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A new and original idea with Starbucks

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Starbucks Grab N go Display next to a Display case by OscarTek

The first Starbucks opened its first location in 1971 at the Seattle's historic Pike Place Market. From just a narrow storefront, Starbucks offered some of the world's finest fresh-roasted whole bean coffees. The name, inspired by Moby Dick, evoked the romance of the high seas and the seafaring tradition of the early coffee traders.



In 1981, Howard Schultz (Starbucks chairman, president and chief executive officer) had first walked into a Starbucks store. From his first cup of Sumatra, Howard was drawn into Starbucks and joined a year later.

A year later, in 1983, Howard traveled to Italy and became captivated with Italian coffee bars and the romance of the coffee experience. He had a vision to bring the Italian coffeehouse tradition back to the United States. A place for conversation and a sense of community. A third place between work and home. He left Starbucks for a short period of time to start his own Il Giornale coffeehouses and returned in August 1987 to purchase Starbucks with the help of local investors.



From the beginning, Starbucks set out to be a different kind of company. One that not only celebrated coffee and the rich tradition, but that also brought a feeling of connection. Today there are 21,366 Starbucks stores around the world. For further info please visit www.starbucks.com

Remember When: A phone was a novelty and a refrigerator was nonexistent

San Francisco May 1, 2015; They say that change is most evident in the little, everyday things of life like your car shifting gears for itself. Here are 10 once-common activities that (probably) no one alive today who's not on Social Security has ever experienced.

Taking a phone call for someone else in the neighborhood. Years ago not everyone had a home telephone. So a good-hearted relative or neighbor might help out by receiving phone messages for others. The good-hearted person would then walk to the friend or relative's house and say "Mary's coming over Tuesday to play Canasta." Pulling a coaster wagon full of groceries the store. With cars not as common as they are today, and stores in closer proximity to most folks' homes, it was common to load your bags into the Radio Flyer you'd parked outside the A&P to carry the week's vittles.

Laundering clothes in a wringer washer. Old-time washers were nowhere near as automatic as the modern ones, meaning there was no spin dry. Once your washing was done, you'd turn on the wringer, a pair of rolling cylinders atop the washer, and squeeze the water out of them so you could go outside and hang them on the clothesline. But watch your fingers. The Spanish Inquisition invented the wringer as a torture device.

Dousing the lights for a blackout. From World War II up through the early years of the Cold War, communities staged drills for the protective action you'd have to take if enemy bombers were on the way. The idea was that the Nazis or Commies, flying under cover of night, couldn't unload on your town if they couldn't see it. Families would huddle in their darkened homes until the all-clear was sounded.



Early 19th Century phone

Flipping around the pasteboard sign attached to your front porch so that it would read "ice," and the deliveryman would haul in a big block with tongs and place it in your icebox. An actual refrigerator was like manned missions to Mars.

Hauling "curtain stretchers" to someone else's house or back to your own. These things were big (and I mean big) wooden frames on which lace curtains were hooked to dry without shrinking or sagging. One set of racks might make the rounds of an entire block. In other words, people shared.

Fixing lunch for the kids at noon on a school day. Since urban elementary schools covered neighborhoods, students walked home for a cheese sandwich or some Chef Boyardee or whatever, lovingly prepared by Mom.

Bolting a huge TV antenna to the roof, or steadying the ladder while another family member did the death-defying job. Before the advent of local stations, you needed this humongous device to pull in a grainy signal from the big city so you could watch the Friday night fights at home instead of at the bar.

Banking the furnace for the night. Since there was no need to waste precious anthracite, you tamped down the flame for the evening. Then in the morning you'd toss on a shovel or two to heat the house and water boiler for the day.

Stifling a swear word because for the third time this week you'd burned the toast, and wondering how we could build the atom bomb but not a toaster that didn't belch acrid smoke and convert bread to charcoal.



Early 19th Century Refrigerator

Funny? Yeah, but in 50 years they'll be laughing at the iPad.
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