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"The Old and the Clueless?" Thank you all for your support

Friday, April 30, 2021

As a young mother, I would watch "The Young and the Restless." It was a nice respite after lunch and a morning with Big Bird and Mr. Rogers.



Recently I was jarred out of bed by a phone alarm at 6 am.

Why did I set an alarm? I'm retired, my time is my own.

I reached for my phone in the dark to silence it, but no matter how many times I pushed the button, the music continued.

I turned on the light. Oops! I was holding the TV remote!

Now wide awake I joined Joe in the kitchen, got my coffee and checked the alarm feature.

A week ago I had an appointment for my annual physical. It was really a year late due to Covid so I was a bit apprehensive.

I had set the alarm to be sure I got there on time and must have also set "recurring weekly event" without noticing.

The checkup was fine, by the way, and even included one of those "old people mental tests" Yes, I know the date, day of the week, season, my county, and can remember the 3 words you told me at the start of the checkup. I can also write a sentence, draw a stick figure and a few other things that they say decrease with age. I understand the importance of catching a problem early whether physical or mental.

So it seems that my alarm experience was just a fluke.

Trying to do something while unfocused - half asleep and in darkness, not a good combination.

However, my last blog did describe my escapade when I forgot to turn off the oven. That was a lack of focus too. I was thinking about other things, all rather trivial as I remember.

Thank you to all who commented how things like that happen to younger people too Actually, in my working days I burned a "whistling" tea kettle because I was buried in a project and blotted out everything around me until I smelled "something burning"

Last week as I sprinted for home, I considered that maybe if I had a "smart house," I could have saved myself all that effort. I could have turned off the oven while out in the canoe.

I also wondered if some security camera had recorded me running through yards in my "Ninja outfit" plus life jacket Many people have those cameras now. In public there is no expectation of privacy. Much bad



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and even criminal behavior has been documented because of the technology. Hey, maybe I'm somewhere on the Internet! Like a modern day "funniest home video" that was a popular TV show once upon a time.

Other things have changed as well. If I google something, I can expect to get ads for whatever I was searching for. Sometimes that's actually helpful. If not, that's what the delete button is for.

I recently commented on a Sparker's blog about the uses of coconut oil. Soon I was getting ads for coconut oil. How about that!

I commented on a blog about a robotic vacuum cleaner. I wrote that we named our Roomba "Dustin." Now I am getting junk email from some guy named Dustin.

Surely a coincidence, right? Especially since Dustin is helpfully telling me where to buy pot. The only "pot" I ever googled was for cooking.

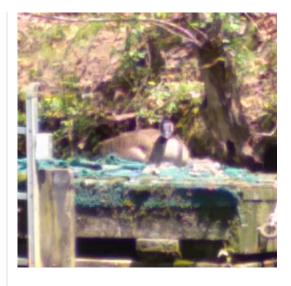
OK I understand. I must and will adapt to the modern world. Like this Mama Osprey who built her nest on a "Danger Shoal" warning pole in the river Can you see her baby peeking out at us?



Mama was watching us from a nearby tree



Or Mama Goose who took advantage of an abandoned dock to tear up carpeting for her nest



The song in my head "Kids, Kids, Kids" from Bye, Bye Birdie circa 1957

"Kids, I don't know what's wrong with these kids today

Kids, who can understand anything they say?

Kids, they are disobedient, disrespectful oafs

Noisy, crazy, sloppy, lazy, loafers"

The moral of this story?

WE BOOMERS are the KIDS being complained about in that old song.

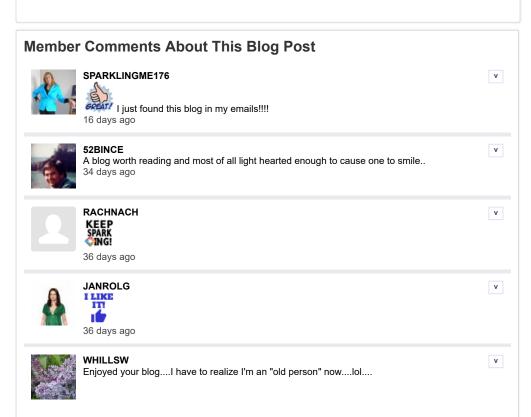
So, I will not complain about the younger generation.

