

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

Bent, Crushed, But Not Broken

By Jodi Peterson

This tree has been through significant trauma. It was bent, crushed, and transformed - but it has not broken. It is not dead. It has new life and beautiful growth (you can see it on the right side of the photo). The scars are there and part of its journey. But that wasn't the end of the story.



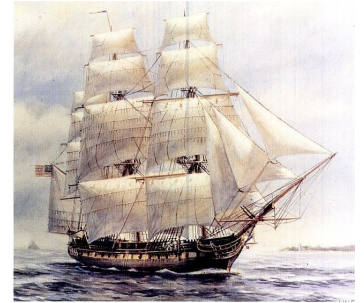
I found this tree on one of my favorite hikes in Stanley, Idaho. I connected with the significant trauma, pain, and unexpected turns and twists this tree had endured. The scars forged through trials.

The effects of the trauma are visible and have changed the story that the tree tells. Its unique journey makes it stand out in the forest. But it wasn't the end of its story.

As I rise this morning, I am once again drawn to this tree. But today, I am not overwhelmed by the pain of my journey, rather I feel the new growth. I see the strength. I feel the new journey. It's healthy and strong.

Like this tree, I may not look like everyone else - like other trees - but I'm alive. I'm growing. I'm gaining strength. Like the new pine needles, I'm leaning into healthy new beginnings, and once again, rising toward the sky.

And as the beautiful gospel hymn says, "It is well with my soul."



Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.

So throw off the bowlines.

Sail away from the safe harbor.

Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore.

Dream.

Discover.

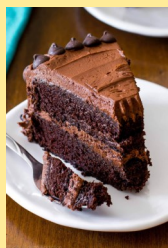
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I had this delicious omelet this morning. I seasoned the eggs with sugar, oil and chocolate and threw in some flour for texture.



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- New tradition
- Original copy
- Plastic glass
- Uninvited guest
- Highly depressed
- Live recording
- Authentic reproduction
- Partial cease-fire
- Limited lifetime guarantee
- Elevated subway
- Dry lake
- True replica
- Forward lateral
- Standard options
- Fresh frozen
- Jumbo shrimp
- Civil war
- Old news
- Accurate estimate
- Awfully good
- Climb down

Who's the Strongest?

The strapping young man at the construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen.

After several minutes, the older worker had had enough.

"Why don't you put your money where your mouth is?" the old guy said. "I will bet you a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that building that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the young guy replied.

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then he turned to the young man and said, "Alright. Get in."



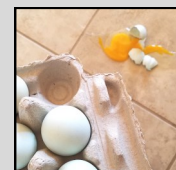
A new airplane has been developed that is not damaged if it crashes. Its body is made of synthetic rubber. It was designed and built by Boeing, Boeing, Boeing.



My cashier at Walmart today was slow, impatient, confused, and downright clumsy.

I guess that's what I get for using the self-checkout lane!

I dropped an egg on the floor this morning. State Farm is sending a claims adjuster out later today.



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The Economy is Really Bad!

How bad is it?

It's so bad we have lost many of our local businesses.

The paper store folded.

The yarn store unraveled.

The bra boutique went bust.

The shoe repair shop was soled.

The submarine plant went under.

The optometry school lost its pupils.

The hairdressers are making cutbacks.

The funeral home went into the ground.

The airport closed when all the staff took off.

The TV antenna plant went into receivership.

The food blender factory went into liquidation.

The meat packing plant packed up and mooved.

And several local plumbers went down the drain!

But the good news?

The bakery is bringing in the dough.

The elevator factory says sales are up.

The toilet paper factory is rolling in it.

The used car lot is wheeling and dealing.

The HVAC company says business is hot.

The sporting goods store is on the rebound.

The book publisher is making textbook profits.

The mom and pop grocery has begun to produce.

The amusement park has plenty of funds and games.

And the Mexican restaurant is in the chips.

Reprinting this classic

Joke of the Month

A man checked into a hotel on an out-of-town trip. He was there a day early, with his wife expected a day later. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife.

Unfortunately, he miss-typed the email address, and accidentally sent the email to a widow who had just returned from her husband's funeral.

The widow decided to check her email, expecting condolence messages from relatives and friends.

After reading the first message, she fainted.

Her son rushed into the room and saw the computer screen which read:

"To My Loving Wife -

I know you are surprised to hear from me. They have good wi-fi here and we are allowed to send emails to loved ones.

"I've just checked in. This place is surprisingly nice in spite of what I always heard, but still I'm really lonely.

"I have made the necessary arrangements for your arrival tomorrow. I can't wait to see you, Darling!"

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Oldies Revised

Some artists from the 50s are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate baby boomers. Here's a few:

Herman's Hermits: "Mrs. Brown, You've got a lovely walker!"

The Bee Gees: "How can you mend a broken hip?"

Bobby Darin: "Splish, splash, I was having a flash."

Ringo Starr: "I get by with a little help from Depends."

The Commodores: "Once, twice, three times to the bathroom."

Willie Nelson: "On the commode again."

Johnny Nash: "I can't see clearly now."

Milestones



Ed Schenet
Feb 24, 1938—85 years
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March 20, 1948—75 years
New Plymouth



I've come to the conclusion that my memory is like an Etch-a-Sketch, I shake my head and forget everything!



**Do you know about Community Serve Day?
Do you have a project you need help with?**

Let us Know!

What qualifies as a project? Many things!

Serve Day will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

We repair fences, do small paint jobs, spring cleanup, clear weeds and branches, assist with repairs, build ramps and more.

All of this will be done the last Saturday of April on Serve Day!

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