

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

### I Hereby Resolve...



Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.

- Bill Vaughan

This New Years I resolved to lead a better life. Now all I have to do is find someone who will trade lives with me.

- Melanie White

Who has time to party on New Year's Eve? It takes me all evening to set my clocks ahead a year.

- William Ader

My new years resolution is not to over-exert shoveling snow. Since I'm going be in Florida, I feel pretty good about it.

- Greg Tamblyn

My New Years resolution is to try to remember why I've walked into a room.

- Rodney Lacroix

My New Year's resolution is to take all the Christmas lights down by Easter.

- Melanie White

### NEW WORDS FOR



by Malin Dollinger

May all of us now gathered here  
Remember who we love  
And not forget to thank the one  
Who loves us from above

For all of us are bless'd indeed  
To live another year  
We'll raise our voices thankfully  
With those we hold most dear

Next year we'll try to be the best  
That we know how to be  
And spend more time  
In song and joy  
Especially with thee

For Auld Lang Syne, my dear  
For Auld Lang Syne  
We'll make next year  
The best one yet  
For Auld Lang Syne



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My city recently installed cameras on the traffic lights to capture violators.

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Just to be sure, I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed.

Now I began to think that this was quite funny, so I drove even slower as I passed the area again, but the traffic camera flashed again.

I tried a fourth and fifth time with the same results and was now laughing as the camera flashed while I rolled past at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, I got five tickets for driving without a seat belt.

## Ugly Pretty

I'm very ugly

So don't try to convince me that

I am a very beautiful person

Because at the end of the day

I hate myself in every single way

And I'm not going to lie to myself by saying

There is beauty inside of me that matters

So rest assured I will remind myself

That I am a worthless, terrible person

And nothing you say will make me believe

I still deserve love

Because no matter what

I am not good enough to be loved

And I am in no position to believe that

Beauty does exist in within me

I always say

Because whenever I look in the mirror

Am I as ugly as people say?

*(Now read from the bottom up)*

By Abdullah Shoaib



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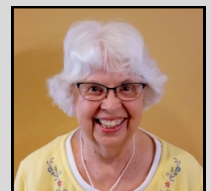
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1969	2019
Long hair	Longing for hair
KEG	EKG
Acid rock	Acid reflux
Moving to California because it's cool	Moving to Florida because it's warm
Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor	Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor
Seeds and stems	Roughage
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney stones
Screw the system	Upgrade the system
Disco	Costco
Parents begging you to get your hair cut	Children begging you to get their heads shaved
Passing the driver's test	Passing the vision test
Whatever	Depends

## Hard of Hearing

Three old gents, each with hearing loss, were taking a walk one cold January day.

One remarked to the other, "Windy, ain't it?"

"No," the second man replied, "It's Thursday."

And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's go have a coke."



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## Things Kids Raised in the 50s Remember

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- Kids in the 50s remember phones that were \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Attached to a wall
  - Digital
  - There were no phones
- Kids in the 50s remember being \_\_\_\_\_ by parents.
  - Coddled
  - Befriended
  - Disciplined
- At 1 a.m. or so, you'd see what on TV?
  - Music videos
  - "The Star-Spangled Banner"
  - 24/7 news
- Kids in the 50s remember getting milk from \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A vending machine.
  - A convenience store.
  - A milk man.
- Kids Raised in the 50s watched movies where?
  - At home.
  - On a device.
  - At the drive-in.
- Kids Raised in the 50s recall the assassination of \_\_\_\_?
  - Lincoln
  - JFK
  - Ronald Reagan
- Which of these was a popular bicycle accessory?
  - Strawberry seat
  - Pineapple seat
  - Banana seat
- Kids Raised in the 50s remember school \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Closures
  - Atomic bomb drills
  - Anti-discrimination courses
- Typing was done how?
  - On a typewriter.
  - On a printing press.
  - On a word processor.
- Which of these was a popular '50s TV figure?
  - Marge Simpson
  - Sponge Bob
  - Howdy Doody
- It was popular to wear which of these?
  - Bowler
  - Coonskin hat
  - Derby
- It was coolest to watch \_\_\_\_\_ TV.
  - Live
  - Pre-recorded
  - Satellite
- Kids Raised in the 50s drank water from where?
  - From glass bottles.
  - From plastic bottles.
  - From the faucet.
- Kids remember their parents telling them to eat \_\_\_\_?
  - Whatever they pleased.
  - Only organic.
  - Whatever was in front of them.
- Kids in the 50s could speak on the phone to \_\_\_\_\_?
  - The operator.
  - Anyone, anytime, anywhere.
  - The answering machine.
- You found phone numbers where?
  - Online
  - In a filing system
  - In a phone book
- Kids Raised in the 50s recall which of these?
  - Radio phones
  - Telegraph
  - Rotary phones
- Girls would be advised to wear \_\_\_\_ to school.
  - Pants
  - Sneakers
  - Skirts



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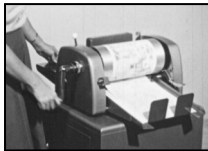
## Things Kids Raised in the 50s Remember (continued)

