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## You are an old timer of Canyon Lake

... IF you can remember:

by Star Carey

The previous names of banks at the Wells Fargo location were Canyon Lake, Victoria and Norwest

All our banks were owned by locals and not Californians or Victorians

The door mat from the original Canyon Lake Bank (with its clever logo) which is now at the 2673 entrance door to the CRRC thrift shop

When 2673 and River Road did not have a traffic light  
Nor Dam Access and 306 ~ Nor 306 and 484

The Exxon station at 306 & 2673 was  
the Catfish Corner Restaurant

We had no ugly billboards

The current Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant in Hancock was a Dairy Queen

There was a big fight over whether the USPS would allow us to be called Canyon Lake instead of New Braunfels

Five Points Hardware in Sattler

The lumber yard where Triple S Rentals is now

When there were but two churches: Church in the Valley and St. Thomas the Apostle (St. Thomas had outdoor masses)

That the Mainstream Media building was the local office of

New Braunfels Savings and Loan (when you look at the front from Julius St. you can see where the drive-thru used to be on the right hand side of the building)

All the empty retail businesses during the S&L crisis in the 80's

The previous name of the current Granny D's was La Casa del Lago and before that it was the Bean Pot

Eating at the Dam Site Cafe (now gone and a parking lot) which was next to the Bean Pot

Eating at Freeman's at the base of the dam

Eating at the Flying Chef next to the CRRC in Sattler

Eating (if you dared) at Goofy's next to Riverside Resort

Many of the county's elected officials were Democrats

The Times Guardian newspaper

There was just one high school for the Comal School District - and it was in the city!

The water company was owned by locals, not Californians

The VFW in Sattler was a country store

The grocery store names in Sattler were, in order, Country Boy's, Frank's, Super S, Lowe's

Kanz Feed & Seed being across the street from where it is now (you can still make out the shadow of the Kanz lettering on the side of that original building)

Freedom Mail was a restaurant called the Bull Chute

NAPA was Dove Plumbing

The WORD building was a bar called John's Lighthouse.

Norma's flower shop next to the Sattler Baking Company

There was no county tax office here so we had to go to

New Braunfels to do county business

Septic tanks were 'dug' by dynamite

Dancing at the Wagon Wheel Inn

And, most of all, you can remember when not every second person you met was escaping Houston

*Star Carey is the Historian of the Canyon Lake Breakfast Club.*

*(Ed. Note: While Star sounds a bit weary of all the newcomers he has seen arrive over many, many years watching the area's unstoppable growth, he says it in half jest. Because he enjoys meeting new people, he would miss seeing new faces if they weren't there. Keep 'em coming...)*