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Childhood Flashbacks

A look back at the things that defined our childhood...



Childhood TV

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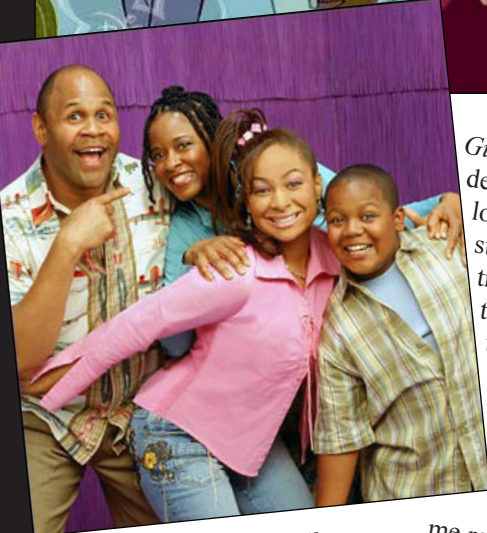
Disney Channel, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, and PBS Kids were all popular TV networks during my childhood in the late 1990s and early 2000s. TV shows like *That's So Raven*, *The Proud Family*, *Hey Arnold*, *Scooby Doo*, *The Lizzie McGuire Show*, *Arthur*, *Ant Farm*, *Even Stevens*, *All That*, *Rugrats*, *Cat Dog*, *Lilo and Stitch*, *Bugs On*

tron and *Zoom* were a must watch. These shows were both entertaining and educational.

Most of the shows had life lessons. *That's So Raven* and *Lizzie McGuire* really taught me things such as the value of friendship and responsible decision making. *The Proud Family* was my favorite show; it taught me a lot. I can remember one episode that really saved me from doing something stupid, Penny Proud received a credit card from her parents and she was extremely irresponsible. She maxed her card out "Penny you're grounded for three weeks" Mrs. Proud said, Penny's mother. The experience with the credit card that my mother gave me on my fourteenth birthday.

Just by watching someone that I really looked up to as a child go through something helped me realize that if I did it, I would have the chance of getting the same punishment as she did. These shows were not only entertainers they were teachers as well.

TV shows today are totally different from shows I watched as a child. Today's TV shows are sexual, violent, and seem to be made only for entertainment. During my childhood TV shows not only entertained children they also taught them and gave them something to do when there was nothing to do. I appreciate the TV Shows that we're airing during my childhood.



Childhood Movies

by Dominique Easley

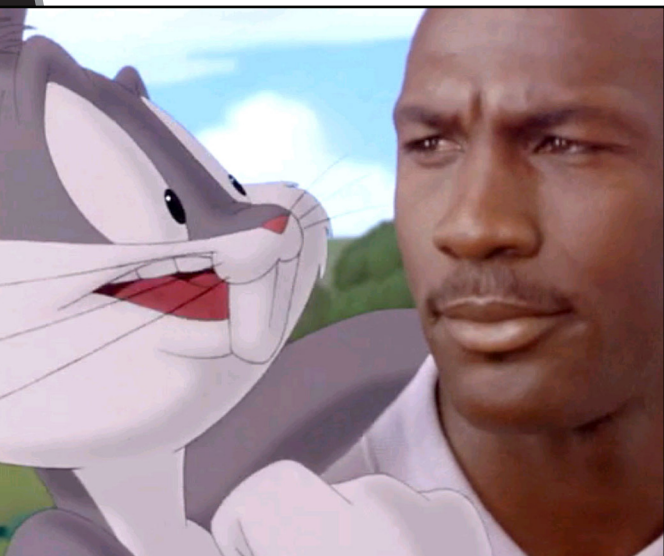
Children's perspectives on movies have changed a lot over the past ten years. Kids today don't know anything about *Power Rangers*, *Lion King*, *Toy Story*, and *Space Jam*. These were great movies when I was growing up; I was always watching one of them.

Space Jam was my all time favorite movie growing up. It incorporated everything up; it was funny, but at the same time it had a good conflict that made needed to have a good movie. It was funny, but at the same time it had a good conflict that made it serious. There was never a boring part of that movie, and I remember every part of it. "Polar Express was my favorite movie," senior Maliaka Johnson said. "It looked so real: the train, the snow, the people. It brought something I never seen in a movie." According to Maliaka, *Polar Express* was an excellent movie that she will never forget.

Most children's movies that came out when my generation was growing up taught a life lesson that we wouldn't get until we got older. Like *Toy Story* taught us about the importance of friendship; *Lion King* taught us that we had to grow up and get over our fears so we can become responsible adults.

These movies had a big impact on most our lives. "[Antz] showed the importance of friendship and staying together," senior Brent Taylor said. It taught him that sometimes rebellion is a good thing if it has a good reason.

Movies today have lost their touch. They aren't bad or anything, but they do not compare to movies that we were accustomed to watching when growing up. If movies start to get back to the way they were, children everywhere would grow up and be much happier. They would also adapt some life values from the movie just as we did.



More Blasts from our Past...

GAME

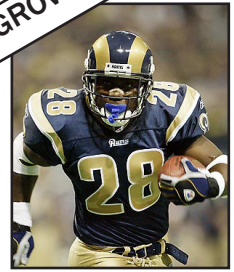


Crash Bandicoot

"I remember playing Crash Bandicoot on the original Playstation when I was five years old. I hated passing the controller to a family member when I died."

– Ollis Lones Senior

GROW UP



Football Player

"Growing up, I wanted to be a football player. I was fascinated by the amazing players like Marshall Faulk, Eddie George ... I even had it all planned out for the NFL 2017 Draft."

– Savon Clark Senior

MOVIE



The Lion King

"My favorite movie to watch was The Lion King. I made my mom play it so much that I broke the VHS."

– Aliyah Lee Senior

SPORTS



Mark Buerhle

"My favorite sports memory was watching [Chicago White Sox pitcher] Mark Buerhle pitch his perfect game."

– Daniel Johnson Sophomore

GAME



Not It

"We played ... with all the kids from the neighborhood. Because I was the smallest, they would say that I was playing 'for fun' which was never fun because I never got the chance to be it."

– Alexssa Moore Senior

GAME



Pitfall

"I would wait until my parents went to bed, then sneak into the living room to play the Atari 2600. More than once, I didn't stop playing until the morning sun started to peek through the blinds."

– Mr. Dudek Teacher

SONG



I Love You

"The I Love You song by Barney was one of my favorite songs as a child."

– Averie Allen Sophomore