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**Rayjeana
Ragan**

Thursday, 11/8/07, 3:33 PM

You Know You're From Detroit if you remember WJZZ-FM and hearing the soothing voice of my grandmother, TOMIE J in the evenings. She also played "How Much Is That Little Doggie In The Window" in the mornings.

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**George
Dreher**

Tuesday, 11/6/07, 5:58 PM

Was born at Trumbull General Hosp. It was actually a house. Right down the street from Briggs, (Tiger Stadium) Grew up at 1102 N.Campbell. Attended Gillies Elementary on Junction and Lafayette. Childhood love was Evon Robinson, (though she never knew) I then attended Earhart Junior High on Scotten and Lafayette. First attending class 1964. I remember well ice skating at Clark Park, going to Saunders on Fort Street for Sundaes and mashed potatoes and gravy. Going to the Lincoln Show (that was placed right in the middle of the Lincoln Square Apartments) Anyone remember Sol's mens wear on Fort St. right next to Cunningham Drugs. Had all of the coolest menswear. Western Auto, Giant Auto Parts(had all the custom stuff. Jupiter, Neisner and Father and son shoes? Wow How could I forget Shoefair, (still there, the one and only shop still left from my youth. Man I could go on and on, but! Thanks for the memories!

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Betty

Monday, 11/5/07, 2:53 AM

addendum to earlier entry: does anyone remember the Paul Winter radio talk show and how the host would let listeners exchange phone numbers off the air? Some long lasting friendships were created that way but most have probably lost touch over the years. If Elaine from Garden City should happen to read this, I hope all is well with you.

From: Detroit
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Betty

Sunday, 11/4/07, 11:38 AM

What a great website! I found it by accident and what memories it brought back. We lived on Helen Street near Marcy Elementary School;my children attended there. Other schools attended were Whitney Young, Burbank,Miller, Cass Tech, Denby, Friends and St.Anthony. Other special memories include Region 8 of the Detroit Public School system and its parent advisory groups,Farm Maid Dairy, Winkelman's downtown and 7 Mile&Gratiot stores,Allen Temple AME Church,the caring staff at Harper Hospital, Dr. V. and Dr. Mogill,Belle Isle, the Lindell AC's hamburgers,Eastland Mall,Labor Day parades the ended with the Teamsters big truck horns, Hudson's downtown store and so much more. Detroit was a wonderful place to live and work, filled with great people.

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**Inez Cotter
Ion**

Saturday, 11/3/07, 5:46 PM

My Uncle was Adrian Cotter of Adrian Cotter's Tavern on Woodward and Twelve Mile Road. This is a very good website. Thank you!

From: Windsor, Ontario Canada
Current City: Windsor, Ontario

**Jill Sheridan
f/k/a Jill
Silber**

Friday, 11/2/07, 1:51 PM

From: Born in Detroit, lived in Plymouth
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Jim Arvo

Thursday, 11/1/07, 12:36 PM

This site brings back so many memories! I grew up in Warren, Michigan in the 60s and 70s. My favorite place in the world was Silverstein's Army Surplus Store in Detroit. Every weekend I would beg my dad to take me there. I would lug home switches, lights, and random bits of circuits and electro-mechanical whatnots from surplus WWII tanks, trucks, and aircraft. That's where my fascination with science began. I am now a professor of computer science. Does anyone remember that place? Does anyone have a photo of it? If so, please contact me! I'd be eternally grateful. Jim Arvo arvo@uci.edu

From: Warren, Michigan
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Current City: Pasadena, California

Don

Tuesday, 10/30/07, 3:10 PM

I was born in West Virginia and we moved up to Detroit in the early 60's I will always consider myself a Detroiter. I remember taking the Fort Green bus to get to Cass Tech High and then hang around downtown after school. That was in the late 60's and 70's just before Detroit really changed. I miss the Institute of Arts and the Main Library the most. It broke my heart to see that Vernors was being torn down during my last visit home.

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Tom Nagle Sunday, 10/28/07, 2:35 AM

Great site brings back memories.

From: St. Veronica grade school, Notre Dame high school
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Samuel w Cohen Saturday, 10/20/07, 7:09 PM

I was abOut 7 yrs old at the time .my friends and I used to watch the ice delivery wagon.When the driver went to make a delivery of 25 or 50 lbs of ice to a home, we kids used to raid his wagon for the ice chips.

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Sally Kraus Thursday, 10/11/07, 11:44 PM

I liked your site.

