

A Blast from the Past for Homecoming 2019

Reminiscing on 59': 60 Years Later

Oh how fine: 1979

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Picture this... It's the year of 1959, and you and your friends are all in your Ford, heading to the movies with your freshly blow-dried hair, wearing your white Chucks, all while singing the lyrics to your favorite Paul Anka song, "Put your head on my shoulder." Your friends are applying more red lipstick and sporting their favorite DuPont Lycra leggings. You're on the way to see the fresh new film, *Ben Hur*. Your only true worry is which team will win your school's basketball game tomorrow. Life is good, as it should be.

1959 was a year filled with advancements. For example, Volvo came out with the modern seatbelt, and made it an open patent so any manufacturer could use the same design to save lives. This same seatbelt mechanism is the one used in every car produced today. Also in 1959, the current US flag design was accepted and adopted by the US Congress. Both Troll Dolls and Barbie Dolls were created in 1959, and became popular Christmas gifts for kids all around. The Conair hair dryer influenced hairstyles in a huge way and be-

came a key part of fashion throughout time.

Speaking of fashion... 1959 is a year filled with different fashion statements that are still present in today's trends. Plaid skirts and button-up shirts were a popular trend, along with fitted dresses



1959 GHS Golf Team

for a very classic, elegant look. For school, ladies often wore sweater sets, scoop neck blouses, pleated skirts, and shirtwaist style dresses with cinched-in waists. For gentlemen, lettermen jackets, slacks, and button-up shirts were the trend. Some men went for the more rebellious look, in which they'd wear all darker colored clothes, not ironed clothes, and anything that made you look tough and rough on purpose. These trends still pop back up and resurface in today's time. The fashion of 59' was certainly one to remember and blasts from the pasts are present today with the same fashion trends making an appearance in 2019.

The entertainment of 1959 was just as inter-

esting as the clothing. Popular movies of this year included *Ben-Hur*, *The Shaggy Dog*, *Pillow Talk*, and *Some Like it Hot*. Popular TV Shows included *Gunsmoke*, *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *Wagon Train*, and *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color*. For fun, teens often went to see movies at both inside theatres or at the drive-in movies. They'd also spend lots of their time listening to music and going to dances, ice cream parlors and malt shops, pizza parlors, coffee houses, and even record shops. The stories of loud parties, fast cars, and first loves were usually detailed in songs. Some of the top artists of 59' included Johnny Horton, Lloyd Price, Paul Anka, Fleetwoods, Frankie Avalon, Elvis Presley, Crests, Connie Francis, and Sandy Nelson. These artists, movies, and lifestyles contributed greatly to what entertainment meant for generations to come.

Today, we are reminded of just how amazing 1959 was. The year of 59' is recognized and reminisced about for the amazing music, dances, dates, trends, and people too. It was certainly a year to be alive and a year to remember.

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From Michael Jackson's break through album, "Off the Wall," to ESPN launching on cable television, 1979 was a time to remember!

The average income was \$17,500, and the average house cost was \$13,650. Jimmy Carter was the President. Sony released the Walkman for about \$60, and McDonalds released the first ever Happy Meal for \$1.00.

Pink Floyd was a very popular band. Elton John became the first pop star to perform in Israel.

Johnny Elliot was named outstanding wrestler in the state

November 4, 1979, where 66 people mainly from the United States, were



1979 Miss Cherokeean, Pam Hemphill

trapped for 444 days.

Super Typhoon Tip effected southwestern areas from October fourth through the nineteenth. Thirteen tornadoes ripped through Texas and Oklahoma during 1979.

On January 21, 1979, the cowboys had a score of 31 and the Steelers had a score of 35, and the Pittsburg Steelers won their third Superbowl.

Popular television shows were *Happy Days*, *Family Feud*, and *Three's Company*. Popular films were *Superman: The Movie*, *Rocky II*, and *The Muppet Movie*. The New York Times newspaper was not published for nearly the whole year due to an industrial dispute.

In the world of fashion, women would wear anything from flip top watches to Denim overalls. Many styles we see today were very popular such as tube tops and heeled sandals. Men would dress formally with suits, pleated vamp shoes, velour v-necks and car coats. In this exciting year Cindy Painter was elected homecoming queen, and Miss Cherokeean was Pam Hemphill.



1979 Homecoming Queen, Cindy Painter

tournament after AAAA championship.

