THIS IS ADDRESSED TO ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1950. WE ARE SURVIVORS!!! WE MUST BE; JUST CONSIDER ALL THE CHANGES WE HAVE WITNESSED.

WE WERE BORN BEFORE TELEVISION, BEFORE PENICILLIN, BEFORE POLIO SHOTS, FROZEN FOODS, XEROX AND FAX, CONTACT LENSES FRISBEES AND "THE PILL" WE WERE HERE BEFORE RADAR, SPLIT ATOMS, YOGURT, LASER BEAMS AND BALL POINT PENS; BEFORE PANTYHOSE, DISHWASHERS AND CLOTHES DRYERS, AIR CONDITIONERS, ELECTRIC BLANKETS AND DRIP DRY SUITS. PLASTIC CREDIT CARDS, ATM'S, CAR PHONES AND BEFORE MAN WALKED ON THE MOON.

IN OUR DAY--WE GOT MARRIED FIRST AND THEN LIVED TOGETHER -HOW QUAIN!! IN OUR TIME, CLOSETS WERE FOR CLOTHES, NOT FOR COMING OUT OF. DESIGNER JEANS WERE SCHEMING GIRLS NAMED JEAN. BUNNIES WERE SMALL RABBITS, AND RABBITS WERE NOT VW CARS - AND HAVING A MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP MEANT GETTING ALONG WITH YOUR SIBLINGS AND COUSINS. WE THOUGHT FAST FOOD IS WHAT YOU ATE DURING LENT OR AFTER PASSOVER, AND OUTER SPACE WAS THE BACK ROW OF THE LOCAL THEATER. WE WERE BEFORE HOUSE HUSBANDS, GAY RIGHTS, DUAL CAREERS, COMPUTER DATING, COMPUTER MARRIAGES, COMPUTER VIRUS, OR EVEN COMPUTERS. WE WERE BEFORE DAY CARE CENTERS, GROUP THERAPY, AND NURSING HOMES. WE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF FM RADIO, TAPE DECKS, COMPACT DISCS, ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS AND WORD PROCESSORS, CALCULATORS, ARTIFICIAL HEARTS, KIDNEY AND LUNG TRANSPLANTS. WE NEVER SAW GUYS WEARING EARRINGS OR MEN CARRYING PURSES. THANK GOD FOR ALL THE GOOD OLD DAYS.