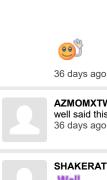
After all, I wonder what they would have to say about me?

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THINCPL2004

We all must adapt sometimes i think that the world 🔇 is just changing to darn quick. I am glad doctors appt went well I am dreading mine in a couple of weeks. I too often wonder what the younger crowd @ thinks of us wiser people (I try not use the old word too often)! 36 days ago



PATRICIAAK

Beautiful sharing of being your best by creatively using resources that are there and now. 36 days ago



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WALKINTOFIT

I can't see until i put my glasses on... the alarm is a blur of red. with out them... i have burned a few pots in my time! lol... i changed our email for the internet, guess what ads I get? the manly kind, viagra etc... now I really am laughing 36 days ago



SAMMILESSACH

Great blog as always!



Trust me, I have burned micro wave popcorn b.c. Instead of 3 min I pushed 30, a Cornish hens dinner must to name a few. The popcorn I wasnt even 30. The hen 2 Christmas 's ago.

Their was an accident at the end of my driveway in March, as I desperately tried to help this but and run. The next day I got a text from a friend 30 miles away....unknown to me my neighbor filmed it all and posted on the net!

I can't even go outside without being filmed?

I can't stand it!!!

The ads but the crap out of me!! If my husband looks at a tool.I get the pop up ad, I look up Cat



Food he gets the ad!

Trying to get a job all internet stuff is fustrating!!!!! I am not gonna get into that⊌.

So glad your physical went well 3

Beautiful photos thank you for sharing!

All of us are in this together no matter what age, generation!

