

Passing of the Chairman Emeritus

Wings Over Wendy's members, friends and relatives were saddened when Art Sherman succumbed to his illnesses on August 7, 2019 just nine days after we had celebrated his 98th birthday. Art was the heart and soul of the organization since the passing of the co-founder Fred "Crash" Blechman in 2007. Art started attending meetings after Dennis McCarthy wrote a column about the Monday meeting in August 2002. He assisted Fred at the head table and entertained the audience with his jokes and stories and his famous saying "and some of which are true".

He loved to talk at the schools and Veteran's events throughout the area about his WWII (as he would jokingly say "World War Eleven") experiences, especially his not getting his pilot wings when he flew under a bridge and was "washed out" for reckless flying. Continuing on as an Aviation Cadet he trained as a bombardier and served in Italy. He was wounded in the head by shrapnel that pierced his helmet which he kept and loved to show. After a stay in the hospital he was reclassified as an Intelligence Officer. He loved to tell that story "hole in the head so they made me an Intelligence Officer!"

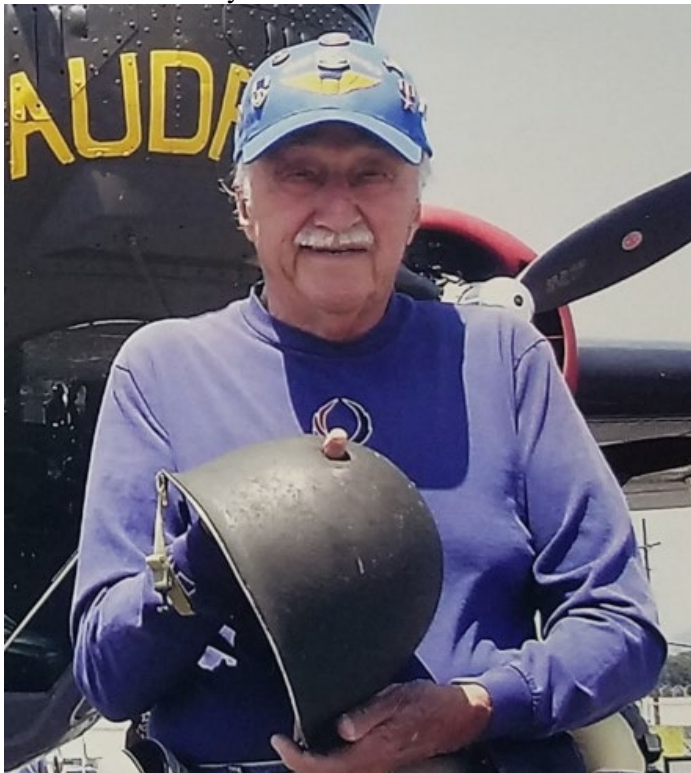
Art worked tirelessly promoting Wings Over Wendy's including the establishment of the WOW2 Tuesday Group that meets in the Tarzana Community Center and answering phones at the West Valley Community Police Station.



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Art served as the Grand Marshall of the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade and every year after that rode in one of the VIP Cars.

In August 2016 he handed the Monday meeting gavel to Ed Reynolds but continued to attend all the events and displayed his helmet at the Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Aviation Career days and school functions.



Art Sherman Funeral and Reception

Art Sherman's Funeral was conducted at 10am, Friday, August 16th at the Mount Sinai Hollywood Hills - TaNaCH Chapel, Forest Lawn.

Reception following the service was held at First Presbyterian Church, 4963 Balboa Blvd, Encino, CA



Mike LaVere, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Ron Rubine and Howard Swerdlick at Art Sherman's Service



Flag that draped Art's coffin



Presentation of Flag to Art's daughters.



Photos Ken Mayer

Missing Man formation fly over by Condor Squadron

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August 12, 2019



Mike LaVere presents DVD of Art's Birthday meeting to Linda Sherman and Judy Cierler



Photos by Ken Mayer

Marion Lovelace's memories of Art
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Photos by Nathan Wolfstein

Art Sherman's reception

Over seventy Wings Over Wendy's members dressed in the Wings Over Wendy's hats and shirts that Art had requested attended the funeral and reception. In addition, a dozen police officers attended and many local dignitaries.

He will be missed, and we expect that he is forming Wings Over Wendy's 3 in heaven to reunite with "Crash" and our other departed members.