1979 was the year the Soviet Union and the United States signed the SALT II treaty. The Iranian Revolution of 1979 transformed Iran from a pro-Western monarchy under Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to an Islamist government under the leadership of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Distrust between the revolutionaries and Western powers led to the Iran hostage crisis on

1969: The Year that Changed Fashion



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As time progresses, it seems like the trends from the late 60s are continuing to travel through the years, especially the fashion styles in 1969. From the bell-bottom jeans to the tie-dye shirts; practically anything that you can think of that was worn in the late 1960s has made a comeback in the last decade. Let's take a peek at those old crazes, and see how many trends made it to 2019, or stayed behind in 1969.

The tie-dye shirt was, as said above, one of the infamous styles in 1969, and also all around the 21st century. Tie-dyeing originated from Japan and Indonesia, and has been practiced there since the 8th century. However, it did not become a fashion fad until the late 60s, following the example set by rock stars Janis Joplin and John Sebastian, who did their own dyeing. The hippie-inspired shirts were so popular that they are still worn today.

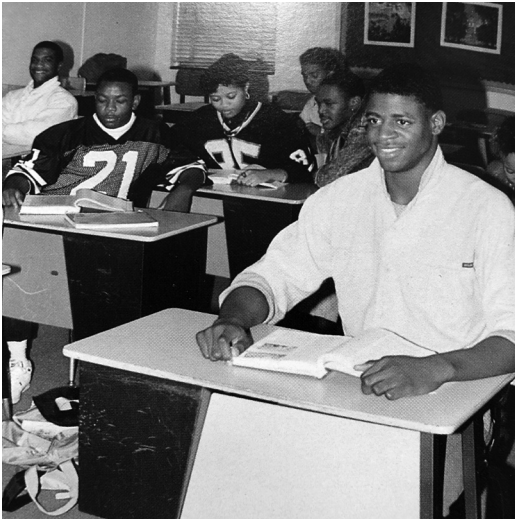
Another fashionable style were Jesus sandals, or jandals as some called

them. Jandals are sandals fashioned after those worn by Jesus in 27-29 A.D. They are very stylish, comfortable shoes that are still used today, commonly in Hawaii and sometimes in the other parts of the US. Bell-bottom jeans were the admired pants of 1969. This style of jeans made a major comeback in the early 2000s.

While those distinct fashion crazes were extremely popular in 1969, we cannot forget about the other fads that made the late 1960s what they were

back then, including the music trends. Of course you cannot think about the music of the 1960s without talking about The Beatles; the band that started it all. The Beatles were known to be "The Band of the 20th Century," and are still sometimes listened to today by kids and adults alike. Did you know that the band was so popular that our Gaffney High band, all the way from 1969, performed their music at the football games and in their competition routine?

These are just a few of the popular trends that made a huge impression on the world in 1969. Even though it was 50 years ago, we can definitely still feel the impact of 1969 on our world today.



Gaming & Fashion in 1989

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From acid washed clothes to trying to figure out how to beat Minesweeper, 1989 was a year filled with plenty of outlets for entertainment, and gave the world endless things to remember.

1989 was a big year in gaming. With multiple new consoles out and all those classic games released, 1989 was certainly a time to be alive in regards to the gaming industry. The popular consoles were the Gameboy, Nintendo Entertainment System (NES), PC, Tengen, and the Sega Genesis. The release of the Gameboy was the start of a new era in gaming and is still present today.

The Gameboy was not the first portable gaming system of time, and it was not the most advanced, but the Gameboy was found everywhere. Some of the hot new games played on these systems included *Super Mario Land*, *Batman: The Video Game*, *Dragon Warrior*, *DuckTales*, *Sim City*, Tetris, Solitaire, and even Minesweeper.

89' was also a great time for new movies that are

still praised today. The film of the summer was the original Tim Burton *Batman*. It was the highest-grossing movie of 1989 and ushered in a new era of comic-book blockbusters. Many kids took their curiosity out to explore their backyards when the classic movie *Honey, I shrunk the Kids* was released. It became the fifth highest-grossing movie of the year. Some other popular movies released were *Indian Jones and the Last Crusade*, *Back to the Future II*, *When Harry met Sally*, *Lethal Weapon II*, *Do the Right Thing*, *Ghostbusters II*, *Christmas Vacation*, and *The Little Mermaid*. These movies are still watched today, and are true entertainment to those of all ages.

With all the different fashion styles from 1989, the acid wash jeans are a trend to remember. Some of the trendy shoes from 89' still sit on shelves today. Rebook "The Pump" was released in 89' and changed basketball footwear. However, the Avia 880 was worn by at least four basketball Hall of Famers (Clyde Drexler, Robert Parish, Scottie Pippen, and John Stockton), along with countless high school teams.

Other big trends of the time included baggy denim, mom jeans and boyfriend jeans, bright colored clothes, and windbreakers. These trends are still present today with teenagers across the states, and go to show that 89' is still alive.