

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

In the Land That Made Me, Me



Long ago and far away, in a land that time forgot,
Before the days of Nixon, or the dawn of Camelot.
There lived a race of innocents, and they were you and me,
And prayed for all the soldiers in the Land That Made Me, Me.

For Ike was in the White House in that land where we were born,
Where navels were for oranges, and jeans were never torn.
We had no Crest with Fluoride, or Lipton herbal tea
Or prime-time ads for Tylenol in the Land That Made Me, Me.

Only girls wore earrings then, and three was one too many,
And only boys wore flat-top cuts, except for Wilford Brimley.
And only in our wildest dreams did we expect to see
A boy named George with Lipstick, in the Land That Made Me, Me.

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Takes On Love

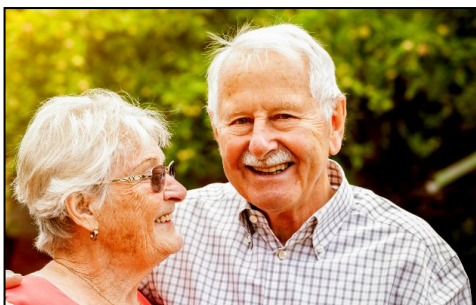
Wedding vows should include
"Do you promise to always help him find his stuff when it is right in front of him?"
- because you'll be doing that forever!

Marriage is like a deck of cards: In the beginning all you need is two hearts and a diamond. By the end you wish you had a club and a spade.

I got my girl something expensive for Valentine's!



"Love is not what makes the world go round—it's what makes the ride worthwhile!"



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The 9 Rules of Life

1. Let it go.
2. Ignore them
3. Give it time.
4. Don't compare.
5. Stay calm.
6. It's on you.
7. Always smile.
8. Be kind.
9. Keep growing.

10 Things Money Can't Buy

1. Manners
2. Morals
3. Respect
4. Character
5. Common sense
6. Trust
7. Patience
8. Class
9. Integrity
10. Love

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Miss Kitty had a heart of gold, and Chester had a limp,
And Reagan was a Democrat whose co-star was a chimp.
We had a Mr. Wizard, but not a Mr. T,
And Oprah couldn't talk yet, in the Land That Made Me, Me.

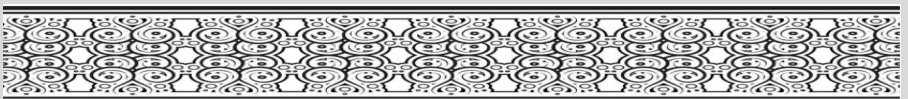
We had our share of heroes, we never thought they'd go,
At least not Audie Murphy, or Marilyn Monroe.
For youth was still eternal, and life was yet to be,
And Elvis was forever in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We'd never heard of microwaves, or telephones in cars,
And babies might be bottle-fed, but they were not grown in jars.
And pumping iron got wrinkles out, and 'gay' meant fancy-free,
And dorms were never co-ed in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We hadn't seen enough of jets to talk about the lag,
And microchips were what was left at the bottom of the bag.
And hardware was a box of nails, and bytes came from a flea,
And rocket ships were fiction in the Land That Made Me, Me.

And Coke came just in bottles, and skirts below the knee,
And Castro came to power near the Land That Made Me, Me.
And middle-aged was 35 and old was fifty-three,
And ancient were our parents in the Land That Made Me, Me.

So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger jeans,
And wonder why they're using smaller print in all our magazines.
And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be,
Long ago and far away in the Land That Made Me, Me.



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Who Remembers a Classroom Like This?



Who remembers...

- Saying the Pledge of Allegiance every morning?
- Cleaning the chalkboard?
- Practicing your cursive letters?
- Being part of the crosswalk Safety Patrol?
- School picture day?

What other school memories do you have?

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I'm so old...

...I remember when multiplication tables were called "times tables!"

...I remember cloth diapers before Pampers!



...I remember when this was our best security device!"