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jack lorber Tuesday, 10/9/07, 11:54 AM

Here's a Detroit sports trivia question. We all know the voice of the Red Wings Bud Lynch. Does anyone remember a guy named Al Nagler who did the games on radio? Did anyone go to the Lions-Bears game where they honored the surviving 1957 Lions championship team members?

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bob skiba

Saturday, 9/29/07, 8:08 PM

really miss and love to hear and read about detroit

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Barry Cromar

Saturday, 9/29/07, 3:28 PM

Hi again. I wanted to mention all the concerts my brothers and friends would go to in the 70's. Pink Floyd general admission at the Olympia. Kiss, Black Sabbath, David Bowie, Foghat, Black Oak Arkansas, Deep Purple, Aerosmith, Queen, (to name a few) at Cobo Hall. It was a blast cramming into the Tunnel bus to get back home. Renaissance at the Ford Theater! Wow, haven't thought about this stuff in years. Thanks for jogging my memory. OMG !! Visiting Santa Claus at Hudson's. There was a line for the white kids and one for the afro-american kids (which I never understood as a kid of 6 or 7). This was in 1962-3. Can't forget the State Fair, always loved the rides. It was my first time on a double-ferris wheel !! Felt so grown up. Best regards.

From: Windsor
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Current City: Vancouver, BC

Barry Cromar

Saturday, 9/29/07, 3:10 PM

Great site! I grew up in Windsor, Ont. (60's/70's) On many Sundays we would head to the Detroit Zoo or Henry Ford Museum. I remember always stopping at the Vernors Bottling Co (?) on Woodward for a pop, then after the Zoo we would go to Bwana Don's pet store nearby. A big treat in the summer would be to go to Bob-lo on the Columbia Boat. And of course the fireworks July 1st. I live in Vancouver now, and whenever I go home I make sure to have a Vernors,(it's not available out here). Cheers !! .

From: Windsor, Ontario
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Current City: Vancouver.

jack lorber

Thursday, 9/27/07, 1:05 PM

I went to Guest Elementary(Fenkell&Meyers) frm K to 8th grade. Anyone else? Even remember some of my teachers. Kindergarten-Miss Mercer(the nice one), Miss Manigold(the mean one). Miss Benyas-music, Miss Edloff-Auditorium. Mr Rosenberg-5th grade. I remember when they told us Parks & Recreation Dept would be holding dances in the gym once a week or month(dont remember). They gave us a permission slip to take home for our parents to sign. I was 13 & just starting to notice girls! I made sure the folks immediately. Only bad thing about going to Guest was that I didnt go to a Jr High & starting Cooley in 9th grade was a shock. Wasnt ready for the increased pace.

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**Barbara
Forsyth
Sparks
Shively**

Friday, 9/14/07, 4:58 PM

Lived in Detroit area from 1947 until 1961. I remember a lot of the stuff listed, though I was only a kid. Have only been back once, in about 1999, to visit relatives I hadn't seen in over 35 years. Detroit, OR was named because so many Michiganders lived there at the time, they say.

From: Allen Park
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Current City: Aurora, OR and Detroit, OR !!

**Robert
Rasschaert**

Thursday, 9/13/07, 5:40 AM

I stumbled onto this wonderful site! Everyone has done a fantastic job with this - Oh how I enjoyed viewing all of this. I am originally from St. Clair Shores, but left in 1976 to pursue a career in the Air Force. I wound up retiring from an Air Force ROTC Program at Virginia Tech University and decided to stay and raise our family here in the beautiful blue ridge mountains of Virginia. But I will never forget the wonderful memories of what "Once Was" in our great Motor City. Thankyou!

From: St. Clair Shores Michigan
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**Darlene A.
Borowy**

Wednesday, 9/5/07, 2:09 AM

I was born at Detroit General in 1947.

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MLB

Sunday, 8/26/07, 5:13 AM

I sure loved my alma mater CASS TECHINAL high school.Sure would miss it if they demolish it.

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Current City: Livonia

David Turney

Monday, 8/20/07, 12:38 PM

I've had the misfortune of living in Ohio since 1968. I graduated from Cooley High in the January ' 68 Class. I miss the old hometown, the old neighborhood. I especially miss the Red Devil Pizzeria on Fenkell. It is the best pizza I have ever had. I only get home maybe twice a year, and part of that time is spent in DeTour in the U.P. The Detroit people of my age grew up in may no longer exist in fact, but the memories of it will forever live in our hearts.

