

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking



When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

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Missing a Letter

Someone once asked Michael Dutt, a poet of great repute: "As you are a Master in English, can you write a meaningful paragraph without using a single 'E'?"



Dutt, a genius, wrote; "I doubt I can. It's a major part of many words. Omitting it is as hard as making muffins without flour. It's as hard as spitting without saliva, napping without a pillow, driving a train without tracks, sailing to Russia without a boat, washing your hands without soap. And anyway, what would I gain? An award? Bragging rights? Why should I strain my brain? It's not worth it."



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Just Do It!

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.



It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking *Continued from Pg 1*

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.



When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."



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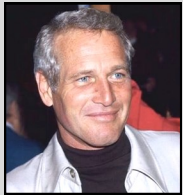
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Starstruck

True story.

A Michigan woman and her family were vacationing in a small New England town where the handsome actor Paul Newman and his family often visited.

One Sunday morning, the woman got up early to take a long walk. After a brisk five-mile hike, she decided to treat herself to a double-dip chocolate ice cream cone at the local ice cream parlor. There was only one other patron in the store: Paul Newman, sitting at the counter having a doughnut and coffee.



The woman's heart skipped a beat as her eyes made contact with those famous baby-blue eyes.

The actor nodded graciously and the star struck woman smiled demurely. "Pull yourself together!" she thought to herself. "You're a happily married woman with three children, you're forty-five years old, not a teenager!"

The clerk filled her order and she took the double-dip chocolate ice cream cone in one hand and her change in the other. Then she went out the door, avoiding even a glance in Paul Newman's direction.

When she reached her car, she realized that she had a handful of change but her other hand was empty. Where's my ice cream cone? Did I leave it in the store? Back into the shop she went, expecting to see the cone still in the clerk's hand or in a holder on the counter or something! No ice cream cone was in sight.

With that, she happened to look over at Paul Newman. His face broke into his familiar, warm, friendly grin and he said to the woman, "You put it in your purse."



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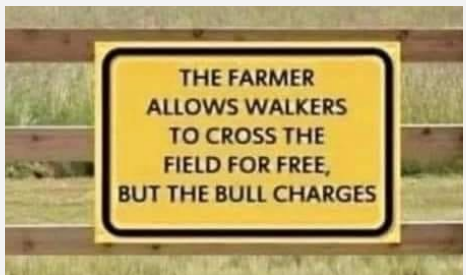
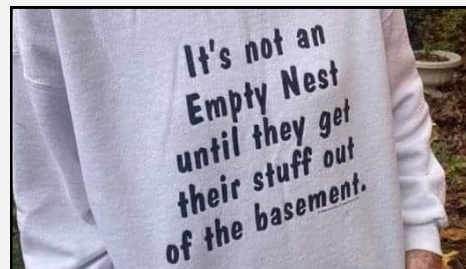
WE ARE A ONE-OF-A-KIND GENERATION

- A generation who always respected their elders.
- A generation whose parents were always there.
- A generation who went to church twice on Sunday and often Wednesday night.
- A generation who walked to school and then walked back home.



- A generation who stood with hand over heart and said the Pledge every day at school.
- A generation whose families had dinner together every night.
- A generation who played board games and cards on rainy days.
- A generation who did their homework first to get out and play in the street until the lights came on.

- A generation who drank water from the tap or hose.
- A generation who rode bikes around the neighborhood with their friends.
- A generation who played "Annie, Annie, Over" in the day and "Hide and Seek" in the dark.
- A generation who collected sports cards for fun.
- A generation who found, collected, washed & returned empty soda bottles to the local store for 5 or 10 cents each then bought snacks with the money.
- A generation who made paper and wooden toys with their bare hands.
- A generation who bought vinyl albums to play on record players.
- A generation who recorded songs from the radio onto cassette tapes.
- A generation who collected photos and clippings of their life experiences as a kid.
- A generation whose TV went off at midnight after playing the National Anthem.
- A generation who laughed under the covers in bed so parents never knew we were still awake.
- A generation that unfortunately will never return no matter how hard we try.



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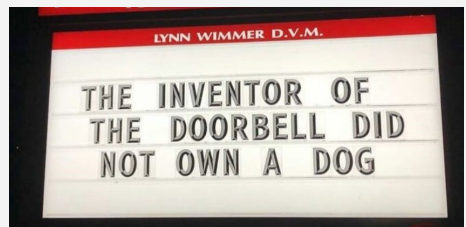
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Bee Helpful

My dad has bees. Today I went to his house and he showed me all of the honey he had gotten from the hives. He took the lid off of a 5-gallon bucket full of honey and on top of the honey there were 3 little bees, struggling. They were covered in sticky honey and drowning. I asked him if we could help them and he said he was sure they wouldn't survive. Casualties of honey collection I suppose.

