

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

We had a Really Mean Mom

By Mike Doyle

While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others has a Pepsi or a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat peanut butter sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mom insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would only be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash dishes, make our beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing buy the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she

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A Mother Waits

The fate of a mother is to wait for her children.

You wait for them when you're pregnant. You wait on them when they get out of school. You wait on for them to get home after a night out.



You wait on them when they start their own lives. You wait for them when they get home from work to come home to a nice dinner. You wait for them with love, with anxiety and sometimes with anger that passes immediately when you see them and you can hug them.

Make sure your old mother doesn't have to wait any longer. Visit her, love her, hug the one who loved you like no one else ever will. Don't make her wait, she's expecting this from you.

Because the body may get old, but the heart of a mother never gets old. Love her as best you can. No person will ever love you like your mother will.





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Things My Mother Told Me That Weren't True

- “Keep making that face and it will freeze like that.”
- “If you swallow your gum, it will stay in your stomach for seven years.”
- “I have eyes in the back of my head.”
- “Eat your carrots—it will help you see in the dark.”
- “You’re going to take someone’s eye out with that.”
- “You can’t swim for 30 minutes after eating.”
- “Don’t sit too close to the TV or you’ll go blind.”
- “There are starving children in Africa who would love to eat that!”
- “I’m just running into the store for one thing.”
- “A watermelon will grow in your stomach if you eat the seeds.”
- “I don’t have a favorite child.”
- “Maybe...I’ll think about it.”
- “You kids will be the death of me!”

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could read our minds and tell.

Life was really tough. Mom wouldn’t let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come to the door so she could meet them.

While everyone else could date when they were 13 or 14, we had to wait until we were 16.



Because of our mother, we missed out on a lot of things other kids experienced. None of us were ever caught shoplifting, vandalizing property, or ever arrested for a crime. It was all her fault.

Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was.

I think that’s what’s wrong with the world today. It just doesn’t have enough mean moms anymore.



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Kids in Church

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry. I'm having a good time like I am."

3-year-old Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

One four-year-old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"



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How many of you remember your mother's clothesline?

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(If you don't even know what clotheslines are, better skip this, or better yet, read on. You might learn something.)

- ◆ You had to wash the clothesline(s) before hanging any clothes. Walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
- ◆ You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with "whites," and hang them first.
- ◆ You had to hang the socks by the toes. NOT the top.
- ◆ You hung pants by the BOTTOM/cuffs... NOT the waistbands.
- ◆ You NEVER hung a shirt by the shoulders - always by the tail! What would the neighbors think?
- ◆ Wash day was on a Monday! NEVER hang clothes on the weekend, or on Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
- ◆ Hang the sheets and towels on the OUTSIDE lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle (perverts & busybodies, y'know!)
- ◆ It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather... clothes would "freeze-dry."
- ◆ ALWAYS gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were "tacky"!
- ◆ If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the neut thext washed item.
- ◆ Have clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed. IRONED??!! Well, that's a whole 'nother subject!



Ode to the Clothesline

A clothesline was a news forecast, to neighbors passing by, there were no secrets you could keep, when clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link, for neighbors always knew, if company had stopped on by to spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the "fancy sheets" and towels upon the line; you'd see the "company table cloths" with intricate designs.

The line announced a baby's birth, from folks who lived inside, as brand new infant clothes were hung, so carefully with pride!

The ages of the children could, so readily be known, by watching how the sizes changed, you'd know how much they'd grown!

It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets were hung; then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too, haphazardly were strung.

New folks in town were scorned upon, if wash was dingy and gray, as neighbors slowly raised their brows and looked the other way.

But clotheslines now are of the past, for dryers make work much less. Now what goes on inside a home, is anybody's guess!

I really miss that way of life; it was a friendly sign, when neighbors knew each other best by what hung upon the line.



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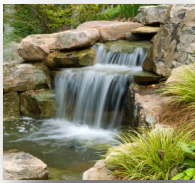
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Common Sense Quiz

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

Stop and think about it before you answer.

The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door. *This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.*

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator?

Wrong. Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. *This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.*

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference.

All the animals attend Except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. *This tests your memory.*

Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross but it is used by crocodiles, and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting. *This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.*

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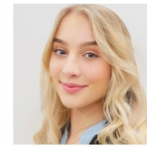
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MOMS NOW VS. MOMS THEN:
By I Might Be Funny

"That word is inappropriate."	"Say that again and I'll wash your mouth out with soap."
"Good job trying one bite of the dinner I made. Now you can have Mac & Cheese."	"You'll eat what I make, whether you like it or not. There are starving children in the world."
"I can see you're upset. Take a deep breath and use your words."	"You better stop crying or I'll REALLY give you something to cry about."
"You can't walk around the block by yourself. I'll drive you. Text me when you need a ride back."	"You want to go out? Take your bike. Be home before dark."

The 3 Strands of Hair

Once a woman woke up in the morning only to realize that she had only three strands of hair left on her head.

"Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." She braided her hair and she had a wonderful day.

When she got up the next day and looked in the mirror, she noticed she had just two strands of hair on her head. She said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." She parted her hair in the middle and had a great day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony-tail." So she did, and she had a fun day.

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Things My Grandmother Told Me That Are Still True Today



- “Don’t go where you’re not invited.”
- “Don’t talk about what you don’t know.”
- “Don’t interfere with things that are none of your business.”
- “Don’t open the fridge in someone else’s house.”
- “Don’t call after 10 p.m.”
- “Don’t go see someone at lunchtime.”
- “Don’t enter other people’s bedrooms without permission.”
- “Don’t talk with your mouthful.”

They were the rules of good manners and they still are, because good manners never go out of fashion.

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A man received the following text from his neighbor;

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I have been helping myself to your wife, day and night when you are not around. In fact, more than you do.

I don’t get it at home, but that’s no excuse. I can no longer live with the guilt and hope that you will accept my sincerest apology, along with my promise that it won’t ever happen again.”—Ted

Bob was in complete shock and didn’t no what to do. He was thinking he should confront his wife right away, but just then a second text came in from Ted: “Stupid spell check! I meant **wi-fi**, not **wife!**”

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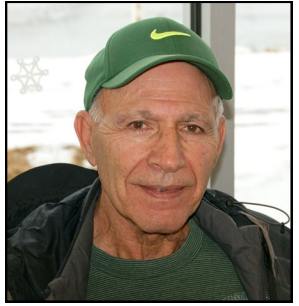
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