

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

She is No Longer With Us

My parents were married for 55 years. One morning, my mom was going downstairs to make dad breakfast, she had a heart attack and fell. My father picked her up as best he could and almost dragged her into the truck. At full speed, without respecting traffic lights, he drove her to the hospital.

When he arrived, unfortunately she was no longer with us. During the funeral, my father did not speak; his gaze was lost. He hardly cried.

That night, his children joined him at home. In an atmosphere of pain and nostalgia, we remembered beautiful anecdotes and he asked my brother, a theologian, to tell him where Mom would be at that moment. My brother began to talk about life after death and where she would be.



My father listened carefully. Suddenly he asked us to take him to the cemetery.

“Dad!” we replied, “it’s 11 at night, we can’t go to the cemetery right now!”

He raised his voice, and with a glazed look he said: “Don’t argue with me, please don’t argue with the man who just lost his wife of 55 years.”

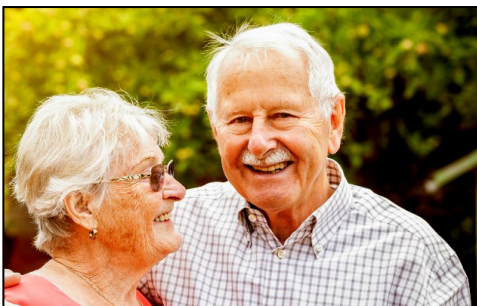
There was a moment of respectful silence, we didn’t argue anymore.

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Mom’s Through the Years

- At 3 years, it’s
“Mommy, I love you.”
- At 10 years,
“Mom whatever.”
- At 16 years,
“My Mom is so annoying.”
- At 18 years,
“I wanna leave this house.”
- At 25 years,
“Mom, you were right.”
- At 30 years,
“I wanna go to Mom’s house.”
- At 50 years, “I don’t wanna lose my Mom!”
- At 70 years, “I would give anything for my Mom to be here with me.”

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The Salted Life

I heard my mother asking the neighbors for salt. But we had salt in the house. I asked her why she was asking the neighbors for salt.



And she answered me: "Because our neighbors don't have a lot of money and often they ask us for something. From time to time, I also ask them for something small and inexpensive, so that they feel that we need them too.

This way they will feel more comfortable and easier for them to keep asking us for everything they need."

Respect for human dignity is undoubtedly one of the noblest feelings.

And that's exactly what I learned from my parents. Let's build empathetic, humble, supportive children who care about others.

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We went to the cemetery. With a flashlight we reached her grave.

My father sat down, prayed, and told his children: "It was 55 years... you know? No one can really talk about true love if haven't done life with a person." He paused and wiped his face.

"She and I, we were together in the good and in the bad." he continued. "When I changed jobs, we packed up when we sold the house and moved. We shared the joy of seeing our children become parents, together we mourned the departure of loved ones, we prayed together in the waiting room of some hospitals, we supported each other in pain, we hugged one another each day, and we forgave mistakes."

And then he paused and added, "Children, that's all gone and I'm happy tonight. Do you know why I'm happy? Because she left before me. She didn't have to go through the agony and pain of burying me, of being left alone after my departure. I will be the one to go through that, and I thank God for that. I love her so much that I wouldn't have liked her to suffer."

When my father finished speaking, my brothers and I had tears streaming down our faces. We hugged him and he comforted us, "It's okay. We can go home. It's been a good day."

That night I understood what true love is. It is more than just romanticism and physical attraction; it's two people who stand beside one another, who are committed to one another - through all the good and bad that life throws at you.




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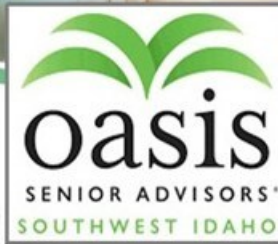
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Do You Remember?

My mother used to take leftover dough from making pie crusts, roll it out, spread butter on it, sprinkle cinnamon sugar on it, cut it into strips and bake them.



Spin the Bottle

When I was a kid we played "Spin the Bottle" and if they didn't want to kiss you, they'd have to give you a quarter.



By the time I was 12, I owned my own home.

General Obligation

TRANSPORTATION BOND

If approved by voters, the new bond is not estimated to raise current funds collected from Nampa taxpayers, but be similar to the fees paid by the expiring general obligation bond.



