

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

Navigating Through Time

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John Phillips, the result.

The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

“Know what this means?” First Mate Payton broke in, “We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line”.

Captain Phillips was savvy enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor. At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line!

The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

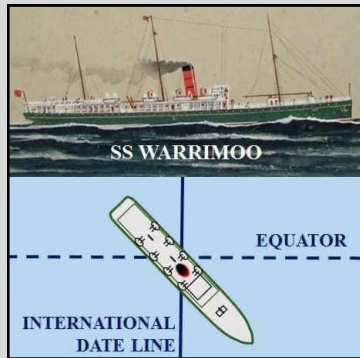
The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in:

Two different days, two different months, two different years, and two different seasons, but in two different centuries - all at the same time!



Thanks, God!



A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for her Sunday school class.

As she ran she prayed, “Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!”

As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again.

As she ran she once again began to pray, “Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! But don't shove me either.”



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Laws You Can't Break

1. **Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.



2. **Law of Quantum Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

3. **Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act. If you do something extraordinarily awesome, no one else will see it.

4. **Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal or voicemail; someone always answers.

5. **Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

6. **Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the door bell will ring.

7. **Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

8. **Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will!

9. **Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

10. **Law of Public Speaking** - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

11. **Law of the Stadium** - At any event, the people whose seats are farthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, drinks, or the restroom and who leave early before the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs and stay to the bitter end of the performance.

12. **The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

13. **Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

14. **Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

15. **Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

16. **Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly. If the clothes look good on the hanger, they don't fit.

17. **Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

18. **'Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.



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Choosing the Best

I asked my dad if I had ever made him cry in front of me before, because I don't ever remember seeing him cry.

"Just once," he said. He told me that when I was just two years old, he placed a pen, a dollar, and a toy of some sort on the floor in front of me. He wanted to see which one I would pick up.

Apparently it was a family tradition. The objects represent what you will value most when you grow up. The pen represented wisdom, the dollar represented success, and the toy represented happiness. It would be interesting for my father to see which one I would pick up.

He said that I just sat there and stared at the objects for a while. He sat across from me and waited patiently.

Then, according to him, I toddled over toward them while he held his breath, and ignoring all three objects, went right into his arms.

He hadn't realized what the fourth choice was. And that was the first, and only, time I made him cry.



RETRO QUIZ

**Give yourself a point for every-
thing you have NEVER done:**

1. Used a rotary phone
2. Used a phone book
3. Called the operator
4. Called long distance after 7 pm for better rates
5. Used a floppy disk
6. Accessed the internet via dialup on your computer
7. Sent or received a fax
8. Used a typewriter
9. Taken photos with a film camera
10. Listened to a vinyl record
11. Listened to music on a cassette tape
12. Recorded music from radio to a cassette tape
13. Listened to music on a CD
14. Watched a home video from a VHS tape
15. Rented a movie from Blockbuster
16. Sent a postcard
17. Used a paper map to get somewhere
18. Owned a dictionary
19. Owned a thesaurus
20. Owned an encyclopedia
21. Paid with a paper check.

YOUR SCORE: _____



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**If your parachute doesn't
open,
you have the rest of your
life to fix it.**

CLASSICAL PUTDOWNS

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; Bring a friend, if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.

"Cannot possibly attend first night. I will attend the second...If there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - Oscar Wilde

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - Paul Keating

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."

- Groucho Marx.



Your Three Favorite Hymns

A little country church needed to raise money for a new roof. On Sunday the pastor announced that they would take a special offering at the end of the service.

As an added incentive, he said the person who gave the most would get to pick their three favorite hymns at the end of the service.

After the sermon ended, the ushers passed the plates and collected the offering. The tallied everything up and handed a note to the pastor.

He was excited to announce that someone had put a \$1,000 check in the offering.



It was Sister Mabel Finch, a quiet, elderly spinster who never missed a service.

"Sister Finch, please come forward so we can thank you."

She shyly approached the front of the church.

"Now, sister, you get pick your three favorite hymns as we close the service," said the pastor.

Without hesitation she pointed over to a row of eligible bachelors in the second row and said, "I'll take HIM, HIM and HIM!"

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No Fishing!

Homer wanted to try out ice fishing. He went out and purchased all the gear he would need and headed to a local spot to try to catch some fish.

He went out onto the ice with his gear and after getting comfy on the stool, he started to cut a circular hole in the ice. As he was cutting, he heard a voice from the heavens speak out, saying, "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."



Homer was startled. He stood up and looked around but saw no one. Cautiously, he moved a little farther out onto the ice and set up in a different spot. He sipped some hot chocolate from his thermos and then started cutting another hole.

Again, the voice called out, "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!"

Now feeling quite scared and starting to get a bit frustrated, he moved all the way to the far end of the ice and laid out all his gear, sat upon his stool and started cutting another hole. Right away, the heavenly voice boomed out, this time louder than ever, "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!"