August Meetings

August 5, 2019



Photo by Larry Kushner

Bob Blumenfield

We were honored on the first meeting of the month of August and this publisher's birthday with a visit by our local City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield. Bob provided an update on his current activities in support of the Woodland Hills area.

He described the plans to beautify Ventura Blvd from Shoup Ave to Woodlake Ave; The City of Los Angeles Planning Department's ruling to reduce the size of the entertainment area in the Warner Center Westfield Promenade plan; and his effort to save the 14-acre Bothwell Ranch in Tarzana, the Valley's last commercial orange grove from being broken up for residential home lots.

He fielded a number of questions from the audience.



Leon Waldman telling Art's daughters Judy and Linda his memories of Art



Fred Kaplan reminiscing his memories of Art.



Art's daughter's Judy Cierler and Linda Sherman



Photos by Ken Mayer

Jimmy Weldon reciting "Tribute to a Fallen Soldier"

August 12th was the first meeting of the Wings of Wendy's after the passing of Art Sherman. The normal agenda for a meeting was dispensed with in order to allow the members and family and friends of Art to share memories of this incredible gentleman whose mission in these last decades was to spread cheer and laughter to the lives he touched. He had succeeded in doing it remarkably well. His two daughters, Judy and Linda were in attendance as they had been just a two weeks earlier when we all celebrated Art's 98th birthday.

There were smiles and some tears as the microphone was passed around the room and stories about Art were told. Jimmy Weldon recited the *Tribute to a Fallen Soldier*...that is where the tears flowed. While the memories were being shared, on the overhead monitors images of Art were flashed. One image was of a seat in the famous theater at the American Legion Hollywood Post 43...where Art was also a member. That seat now has a plaque wherein that seat is dedicated to the memory of Art Sherman.

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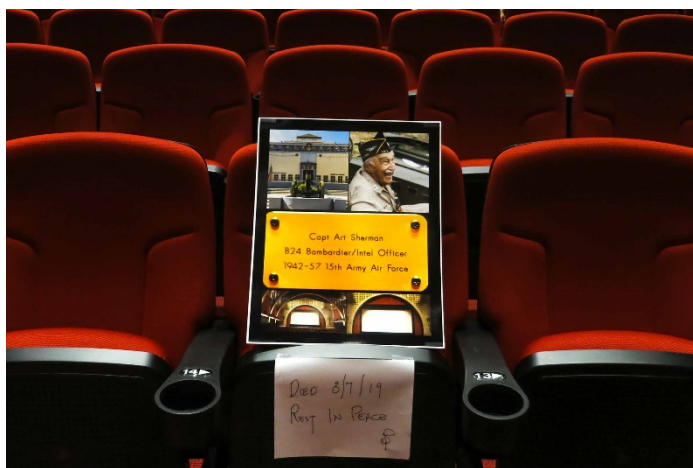


Photo by Bill Tapp

The Art Sherman seat at the famous theater in the American Legion Hollywood Post 43 Hall.

August 19, 2019



Photo by Larr Kushner

The Donut Dollies Visit

On August 19th we have a surprise visit from Norm Anderson with his mother, Dorset, and niece, Scarlet Connell. Norm informed us that his film was nominated for the "Best Feature Documentary" award and will be shown at the GI Film Festival, San Diego, at 1pm on September 28th at: UltraStar Cinemas at Hazard Center, 7510 Hazard Center Drive #100, San Diego, CA 92108



Photo by Larry Kushner

Mike LaVere gives DVD of Memorial Meeting to Linda and Judy

Also, on August 19th Art's daughters, Linda Sherman and Judy Cierler returned to our meeting to receive copies of the DVD that Mike LaVere produced of the August 12th meeting.



Photo by Larr Kushner

Glen Schechter

Glen Schechter returned to our meeting to inform us the Los Angeles National Cemetery, currently closed to new interments has announced that it will be opening crypts on October 5, 2019. Wings Over Wendy's members are invited to attend the opening ceremony.



Photo by Larr Kushner

Marty Lipin

The featured speaker for the meeting on August 19th was Mary Lipin who talked about his book, *Out of Harlem*. Marty grew up in the Harlem area of New York City. Survived anti-Semitism and ran with a pack of Irish boys in the Catholic community and went on to become a soldier in Korea. His book tells his story of survival.