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Tom Engle

Friday, 8/17/07, 9:31 AM

Too many memories; Born in the Booth Memorial Home (please throw some paper in the kettle come Christmas time) and I graduated from the Henry Ford Trade School in 1952 (the last class - Bob McNamara found the school redundant and some of the guys in local 600 thought it a hotbed of anti-socialist thought. (In present day terms one might say the school had no value to the stockholders). But what a wonderland of a place! Walk past a trainload of newly cast steel ingots standing on their little four wheeled platforms on your way to class in the morning (warm your hands from ten feet away in the winter) see the Henry II, the Benson, and the William Clay in their berths behind the Hulett unloaders and the ore bridges spanning the huge red brown pile. Smell the paint ovens (yeah, it DOES smell like victory!) Climb four stories along the east side of the crane bay in the B building to a beautiful Skylight covered space filled with modern machine tools and good men who would show you how to use them; men who wanted you to succeed in whatever life had in store. Learn about value for value received, about standing up for 8 hours at a time, about producing something of use. about worthwhile work. Quite a place, the Trade School, Quite an education. Thanks Mr. Ford, and God Bless you. Other, more common memories, the ubiquitous streetcars: Woodward got the cream of he fleet. three minute headways in rush hour, five minutes through the day. five cent (later six) fare, Boat Piers on one end of the line, and Royal Oak on the other. The Put-In-Bay boat to the Lake Erie island village of that name and Cedar Point Park (and Sandusky to refuel, with coal pushed aboard by large muscular colored men two of whom would push on the handlebar of a hopper carried between two rubber tired wheels. They'd start toward the side of the boat from about 50 feet off, and get running so that when the wheels hit the end of the ramp spanning the gap from wharf to boat there would be enough inertia to carry the more or less one ton of coal up onto the deck. (please remember on the lakes, they're boats - no matter how large). Once on the deck the men would easily push the load to a manhole with the cover removed which allowed them to dump the cart's hopper into the bunker beneath our feet. It didn't take a crew of these men long to put in enough coal for the trip back to the foot of First Street. One night, coming back from Cedar point, The old Put In Bay took the grand liner Western States of the D&C line in tow. She had "sheared her shaft" in the middle of lake Erie. Later as a

student at the U of M, I found out that a great law suit had ensued centered around fatigue failure and a strong warrantee on the shaft. I forgot to mention the D&C boats were all paddle wheelers. But do not think of Mrk Twain and Life on the Mississippi with two huge wheels. The D&C boats were more modern than that. Feathering Paddlewheels (look it up) 8 feet or so in diameter did a very effective (and efficient) job. In fact, if you didn't know about the paddlewheels, you'd never see a sign of 'em. All these wonders were available to any kid who cared to look. Too bad we didn't have television to relieve our boredom. Oh, and another thing about the Put-In-Bay, Largest dance floor on the lakes (Ashley & Dustin's claim not mine). A great place to learn to dance. And if you didn't have a dance partner, you could go down to the main deck and watch the engine (triple expansion) and learn about bells and whistles. That is a term often used and seldom understod (like cut-and-run, which a prudent railroad engineer might choose to do) The bells were rung when the pilot moved his engine room telegraph and a large dial in the Engine Room responded to it. The bell was necessary as there was a certain amount of noise and activity in the engine room, and the e

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**Shirley A.
Hewelt-
Kessler**

Tuesday, 8/14/07, 9:23 PM

Went to St. Philip Neri in 1968 - also East Detroit High in 1971

From: Las Vegas, Nevada
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Howard Aston

Monday, 7/30/07, 1:10 PM

I lived in the McNichols/Parkside area in the 50's and moved to the 7 Mile /Livernois area in the 60's.

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**Phyllis S.
Lucas**

Saturday, 7/28/07, 5:03 PM

I remember Christmas downtown, Hudson's parade, Bob- Lo boats, Belle Isle and all the wonders of that beautiful city. And I wasn't even old enough to really enjoy shopping as a pastime then. I am so happy to see pictures of Clark Park on the West side as it is now, so beautiful. I hope that some day Detroit will be able to make it back, but I wonder if that is possible. My very best wishes to all of you who have not given up.

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Ralph Allison

Saturday, 7/21/07, 8:32 AM

What great information. It brings back a lot of good memories. Keep up the good work.

