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**Catherine L,
Pehur**

Tuesday, 2/14/06, 3:45 PM

This certainly brought back old memories. I did the Bob-Lo Boat rides, the swimming pools, I remember the trucks of water for my kids to play in on Elgin Street. So many memories. Thanks

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valerie truax

Tuesday, 2/14/06, 11:42 AM

I felt as if I was obsolete when they tore down Hudsons. Thanks for bringing back some good memories of days long gone by.

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**Paulette
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**Igor Richard
Valentine**

Monday, 2/13/06, 12:12 PM

I'm 74 years old and lived in Detoit my first 18 years. I subsequently joined the Marines for 30 years and never returned to Detroit. Growing up and remembering many of the things on this site is a real treat. I went to Courville Elementary, Henry Ford Trade School, Highland Park Evening High School and attended some classes in Lawrence Institute of Technology. I'm proud to have lived those 18 years in a pretty nice city, at that time.

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**Brenda
Schooler**

Sunday, 2/12/06, 4:40 PM

I am "loving" this website. There have been so many times when I've wished all my favorite memories could be compiled into one big "treasure trunk" This is IT!!! Thanks for the memories! Brenda

From: Detroit
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PB Friday, 2/10/06, 11:50 PM

Grew up John-R between 6&7Mile RD. greenfield park elementary nolan jr. high pershing high best neighborhood in the world to grow up in as a good friend put it YOU HAD TO LIVE IT TO KNOW IT

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Philip Greenberg Wednesday, 2/8/06, 11:42 PM

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carole martin Wednesday, 2/8/06, 8:41 PM

this has been so cool to look at all the memories of detroit. where i live there must be at least 20 couples or more that are from michigan, even at our age we keep the motown sounds alive, whats so funny is our kids and now grandkids really have fun with our oldies. I do hope that detroit re-union revives the state. Bill & Carole Martin

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Kathryn Paquette Wednesday, 2/8/06, 12:15 PM

Wilson's dairy used to deliver to the milk chute, too. Does anyone remember Wrigley's super markets? Aldo's Pizza? Saturday matinees at the Civic Theatre at Kelly/Whittier? Parkside housing? Allinosi's ice cream? (Still around, but in Grosse Pointe. Sock hops? White Bucks? Going to the Minor Key, or Hungry Eye, on Woodward in the early 60's to listen to great jazz greats, like Ahmad Jamal.

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Diana Nordlie Tuesday, 2/7/06, 10:41 AM

Watching Super Bowl XL via TV this past weekend made me homesick for my family still living north of Detroit. Reading the information on your website brought back a flood of childhood memories from the 1950's and 1960's. My parents' first home was in the 7 Mile and Dequindre area, where we walked home from school for lunch, and walked to the nearby Wrigley's for groceries, including Awery's baked goods. Our neighborhood consisted of Eastern European working class families, and it was fun for me to ride my bike around supertime to smell the different ethnic foods being cooked. Our family moved to the west side of Detroit in 1962 (7 Mile between James Couzens and Greenfield area) and I learned to drive in Northland Shopping Center's empty parking lot on Sunday afternoons (Do you remember when most businesses were closed on Sundays and holidays?) My summer jobs while living in Detroit included Cunningham's Drug Store clerk and merchandise stock clerk at Montgomery Wards. My husband of 35 years also grew up in Detroit, where his Grandfather, uncle, and dad operated a wholesale florist. For decades it was located on Montcalm in downtown Detroit, but that land is now the home plate at Comerica Ballpark. NORDLIE,INC. continues to provide floral supplies to suburban Detroit. Some of our fondest memories were "field trips": to the Ford Rotunda to see Santa; to Detroit Institute of Art; to watch the polar bears at the Detroit Zoo; to be at the Michigan State Fair with our Girl Scout troupe; to go ice skating at Palmer Park; to ride the boat to Bob-lo Island; Shrine Circus, Ice Capades, etc. But the two VERY SPECIAL DETROIT MEMORIES were "dress-up" events: #1. Wearing white gloves, black patent leather shoes with lace ankle socks, fancy hat, and best Sunday dress, ride the DSR bus to downtown J L Hudson's with my sainted Grandmother, take a person- operated elevator up to the diningroom for Maurice Salad with Vernors Ginger Ale (dessert was at Sander's for hot fudge cream puff). #2. Our steak & champaign engagement dinner at the Top of the Flame rotating restaurant overlooking the Detroit River. Thanks for letting me share my thoughts, and pardon any misspelled or omitted words.

