

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

### The Death of Common Sense

#### OBITUARY

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain
- Why the early bird gets the worm
- Life isn't always fair
- Take responsibility if it's your fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies—don't spend more than you earn—and reliable strategies—adults, not children are in charge.

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned, but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of an elementary school boy charged with harassment for kissing a classmate; a teen suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.



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#### Hanging Out with a Friend



The other day I was hanging out with a friend. This friend is a good person, but doesn't always act like one.

Some days she treats those around her with love, and some days life's struggles get the best of her and she takes it out on others.

She likes to think she's a good listener, but some times she thinks she has all the answers and isn't afraid to share them with anyone in earshot.

As our eyes met, I really wanted to say something to her, but decided to let God speak to her, knowing nothing I could say would have the same impact.

So I prayed with her.

After some time passed, I smiled at her...

...and walked away from the mirror.



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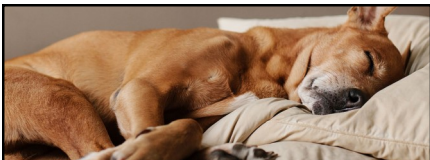
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### Nap Time

An old tired-looking dog wandered into a guy's yard. He examined the dog's collar and felt his well-fed belly and knew the dog had a home.

The dog followed him into the house, went down the hall, jumped on the couch, and fell asleep. The man thought it was rather odd, but let him sleep.

After about an hour the dog woke up, walked to the door and the guy let him out. The dog wagged his tale and left.



The next day the dog came back and scratched at the door. The guy opened the door, the dog came in, jumped on the couch, and fell asleep again.

After about an hour the dog woke up, walked to the door and the guy let him out. The dog wagged his tale and left.

This went on for days. The guy grew really curious, so he pinned a note on the dog's collar: "Your dog has been taking a nap at my house every day."

The next day the dog arrived with another note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with four children -- he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

### The Death of Common Sense *(Continued from page 1)*

It declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student but could not inform the parent when a female student was pregnant or wanted an abortion.

Common sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home, and if you did, the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense struggled for breath when prayer was banned from schools and churches were forced to hire someone with different beliefs.

Finally, when a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, spilled it in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement, Common Sense gave up the will to live.

As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of consciousness, but was kept alive for failing to file a Do Not Resuscitate form.

Finally, the plug was pulled when it was learned his insurance would no longer cover keeping him on life-support.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by five stepbrothers: Iknow Myrights, Iwant Itnow, Ima Victim, Donot Blameme and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few people realized he was gone.

If your remember Common Sense, do everything you can to pass on his principles to your children and grandchildren. Keep his spirit alive!

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**Trainer: "That was a tour of the gym!"**

## The Secret of Happiness

An anthropologist showed a game to the children of an African tribe. He placed a basket of delicious fruits near a tree trunk and told them: The first child to reach the tree will get the basket.

When he gave them the start signal, he was surprised that they were walking together, holding hands until they reached the tree and shared the fruit!



When he asked them why you did that when every one of you could get the basket only for him!

They answered with astonishment: "Ubuntu." Ubuntu in their civilization means "I am because we are. That is, how can one of us be happy while the rest are miserable?"

Those children know the secret of happiness that has been lost in most modern societies. You can find happiness by sharing happiness with others.

## Good Morning, Sir!

Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Walmart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was five, ten, fifteen minutes late. But he was a good worker, tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here, but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes sir, I know, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear."

"Yes sir, I understand your concern and I'll try harder."

Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "It's odd though, you coming in late. I know you're retired from the Army. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning so late and so often?"

The old man looked down at the floor, then smiled. He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin, "They usually saluted and said, 'Good morning, General, can I get your coffee sir?' "

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when it’s only  
“a penny for your  
thoughts?”**

### The Long and the Short of It



A teenager just passed his driving test, so he asked his dad when he could use the car.

His dad replied, “When you bring your grades up, study your Bible, and get your hair cut, then we’ll talk about the car.”

A few weeks later, the son asked again about using the car. His dad said, “You’ve brought your grades up, you’ve studied the Bible, but you still haven’t cut your hair!”

His son replied, “In the Bible, Moses, Samson, John the Baptist, and even Jesus had long hair!”

To which Dad responded: “And did you notice they walked everywhere they went?”



**Which was your favorite?**

### Transmission Fix



#### Notice in auto classifieds:

Please, please help! I’m having a problem with my new car. I think the transmission is messed up.

My car works fine in the daytime, but won’t drive at night at all.

I put it in “D” for daytime and it works fine, but at night when I put it in “N” it won’t move.

To make matters worse, the other day I was sitting at a red light and this guy next to me wanted to race. The light turned green, I threw it into “R” for Race, stomped on the gas and slammed into the car behind me.

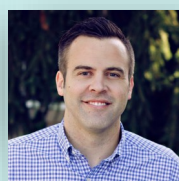
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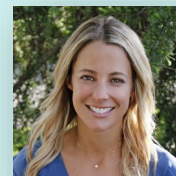
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## And a what?

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The rabbit answers, "I think I'm probably a Type O."