August 26, 2019

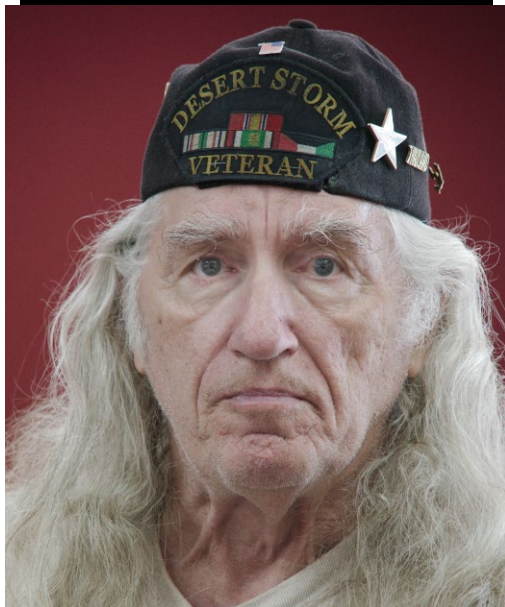


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“The Chief” David Plumb Returns

After suffering an accident on his motorcycle over eighteen months ago we were pleased to welcome back to our meetings, David “The Chief” Plumb. David is a popular entertainer wearing a “Captain Avenger” at various events.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Malcom Dipperstein Returns

We were also pleased to see the return of Malcom Dipperstein after a long absence. We missed his thoughtful questions and were glad to see him thinking what he was going ask next.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Tessa Charnofsky New LA Voting System

On August 26th Tessa Charnofsky, District Director, West Valley/Mountain Communities Field Office for LA Supervisor Shelia Kuehl visited our meeting to inform us about the voting system that will be implemented in LA County. New voting machines will be used in just 40 locations throughout the County. Voting by mail will still be permitted, but there will be fewer precincts that will instead be open for 11 days. Also, the voting will use a paper trail and will not be connected to the Internet.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Ron Rubine

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Getty Museum Tour



Photo by Howard Swerdlick

Barry Chapman, Warren Weinstein, Mike LaVere, Marion Lovelace, Kurt Rademacher, Fred Kaplan, Ron Boggess, John Helm, Joe Weber, David Goodyear, Howard Swerdlick and Mark Ax. (George Rothman not shown)

On Thursday, August 22, 2019 thirteen Wings Over Wendy's members car-pooled to the Getty Museum to take a tour of the museum. John Helm works at the museum and helped arranged the tours.

Following the tour that had lunch at Stonefire Grill in West Hills.

In Other News

Note from Councilmember Blumenfield-Saying Goodbye to our Friend Art Sherman



This week we lost our friend and American hero Art Sherman. He served our country during World War II as a bombardier on B-24's and over the years has been instrumental in building the local organization [Wings Over Wendy's](#). This group brings together World War 2, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans and their families to share a weekly meal and enjoy each other's company. His tireless efforts to promote the veterans community continues to bring camaraderie and a sense of belonging to many of our local heroes.

Just last week on July 29th, Art celebrated his 98th birthday with a surprise party thrown by his daughters Judy and Linda and his fellow members from Wings Over Wendy's. It was always a treat to spend some time with Art especially when we rode together in the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade.

Art loved our community and he strove to make it better every day, especially for his fellow veterans. For those of you who were lucky enough to know, you know that he was incredibly special and just how much he will be missed.

BRZ Blumenfield



IN TRIBUTE

ADJOURNING MOTION

Mr. Blumenfield, being recognized by the Chair,
informed the Council of the passing of

Captain Art Sherman

and moved, seconded by all Councilmembers, that the
Council adjourn in respect to his memory.

Today we adjourn in the memory of our dear friend and
American hero, Captain Art Sherman of the US Air Force,
who passed away Wednesday, August 7.

Art served our country during World War II as a
bombardier on B-24's and over the years Art has been
instrumental in building the local organization Wings Over
Wendy's, where he most recently served as Chairman
emeritus. His tireless efforts to promote the veteran's
community continues to bring camaraderie and a sense of
belonging to many of our local veterans.

Since 2001, the Wings Over Wendy's group has brought
together World War 2, Korean War, Vietnam War veterans
and their families together every week to share a weekly
meal and help to instill a sense of belonging and
camaraderie to our local heroes.