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Leo Francis

Tuesday, 2/7/06, 6:32 AM

I grew up in SCS, I was fortunate enough to take my kids on the Bob-Lo boat before its demise. My kids are in the 20's and they still talk about the Bob-Lo boat. They wish they could take their children on the boat.

From: St. Clair Shores
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gina Healy

Monday, 2/6/06, 3:03 PM

Boy, do I remember Detroit and surrounding area. Who remembers the Salt Water Pool? Lower Straits, taking the street car to Detroit,

Kresge's, Fox Theater, five cent burgers at the White Castle. Walled Lake roller coaster, the ferry to Windsor? I lived between Woodward and Crooks Road, off 13 Mile Road, on Elmhurst. A great place to grow up. Went to Starr School, Oak Ridge and Royal Oak High School. My last name was Bitterle then. Anyone remember? Coney Island on main street had the best hot dogs. I go back every year and always happy to be there. No place like Michigan, I love it.

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G. Kurtz

Sunday, 2/5/06, 9:38 AM

I remember the "old neighborhood" back in Detroit. There was Scotty's Fish and Chips located on Livernois south of Fenkell. They held a parade once a year (probably on the 4th of July). Detroit also had the street cars that ran on Livernois. Every Sunday, there were two TV shows, the Black Spider and later, the White Camelia. They ran old movies. The Black Spider and White Camelia were the hosts of the TV shows. Prior to the Ghoul, there was a Friday night show, "Shock Theater", hosted by a scary looking guy who kind of played his role a little more seriously than the Ghoul. Of course, as far as TV shows, there was Space Cadet and Captain Video, but they were syndicated. In the "old Detroit", there were businesses located near the downtown area where you could always find most anything you wanted "wholesale"...kind of a standing joke, but nevertheless true. Detroit's Good Humor trucks weren't the first ice cream vendors I recall. The vendors before that rode tricycles, the front of which had a cooler loaded with the ice cream. It wasn't that unusual to see horse-drawn junk wagons in Detroit. During the summer, my parents would go over to Borin Brothers Ice Company to pick up a block of ice to put in a cooler to take on picnics. During the winter, you could count on the coal company to come by and drop off a load of coal in the coal bin. I also remember the cost of admission to the Saturday matinees: 12 cents, and that included two movies and a cartoon. One of the other restaurants (or hangouts), was Cupid's Bow located across from Mumford High School. Those were the good old days...for the most part.

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**Charlie
MacIntyre**

Sunday, 2/5/06, 9:06 AM

How about The Peanut House on 7-Mile Rd.?

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Dottie Maida

Friday, 2/3/06, 5:22 PM

..My Mother's last job was at Red Kemps restaurant and we lived in the Pilgrim Apts for many years..On E. Jefferson..I attended Annunciation School..Skated at WaterWorks Park..Just wanted to thank you for this wonderful tribute Dottie Jacksonville Fl

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**Maureen
Cerny**

Friday, 2/3/06, 1:25 PM

Could hardly believe it the first thing on the list-- all about Halloween. Every year I tell someone, "We never said 'trick or treat" in Detroit. It was always "help the poor".

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Ray Vesnaugh

Friday, 2/3/06, 11:05 AM

Great web sight. Just one addition: the polo matches on 8 mile & Lahsher when the John F. Ivory farms were located there.

