

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

The Boy on the Train

Every month Martín’s parents took a trip to see Grandma and came home on the same train the next day.

One day the young twelve-year-old boy said to his parents: "I'm already grown up. Can I go to my grandma's alone?"

After a brief discussion, his parents accepted.

The next weekend they took him to the depot and helped him board the train. They said goodbye to their son and gave him some tips just before they got off the train.

Martin repeated to them: "I know. I've been told this more than a thousand times."

As the train was about to leave, his father murmured in his ear: "Son if you feel bad or insecure, this is for you!" And he put something in his pocket.

Now Martin was alone, sitting on the train as he had wanted, without his parents for the first time. He began admiring the passing landscape out the window.

Around him strangers were chatting loudly above the clatter of the train wheels. They made a lot of noise.

Some of the passengers came in and out of the train car.

The conductor passed by and made some comments about him being alone. One person looked at him with eyes of sadness.



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The Buck Stops Here

Three men went hunting. As they crossed the field going to the woods a huge buck jumped up in their path. All three men fired at the same time. The deer dropped, and as they came up on the buck, they realized they had a problem. Which one of them shot the deer?



They were discussing the problem when a game warden came along to

check for hunting licenses. He offered to sort out the problem. After examining the buck, he said, "One of you guys is a preacher, right?"

Sure enough, one of them was.

"Well, preacher," the game warden said, "your shot is the one that got the buck."

Amazed, the men asked how he knew one of them was a preacher, and how he knew that the preacher's shot was the one that scored the kill.

"Simple," the game warden said, "It went in one ear and out the other."



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Parrot Talk

One day a man went to an auction. While there, he bid on a parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he got caught up in the bidding.

He kept on bidding, but kept getting outbid, so he bid higher and higher and higher.



Finally, after he bid way more than he intended, he won the bid – the parrot was his at last!

As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the auctioneer, “I sure hope this parrot can talk. I would hate to have paid this much for it, only to find out that he can’t talk!”

“Don’t worry,” said the auctioneer, “he can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?”

The Boy on the Train *(Continued from page 1)*

Martin was feeling more uneasy with every minute that passed. And now he was scared. He felt cornered and alone.

He put his head down with tears in his eyes. Then he remembered his dad had put something in his pocket.

Trembling, he searched for what his father had given him.



In his pocket he found a piece of paper on which his father had written: "Son, I'm in the last train car!".

That's how life is – we must let our children try new things, sometimes before we think they are ready. But we always like to be in the last car, watching, in case they are afraid or in case they find obstacles and don't know what to do. We want to stay close to them as long as we can.

But at some point we must let them go out on their own. We just want them to know we are nearby if they need us.

- Anonymous

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"Don't you dare!"
sound normal,
but "Do not you dare!"
sound strange?**

Highway to Heaven

Billy Graham was returning to Charlotte after a speaking engagement and when his plane arrived there was a limousine there to transport him to his home. As he prepared to get into the limo, he stopped and spoke to the driver.



"You know," he said, "I am 87 years old and I have never driven a limousine. Would you mind if I drove it for a while?"

The driver said, "No problem. Have at it."

Billy got into the driver's seat and they head off down the highway. A short distance away sat a rookie State Trooper operating his first speed trap. The long black limo went by him doing 70 in a 55 mph zone.

The trooper pulled out and easily caught the limo and pulled it over. The young trooper walked up to the driver's door and when the glass was rolled down, he was surprised to see who was driving.

He immediately excused himself and went back to his car and called his supervisor. "I know we are supposed to enforce the law, but I also know that important people are given certain courtesies. I need to know what I should do because I have stopped a very important person."

The supervisor asked, "Is it the governor?"

The young trooper said, "No, he's more important than that."

The supervisor said, "Oh, so it's the president?"

"No, he's even more Important than that," replied the young trooper.

After a moment, the supervisor finally asked, "Well then, who is it?"

The young trooper said, "I think it's Jesus, because he's got Billy Graham for a chauffeur!"

Silence, Please!

Poster found in a church in France (translated):

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God."

However it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile phone. Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

Makes Perfect Sense

A clergyman was doing a series of children's sermons on the symbols of the church.

One Sunday the pastor was speaking about vestments and asked the question, "Why do you think I wear this special collar?"

