

The Class of 1971 Senior Prophecy

The year is 1985. Chuck Lewis has just been selected the youngest president of the U.S. and is coming back to his hometown to witness the homecoming game. His plane is now landing with the flying “high” pilots Sue Peck, Dale Reed and Peggy Leahy. We see a small band blocking the runway. We look closer and see Bruce Cataldi and Lex Asti with her orthopedic boots leading the band. Behind them strutting are staggering ranks we see Hot Lips Zabenko, Tom the Bomb Lee, Jeff the Kid, Gail “Wiggles” Lavallo, and finally Zard pushing his automatic tuba. Wait a minute! What’s this? There’s a bass drum a zigzagging 20 feet behind. Oh, it’s Jim and Pam Thompson making beautiful music together.

Here come WNHS reporters, Su Kingdon and Motor Mouth Mike Monroe rushing to get there before Sue “Rah” Auletto, Lorie Grosskoff and copygirl Jan Heck. Chuck is coming off the plane followed by Vice-President Spiro Fawcett and is met by Eric Howlett, Janet Fowler, Mary Kurtz, Randy LaSalle, Brook Murray, Janice Freeman, Steve Hold and Kit Whallon protesting the pornography sent to the American Indians. Mayor Rundell steps forward and presents him with the key to the men’s room.

It is now time for the game and we rush off to get a seat. We arrive and are surprised to see the new football complex, the Sting Bowl, build by architects, Chris Raymond, Jeff Gallaher and John Squire. The team runs out on the field followed by Coach Bob Henry. Running frantically behind is a little red-haired girl screaming, “Uncle Bobby! Uncle Bobby!” At the end of the field is Jay Galloway holding up the goal post. As the game begins Ray Bias, Jr. throws a touchdown pass to Dave Holmes’ kid. We look up in the stands and see Jane Mayer cheering her head off. The crowd yells in unison, “Don’t Faint, Jane.” Sitting in front of us we spot sophisticated playboy Karl Hermann discreetly holding hands with two girls. Newark wins the game with a tremendous score of 71-0. Christiana still hasn’t beaten Newark.

After the game, we make the usual trip to McDonalds. As we stand outside and reminisce, patrolman Frank Larry asks us to get in our cars. Peggy Hilton comes running up to the car and tells us that she is flying to Bali Hai tomorrow. We wish her luck and start down Main Street. The first thing we pass is the newly constructed synagogue. Rabbis Jeff Gonick and Dave Slavin have boosted their congregation to 2000 by offering free beer after

each meeting. Continuing down Main Street we pass Repole's Drive-in playing "Return To Candy Manor" starring Tim Galvin, Laura Kortvelesy, Tink Boord, Paul Heinemann, and Dady Boardman. That should prove to be an exciting movie.

On the left we see Record's and Gleeber's mirror palace. Right after that we pass the new dentist's office. Dave Radulski has opened shop with the motto, "I'll put a smile on every face." Further down Main Street we see Doug and Diane Baker's marriage counseling office and there enters Cheryl, Dave and that sneaky playboy Karl. Then we pass Vernon Green's campaign headquarters. He is Harold Stassen's running mate. Right next to Baker's marriage counseling is Mike Arant's family planning center. -K Kate and Bob Henry are entering to get some friendly advice.

The new Roller Derby stadium is having its grand opening with arch rivals Zadara and Pi Tau going at it again. A black limousine pulls up and Stinger Sue Thompson, Pincher Patty Grant and Agony Amy Boys jump out and go into the locker rooms. Minutes later "The Fox" screeches up with Genocide Joe LaClaire, Boom Boom Beth Stengel Pushin' Peg Early and Terrible Teresa Pritchett staggering out to their lockers. What a blood bath that will be.

Next we pass Omicron Phi's Computer Dating Center. Heaven knows we need one of these in this town. The match of the week is Sue Hobday and Danny Heiken. Looks like they've done it again. Looking at the road, we observe a trail of rubber and grease. Following it is Sue rooster and Cheek's Cycle Center. Out front is he Terrible Teen-Nite Terrorist Cycle gang with their Jackson 5 Fan Club patch on their jackets. We recognize some familiar faces: Jumpin' John Eller, the Horrible Hudsons, Juicy John Draiper and Archie the Roach Barry.

Feeling a pang of hunger, we stop at Marcantonio's Pizza Parlor. Carol DeSantis and Louis Vallante are busy scraping pizza off the ceiling after getting a little carried away. At the telephone, Larry Stafford is undoubtedly trying to reach Harold Cosell to get the latest sports news. Leaving the pizza parlor we bump into Sir John Wolfolk who is still walking up and down Main Street waving the Union Jack and proudly proclaiming his British citizenship. We find ourselves in front of Barudi's and Perez's Travel Agency. We hear they specialize in cut-rate trips to Havana and South America.

