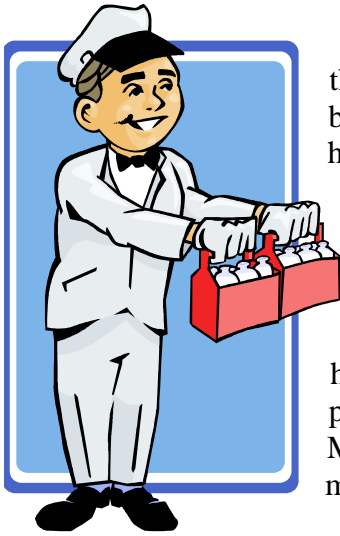


## Growing Up in 1966

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When my dad was my age, it was 1966. My dad played outside most of the time with his friends Ricky, Johnny, and Junior. They played half-ball, box-ball, and two-hand touch. They did not have any video games. My dad did not have cable TV or a remote. If he wanted to change channels, he had to get up and do it. The only channels were 3, 6, 10, 12, 17, 29, and 48. There was no Nicktoons or Disney channel. His favorite shows were *Super Heroes*, *Looney Tunes* and *Batman*. My dad listened to records on a record player, not cds.

When my dad was a kid, there was no computer, no cell phone, and you had to dial the phone on the wall. There was no microwave. If you wanted popcorn, you had to make it on the stove (JIFFYPOP) or use a popcorn maker. My dad did not have to go to the food store for milk; it came to his house from the milkman. A huckster sold vegetables and fruit from a truck on the street.

My dad collected baseball cards and comic books; I collect too, but I collect Pokemon cards instead of baseball cards.

My dad thinks it was better to grow up back then! I think it is better to grow up now!