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| <p>19. The refrigerator was called ____?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ice box</li> <li>The Coleman</li> <li>The Cooler</li> </ol> <p>20. Coffee was made using what?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keurig</li> <li>Espresso machine</li> <li>Percolator</li> </ol> <p>21. There used to be no ____ on TV.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smoking</li> <li>Swearing</li> <li>Women</li> </ol> <p>22. Kids Raised in the 50s recall phone numbers that begin with what?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number 1</li> <li>Two digits</li> <li>Letters</li> </ol> <p>23. Kids Raised in the 50s would watch ____ launches.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shuttle</li> <li>Rocket</li> <li>Space station</li> </ol> <p>24. Women would do what before going shopping?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress up</li> <li>Dress casual</li> <li>Wear exercise outfits</li> </ol> <p>25. They remember the ____ machine.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Xerox</li> <li>Mimeograph</li> <li>Fax</li> </ol> | <p>26. How did nurses dress?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In scrubs</li> <li>In blue</li> <li>In white</li> </ol> <p>27. Kids Raised in the 50s recall listening to music on what device?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victrola</li> <li>MP3 player</li> <li>Transistor radio</li> </ol> |
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28. There were once \_\_\_\_ days to get gas.
- Unlimited
  - Odd and even
  - Discount
29. There were a what kind of stamps?
- Red
  - UPS Brown
  - S & H Green
30. For Kids Raised in the 50s, color TV was \_\_\_\_?
- Common
  - Unheard of
  - A luxury

**IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS, FIND SOMEONE RAISED IN THE 50s OR BEFORE AND ASK THEM!**



**Nuts—this last year went by so fast  
 I didn't have time to lose weight!**



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I'M A  
WOODEN SPOON  
LEAD PAINT  
NO CAR SEAT  
NO SEAT BELT  
NO BIKE HELMET  
BED OF PICKUP  
RIDING  
GARDEN HOSE  
DRINKING  
SURVIVOR

## Funny You Should Ask

Q: How can you avoid getting wrinkles?

A: *Take off your glasses.*

Q: What is the most common remark made by seniors when they browse an antique store?

A: *I remember these.*

Q: Where can a man over 60 find a younger, good looking woman who is interested in him?

A: *Try the bookstore under fiction.*

Q: Where should old people look for glasses?

A: *On their forehead.*

Q: Why should seniors use valet parking?

A: *The valet won't forget where he parked your car.*

Q: Is it a common problem for 60+ year olds to have trouble with memory storage?

A: *No. Memory storage is not the problem. Memory retrieval is.*

Q: Do people sleep more soundly as they get older?

A: *Yes, but it's usually in the afternoon.*

Q: What can a wife do to keep her husband from driving her crazy in retirement?

A: *You have to keep him busy. If he's handy with tools, he can finish the basement. Then when he's finished, he'll have a place to live.*

## Going Nowhere Fast



I've been to a lot of places, but I've never been **in Cahoots**.

Apparently you can't go alone, you have to be **in Cahoots** with someone.

I've also never been **in Cognito**, either. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been **in Sane**. They don't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there.

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there is a season,  
and a time  
to every purpose  
under the heaven."  
Ecclesiastes 3:1



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## Word Play

Anagrams are words or phrases whose letters are rearranged to become new words or phrases, Here are some examples:

DEBIT CARD=BAD CREDIT  
 PUNISHMENT=NINE THUMPS  
 DORMITORY=DIRTY ROOM  
 ASTRONOMER=MOON STARER

Some of them are more complicated:  
 CONVERSATION becomes  
 VOICES RANT ON.

SNOOZE ALARM becomes  
 NO MORE ZS

But perhaps the granddaddy of them all is this one:

“THAT’S ONE SMALL STEP FOR A MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND.” becomes  
 A THIN MAN RAN, MAKES A LARGE STRIDE, LEFT PLANET, PINS FLAG ON MOON! ON TO MARS!

## Guard Your Words

By Amy Beth Gardner

My daughter started middle school this fall. We decorated her locker, bought new uniforms, even surprised her with a new backpack.

But the night before school started, we did another pre-middle school task that is far more important than the others.

I gave her a tube of toothpaste and asked her to squirt it out onto a plate. When she finished, I calmly asked her to put all the toothpaste back in the tube.

She began exclaiming things like "But I can't!" and "It won't be like it was before!"

I quietly waited for her to finish and then said the following:

"You will remember this plate of toothpaste for the rest of your life. Your words have the power of life or death. As you go into middle school, you are about to see just how much weight your words carry.

"You are going to have the opportunity to use your words to hurt, demean, slander and wound others. You are also going to have the opportunity to use your words to heal, encourage, inspire and love others.

"You will occasionally make the wrong choice; I can think of three times this week I have used my own words carelessly and caused harm.

"Just like this toothpaste, once the words leave your mouth, you can't take them back. Use your words carefully. When others are misusing their words, guard your words.

"Make the choice every morning that life-giving words will come out of your mouth. Decide tonight that you are going to be a life-giver in middle school.

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**MY CHILDHOOD INJURIES:**  
**Fell off my bike. Fell out of a tree. Twisted my ankle.**

**MY ADULT INJURIES:**  
**Slept wrong. Sat down too long. Sneezed too hard.**

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WHEN GOING TO A CEMETERY  
-IT'S UNNERVING TO HEAR  
"YOU HAVE ARRIVED  
AT YOUR DESTINATION!"

When life gets you down,  
and you feel like  
you can't go on,  
remember who will always  
be there for you.

**DISHES**  
Dishes will literally  
always be there for you.

I wonder what our kids are  
going to tell their kids.  
"It was so rough back in my  
day, I didn't get my own  
phone until 4th grade.  
And sometimes the Wi-Fi  
didn't work upstairs."

In the 1950s, I fell down the  
stairs and skinned my  
knee. I'm telling you this  
now because we didn't have  
Facebook then.

My boss hung a poster at  
the office that said,  
"DON'T FORGET,  
I AM THE BOSS."

His secretary handed him a  
note: Your wife called. She  
wants her poster back.

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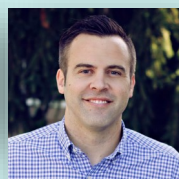
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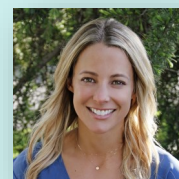
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