

## Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

### Don't Quit; Keep Playing!

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted an old friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her.

Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE." When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing.

Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."



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### Cutting in Line

I was in a long line at 7:45 a.m. today at the grocery store that opened early at 8 for seniors only.



A young man came across the parking lot and tried to cut in front of the line.

An old lady was having none of it, however, and proceeded to beat him back toward the parking lot. "Not today, you young whippersnapper!" she hollered at him.

Seemingly undeterred, he returned, slipping quickly past the old lady toward the front door.

This time an old man knocked him to the ground with his walker and kicked him away from the line.

As he got off the ground and approached the line for a third time, the young man said, "If you folks don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in there!"



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Whenever I see chocolate,  
 I hear two voices in my head.  
 One of them says, "Eat the chocolate."  
 The other one says, "You heard her,  
 go ahead and eat the chocolate!"

## You're Excused

**Teacher:** "Ronnie, you look a little down today. What's the matter?"

**Ronnie:** "Because my mom is at the hospital and my dad is at the police station."

**Teacher:** "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Do you want to go home?"

**Ronnie:** "Yes, please."

After Ronnie left the classroom, the teacher asked the other students: "Why is Ronnie's mother at the hospital and his father is at the police station?"

**Classmate:** "Because his mother is a nurse and his father is a policeman."

I want to thank the person who told my grand-daughter that her eyes turn a different color whenever she lies.



Now she squeezes her eyes shut every time she tells a little fib, and it makes grandma's job a whole lot easier!

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At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit; keep playing."

Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obligato.



Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience.

The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played. Only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

Perhaps that's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work can truly be beautiful.

The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit; keep playing." May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces.



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beauty was unpresidential.



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"To the living, I am gone,  
To the sorrowful, I will never return,  
To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace,  
And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,  
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,  
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:  
Your thoughts, and your memories,  
Of the times we loved,  
The times we cried,  
The times we fought,  
The times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me,  
I will never have gone."  
~ Margaret Mead



## Parking Violation

I went to the Walmart today - I was there for literally 5 minutes.

When I came out there was a security cop writing a parking ticket for being in a handicap spot.



So I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a guy a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. So I called him a "rent-a-cop." He glared at me and started writing another ticket for worn tires!

So I then asked him if his psychiatrist makes him lie face down on the couch 'cause he's so ugly.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket!

This went on until he had placed 5 tickets on the windshield. The more I insulted him, the more tickets he wrote.

I didn't care. My car was parked around the corner.



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**What happens if  
you get scared half  
to death twice?**



If laziness were an Olympic sport,  
I would come in 4th just so  
I wouldn't have to walk up  
to the podium.



## The Last Bee

After the last ee  
had uzzed its last uzz,  
the irds and the utterflies  
did what they could.

ut soon the fields lay are,  
few flowers were left,  
nature was roken,  
and the planet ereft.