You are the best!!!!!! 36 days ago

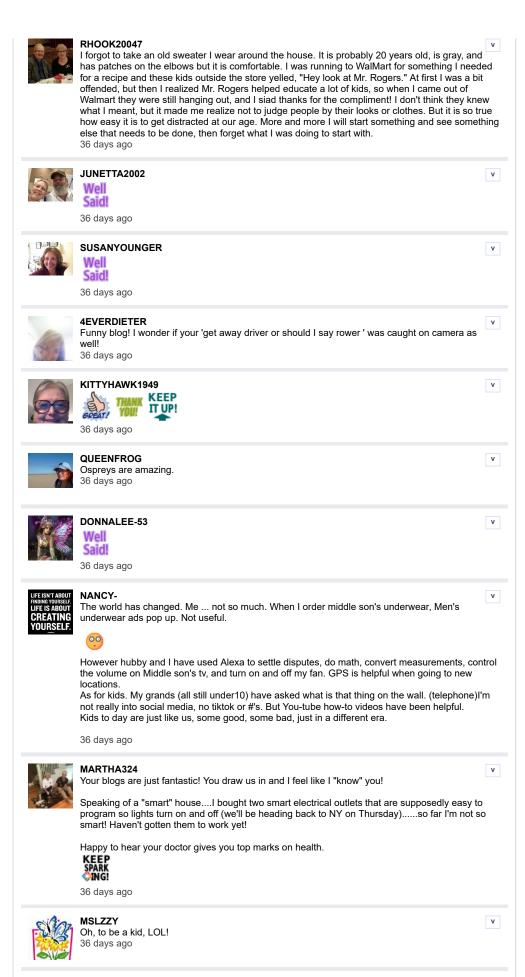


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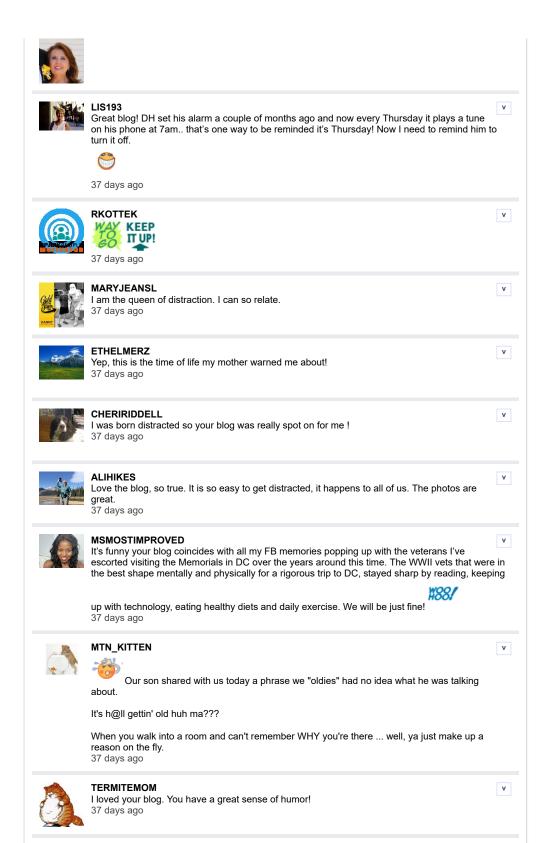
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PLCHAPPELL I think too far ahead. 37 days ago





NASFKAB

Loved it all. So pertinent for me now. Then Tech savvy? me needs extra caution 37 days ago



DOVESEYES

Love this thank you so much for it all especially the photos :) 37 days ago



Goodness, we sure do have some things to think about. Multitasking is in my blood but it seems to be in need of a change, like an oil change. How the times have changed but I am so proud of our kids and our granddaughters for their manner of treating the older generation.

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HAYBURNER1969

"The children now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up dainties at the table, cross their legs, and tyrannize their teachers."

-- Socrates, ca. 400-ish B.C.

Some things never change. 37 days ago



BKNOCK

Yes AI is interesting and it will get even more interesting. My Mom keeps telling me that people will be flying around in drones soon!

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LINDA!

Great blog. I do remember when we were the kids every parent warned us about. LOL 37 days ago

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I loved the comment by Aquagirl08! The difference in the generations! (((HUGS)))

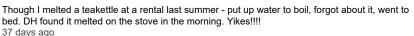


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PHEBESS

I'm laughing at your junk email for Dustin!!!





HARRIETT14

I haven't been a kid in such a long time that it's hard for me to remember. I just learned to accept whatever was handed to me and go on. Really, what else can we do? Life goes on no matter what comes our way. Acceptance is much better than resentments. 37 days ago

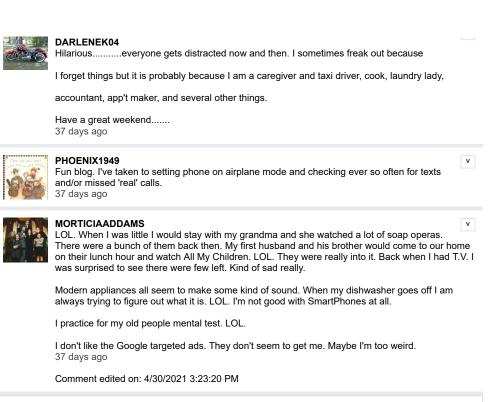


AQUAGIRL08

This reminds me of a very funny conversation that I had with my daughter. One day she came home from the library in a huff. When I asked her about it, she informed me that she had been in the research section doing research for a paper she was writing. Suddenly her nice quiet atmosphere was intruded upon by some giggling young teenagers. She pointed to a sign that said please no talking in the research room. The girls didn't seem to care so they continued. My daughter then went and asked the librarian to take care of the situation-which the librarian gladly did. It was the way my daughter told the story I found so amusing. She described the two girls as giggling "tweens". Then the punch line...."I don't know about you, Mom, but I wasn't brought up that way!" The only thing I managed to squeeze out was, "You do realize who you're talking to don't you?" Then I snorted with laughter!

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