One child quickly responded, "Because it kills ticks and fleas for up to 6 months?"



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Six Little Stories with Lots of Meaning

- Once during a long drought, all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one young boy came with an umbrella.



That is Faith.

- When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because you know you will catch them.

That is Trust.

- Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set alarms to wake up.

That is Hope.

- We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That is Confidence.

- We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children.

That is Love.

- On an old man's shirt was written this sentence: "I am not 80 years old; I am 20 with 60 years of experience."

That is Attitude.



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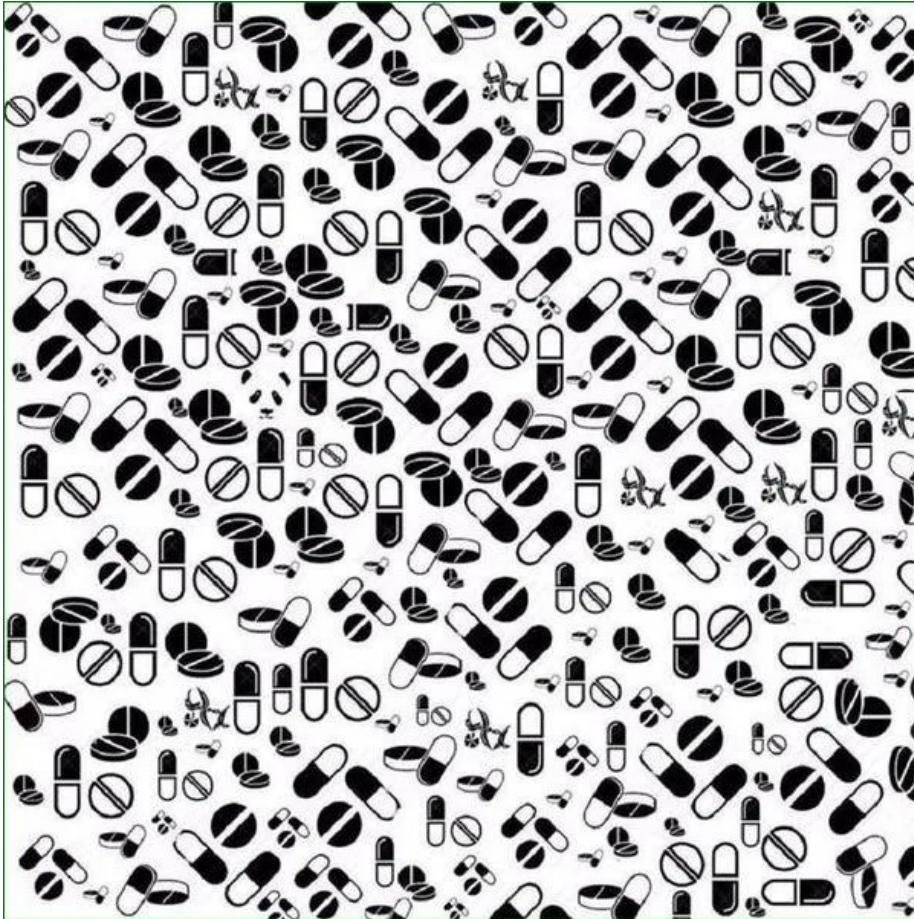


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Can You Find the Hidden Panda?



Your Mother Insulted Me

George's young wife, Ellen, was in tears when she opened the door for her husband coming home from work. "I've been insulted," she sobbed. "Your mother insulted me."

"My mother?" he exclaimed. "Did she call you?"

"No, but a letter came for you this morning and I opened it."

He looked stern, "I see, and where does the insult come in?"

"In the P.S.," she answered. "It said, 'Dear Ellen, don't forget to give this letter to George.'"

In 1917, Ernie Shore threw a "Perfect Game" with 27 straight outs without allowing a baserunner, but he was only credited with a combined no-hitter because he pitched in relief of the starting pitcher, Babe Ruth, who was ejected after walking the first batter and punching the umpire!