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Steve Rupert

Wednesday, 7/18/07, 7:00 PM

I have such fond memories of Detroit! Really enjoyed reading about the restoration efforts of the Bob-Lo boats on this site. I graduated from Redford High School (I heard it's going to close!) in 1969 and Eastern Michigan University in 1973. I moved to California in 1975, but I'm still a Detroiter at heart! It's still "home" to me and I still stay in touch with a lot of old friends from there!

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Tyrone Williams

Tuesday, 7/17/07, 3:35 PM

love the site!

From: Detroit
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Stormy

Saturday, 7/14/07, 12:38 PM

This is the greatest site, my childhood came flooding back. I remember Jumbo Market on Fort Street in Lincoln Park. There my Aunt bought City Chicken (a ground meat mixture rolled in cornmeal on a wooden skewer). Does anyone know the recipe to make the meat mixture? They were a huge part of my childhood, our Tuesday night dinner meal for years. Thanks, and Detroiter, Happy Motoring.

From: Lincoln Park
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Robert (Bob) Fader

Friday, 7/13/07, 3:08 PM

Mom and dad lived near "downtown" on Brooklyn when I was born,

moved shortly after to Elmira St. where my grandfather had a built a house. Parker Elementary (Meyers Rd) just down at the end of the street. As young marrieds we moved back to the city and worked in a small business on 8 Mile right at Woodward (close view of the interchange construction), lived on Scotia at 10 Mile in Oak Park for year or so, down to Browns Dairy for those wonderful banana splits. Discovered that the convenience/beer store would deliver assorted goods, including Stroh's, (tee hee) cuz we were unable to buy it at the store. Too young, don'cha know. Ahh. memories.

From: Plymouth/Mendota (West side)
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John Levy

Wednesday, 7/11/07, 5:57 AM

You might be interested to know that my uncle, Bob Leslie (Levy), was a pioneer in radio and television, an announcer for WWJ and WWJ-TV, and played the part of the milkman on Milky's Movie Party, a popular television show. He also played Santa Claus on television every afternoon at Christmas time, and was the Santa Claus in the Hudson's thanksgiving parade for many years. Sadly, he was killed in a gas explosion in his home in the early '60s.

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Current City: Detroit

**Daniel De
Kok**

Sunday, 7/8/07, 5:13 PM

Wow, does this bring back memories of Michigan...listening to Ernie Harwell exclaim, "and that one was caught by a young fan from HamTRAMck!!" Every time we come back we stop at the Big Boy just off of US-23, and I go to the Marathon station across the street and stock up on Vernor's, joyously coughing on that first swig... I'm so Michigan, the father of a friend of mine OWNED a Mercury snowmobile dealership (he sold Mercury outboards too) and was made fun of when I told them that I'd only ever ridden a Ski- Doo...shame on me. A truly great website, but you forgot about the part where West Michiganians have an inherent distrust of "Detroiters" (anyone who lives east of Lansing and south of Alpena)

From: Holland MI
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Jim Couto

Thursday, 7/5/07, 11:30 AM

Great memories. Glad you mentioned CKLW. I remember listening to early rock & roll on transistor radio. Other memories: Walking into Tiger Stadium when it was all green (green seats, walls, etc) Listening to Van Patrick announce Lions games The Rooster Tail (Sunday night

for the young!) The Woodbridge Saloon (before the area became popular) Tours of Stroh's Brewery Playing ball at Softball City Opening Day at the old Tiger Stadium & the parties afterward

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**walter
hermance**

Saturday, 6/30/07, 6:50 AM

Born and grew up in Det.in the thirtys and fortys and into the fifties.Went to Pattengill grade school and Northwestern High.We had some great sports teams coached by the great Sam Bishop.At seventeen I was an usher at the old Victory theater on Grand River.I worked at the main Awrey Bakery on Tireman.The Holiday Drive Inn near 6mile and Northwestern Hy was our hang out in the early Fiftys,untill the Korean War broke up the old gang.We used Northwestern Hy as our drag strip back then. Have many great memories of those days in Det.Even if you had no car,you could always go on the buses or street cars,which by the way,I was a student driver after my discharge from the service in Nov.54. There was always things to do and places to go back then.Thank god that there was no video games and TV's to wast time with in them days,we were moving in those days---Great site!