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**naomi
gordon-
weinstein**

Thursday, 2/2/06, 10:10 AM

I grew up in Detroit. Went to Vanderberg Elementary. Then moved to Southfield. Went to Southfield High. I love Detroit. Those were the days when you had all your buddies to play with so close in the neighborhood, and you didn't have to worry about crime. Things sure do change. Now if moved from Florida to tn. I have 20 acres of land with a waterfall, creek, springs, and woodlands. I love it. It is like back to the old days of peacefulness

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Dottie Maida

Thursday, 2/2/06, 5:35 AM

Your site is like a trip down memory lane..Thanks so much Dottie

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**Al (Alan)
Harvard**

Wednesday, 2/1/06, 8:43 AM

Fabulous flashbacks. I'm a 1956 Austin High grad. UofD in '57. Was there this past Sept (05) during my motorcycle Halls of Fame trip from Boston to California. Love visiting ol haunts, albeit they have changed....a lot.

From: Austin Catholic High School
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**Jim
Woodburn
(Woody)**

Tuesday, 1/31/06, 3:19 PM

I remember saving milk lids from Twin Pines Dairy and then being on Junior Auction. I would get the guys together and we would watch me bid the next week. Great memories!

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Roy Reno

Sunday, 1/29/06, 3:09 PM

Great site Brought back good memories

From: Rough park area
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Dennis Kloss

Sunday, 1/29/06, 10:14 AM

I think this site is unbelievable. Anyone out there remember when Soupy Sales was the MC at the Eight Mile Light Guard Armory for the annual labor day telethon? Obviously, I was an East-sider. Grew up just South of 8 Mile between Mound & Ryan roads.

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**Bernard
Kaselemas**

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Terrific website with a lot of memmories. Highly recommended

From: Detroit
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Current City: Livonia

**Joe &
Christine
Landis**

Saturday, 1/28/06, 10:14 PM

Some of this was a little older than what we remember, but there were a lot of things that brought back old memories. It makes us proud to be from Detroit.

From: Roseville / Fraser
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Anita

Friday, 1/27/06, 12:34 AM

What a GREAT site! I remember going to Edgewater Park with my friends. We went almost every weekend we could drum up 16 to 18 teenagers. They had a 2 for 1 special with a group of 21 or more. We'd always recruit people when we got there. We'd ride that rickety rollercoaster, what a blast. Belle Isle, Sanders, and too many to name.

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Diane Crigler

Thursday, 1/26/06, 11:49 AM

I remember walking home from Mumford and getting a Top Hat hamburger on the way. Attending the Debutante Ball, charm school classes at Federal Department Store, going to Dummy George's to hear Anita Baker and others, sneaking into the 20 Grand to see the Temptations. Working at E.L. Rice as a co-op student. Going to Palmer Park to ice skate on the pond, climbing the fence with my brother at the State Fair to see live entertainment. Going to 12th Street Baptist Church - then across the street to Hostess Bakery for fresh hot cupcakes after church. Going to Sanders Bakery in Highland Park. Walking to the Avalon Theater with the entire neighborhood, taking the bus to the Fox Theater - didn't know why we had to sit in the balcony and didn't care. Seeing the letter from Uncle Sam drafting my brother into the army. The 60's - Those were the days my friend - frightening and exciting.

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Richard Weiss

Thursday, 1/26/06, 11:24 AM

Like to see more... good job..

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**Mary Kay
Siebel**

Thursday, 1/26/06, 11:15 AM

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Richard Popp

Thursday, 1/26/06, 6:25 AM

A great site. Is there a way within the site to forward it to friends?

From: Detroit
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Ron Wooster

Wednesday, 1/25/06, 11:09 PM

Those days shaped us into what and who we are today. Thanks.

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**Marcia
Rosenberg
Magid**

Wednesday, 1/25/06, 5:08 PM

Great web site. I have been having a ball scrolling through it. Brings back so many memories. I graduated from Mumford High in 1955. I was born on Blaine and Dexter. Anyone else out there?

From: Detroit
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**Barry
Kushner**

Tuesday, 1/24/06, 5:10 PM

I lived in the City of Detroit or the Detroit area from 1933 to 1997. Central High '51. Doty Elementary 1935-1945. Now I can prove "Help The Poor" to these nonbelievers. Your website is great, thanks!