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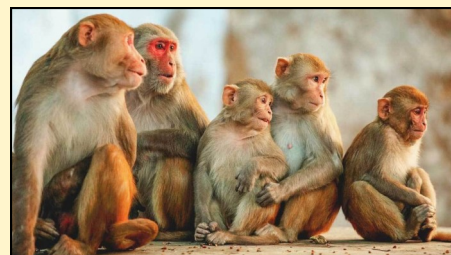


1. Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
2. A yellow jacket is faster than a John Deere tractor.
3. Words that soak into your ears are whispered, never yelled.
4. Meanness don't happen overnight.
5. Don't sell your mule to buy plow.
6. Don't corner something meaner than you.
7. The best sermons are lived, not preached.
8. Most of the stuff people worry about never happen.
9. Don't squat with your spurs on.
10. Don't judge people by their relatives.
11. Don't interfere with something that ain't botherin' you none.
12. Letting the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
13. You can't tell how good a man or a watermelon in 'till they get thumped.
14. Always drink upstream from the herd.
15. Never miss a good chance to shut up.

The Family Tree

A little girl asked her mother how the human race got started. The mother explained how God created Adam and Eve, they had children and so on and on here we are today.

A few days later she asked her father the same question. He explained how many years ago there were monkeys and little by little they became more like people and here we are today.



Confused she went back to her mother and said, "Mom you said God created people and dad said we came from monkeys. How can that be?"

Her mother replied, "Honey that's easy. I told you about my side of the family and dad told you about his."

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A “Good Deed” Backfires

There was a little old Christian lady living next door to an atheist. Every morning the lady came out onto her front porch and shouted, “Praise the Lord!”

The atheist would yell back, “There is no God.”

She did this every morning with the same result. As time went on, the lady ran into financial difficulties and had trouble buying food. She went onto the porch and asked God for help with groceries, then said, “Praise the Lord.”

The next morning, she went out onto the porch and there were the groceries she asked for, and of course, she shouted, “Praise the Lord!”



Her atheist neighbor jumped out from behind a bush and said, “Ha, I bought those groceries - there is no God.”

The lady looked at him and smiled. Then she shouted, “Praise the Lord, not only did you provide for me, Lord, you made Satan pay for the groceries!”

The Chase was On

In most of the United States there is a policy of checking on any stalled vehicle on the highway when temperatures drop to single digits or below.

About 3 a.m. one very cold morning, an Idaho State Trooper responded to a call that there was a car off the shoulder of the road outside McCall.

He located the car, stuck in deep snow and with the engine still running. Pulling in behind the car with



his emergency lights on, the trooper walked to the driver’s door to find an older man passed out behind the wheel with a nearly empty vodka bottle on the seat beside him.

The driver came awake when the trooper tapped on the window. Seeing the rotating lights in his rearview mirror, and the state trooper standing next to his car, the man panicked. He jerked the gearshift into drive and hit the gas. The car’s speedometer was showing 20-30-40 and then 50 MPH, but it was still stuck in the snow, wheels spinning. The trooper, having a sense of humor, began running in place next to the speeding (but stationary) car.

The driver was totally freaked, thinking the trooper was actually keeping up with him. This went on for about 30 seconds, then the trooper yelled, “PULL OVER!”

The man nodded, turned his wheel and stopped the engine. Needless to say, the man was arrested and is probably still shaking his head over the state trooper who could run 50 miles per hour.

Who says troopers don’t have a sense of humor?

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Wife: "I am."
Husband: "I just saw you eat 6 Oreos!"
Wife: "But I wanted to eat 12. See? Dieting!"

What's on the Menu?

A trucker walked into a Truck Stop cafe one morning.

"I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights, and a pair of running boards," he told the waitress.



It was her first day on the job so she went to the kitchen and asked the cook about the order. "What does he think this is, an auto parts store," she said.

"No," the cook laughed. "Three flat tires means three pancakes. A pair of headlights means two eggs sunny side up. And a pair of running boards means two slices of crisp bacon!"

"Oh, ok," she said, relieved to learn the code words.

She thought about it for a moment, then spooned up a bowl of beans and took it out to the customer.

The trucker asked, "What are the beans for, darlin'?"

She replied, "I thought that while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights, and running boards, you might as well gas up!"

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An invisible man married an invisible woman.
Their kids weren't much to look at either!

There are 5 sisters in the room:
Ann is reading a book,
Margaret is cooking,
Kate is playing chess,
Marie is doing laundry.
What is the fifth sister doing?