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## Brought Up Right!



According to today's culture, my mama and daddy were apparently abusive to us when we were children.

We were scared to get in trouble. They made us do household chores, go to school every day, and sit quietly in church.

They made us come in when the streetlights came on, and go to bed at a decent hour after watching just an hour of television.

They put food on the table, made us kids all sit down for meals together, and expected us to eat whatever was put in front of us—and help clear the table and do the dishes.

They put clothes on our backs and expected us to wear them even if they weren't the latest styles. And if we got hand-me-downs from older siblings, we were not to complain.

They whooped our bottom when we did wrong, and even made us go get the switch or belt they used on us.

They insisted that we do our best at school, and if we wanted to buy something, they suggested we get a job and work for it, and take pride in our work.

We grew up with morals, a good work ethic, and respect for the law and our elders.

I thank God every day for my Mama and Daddy!

## Take Me In!

An Oregon State trooper pulled a car over on I-84. When the trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver said he was a magician and juggler and was on his way to do a show for the Childrens' Hospital. He didn't want to be late.



The trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling and said if the driver would do a little juggling for him then he wouldn't give him a ticket. The performer told the trooper he had sent his equipment ahead and didn't have anything to juggle.

The trooper said he had some flares in the trunk and asked if he could juggle them. The juggler said he could, so the trooper got five flares, lit them and handed them to him.

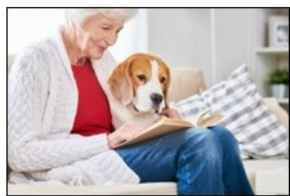
While the man was juggling, a car pulled in behind the State Trooper's car. A drunk driver got out, watched the performance for a minute, then went over to the trooper's car, opened the rear door and got in.

The trooper saw him and went over to his car, opened the door and asked the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, "You might as well take me to jail, cause there ain't no way I can pass that test."

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## The Buddy Bench

Walking through my son's school yard, I noticed a bench on the pavement with bright paint around it.

I asked my son laughingly, "Is that the only place to sit around here?"

He said, "No, that's the buddy bench! When someone feels lonely or they have nobody to play with, they sit there and people ask them to play."



Wow. Amazing!

Then I told him how awesome that was and asked if he has ever used it.

He said, "Yeah, when I was new I sat there and someone came to me and asked me to play. I felt happy. And now when I see kids on it, I ask them to play with me. We all do."

What a fabulous idea for a school yard.

## A Lousy Trip

A man went to get a haircut prior to a trip to Rome. He mentioned the trip to his barber.

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go to that lousy city? It's crowded and dirty and full of tourists. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking American Airlines," was his reply. "We got a great rate!"

"American Airlines?" exclaimed the barber. "That's a lousy airline. Their planes are old, and they're always late. So where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at the downtown International Marriott."

"That dump? That's the worst hotel in the city. The rooms are small, the service is lousy, and they're overpriced! So what are you doing when you get there?"

"We're going to go see the Vatican and we hope to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the barber. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the man again came in for his regular haircut and the barber asked him about his trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the man, "we were in one of American Airlines' brand new planes, but it was overbooked and they bumped us up to first class. And we arrived early!"

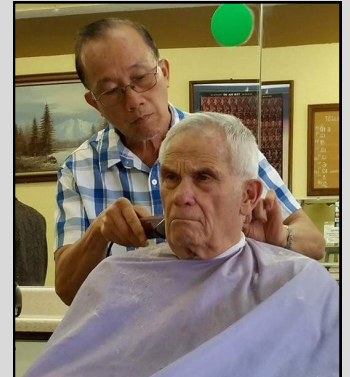
"And the hotel—it was great! They'd just finished a \$25 million remodeling job, and now it's the finest hotel in the city. They were overbooked, too, so they apologized and gave us the presidential suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the barber, "I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky. As we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard explained that the Pope likes to personally meet some of the visitors, and if I would step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! Then he spoke a few words to me."

"Really?" asked the barber. "What did he say?"

He said, "Where'd you get the lousy haircut?"



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but more like a hootenanny.  
I could tell he was still confused  
because his face went all cattywampus.

There was a woman selling  
batteries down at the park.  
Yes, she sells C cells  
down by the seesaw.

**I went to Home Depot the other day  
and told the lady I need four two by fours.  
She said how long do you want them?  
I said... for a long time, I'm building a porch.**

### Fly Like a Bee

*NASA has a poster hanging  
with bees that reads:*

"Aerodynamically a bee's body  
is not made to fly; the good  
thing is that the bee doesn't  
know."



The law of physics says that a  
bee cannot fly, the aero-  
dynamic principle says that  
the breadth of its wings is too  
small to keep its huge body in  
flight, but a bee doesn't know,  
it doesn't know anything about  
physics or its logic and flies  
anyway.

This is what we can all do,  
fly and prevail in every  
moment in the face of any  
difficulty and in any  
circumstance despite what  
they say.

Let us be bees, no matter the  
size of our wings, we take  
flight and enjoy the pollen of  
life."

**There are two ways  
of arguing with a woman.**

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