He jumped off his stool and looked all around him. He shouted to the heavens, "Is that you, God?"

The voice answered, "NO. THIS IS THE MANAGER OF THE ICE-SKATING RINK. THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!"

Here's a good prayer to start your day:

THE KNOT PRAYER

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life.

Remove the have nots, cannots, and the do nots.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that might find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that You remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the "am nots" that I have allowed to hold me back. Especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Amen

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Kindness by the Busload

Sometimes, all we hear are the bad things young people do but not the good. I needed some good news today.

“I drive a school bus and have a 6th grader who I would like to talk about.

Last week he was talking about an elderly neighbor not leaving her house for weeks. I tried to explain how hard it could be for her to do things.

On Tuesday I pulled up and he wasn't at the stop waiting. I looked over and saw him sweeping her porch. I was early so I waited for him.

The other kids asked why I waited. I said anyone helping someone deserves a few extra minutes.

When he got on the bus, all the kids started asking him questions about his neighbor. The next day seven children got on the bus with blankets,



food and cards for the elderly woman. I delivered them after work.

Now every day she stands on the porch and the whole bus waves good morning. I am so proud of him for stepping up and doing the right thing. He taught all the children something important.

I smile with pride in my heart because of the extraordinary children I have on my bus.”

Almost, But Not Quite

It's not rocket surgery!

He's not the sharpest egg in the henhouse.

You've opened a can of worms, now lie in it.

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't change his spots.

It looks like the upper hand is on the other foot.

You can't have your cake and burn it at both ends.

We'll burn that bridge when we come to it.

He who laughs last, cries over spilled milk.

The apple doesn't fall far from the nest.

You hit the nail right on the nose.

It sticks out like a sore throat.

It's like looking for a needle on a hayride.

The lights are on, but there's no one at the wheel.

Give a man a fish and he'll look a gift horse in the mouth.



Did you know that the propeller on a plane is just a big fan to keep the pilot cool? When it stops, you can see the pilot start sweating.

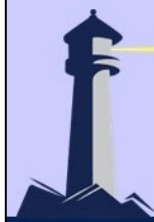
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1 million seconds is 11 days.

1 billion seconds is 31.5 years!



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A man called Pizza hut to
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CALLER: Is this Pizza Hut?

GOOGLE: No sir, it's Google Pizza.

CALLER: I must have dialed a wrong number, sorry.

GOOGLE: No sir, Google bought Pizza Hut last
month.

CALLER: OK. I would like to order a pizza.

GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?

CALLER: My usual? You know me?

GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the
last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large
pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni,
mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.

CALLER: Super! That's what I'll have.

GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a
pizza with ricotta, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a
whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?

CALLER: What? I don't want a vegetarian pizza!

GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

CALLER: How do you know that?

GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home
phone number with your medical records. We have
the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

CALLER: Okay, but I do not want your rotten
vegetarian pizza! I already take medication for my
cholesterol.

GOOGLE: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken
your medication regularly. According to our database,
you purchased only a supply of 30 cholesterol tablets
once at Walmart Pharmacy, 4 months ago.

CALLER: I bought more from another Pharmacy.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your credit card
statement.

CALLER: I paid in cash.

GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash
according to your bank statement.

CALLER: I have other sources of cash.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your latest tax
returns unless you bought them using an undeclared
income source, which is against the law!

CALLER: WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON
HERE!

GOOGLE: I'm sorry sir, we use such information only
with the sole intention of helping you.

CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick to death of
Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the
others. I'm going to an island without the internet, TV,
where there is no phone service and no one to watch
me or spy on me.

GOOGLE:
I understand sir,
but you need to
renew your
passport first. It
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ago...



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specifically told him I wanted
nothing for our anniversary.**

**I put my grandmother
on speed dial.**

I call that InstaGram!



VISITOR TO MUSEUM:
How old is that Tyrannosaurus
Rex skeleton?

GUIDE: 70,000,006 years.

VISITOR: How can you be so
precise?

GUIDE: That's what they told
me when I started working
here.



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And for that I am eternally
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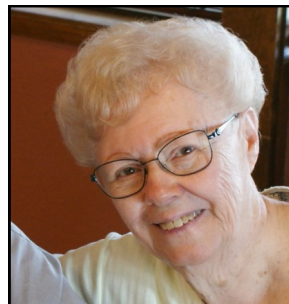
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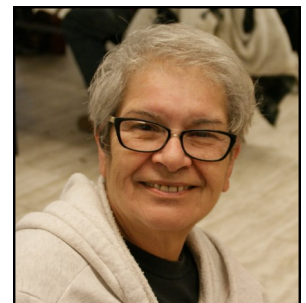


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