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May 16

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May 21

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PROPOSED BOND-FUNDED PROJECTS:

- Midland & Marketplace Intersection Improvements
- Library Square Congestion Improvements
- 12th Ave to 11th Ave Crossover Corridor
- South-East Nampa Connection to SH-16 (Design)
- Safe Routes to School (Sidewalk Improvements)



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Pursuant to an ordinance adopted on February 5, 2024, by the City Council of the City of Nampa, Canyon County, Idaho (the "City"), there will be a special municipal bond election held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024, in the City regarding the City's proposed issuance of general obligation transportation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$38,000,000 for the purposes of increasing public safety by funding improvements to certain roadways and pedestrian corridors within the City. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bonds based on current market rates is 3.59% per annum. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed bonds, principal, and interest, based on the anticipated interest rate, is estimated to be \$53,910,817, consisting of \$38,000,000 in principal and \$15,910,817 in interest. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer of the proposed bonds is a tax of \$18.00 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. The proposed bonds will mature within twenty (20) years from the date of each series of bonds. The total existing indebtedness of the City, including interest accrued as of May 21, 2024, is \$155,840,619.

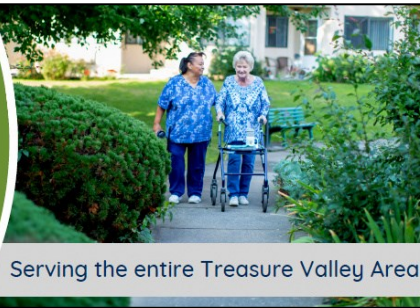
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James & Monica Shriver
May 31, 1969—55 years
Kuna/Melba Sr Center

The Woman's Prayer

Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray for a man who's not a creep,
One who's handsome, smart
and strong,
One who loves to listen long,

One who thinks before he speaks,
One who'll call, not wait for weeks.
I pray he's rich and self-employed,
And when I spend, won't be
annoyed.

Pull out my chair and hold my hand,
Massage my feet and help me stand.
Oh, send a king to make me queen,
A man who loves to cook and clean.

I pray this man will love no other,
And relish visits with my mother!

The Man's Prayer

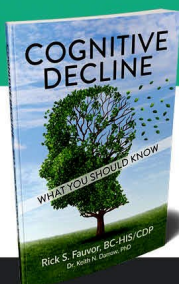
Now I lay me down to sleep,
Tell the kids, don't make a peep.

Amen.



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3. Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed away, because I already forgot the directions.
4. Making plans—and then immediately regretting making those plans because something better came up.
5. Leaving laundry in the dryer until it wrinkles. Then turning on the dryer to de-wrinkle. Then forgetting it again.
6. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just fall asleep right now.



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So, after a hard day on the range, Roy Rogers hitched Trigger to a tree and settled down for a restful night by the campfire. His feet were sore from breaking in a new pair of boots.

Off came the boots and he fell asleep. While he slept, a cougar stole his boots and took off with them in his teeth.

When Roy awakened and found his boots missing, he looked around and found the tracks of a big cat. He and a few cowhands saddled up and went to try and find his boots.

Eventually they tracked down the cougar just as it was finishing a meal of the boots.

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WHEN EACH MOMENT COUNTS

The Price of a Helpmate

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He asked Adam what qualities he would want in this woman...

Adam said, "Well, I want her to be gorgeous, have a beautiful kind, loving, generous, honest, faithful soul... and a be great cook and housekeeper."

Adam then asked, "What will that cost me?"

God did some quick calculations and said, "An arm and a leg."

Adam pondered that then replied, "Got any other options?"



Get Out of the Car!

A Senior Goldmine Classic

An elderly lady finished her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then she realized why.

It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 6-packs of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car-jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed. The moral of the story? If you're going to have a senior moment...make it memorable.



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Earl Ford
May 6, 1934—90 years
Melba Senior Center

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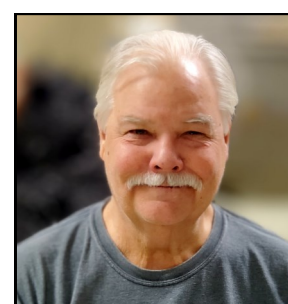
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Carol Lewis
May 6, 1939—85 years
Caldwell Senior Center



Archie Dominguez
May 20, 1939—85 years
Calswell Senior Center



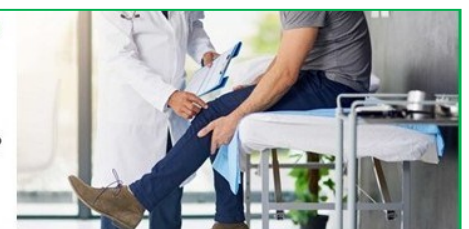
Frank McCorry
May 5, 1954—70 years
Wilder



Ruben Esparza
May 13, 1954—70 years
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