

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

Auld Lang Syne

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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It's Just the Ticket

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

I was driving down the boulevard into an intersection when I saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for exceeding the limit even though I knew I wasn't speeding.



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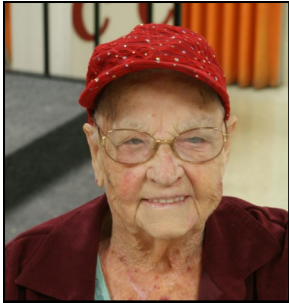
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I'M A
WOODEN SPOON
LEAD PAINT
NO CAR SEAT
NO SEAT BELT
NO BIKE HELMET
BED OF PICKUP
RIDING
GARDEN HOSE
DRINKING
SURVIVOR

Milestones



Vessie Nicholson
Nov 27, 1921—98 years
Caldwell Senior Center



Zelda Nysingh
Jan 9, 1922—97 years
Caldwell Senior Center



Alice Braun
Jan 17, 1922—97 years
Nampa Park Place



Helen Shaffer
Jan 2, 1928—91 years
Caldwell Senior Center



Betty Lubcke
Dec 21, 1925—93 years
Nampa Park Place



Reuben Kautz
Jan 14, 1927—92 years
Parma Senior Center

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.

Mistaken Identity

According to hospital regulations, patients are required to be escorted out in a wheelchair when being discharged.

A student nurse was having some trouble with an elderly gentleman who insisted that he did not need a wheelchair. After some discussion about rules being rules, he reluctantly agreed.



As she was wheeling him out, the student nurse asked the man if his wife was going to pick him up.

"I don't know," he replied. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

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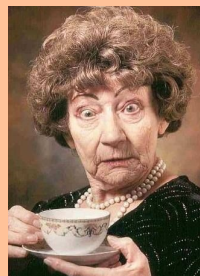
Things Kids Raised in the 50s Remember

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- Kids in the 50s remember phones that were _____?
 - Attached to a wall
 - Digital
 - There were no phones
- Kids Raised 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 remember watching movies where?
 - At home.
 - On a device.
 - At the drive-in.
- Kids Raised in the 50s recall the assassination _____?
 - 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



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



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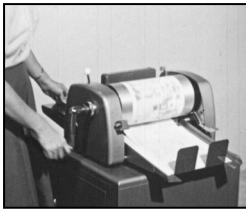
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Things Kids Raised in the 50s Remember (continued)

19. The refrigerator was called ____? 26. How did nurses dress?
 a. The Ice box a. In scrubs
 b. The Coleman b. In blue
 c. The Cooler c. In white
20. Coffee was made using what? 27. Kids Raised in the 50s recall listening to music on what device?
 a. Keurig a. Victrola
 b. Espresso machine b. MP3 player
 c. Percolator c. Transistor radio
21. There used to be no ____ on TV.
 a. Smoking
 b. Swearing
 c. Women
22. Kids Raised in the 50s recall phone numbers that begin with what?
 a. The number 1
 b. Two digits
 c. Letters
23. Kids Raised in the 50s would watch ____ launches.
 a. Shuttle
 b. Rocket
 c. Space station
24. Women would do what before going shopping?
 a. Dress up
 b. Dress casual
 c. Wear exercise outfits
25. They remember the ____ machine.
 a. Xerox
 b. Mimeograph
 c. Fax
28. There were once ____ days to get gas.
 a. Unlimited
 b. Odd and even
 c. Discount
29. There were a what kind of stamps?
 a. Red
 b. UPS Brown
 c. S & H Green
30. For Kids Raised in the 50s, color TV was ____?
 a. Common
 b. Unheard of
 c. A luxury



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

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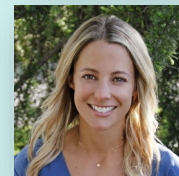
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Funny You Should Ask

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: *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.*

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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.

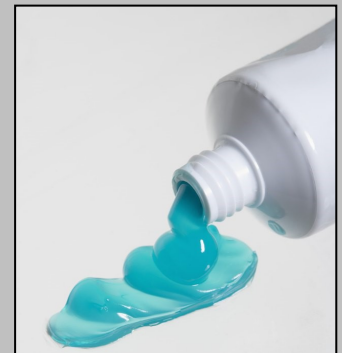
"You are going to have the opportunity to use your words to hurt, demean, slander and wound others. You are also going to have the opportunity to use your words to heal, encourage, inspire and love others.

"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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Fell off my bike. Fell out of a tree. Twisted my ankle.

MY ADULT INJURIES:

Slept wrong. Sat down too long. Sneezed too hard.

**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.**

Milestones



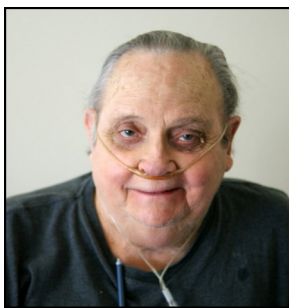
Rosetta Crofoot
Jan 2, 1929—90 years
Nampa Sunnyridge



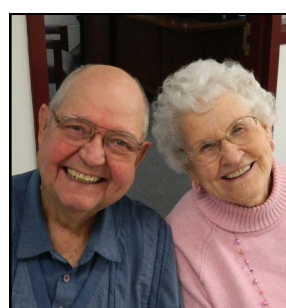
Joanie Carpenter
Jan 27, 1934—85 years
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Boyd Matthews
Jan 13, 1939—80 years
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Ronald May
Dec 28, 1943—75 years
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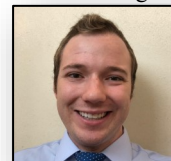
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