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**Rhonda
Tackett**

Monday, 6/25/07, 8:47 AM

Wow! I left Detroit 20 years ago and although I come back often to visit, I can't believe all the things I've nearly forgotten until I found this site. There's too many to mention, but I'm a little curious to know if anyone out there remembers the little 45 "record" that came on every box of Frosted Flakes in '76. I believe it was by Dick Purtan and It was about everyone's favorite Tiger...Mark "The Bird" Fidrych. The Song? Bird, Keep On Talkin' to the Ball!!! Any idea where I can get a copy of that recording, please contact me!!! Thanks so much. Rhonda Tackett

From: River Rouge / Lincoln Park
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rick

Friday, 6/22/07, 2:13 PM

I went to southfield-lathrup high around "68 southfield was just a small city back then. boy has it grown up. did anyone go to any of the summer camps outside of the detroit area? best deli and bagels around, till you miss them. went to uhs on 7 mile and schaffer (house of foods).

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Current City: alpharetta,ga

**sherwood
mullen**

Friday, 6/22/07, 7:30 AM

I was born on Goyeau street in Windaor, a block and a half from the river. I am a dual citizen. I am a true wetback, my dad tossed me in the river and if I made it, I was a keeper. I was raised on the corner of Lansing and Porter in sweet Detroit, two blocks west of Clark park. I am 72 years old, and had the greatest time when I was a yonker, we were all poor, but we did not know it. I miss the old city and cried when they tore down old city hall and built that ugly new city hall. Detroit is my home town and I miss it, but things change. I always remember the old newsboys at Christmas, they were the heart of a great city. My heart is always there, and my memories are always happy.

From: detroit

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Current City: mission texas

Liz Demain

Monday, 6/18/07, 6:11 PM

Hi, I hope you can help me return a college ring to its rightful owner. The ring is a saint gabriels college/graduation ring?, I think from class 1965/6/7?. I have tried to locate the college, in Detroit, on the internet but failed, could it have changed name/closed?. I hope you can help as it would be nice to return the ring to the owner or his family, through the college or perhaps your pages. Thank you Liz

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**EARL
WATERS**

Friday, 6/15/07, 8:30 AM

A GREAT CITY TO HAVE GROWN UP IN THE 40'S AND 50'S.

From: EAST SIDE PARKSIDE HOUSING PROJECT

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Current City: SANFORD FL

**Frank
Bommarito**

Wednesday, 6/13/07, 6:53 AM

Hey, We can get Vernor's Ginger Ale here in the Hanau, Germany Commissary!! A little touch of home.

From: Lexington, MI

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Current City: Habitzheim, Germany

**Rick
Roberson**

Monday, 6/4/07, 12:34 AM

A great site. I love it down here in Georgia but nothing could ever replace home! Also if anyone out there went to Henry Ford High in Detroit, check out this website: www.henryfordhighschool.com

From: Detroit
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Current City: Stone Mountain, GA.

Daren

Saturday, 6/2/07, 10:17 PM

What a lot of great stuff on this site. Thanks for the memories. dcm

From: Ecorse/Eastside
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Lori Taylor

Sunday, 5/20/07, 8:46 AM

Anyone remember, Chapter One Book Store? Located on 7 mile and Evergreen Rd. My parents owned it in the mid 70's. We used to have family picnic at Edge Water Amusement Park every year....Good Times! =]

From: Dearborn, Mi.
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Current City: Taylor

Bill Cieciek

Monday, 5/14/07, 6:46 PM

What a great site! Brought back a lot of memories long forgotten. Born in Detroit but raised in Dearborn Heights and Berkley. I remember the Daly Drive-In on Beech Daly and the Top Hat on Van Born just a mile or so away from the Jolly Roger! Cruisin Woodward in the early 70's from 10mile to Trowbridge Road was a weekly event. A hamburger at the Tastee Freeze or Peppy's on Coolidge in Berkley was a regular occurrence.

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Kim

Friday, 4/27/07, 1:35 PM

Great site!

From: Plymouth
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Jim Orlando

Tuesday, 4/24/07, 11:24 AM

I have fond (stupid) memories of the Ashland hump and the Garwood Mansion. Mom used to take me up the Penobscot building to look out a window that could only be opened 6 inches. I thought there was an observation deck at one time, but I've never seen it. I spent 30 years as a Detroit cop and now work in the Facilities Division of the University of Detroit Mercy. www.udmercy.edu.