...I remember when 50¢ an hour was pretty good money!

...I remember the smell of mimeograph on our test papers!

...I remember carrying a Roy Rogers or Dale Evans lunch pail to school!



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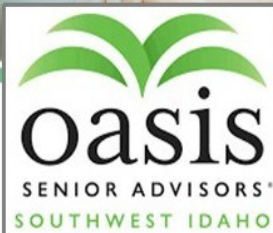
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Who Said Car Names Don't Mean Anything?

FIAT: Failure in Automotive Technology

FORD: For Only Rough Drivers

HYUNDAI: Hope You Understand Nothing's Drivable And Inexpensive

VOLVO: Very Odd Looking Vehicular Object

PORSCHE: Proof Of Rich Spoiled Children Having Everything

OPEL: Old People Enjoying Life

TOYOTA: The One You Can Trust Always



1976 Opel

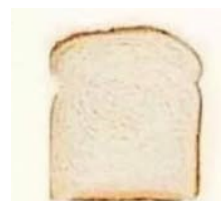
HONDA: Happy Owners Now Driving Away

BMW: Big Money Waste

AUDI: An Unwanted Debt Investment

MERCEDES: Maximum Enthusiasm, Recurring Cost, Ego Dependent, Expensive Lifestyle

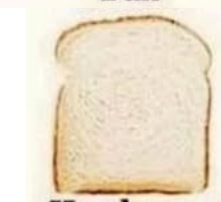
Growing Up Poor



Sandwich Bread



Hotdog Bun



Hamburger Bun



Garlic Bread

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Here's how to frighten the young generation:
Put them in a room with a rotary phone,
an analog watch, and an old TV with no remote.
Then leave instructions for how to use
each of them written in cursive.



MY SHADOW.

I HAVE a little shadow that goes in and out with me,
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the head;
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow—
Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

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From "A Child's Garden of Verses" by Robert Louis Stevenson

The closest I get to a spa day is when I'm draining pasta and the steam hits me in the face!

Playing Church

A mother watched as her young son, Timmy, was playing outside, pretending to be a preacher.

She smiled as he gave a sermon to their cat that calmly sat nearby.



A few minutes later, she heard yowling and hissing. The mother ran outside to find her son dunking the cat in a tub of water to 'baptize' him.

"Timmy!" she shouted, "Stop dunking the cat! He is afraid of water!"

The boy replied, "Well, then, he shouldn't have joined my church!"

We all need to do our part to save the planet.
The other day I unplugged a whole row of electric cars that nobody was using.





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How Many “Boomer” Tunes Do You Recognize?

I’ve seen fire and I’ve seen rain.

I’ve been to the desert on a horse with no name.

I’ve gone to Kansas City, I sang in the sunshine.

I’ve been on the road again, with Georgia on my mind.

Like a rolling stone, I’ve given peace a chance.

I’ve put my camel to bed, and danced the last dance.

Mr. Tambourine Man played a song for me.

I’ve whispered words of wisdom, let it be.

I fell into a burning ring of fire, and walked the line.

To all the girls I’ve loved before, you were always on my mind.

I’ve been everywhere, I’ve been so lonesome I could cry.

I’ve driven my Chevy to the levee when the levee was dry.

I’ve been to Itchycoo Park in a yellow submarine.

I’ve made the scene in a time machine.

I’ve done the Hokey Pokey and I turned myself around.

I’ve welcomed baby back to the poor side of town.

I’ve followed the tracks of my tears
down a long and winding road.

I’ve kept on searching for a heart of gold.

I’ve sought shelter from the storm,

I’ve sat on the dock of the bay.

I’ve rocked around the clock, on a sunshiny day.

I’ve knocked on Heaven’s door, blowing in the wind.

Joy to the world, those were the days my friend.

Lay lady lay, in crimson and clover.

It’s been a hard days night, the party’s over.

That’s a Good One!

Local man addicted to drinking
brake fluid says he can stop any
time.

