Graduation Time Is Here Again!!!



Tam's Front **Porch Ponderings** Tammy Terry TamsFrontPorch@IrvineOnline.Net

Graduation time is here again! It seems the year has flown by and for those of you with Seniors, I'm sure it's been the blink of an eye since they were heading out for that first day of Kindergarten. Although our children are grown, I years. It was so touching to be a little less active as our at my heart, the butterflies children moved on to colthey were still babies. Even today when they call, I can uberantly with "Hi Mom, what ya doing?" Dylan on the other hand, says my he's going to ask me for something. Sometimes our going on here at home.

the studio for recording. Yes, Graduation Day almemories.

something called, 'High you are. School High Five'. Buses rolled up out front and the and those around you will Seniors exited in cap and be happier for it. It's hard gown. Entering our build- enough for ME to sit still ing from the side entrance, for that length of time, they made their way down don't make your little ones our halls lined with students. Principal Mullins brings us to Number 4. had the traditional 'Pomp and Circumstance' playing though Little Johnny must as Estill Springs students attend graduation with you, high-fived seniors and the please don't put his new staff applauded. It was a cowboy boots on him and magical moment! Some of let him rip and run up and these students I had known down the bleachers. As from first grade all the Granny would say, "Act way through their learning like you got some raisin'!" recall how I felt that day. see our little people gaze do it now! Make sure your There were a million but- into the eyes of Seniors camera batteries are good terflies in my stomach as I dressed in royal blue as or there's enough space sat quietly in my seat, wait- young men with heights ex- on your phone. Nothing ing for my heart to explode. ceeding six feet knelt down is quite as bad as trying to I was happy for them but to hug our second graders take pictures and your camsad that our house would and I felt that familiar tug and I knew my heart would moment, watch the stulege and eventually a life explode. I managed to grab of their own. In my eyes, River Kelley and Kordel Day for hugs before they boarded the bus and moved hear their childhood voice on. I watched out the door on the line. Sarah always as they drove off, wiping a begins her conversation ex- tear I said a little prayer that life would be kind to them. Just enough sorrow to appreciate joy, enough tears words of wisdom to you name with a question in his to learn to laugh and all the are, "In the walk of life, I voice, "Hey Mom?" like love they could ever need wish and more.

With that being said, let's conversations are long and review common courtesy we talk about everything procedures for Graduation. 1. Dress comfortably!

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There are days when we Nothing's worse than 100 get to exchange just a few degree weather and the words before one of them panty hose you just HAD must head to work or into to wear has worn the hide off your thighs!

2. Don't talk! Please be ways brings back fond courteous and refrain from talking during the ceremo-This year's graduating ny. You may not be inter-Seniors made a visit to Es- ested in the speeches but I till Springs last Friday for assure you, others around

3. Get a babysitter! You suffer through it. And that

4. No Boots! Even

5. Check batteries! Go era is dead!

6. ENJOY! Enjoy the dent's expressions. Listen to their speeches, they have lots to say to you and are honored you are there to share this moment with them. Remember to have fun!

Seniors, your time has come, Congratulations! My you...comfortable shoes!"

Until next time . . .



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Times Remembered **Betty A. Young** BYoung505@Windstream.Net

The Flood

With all the rain the past few weeks, reminds me of a time when I was growing up of receiving so much rain.

night and Mom and came into my room and mentioned how hard it had been raining; when all of a sudden we flood we had.

heard drops of rain falling on the bedroom floor and my and headed to the basement bed.

it's surely coming a flood.

Suddenly, we heard a big gush downstairs; Mom working, but I did what she opened the basement door. Although the floor was wet, she looked through the basement door and screamed. Her kept at it. face was very pale. "Water is pouring into the basement!" Oh! the hot water heater, the but didn't get into the heater. washer and the furnace.

Since I was younger I did not fully understand the extent of the financial consequences of a flood. I was just scared what might happen to us physically.

Our house sat right next to a small branch; but if it rained verv rain it was like a river It had rained most of the and would jump the bank into the basement and ruin everything.

This day was the worst

Mom grabbed her boots to begin trying to bail out the Mother hurried into the water. I grabbed my boots kitchen, grabbed some pans and went to help. She yelled and buckets and headed to to me, "Fill the bucket with the bedroom. She exclaimed water and throw it out the door."

> I didn't see how it was said. We worked for what seemed like hours. I was skinny and scrawny, but I

> The rain finally stopped, the basement floor was wet The water then thankfully didn't rise that high. We went back upstairs and literally dropped on the rose colored davenport.

> When Dad got home he rushed in and declared the basement is surely flooded! Mom smiled and said, "We aren't flooded. Mother told him what we had done. He could hardly believe it and promised to take us out to dinner; if he could find a place open. Ha! Ha!

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