From: East Side Detroit
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Current City: Romeo, MI

**Irene (Guzik)
Grenan**

Tuesday, 4/24/07, 3:44 AM

Great memories

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Current City: Redford

**Jean Leavens
Harrison**

Monday, 4/23/07, 8:23 AM

There isn't enough room for MY memories! We had a Catholic education. Started at Noble Elementary, went to St Brigid's elementary, and then Bishop Borgess High School. Grew up in what they call today 'the hood'. Over by the DPW yard on Davison, Turner between Schoolcraft and Davison. We were low income but I had a childhood friend and still do, that lived on Cloverlawn near Grand River. So all the memories of the Sears and Federal's Cunningham's and the Beverly theatre are from her. When the riots came thru? we moved shortly after. The troops would sleep right on our front yard! At the end of our street the new freeway was going in, the Jeffries. Prodominently an African-American neighborhood when we moved, I was REally out of place when our family went to redford and I had NO friends that I felt comfortable with! I??? was from the hood! Although caucasian myself, I had very little in common with these strange new richer folks! Borgess was brand spanking new! When I wen in? It was the first year the school had all four grades represented. I graduated in 1972. St Brigid's is now some Gospel church, and what a beautiful church that is and was! NOTHING like the social halls they call Church in the suburbs. I worked for Crowley's in Dearborn for years, til they went under. : (Also worked at Mickey's Back Door and Scarlett O'Hara's on Michigan ave when I was 19-21. One is a German restaurant now and the other is the Silver Cricket! a men's club (so to speak LOL) I loved growing up in the 'hood' hahah We would go to the tracks whent he trains rolled by and yell for a piece of chalk fromt he conductor. Or go over to the steel factory and watch the arcs from the hot steel and watch it pour red hot out of a big cup! and the workers would be trying like hell to get us out of the doorways, yelling 'you'll ruin your eyes! don't look at the sparks!" did we listen? LOL My brother and his school

chum Bob Bageris started the easttown theatre and started the rock bands coming to the city down at Cobo in the early 70's. Bamboo Productions. Bob passed away from Leukemia. My brother is now in Arizona. We were lucky to have seen the start of so many rockers back then and actually see these men!!! meet them!! Rod Stewart and Ozzie and Alice Cooper! a man named Alice??? LOL Brown Paper Wrapper and Savoy Brown. The Rolling Stones!! Jimi Hendrix and Chuck Berry. What a memory for us all my brother mostly! When they bought the Easttown and going in there was scary yet cool! It had to be gutted and then cleaned. The history of that building. We had the Eagle Dairy on Wyoming and Tom's Grill with the best hamburgers! on Wyoming and Schoolcraft. Butzel Pool's on Lyndon. Robert Hall's! on Elmhurst near Grand River. Remember when we used to be able to go to the shows? for a quarter AND stay all day if you wanted and you got two movies for that damned quarter! James Bond was just coming out. Dr NO and Goldfinger! On our street? we all had to be in 'when the street lights came on' and everyone's parents were as good as your own! You got lickings from any adult that saw you misbehave! When a neighbor would pass away how the street would come together and take up a collection and bring all the food and then always watch out for you. Families were large (lack of birth control I think!) We all had friends. Color was never an issue. We all were friends then! Black White Yellow Brown YOUR friends? were just that, your friends. Remember the street vendors? the Indians would drive thru selling the wooden furniture in the summer months? And the vegetable man and his trucks? and then the Good Humor dude!!! Those bells! Johnson's Home depot on Davison and Wrigley's. My lil brother was 2 or 3 and he would purposely get 'lost' because the police would find him and take him for an ice cream cone at the Dairy Queen on Gr

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**Ethel (Smith)
Childers**

Wednesday, 4/11/07, 6:59 PM

I love this sight. I went to Jefferson Jr high from 1959 to 1962. I went to Western High for a short time. I lived on 15th and Selden. Lived there during the 67 riots. Before then life seemed so much safer and nicer.

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**Robert
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Tuesday, 4/10/07, 9:46 PM

I grew up in a quonset hut project on Conner and Corbett, near the City Airport and near the Conner Precinct Police station. There was always a lot of action in the projects in the early 50's. Many people were "going crazy". When a tenant of the neighborhood would flip out and start beating his house or appliances with a baseball bat the cops would

show up and have to cuff him; good entertainment for us quonset kids. But I also remember doing a lot of digging, we, the kids in the projects would bury and lot "treasure" ..mostly broken colored glass in a jar we collected from around the community garbage dumpster thingies... We used to watch the new Hudson motor cars leaving the factory, still incomplete, going to their next destination on a truck, like six at a time. George the ice cream man used to come around and we would always ask, "got any free samples?"

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