From: Detroit
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Current City: Deerfield Beach, FLI lived

Pat Hultgren

Tuesday, 1/24/06, 6:01 AM

Scrolling through all the things brought back alot of good memories

growing up in the Detroit area.

From: Detroit Michigan
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**Jodi
O'Connor**

Monday, 1/23/06, 7:17 PM

Wow a friend of mine sent this to me and it sure brought back memories, especially Santa Toyland at Hudsons, Sanders restaurants, boblo boat. So many great memories thanks for making a great web page for those of us who are no longer living there.

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**JIM
GRAHAM**

Monday, 1/23/06, 6:28 PM

IN THE 50S THE NORTH WOODWARD AREA WAS QUITE EXCITING. FROM HIGHLAND PARK TO THE ZOO THERE WAS SO MUCH TO DO. STARTING WITH THE RKO UPTOWN SHOW AND PALMER PARK YOU WOULD PASS THE LOG CABIN BOWLING ALLEY, SDNEY BOOGS CANDIES, CUNNINGHAMS, STATE FAIR BOWLING ALLEY, THE FABULOUS STATE FAIR GROUNDS, FERNDAL AND THE WONDEROUS DETROIT ZOO. THE STREETCARS USUALLY STOPPED AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND TURNED AROUND BUT EVERY 10TH ONE OR SO WENT TO THE ZOO AND GAVE DETROITERS A CHANCE TO ENJOY THEMSELVES THERE. AS WE GOT OUR OWN CARS THE CRUISE OUT TO TEDS DRIVE IN BECAME A RITUAL. ALONG WOODWARD THERE WERE PLENTY OF RESTAURANTS. IF WE WANTED TO SWIM THERE WAS THE NATIONAL POOL WHICH WAS ACROSS FROM THE ZOO AND RACKHAM GOLF COURSE.

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**Laverene
Wills**

Monday, 1/23/06, 11:56 AM

My sister sent me this site, it has been a real joy. I have it bookmarked, so if I get some spare time I take a trip down memory lane. There is so much on the site there is no way you can see it all at one time. My memories were going ice skating at Gallager's ice rink. I met my future husband there. We've been together 44yrs. now. Walking to Jim & Ann's drugstore on the corner of Lillibridge and Jefferson to get a chocolate-coke from their fountain. Since we lived close to the Detroit River I remember walking down Jefferson at night and the Mayflies (we

called them fish flies) would be all over the store fronts and the sidewalks and when you stepped on them they crunched under your feet. Gross maybe, but it is a memory. Getting a group of kids together to play softball at Fairview Park. Watching the partiers party at the Harbour Bar. Fishing in the canals at the river. When I was 13 we moved to Warren, I felt like an alien. The world there was totally different, but I have good memories of there too. I remember cruising McDonalds at VanDyke and 11 Mi. I remember playing Chinese Fire Drill. (I'd kill my kids for that) I could go on and on, thanks again!

From: Detroit, St. Jean & Jefferson Area
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Current City: Rockwood, Tennessee

**James
Graham**

Monday, 1/23/06, 1:58 AM

moved to detroit from chicago in 1939. lived on merrick behind mills bakery, what a joy to wake up smelling the baked goods. Early memories: greenwood theater, fisher theater, oriole and linwood lasalle theaters, astor theater, duffield library on grand blvd., rivera and annex theaters on grand river, scottys fish and chips on livernois, boeskys deli, kartzens cafeteria downtown, bond clothes next to sams, t.b. rayls, fromms and griswold sporting goods, neds auto supply, daly and teds drive inns, worth clothes (great jingle), american, national and georges real coney islands, eastwood amusement park at 8 mile and gratiot (great fun house, pool and dancing on weekends), food fair and holbrook markets, toddle house restaurants (breakfast anytime), 1 hour telenews theater on woodward near hudsons, beautiful fountains and gold fish ponds in basement of fisher bldg near concourse to GM BUILDING, swimming at crystal, rouge or national pool (across from detroit zoo), \$.50 cent bleacher seats at briggs stadium, rollerskating at arena gardens on woodward, ice cream at brickley, browns or eagle dairys, bowling at statefair, log cabin, nortown, wy-7, bowlerama, satellite, redford, etc., this is from 40s to 50s which represents a LOT of old detroiters.

