

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

Don't Quit; Keep Playing!

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted an old friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her.

Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE." When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing.

Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."



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Cutting in Line

I was in a long line at 7:45 a.m. today at the grocery store that opened early at 8 for seniors only.



A young man came across the parking lot and tried to cut in front of the line.

An old lady was having none of it, however, and proceeded to beat him back toward the parking lot. "Not today, you young whippersnapper!" she hollered at him.

Seemingly undeterred, he returned, slipping quickly past the old lady toward the front door.

This time an old man knocked him to the ground with his walker and kicked him away from the line.

As he got off the ground and approached the line for a third time, the young man said, "If you folks don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in there!"

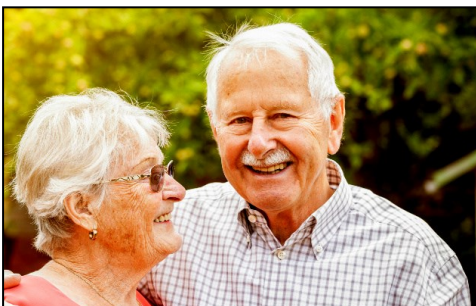
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You're Excused

Teacher: "Ronnie, you look a little down today. What's the matter?"

Ronnie: "Because my mom is at the hospital and my dad is at the police station."

Teacher: "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Do you want to go home?"

Ronnie: "Yes, please."

After Ronnie left the classroom, the teacher asked the other students: "Why is Ronnie's mother at the hospital and his father is at the police station?"

Classmate: "Because his mother is a nurse and his father is a policeman."

I want to thank the person who told my grand-daughter that her eyes turn a different color whenever she lies.



Now she squeezes her eyes shut every time she tells a little fib, and it makes grandma's job a whole lot easier!

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At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit; keep playing."

Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obligato.



Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience.

The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played. Only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

Perhaps that's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work can truly be beautiful.

The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit; keep playing." May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces.



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"To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:
Your thoughts, and your memories,
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought,
The times we laughed.
For if you always think of me,
I will never have gone."
- Margaret Mead



Word Play

"Phonetic" is not phonetic
"Abbreviation" has 12 letters
"Thesaurus" doesn't have a synonym
"Monosyllabic" has five syllables
Say what you will about English, but it has a sense of humor.

An Apple a Day

I just had a physical at the clinic.
The doctor told me, "Don't eat anything fatty."
I said, "Like bacon and burgers?"
He said, "No, fatty, don't eat anything!"



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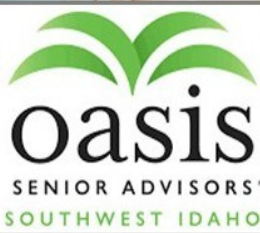
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CONFUSED WORDS

ALLOWED VS. ALOUD

- Allowed: Permitted
- Aloud: Clearly heard

WHO VS. WHOM

- Who: subject
- Whom: object

BREAK VS. BRAKE

- Break: Smash, split
- Brake: Stopping device

ALLUDE VS. ELUDE

- Allude: Make indirect reference
- Elude: Escape from something

WHICH VS. WITCH

- Which: What one
- Witch: Sorceress

WEAK VS. WEEK

- Weak: Feeble
- Week: Seven days

ATE VS. EIGHT

- Ate: Past tense of eat
- Eight: The number

WEATHER VS. WHETHER

- Weather: Atmospheric conditions
- Whether: If, in case

BY VS. BUY

- By: Preposition
- Buy: Purchase

TO VS. TOO

- To: In the direction of
- Too: Also

CAPITAL VS. CAPITOL

- Capital: City, wealth
- Capitol: Building

THAN VS. THEN

- Than: Comparison
- Then: At that time

COARSE VS. COURSE

- Coarse: Rough
- Course: Way or path

STATIONARY VS. STATIONERY

- Stationary: Not moving
- Stationery: Writing paper

ENSURE VS. INSURE

- Ensure: Guarantee
- Insure: Financial liability

QUIET VS. QUITE

- Quiet: Silent
- Quite: Really, positively

FARTHER VS. FURTHER

- Farther: Physical distance
- Further: Abstract idea

PRINCIPLE VS. PRINCIPAL

- Principle: Rule
- Principal: Chief person

FOR VS. FOUR

- For: Preposition
- Four: The number

PLAIN VS. PLANE

- Plain: Simple
- Plane: Flat surface

FORTH VS. FOURTH

- Forth: Forward
- Fourth: Comes after third

PEACE VS. PIECE

- Peace: Absence of war
- Piece: Part, portion

HEAR VS. HERE

- Hear: Perceive
- Here: In this place

LOOSE VS. LOSE

- Loose: Free
- Lose: Misplace



Parking Violation

I went to the Walmart today - I was there for literally 5 minutes.

When I came out there was a security cop writing a parking ticket for being in a handicap spot.



So I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a guy a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. So I called him a rent-a-cop. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for worn tires!

So I then asked him if his psychiatrist makes him lie face down on the couch 'cause he's so ugly.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket!

This went on until he had placed 5 tickets on the windshield. The more I insulted him, the more tickets he wrote.

I didn't care. My car was parked around the corner.

Before it was carved,
Mt. Rushmore's natural
beauty was unpresided.