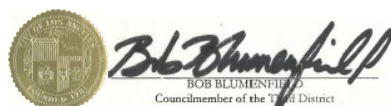
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98th birthday with a surprise birthday thrown by his
daughters Judy and Linda and the group Wings Over
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especially when we rode together in the Canoga Park
Memorial Day Parade.

Art loved our community and up until his last day, he
strived to make it better, especially for his fellow veterans.
for those of you who were lucky enough to know, you know
that he was incredibly special and just how much he will be
missed.

Art led the Wings over Wendy's Monday meetings for the
past eight years and we will never be the same without him.
We thank him for his service to this country and to the
veterans of the Valley.

May he rest in peace.

August 13, 2019



September 2019

Events



Please Join Us

Inauguration and Community Swearing-in
Ceremony
of

Councilmember John S. Lee

Saturday, September 7th, 2019

Event Starts 10:00AM

Oakridge Estate Park
18650 Devonshire St., Northridge, CA 91324

Bus loads at 8:45am and departs at 9am.

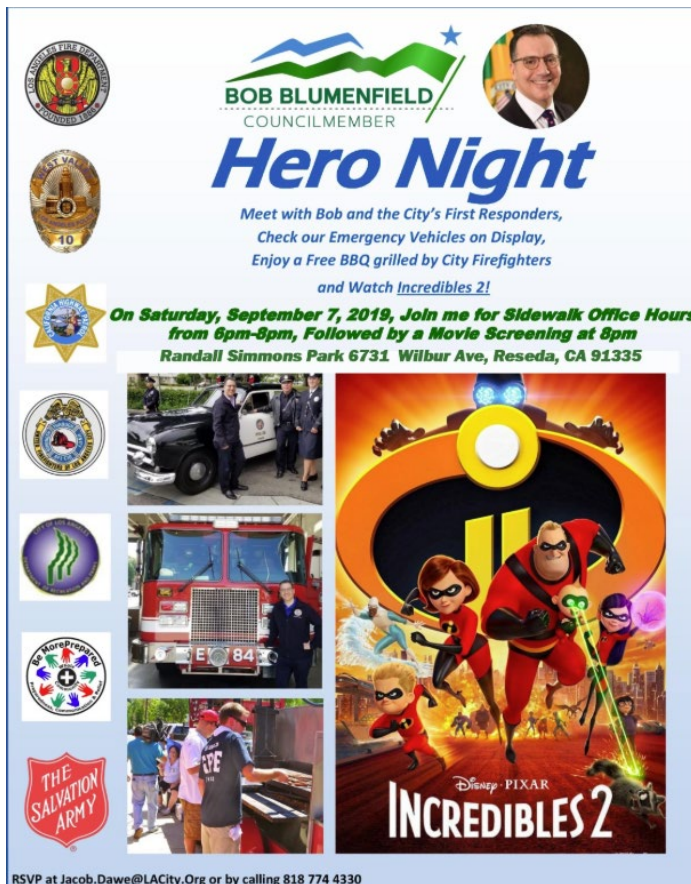
Bus departs Platt Village at 9am

Light refreshments and Entertainment.

There is NO AVAILABLE on-site parking. We
ask you to park at an off-site location and we will
shuttle you to the event. Shuttle service will begin
at 8:50am, and will make trips every 5 minutes.

Off-site parking is located at the
Council District 12 Community Service Center,
9207 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth 91311.

If you have special mobility needs, you can
contact the District Office to make specific
arrangements: 818-882-1212.



Saturday, September 7th, 2019

CHOOSE TO LIVE A LIFE THAT MATTERS

(an essay of interest)

Submitted for consideration by Anarg Z. Frangos

This was pinned to the bathroom wall of my life-long friend, Nick Pelis. It's where you can read it every day. I thought it has a worthwhile message. I send it with love to people who mean everything to me. We at Wings Over Wendy's are at that stage of our life's journey where we might contemplate our mortality a little more than much younger folks. My spouse, Katherine, chose to live such a life.... A LIFE THAT MATTERS. She went to Heaven 3 years ago this September 6, 2019, I think of her and miss her EVERY day, but still move onward.

LIVE A LIFE THAT MATTERS

Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no days, any hours or minutes. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear. So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plan and to do lists will all expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Your gender, skin color, ethnicity will be irrelevant.

