

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.

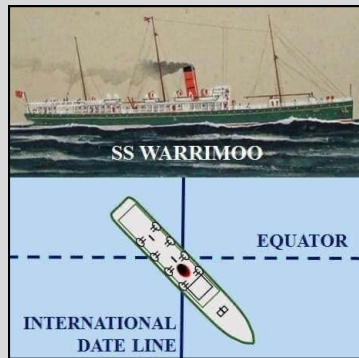
The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

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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3. Called the operator
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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: _____

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.”



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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!"

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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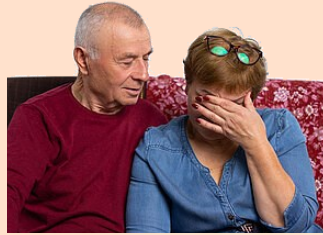
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Please pray for my husband who tragically got me nothing for our anniversary when I specifically told him I wanted nothing for our anniversary.



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.



"Your call is important to us. Please stay on the line until your call is no longer important to you."

Milestones



Robert McMillan
Aug 5, 1925—98 years
Payette



Jean Stephan
Aug 10, 1928—95 years
Payette



Sue Hadley
July 30, 1931—92 years
Nyssa



Fern Simpson
Aug 14, 1933—90 years
Ontario



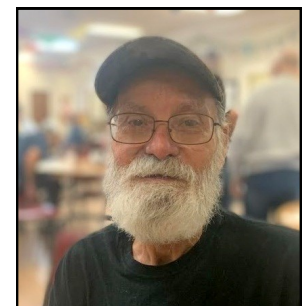
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Nyssa



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