I asked him again if we could at least get them out and kill them quickly, after all he was the one who taught me to put a suffering animal (or bug) out of its misery. He finally conceded and scooped the bees out of the bucket. He put them in an empty yogurt container and put the plastic container outside. Because he had disrupted the hive with the earlier honey collection, there were bees flying all over outside.



We put the 3 little bees in the container on a bench and left them to their fate. My dad called me out a little while later to show me what was happening. These three little bees were surrounded by all of their sisters (all of the bees are females) and they were cleaning the sticky nearly dead bees, helping them to get all of the honey off of their bodies. We came back a short time later and there was only one little bee left in the container. She was still being tended to by her sisters.

When it was time for me to leave we checked one last time and all three of the bees had been cleaned off enough to fly away and the container was empty. Those three little bees lived because they were surrounded by family and friends who would not give up on them, family and friends who refused to let them drown in their own stickiness and resolved to help until the last little bee could be set free.

We could all learn a thing or two from these bees.

Letter to the Editor
From the Idaho Falls Post-Register

Enough with the wind already

Ever since they installed all those big fans up on the hill it's become even windier. Whose bright idea was that?

I've noticed when they're off, we get a nice calm spell. Please turn them off, at least on weekends.

JEFF FORBES
Idaho Falls

The Wisdom of Solomon

Two women on a bus were fighting bitterly over the last available seat. None of the passengers were brave enough to intervene. After several minutes of loud arguing between the two, the bus driver had had enough.

"Let the ugly one take the seat," he hollered.

The bus went suddenly quiet.

Both women stood for the rest of the ride.



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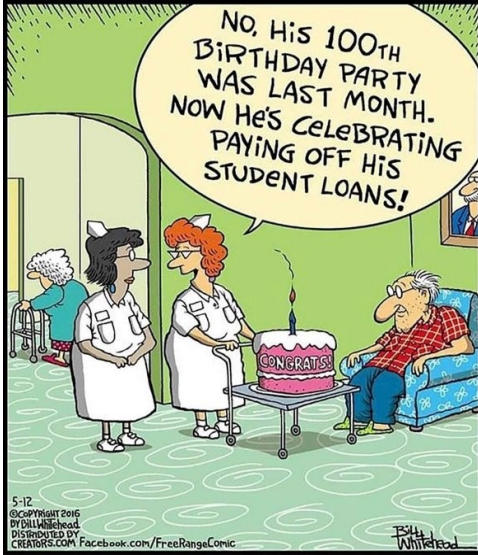


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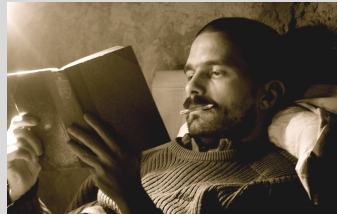
Why is ketchup refrigerated at home, but not in restaurants?

You can remove any letter from the word "SEAT" and still have a real word!

Who in society decided that chocolate is the opposite of vanilla?

It really must hurt when a giraffe gets a sore throat!

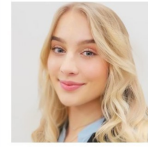
If you took out the last page of a mystery novel, would it be more of a mystery?



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Finally making it into the kitchen where he knew the cookies would be cooling, he reached up on top of the counter, latched onto a cookie, and started to pull it off the counter to eat.

But before he could take a bite, he felt his wife strike the back of his hand with a spatula. He exclaimed in pain and asked why she did that!

She replied. "Because those are for the funeral!"

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- You've ever has a bruise you don't know how you got
- You gain weight just by being near food
- You go inside the bank to make a deposit
- You still have a landline
- You plan trips on a paper map
- You've ever lost your glasses and found them on your head

You Can't Take It With You!

There was a man who had worked all his life, had saved all his money, and was a real miser when it came to his money.

Just before he died, he said to his wife, "When I die, I want you put all my money in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me." So he got his wife to promise him that when he died she would put all of the money into the casket with him.

Then he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there in black with her friend next to her. When they finished the ceremony, and just before the undertakers closed the casket, the wife said, "Wait just a moment!"

She took a small metal box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers closed it and rolled the casket away.

Her friend said, "Honey, I hope you were not foolish enough to put all that money in there with your husband."

The loyal wife replied, "Listen, I promised him that I was going to put that money into the casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did," said the wife. "I transferred everything into my account and wrote him a check. If he can cash it, then he can spend it."

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 Chef: I'm fried!
 Tailor: I'm worn out!
 Muffler repairman: I'm exhausted!
 Window washer: I'm wiped out!
 Accountant: I'm spent!
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