So, what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave. What will matter is not your success, but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage and sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example. What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many people will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter is not your memories, but the memories of those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what. Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Author: Michael Josephson (not known by me)

OLD TIMERS QUIZ

01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? _____.
02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.
03. 'Get your kicks _____.'
04. 'The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to _____.'
05. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.'
06. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '_____.'
07. Nestlé's makes the very best....' _____.'
08. Satchmo was America's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____.
10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and '_____.'
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? ____ & _____.
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to _____.
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.
16. Remember LS/MFT _____/_____.
17. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____!
18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The _____ Knows!
19. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash". Its name was the _____!
20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as its Logo/Representative - What was the boy's name?

ANSWERS On PAGE 15:

In Memoriam



Photo by Karen Vegtel

Phil Puritsky
January 29, 1946 –
August 22 2019

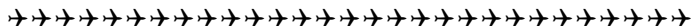
Phil, A resident of Tarzana, was a LA County Deputy Sheriff for ten years and a veteran of the US Army Reserves 1963-69 in Armor Chemical Warfare and Military Intelligence. He was buried at Mount Sinai, Hollywood Hills, on Sunday, August 25, 2019.

If anybody would like to give a gift in his memory it would be to the LA County Animal Care Foundation phone number 1-562-728-4610. He was one of the founding fathers of that organization.

Prayers

Unfortunately, several of our most active members were hospitalized or are either in Nursing Homes or at home recuperating from their injuries or illnesses. Our prayers are for a speedy recovery and a return to our meetings:

**Harlis Brend,
Ray Rosenbaum,
Ed Moreno,
Lazar Saunders.**



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Thursday, September 19, 2019

Dinner Meeting at Lulu's Restaurant,
16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys CA

1800 Check in and social hour

1900 Call to Flight Quarters

1915 Dinner is served

2015 Feature Presentation:

Tommy Anderson.

Tommy Anderson has been a storyteller his whole life, and in his first novel, *Haboob Wind*, he draws on his experiences in the military and law enforcement to author a chilling scenario that plays homage to the resourcefulness and patriotism of veterans.

Tommy served in the Army National Guard and Air Force Air National Guard — the latter to pursue his interest in aviation — retiring in 1993 after 23 years of military service. His second career of 25 years was in public service, initially as a police deputy and dispatcher, and ultimately as a firefighter for the city of Madison, a position he retired from in 1998 after being disabled in the line of duty.

**Please RSVP No Later Than 1600, Monday 13
Septembert 2019 – Call in Reservations to (818)
800-0698 or email gshindler64@earthlink.net .**

Special Note to Wings members: If you want to just to hear the speaker and not dine, that's OK.



Assembly Day

September 21st

Saturday, 9am - 1pm

Sign up to attend @

<httpswww.operationgratitude.com/assembly-day-schedule/>

WOW's monthly food drive is Monday, September 2nd



We all want raffle prizes!

Please search your closets and garages and bring your items to the next Wings Over Wendy's meeting.

Suggested Items: Military books, magazines, DVD's, tools, etc. **Thank you!**



September Birthdays

Bernard Kaufman	September 01, 1927
Nancy Shattuck	September 02, 1952
George Gale	September 07, 1940
Sid Maiten	September 09, 1925
Louis Marini	September 10, 1926
Steven Goodman	September 11, 1943
Olfredo Castillo	September 15, 1943
Dale Edmundson	September 16, 1932
Ethel Margolin	September 17, 1922
Reuven Zeavy	September 19, 1948
Corina Aceuedo	September 19, 1964
Martin Light	September 20, 1932
Dov Landau	September 21, 1948
Barry Chapman	September 22, 1943
Jimmy Weldon	September 23, 1923
Mark Casala	September 23, 1945
Tony Cubarrubia	September 23, 1958
Barney Leone	September 25, 1924
Abe Hoffman	September 25, 1938
Neil Houston	September 26, 1931
Ken Mayer	September 26, 1942



New Members

We welcomed the following new member during the month of July 2019:

Joe Vernola

Glen Schecter

Wings News Staff

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The following is a list of WOW members who have contributed \$10 to fund the publication for 12 months.

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Barry Chapman

Patrick Daly

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Richard Hernandez

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ANSWERS to QUIZ:

01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
02. The Ed Sullivan Show
03. On Route 66
04. To protect the innocent.
05. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
06. The limbo
07. Chocolate
08. Louis Armstrong
09. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader and 'Good Night and Good Bless.'
11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hula hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Mean Fines Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time

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