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YEAR**

1965

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President: Lyndon B. Johnson

Vice President: Hubert H. Humphrey

Population: 194,302,963

Life expectancy: 70.2 years

Inflation: 1.6%

Unemployment: 5.2%

New Home: \$13,600.00 - \$21,500.00

New Car: \$2,650.00

Average Rent: \$118.00

First-Class Stamp: \$0.05

Gallon of Regular Gas: \$0.31

Dozen Eggs: \$0.53

Gallon of Milk: \$0.95

Loaf of Bread: \$0.21

Vietnam War Continues

First Mandated Health Warnings on Cigarettes

Popular Toys: Super Ball and Skate Board

Men's Hair Grew Longer

Miniskirt Makes Appearance

Beatles Release 4 New Albums

Selma to Montgomery Civil Rights March

The Voting Rights Act

Gateway Arch Completed

Days of Our Lives Debuted

Doctor Zhivago Premieres



Wow!

What a Year!

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It's so annoying when people use the wrong word and don't have the humility to admit it.



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Doesn't look like a limerick to you? Try this:

A dozen, a gross, and a score

Plus three times the square root of four

Divided by seven

Plus five times eleven

Is nine squared and not a bit more.



The Last Bee

After the last bee
had buzzed its last buzz,
the birds and the butterflies
did what they could.

But soon the fields lay bare,
few flowers were left,
nature was broken,
and the planet bereft.

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I went to the bookstore yesterday



*and saw a book titled
"How to Solve 50% of
Your Problems."
So I bought two!*



If laziness were an Olympic sport,
I would come in 4th just so I wouldn't
have to walk up to the podium.

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get scared half to
death twice?**



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Whenever I see chocolate,
I hear two voices in my head.
One of them says, "Eat the chocolate."
The other one says, "You heard her,
go ahead and eat the chocolate!"

Work smarter, not harder!

A man hired Homer to paint stripes down the middle of his road, giving him one simple rule: he must paint at least four miles per day to keep the job.

On the first day, he absolutely crushes it—eight miles! The boss is blown away.



The second day, he painted four miles. Not as impressive, but still meeting the requirement.

On the third day, he only managed two miles. The boss raised an eyebrow but figured maybe he's just tired.

By the fourth day, he barely scraped out one mile. Frustrated, the boss finally asked, "What's going on? You started off amazing! Why are you slowing down so much?"

Homer wiped his forehead and sighed, "Well, I'm getting farther and farther away from the paint bucket!"

I had a call from a scammer the other day so I played along.

ME: "Hello."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Hello. This is Bob Dobson from Microsoft Support. We are seeing a lot of virus activity from your device."

ME: "Oh no. My device? Are you sure?"

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Oh yes, we have many reports."

ME: "Oh, nuts. How can I fix it?"

FAKE-Microsoft support: "It's okay Sir. We can help you right now. Are you in front of your device Sir?"

ME: "Yes. I was just about to use it. I'm glad you called."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Yes Sir, we are going to help you. Can you please push the Start button?"

ME: "I think it's already on."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Okay, Sir. Now you want to click on Control Panel."

ME: "I don't see that."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Do you see a bunch of information above the Start button?"

ME: "Yes."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "That is your Control Panel."

ME: "Wow, I didn't realize it had a name."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Yes Sir, now press on Internet Options."

ME: "Yeah, I definitely don't see any Internet options. I don't think I purchased that feature. This is just a cheap one."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "They all have the Internet, Sir. Press the Start button again."

ME: "Okay, it's the same as before."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "That's okay Sir. We are going to restart your device. Can you please turn it off?"

ME: "Um ... I don't know how. I've never turned it off. Since I bought it, it just kind of stays on all the time."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "There must be an off button on your device. How do you stop it when it's running?"

ME: "In those cases, I usually press the big button."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Okay sir. Please press that button."

ME: "Okay."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Is your device off?"

ME: "No. The door popped open."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Door? Is there a disc inside the door?"

ME: "No, there's a burrito."

FAKE-Microsoft support: "Why is there a burrito in your computer?"

ME: "Computer? I thought you said this was microwave support."

Therapist: Does anyone in your family suffer from mental illness?

Me: "No, we all seem to enjoy it."



Old age really is a thing!
Last night I was in bed for 20 minutes
when I heard the pizza delivery guy
cough out by the front door.
Then I remembered I came into
my bedroom to get my wallet.



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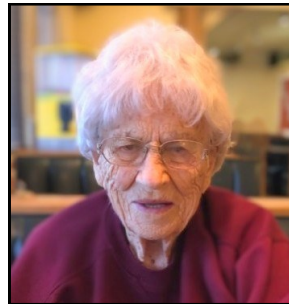
Shel Silverstein

HUG O' WAR

I will not play at tug o' war.
I'd rather play at hug o' war,
Where everyone hugs
Instead of tugs,
Where everyone giggles
And rolls on the rug,
Where everyone kisses,
And everyone grins,
And everyone cuddles,
And everyone wins.



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*Four engineers get into a car
but the car won't start.*

Mechanical engineer: "It's a broken starter."

Electrical engineer: "It's a dead battery."

Chemical engineer: "There are impurities in
the gasoline."

Computer engineer: "Hey guys, I have an idea! How about we all get
out of the car and get back in?!"

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