

WHAT WE KNOW NOW, BUT DIDN'T KNOW THEN

We once were united around a campfire, telling stories that would be passed down from generation to

generation by word of mouth,

Stories that shared our love of tradition, culture, and relations to neighbors north and south.

Then came quiet sittings in coffeehouses with that steaming cup of joe and a newspaper that

kept us captivated for hours that we could sometimes never know.

After that we only knew what we heard on the radio, saw on the t.v. and maybe in books, typewriters

dial up phones, the beginning of video games, BETA, VHS, and pagers galore.

Whatever you needed was easily accessible to be mailed from a catalog or bought in a nearby store.

We started to manufacture more and more disposable waste as our population grew and so did the

need for readily available cosmetics, paper products and instant food

What we know now, but didn't know then,

was that we were slowly polluting oceans and land

with the use of these products and necessities no longer made by hand.

The emergence of the internet created the ability to communicate on a global scale, you only needed

a computer and the ability to e-mail.

What we now know but didn't know then, was that with the internet we were alienating our

children and erasing the social experience of human contact and possibly unconditional love.

Now with Social Media the need for love and compassion is fleeting. It only takes a quick "hi" on a

computer and second for a greeting.

We have created a wall of mistrust and deception that is only made with the lack of personal

communication.

What we now know but didn't know then, is that it took a deadly virus to reaffirm the human

condition.

To once again open the portals and reaffirm kindness, love and socialization.

It took the deaths of millions of people to realize that we are all part of the the same world, the same

thread.

That maybe we need to go back to the campfires and listen to these stories and with open heart re-connect to what was once — human glory.