

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

You Could Have Heard a Pin Drop

JFK'S Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 60's when French President DeGaulle decided to pull out of NATO. DeGaulle said he wanted all US military out of France as soon as possible. Rusk responded, "Does that include those who are buried here?"

DeGaulle did not respond. *You could have heard a pin drop.*



When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of "empire building" by George Bush.

He answered by saying, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of Its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."

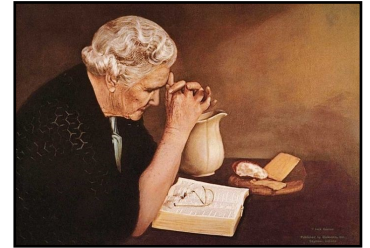
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There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, One of the French engineers came back into the room saying, "Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?"

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: "Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand

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Things to Be Grateful For



1. Be awakened early = Children to love.
2. House to clean = Safe place to live
3. Laundry to be done = Clothes to wear
4. Grocery shopping = Enough \$ to live on
5. Dishes to wash = Food to eat
6. Crumbs on the floor = Family meals together
7. Toilets to clean = Indoor plumbing
8. Lots of noise = People in my life
9. Endless questions = kids' brains are growing
10. Sore and tired in bed = I'm still alive!

Amen!



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War Stories

My high school assignment was to ask a veteran about World War II. Since my father had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, "Did you ever kill anyone?"

Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, "Probably. I was the cook."

Marian Babula, Pennsylvania

The steaming jungles of Vietnam were not my husband's first choice of places to spend his 21st birthday.

However, the mood was brightened when he received a birthday cake from his sister. It was carefully encased in a Tupperware container and came with this note: "Dick, when you're finished, can you mail back my container?"

Kathy Wilson, Minnesota

When a soldier came to the clinic where I work for an MRI, he was put into the machine by an attractive, young technician.

Sometime later, when the examination was over, he was helped out of the machine by a far older woman. The soldier remarked, "How long was I in there for?"

Joanne Korman, Nova Scotia

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gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships. How many does France have?"

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A U.S. Navy admiral was attending a naval conference that included admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French navies at a cocktail reception. He found himself standing with a large group of officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks when a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English.

He then asked, "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?"

Without hesitating, the American admiral replied, "Maybe it's because the Brit's, Canadians, Aussie's and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

You could have heard a pin drop.

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 89, arrived in Paris by plane. At French customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry-on. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible. Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France!"

The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchmen to show a passport to."

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You'll Need to Make an Appointment



After 58 years of marriage, a husband and wife came to see a therapist. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married.

On and on she went: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow.

The woman quietly sat down as though in a daze.

The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I go fishing."

Hurricane Procedures

Hurricanes are nothing to be laughed at, but in Florida they are so common you have to retain your sense of humor. Here are one company's guidelines;

Category 1 Hurricane

No excuse for being late. Leave early to avoid fallen trees.

Category 2 Hurricane

Due to the horizontal rain, you can dress casual for the day.

Category 3 Hurricane

Whereas most of the area will be flooded, we suggest you avoid wearing open-toe sandals when coming to work. Canoes or kayaks will be provided in the parking lot to help get into the building safely.

Category 4 Hurricane

More than likely there will be no electricity. Office personnel will be given manual typewriters and rotary dial phones. If you choose to wear make-up, use waterproof.

Category 5 Hurricane

Velcro will be provided to keep you attached to your seat when the windows and doors blow out. For those who survive, we will have chocolate cake at 3:30 in the break room.



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65 what they were doing
when they were 25,
wasn't doing much
at 25.**

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A wise old man once told his son,
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standing to know why pizza is
made round, put in a square box to
be eaten in triangles, then and
only then will you be able to
understand women!

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Sobriety Test

An Idaho State Troop trooper pulled a car over on I-80. 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 Boise to do a show for the Children's' 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. He 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 drunken good old boy from Ola got out, watched the performance, then went over to the trooper's car, opened the rear door and got in. The trooper observed him and went over to his car, opened the door asking 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."

Milestones



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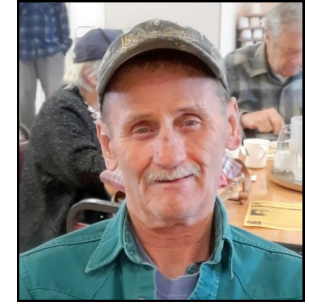
Gerald Voigt
Nov 12, 1929—90 years
New Plymouth



Rosemary Smith
Oct 2, 1944—75 years
Weiser



Gretchen Kerber
Nov 7, 1944—75 years
Ontario



Terry Smith
October 30, 1949—70 years
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