What a traffic jam! Under the light a delegation from Lair's and Reinholz's Sensitivity Center sits meditating the "heaviness" of it all. Oh wait, we see someone pushing

through the crowd, its Big Bruiser McCormick coming to break it up. From there the Bruiser takes us to Oomee's Body Shop to get some used parts.

A few yards from the street we notice Teddy's infamous Trailer Park. Oh look at the fine print; it says No Marriage License required and No Minimum Age. Finding pizza stains on our clothes we go across the street to Rich Louie's Chinese Laundry. Sharon Delussey takes our clothes. Wandering around in the back room we find John Paul's Hidden Casino. Taking a quick look around the tables we see Joe Raymond, Dave Chapman, Wayne Smith, Dickie Dayton and Doug Smith dishing out money. After a quick hand, we grab our clothes and run out into the street where we hear Daral Clement freely expressing herself while Larry Butler takes divine notation for the paper.

Down the street Faisal has opened a new camera shop selling diamond-studded Instamatics with helpers Chuck Henze and Mike Giroco. After a quick turn around we bump into Donna Gort who informs us that she has just merged with Mark Eden. Next we see running down the street screaming, Karen Schaen, Nancy Roselle, Sylvia Sporay, Claire Smith, and Gail Abner proclaiming their boss has been making obscene gestures. Looking back we spy Debbie Lamenzo standing in the office doorway shouting, "Wait, wait, girls, its fun."

We hear the roar of powerful engines nearing the end of Main Street. Breezing by us we catch a glimpse of Jeff "Reds" Straup, Mark "Speedy" Stayton, Joe "Rod" Stuart, Smitty, Flying Sparrow with Joan in his rumble seat, Ken "Lightening" Stearrett, No-good Osgood and Dickie Lechner bring up the rear.

After waiting for the dust to settle we come to the end of Main Street. Someone tells us that the Deer Park burned down last year after Gordon Keppel and Julie Harrison ate dinner there. In its place was built Dana's Pub. We walk in the door and are greeted by Nancy Collins screaming, "So glad You're Here, come in, come in!" We walk towards the bar and stumble over something lying on the floor. It's Cindy Jones. Has she passed out or is she practicing taking over her father's business? At the bar we see Barney the Bartender mixing drinks and giggling madly as she sneaks a few.

We take our drinks and sit down at our table. Sitting in the back are the two Rent-a-Nurses' Pam Gardner and Linda Thompson, standing by for an emergency. Commander Stone (Zog) and First-mate Skippy walk over and tell us about their trip to the comfortable

South. Glancing down, we see Sic Vic Moyer lying under the table guzzling beer. Is that her fifth keg? Jerry Lenhard walks up and tells us about his exciting public-service job. He teaches sign language to the deaf or to those who don't want to hear. Over in the corner is Dangerous Dan Brady the Bouncer, looking for trouble.

Here comes trouble! Daring Ken Hart walks bravely up to him and challenges him to a wrestling match saying he can beat anybody. Poor Ken, that will be the last we see of him. At the table behind us in her latest fashion –a sequined potato sack and a ring through her nose, we see Claudia Reid eating five chickens, three roast beefs, 1000 foot long hot dogs, a case of pickled cherries and last but not least her favorite, a stack of peanut butter and catsup omelets. But she's cut down- - she's on a diet.

After a quick trip to the bathroom, meeting Debbie Widdoes there changing her clothes after a little accident, we pick up a stray Playboy Magazine. In the centerfold is the one and only Laura Gravely. Running up too us is gossip columnist Debbie Morgan who after an hour fills us in on the latest juice. We exchange words with Murf who tells us about her new position. She is the State Supervisor for sex education. Suddenly the lights dim and a spotlight comes on the stage. Bobby O and his Boone's Farm Bums start to play the latest jive. Swing it, Bobby, swing it. And now lead singer, Mike Gronka croons his tune, fighting off the bands of teeny-boppers begging for his autograph. You can barely hear the music from the screaming. Up in the go-go cage we see Debi Gillan Movin' and groovin'. Coming up on the program is Cindee Dominik, the belly dancer, Lois Cantwell tap-dancing and Mary Jean Crow singing God Bless America.

Five hours later we stumble out and get into our cars. It was nice visiting good ol' Newark but we decide we wouldn't want to live there.

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