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**Betty (Avers)
McHugh**

Sunday, 1/22/06, 3:35 PM

What a wonderful stroll down memory lane...For those who are from East Detroit, we remember the Blue Ribbon Drive In..of course White Castle, A &Ws, High School dances, bon fires at homecoming and the snake dance through the stores on Nine MI. and Gratiot...ahhhh Those were the days....And don't forget our Crush, on our first boyfriends....Wonderful site, Thanks for the Memories..Betty

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ron devries

Sunday, 1/22/06, 1:10 PM

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Current City: wheaton

Mike Bieke

Sunday, 1/22/06, 9:21 AM

This is a terrific site! I grew up in St. Clair Shores in the 60's and 70's, and your site brings back lots of great memories from there.

From: St. Clair Shores, MI.

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Bob Mathews

Saturday, 1/21/06, 2:13 PM

Wow! I've been away from you (Michigan) a long time, but I miss you as much now as when I first left. Thanks for the web site.....who says, "You can never go home"?

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**ROBERT
YEIP**

Friday, 1/20/06, 6:51 AM

CUNNINGHAMS DRUG STORE & KINSELS DRUG STORE
ACROSS THE STREET FROM EACHOTHER---OLLIE FRETTER
& A FREE POUND OF COFFEE---EASTWOOD PARK HAD
"DIRTY" MOVIES IN THE ARCADE---BURLESQUE THEATERS
(GAYITY,NATIONAL,EMPRESS) GAYHAVEN,WILDWOOD
NITECLUBS--FIRST EASTSIDE PIZZERIA "MARY JOES"
HARPER & GRATIOT. SECOND "JACKS" MT ELLIOT & FOREST
RADIO: JACK ARMSTRONG, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT (SECRET
DECODER RING)INNER SANCTUM (SQUECKING DOOR)

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Tom Smith

Thursday, 1/19/06, 5:01 PM

Brought back memories in a flash. Tom

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albert

manigold

Thursday, 1/19/06, 8:19 AM

76 years old Lived at Lakewood an Forest then Gray and Mack. To Uptown show every Saturday Later moved to the suburbs in the 40,s on Rolandale at 7 mile rd hunted in the corn field for phesent wher St. John Hosp is now 7& Mack Had 2 Greek restaurents a Sinclair Gas station a Bar and a Night Club plus a 1 pump gas station left over from the 20,s.went went to a lot of different schools ended up at Denby class of 48

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**Barbara
Koscierszynski**

Wednesday, 1/18/06, 2:01 PM

I grew up in Detroit and lived there for 37 years. I have many fond memories of shopping at the downtown Hudson's, buying music from Grinnell's, taking a few classes at Cass Tech, eating lunches and dinners at many of the fine eateries, attending Wayne State University, walking by the Vernor's plant, etc.

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**Linda (Marx)
Konke**

Wednesday, 1/18/06, 1:30 PM

Loved this site. Brought back many memories. I remember the Detroit Tigers winning the World Series in 1968 with Al Kaline, "Stormin Norman" Cash, Bill Freehan, Willie Horton, etc.

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Susan Bonam

Wednesday, 1/18/06, 8:53 AM

Love this site

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**Cortez
Redrick**

Tuesday, 1/17/06, 7:05 AM

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**Stephen
Thompson**

Sunday, 1/15/06, 7:01 AM

REmember the Lakewood theater; Fromm Hardware;Hiller's Store for men; Gino's Pizza;Jefferson Bowling Alley;St. Martin;the bridge store;Lakewood or Angel park;Harbor Island; Skating on the canals;Guyton School playground;

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