Someone asked me what to do
with leftover bacon. I’ve never
heard of leftover bacon.

I heard someone call a corn
dog a “meat twinkie” and life is
just better now.

Back in the day we had to
walk to the TV to change the
channel. Uphill both ways.
In ten inches of shag carpet.

And you will read this last

You will read this first

And then you will read this

Then this one

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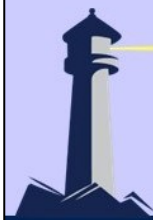


If you replace “W” with “T”
in “What, Where and When,”
you get the answer to each of them.

**I thought our dryer was
making my clothes shrink.
Turns out it was the fridge!**



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WHEN EACH MOMENT COUNTS

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

With the current extremely cold temperatures, Walmart customers are encouraged to wear two pairs of pajamas.

I am now at the age where “picking up a hottie at the club” means buying a rotisserie chicken at Costco.

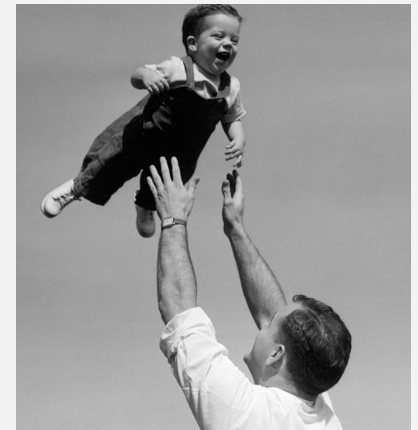
I’m supposed to respect my elders, but at my age its getting harder and harder to find one!

For my age, I have a lot going for me: my eyes are going, my knees are going, my back is going...

Ever have a dream so real you thought you missed the bus, except it’s Sunday, and you’re 62?

Six Meaningful Short Stories

- ◆ Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. *That is Faith!*
- ◆ When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they 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 our 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 a sentence: “I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.” *That is attitude!*



Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember—Good friends are the rare jewels, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

My mother always asked me, “Were you born in a barn?” You’d think she’d remember something that important!



Some of you are too young to remember what it was like to take a ton of pictures and wait two weeks to find out they stunk.

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Milestones



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Dec 1, 1923—102 years
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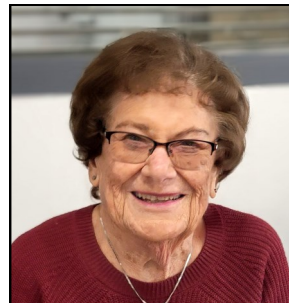
Mae Howell

Feb 27, 1929—96 years
Caldwell Senior Center



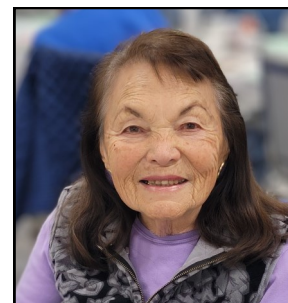
Susan Bates

Jan 9, 1945—80 yrs
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Marilyn Gunning

Jan 7, 1930—95 years
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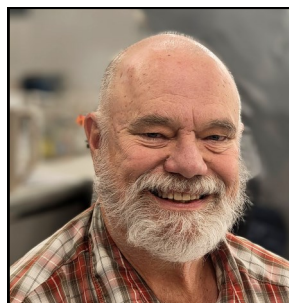
Darlene Shaw

Feb 15, 1940—85 years
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Mike Nelson

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Joe Schreffler

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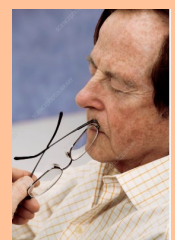


Eddie & Marjorie Combs

Jan 9, 1954—71 years
Caldwell Senior Center

They say 40 is the new 30,
and 50 is the new 40.
All I know is 9 pm
is the new midnight.

Once you reach a certain age,
life becomes a delicate balance
of trying to stay awake and
trying to fall asleep, while slowly
getting worse at both.



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