## CONFUSED WORDS

### ALLOWED VS. ALOUD

- Allowed: Permitted
- Aloud: Clearly heard

### WHO VS. WHOM

- Who: subject
- Whom: object

### BREAK VS. BRAKE

- Break: Smash, split
- Brake: Stopping device

### ALLUDE VS. ELUDE

- Allude: Make indirect reference
- Elude: Escape from something

### WHICH VS. WITCH

- Which: What one
- Witch: Sorceress

### WEAK VS. WEEK

- Weak: Feeble
- Week: Seven days

### ATE VS. EIGHT

- Ate: Past tense of eat
- Eight: The number

### WEATHER VS. WHETHER

- Weather: Atmospheric conditions
- Whether: If, in case

### BY VS. BUY

- By: Preposition
- Buy: Purchase

### TO VS. TOO

- To: In the direction of
- Too: Also

### CAPITAL VS. CAPITOL

- Capital: City, wealth
- Capitol: Building

### THAN VS. THEN

- Than: Comparison
- Then: At that time

### COARSE VS. COURSE

- Coarse: Rough
- Course: Way or path

### STATIONARY VS. STATIONERY

- Stationary: Not moving
- Stationery: Writing paper

### ENSURE VS. INSURE

- Ensure: Guarantee
- Insure: Financial liability

### QUIET VS. QUITE

- Quiet: Silent
- Quite: Really, positively

### FARTHER VS. FURTHER

- Farther: Physical distance
- Further: Abstract idea

### PRINCIPLE VS. PRINCIPAL

- Principle: Rule
- Principal: Chief person

### FOR VS. FOUR

- For: Preposition
- Four: The number

### PLAIN VS. PLANE

- Plain: Simple
- Plane: Flat surface

### FORTH VS. FOURTH

- Forth: Forward
- Fourth: Comes after third

### PEACE VS. PIECE

- Peace: Absence of war
- Piece: Part, portion

### HEAR VS. HERE

- Hear: Perceive
- Here: In this place

### LOOSE VS. LOSE

- Loose: Free
- Lose: Misplace



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**It's so annoying when people  
use the wrong word and don't  
have the humility to admit it.**



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**I had a call from a scammer the other day so I played along.**

**ME:** "Hello."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Hello. This is Bob Dobson from Microsoft Support. We are seeing a lot of virus activity from your device."

**ME:** "Oh no. My device? Are you sure?"

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Oh yes, we have many reports."

**ME:** "Oh, nuts. How can I fix it?"

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "It's okay Sir. We can help you right now. Are you in front of your device Sir?"

**ME:** "Yes. I was just about to use it. I'm glad you called."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Yes Sir, we are going to help you. Can you please push the Start button?"

**ME:** "I think it's already on."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Okay, Sir. Now you want to click on Control Panel."

**ME:** "I don't see that."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Do you see a bunch of information above the Start button?"

**ME:** "Yes."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "That is your Control Panel."

**ME:** "Wow, I didn't realize it had a name."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Yes Sir, now press on Internet Options."

**ME:** "Yeah, I definitely don't see any Internet options. I don't think I purchased that feature. This is just a cheap one."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "They all have the Internet, Sir. Press the Start button again."

**ME:** "Okay, it's the same as before."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "That's okay Sir. We are going to restart your device. Can you please turn it off?"

**ME:** "Um ... I don't know how. I've never turned it off. Since I bought it, it just kind of stays on all the time."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "There must be an off button on your device. How do you stop it when it's running?"

**ME:** "In those cases, I usually press the big button."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Okay sir. Please press that button."

**ME:** "Okay."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Is your device off?"

**ME:** "No. The door popped open."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Door? Is there a disc inside the door?"

**ME:** "No, there's a burrito."

**FAKE-Microsoft support:** "Why is there a burrito in your computer?"

**ME:** "Computer? I thought you said this was microwave support."

**Work smarter, not harder!**

A man hired Homer to paint stripes down the middle of his road, giving him one simple rule: he must paint at least four miles per day to keep the job.

On the first day, he absolutely crushes it—eight miles! The boss is blown away.



The second day, he painted four miles. Not as impressive, but still meeting the requirement.

On the third day, he only managed two miles. The boss raised an eyebrow but figured maybe he's just tired.

By the fourth day, he barely scraped out one mile. Frustrated, the boss finally asked, "What's going on? You started off amazing! Why are you slowing down so much?"

Homer wiped his forehead and sighed, "Well, I'm getting farther and farther away from the paint bucket!"



Old age really is a thing!  
Last night I was in bed for 20 minutes  
when I heard the pizza delivery guy  
cough out by the front door.  
Then I remembered I came into  
my bedroom to get my wallet.

**Therapist:** Does anyone in  
your family suffer from  
mental illness?

**Me:** "No, we all seem  
to enjoy it."

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*I went to the bookstore yesterday  
and saw a book titled  
"How to Solve 50% of Your Problems."  
So I bought two!*

## Shel Silverstein

### HUG O' WAR

I will not play at tug o' war.  
I'd rather play at hug o' war,  
Where everyone hugs  
Instead of tugs,  
Where everyone giggles  
And rolls on the rug,  
Where everyone kisses,  
And everyone grins,  
And everyone cuddles,  
And everyone wins.



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*Four engineers get into a car but the car won't start.*



Mechanical engineer: "It's a broken starter."

Electrical engineer: "It's a dead battery."

Chemical engineer: "There are impurities in the gasoline."

Computer engineer: "Hey guys, I have an idea! How about we all get out of the car and get back in?!"

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