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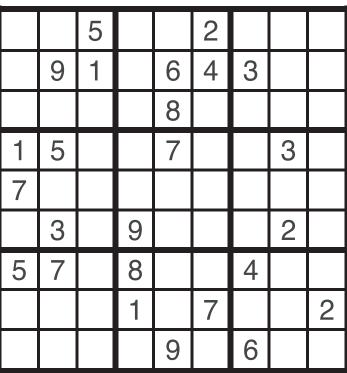


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- 16. Chap
- 17. Useful book
- 19. Mountain Time
- 20. Snakelike fishes
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- 25. US, Latin America,
- Canada belong to
- 26. Periodical
- 27. A type of sense
- 29. A way to get possession of
- 30. Everyone has one
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- 39. Abba ___, Israeli politician
- 41. Head movement
- 42. Jeweled headdress
- 43. VCR button 44. A way to change color
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- 46. Upright stone slab
- 48. Forest-dwelling monkey 49. Pulsate steadily
- 50. Negative
- 51. Sino-Soviet bloc (abbr.)
- 52. Unit of work

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- 4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
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- 6. Wild, long-legged sheep
- 8. Engine additive

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- hormone
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- 18. Digraph
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- 23. Klutz
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- 28. Popular breakfast food
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- 33. Atom or molecule type
- 34. The Constitution State
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- (Scottish)
- 36. Type of solution
- 37. Speaker
- 38. Specifying
- 39. Formerly (archaic)
- 40. Wiseman and Krom are
- two
- 44. The bill in a restaurant
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Riddle me this

Riddle: Who can shave 25 times a day but still have a beard?



Answer: A barber

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Clue: Proceed carefully

Clue: Protective product

Clue: Out of the sun

Clue: Head covering

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Puzzle answers on page 5

In this column I want to address a topic most of us

avoid. Growing old. Or more specifically, the

people living around us who

are senior citizens - aging

professionals, if you will. I want to talk about this greatest demographic of all

We expect a lot of them. After all they've given us. Think about it. People in their 70s, 80s, and so on gave us the best years of their lives. They parented and nurtured us. They

endured the hippy era,

Vietnam, avocado-colored

kitchen appliances (sans microwave ovens, because they weren't mainstream yet), shag carpet, shag haircuts. and black and white TV programming that ended



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at midnight with the playing of the national anthem.

They shared bathrooms and bedrooms with multiple siblings, dialed rotary phones, learned to drive on a stick shift, and know firsthand how an eight track tape system works. They remember when The Beatles premiered on The Ed Sullivan Show, The Rolling Stones were a new band, and Patsy Cline sang "Crazy."

They have lived. After all they've experienced, we continue to ask more of them.

Isn't that just like us? I, for one, think it might be too much.

Last year, I heard a news story about a, 82-year-old woman in Washington state who was in the locker room of the local YMCA. While there, a transgender woman entered with two girls. The octogenarian saw the scene and did not understand what was happening in the context of 2024. The transgender woman had a male voice and this young 82-year-old heard it and failed to see the person with the male voice as the woman she clearly saw herself to be.

The 82-year-old called for help, thinking the two girls were in danger. In response to her inability to correctly assess the situation, the

YMCA banned her for life.

This morning, I was making coffee and a 90-something neighbor literally called out to me through my front window. She'd inadvertently called 911 on her watch during the early morning hour of 2 a.m. and couldn't stop the notifications going to her emergency contacts every 20 minutes. She was mortified and embarrassed and was desperate to find someone who could reprogram her watch.

These are two examples, but I think they might stand for a larger crowd.

Aging is a privilege and a gift and I believe we should treat it as such.

We are living in an age where technology will very soon surpass most of us,

but it may have already surpassed some of the people we should value the most.

Yet we keep pushing it, and pushing them.

I am not saying this is inherently wrong. Technology can be a good thing. But enough is enough.

Let's give those we call seniors a break and understand the journeys they've lived through and all the changes they've witnessed throughout their lives.

We think we are helping them when we gift them a smartwatch or smartphone or smartcar, but I think maybe, just maybe, they might be smart enough - in their own way. They have lived. They have navigated life.

If they want to embrace technology, I say hurrah! But if they are kicking and screaming, or maybe just confused, give them a

break. Realize what they've experienced in life and value that very experience.

I think it's safe to say that we all hope to grow into the golden years. And, I think it's safe to say that we hope to do it surrounded by kindness, compassion and understanding - but not necessarily things we don't really need and can't really understand.

For some, that includes the latest, greatest technology.

For others, not so much. I say we let both groups age with grace, without any unintended demands from us. However smart that sounds at the time.

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Weekly connection

A praying mother is priceless

Have you ever wondered who the greatest "prayer warrior" that ever lived is? Could it be someone like Billy Graham or some great preacher? Or could it have been some obscure monk, priest, or nun in a convent in some remote area of the world. Perhaps it is the mother or father of a great preacher. With that idea in mind, perhaps we had better have a look at the mother of John and Charles Wesley, Susanna Wesley, who lived from 1669 to 1742. It is understood that the Wesley boys grew up to have a worldwide impact for Christianity in the 1700s. Susanna Wesley, their mother, was absolutely and resolutely committed to prayer and personal growth with her Savior every day of her life. Here is a short summary of who she was

mother. If a passing stranger walking through the rural village of Epworth, England, on any given day between 1700 and 1720 had peered through the window of the home of the rector of the local Anglican church, he might have caught sight of something quite strange. Depending on the time of day, this observer might have seen a woman sitting in a chair with her kitchen apron pulled up over her head while 10 children read, studied, or

and the power of a praying

played all around her. Susanna Wesley understood the dynamics of large families. Born the 25th of 25 children in 1669, Susanna grew up the daughter of a prominent, highly-educated minister in London. She had little formal education, but growing up in an academic household with so many older siblings left her well-read and wellrounded intellectually. She met Samuel Wesley, an aspiring Anglican minister, and married him in 1688, when she was just



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19 years old. Susanna's remaining 53 years were far from easy ones. They were characterized by loss, hardship, and struggle. Yet she became a woman of immense legacy, largely through the dual virtues of organization and prayer.

Susanna delivered 19 children, but nine - including two sets of twins - died in infancy. Another was accidentally smothered in the night by a nurse as Susanna recovered from labor and delivery. Her husband, Samuel, was not very well liked by his church and on two occasions the Wesleys' parsonage burned down, most likely because of arson on the part of his embittered parishioners. Susanna and the children were seldom spared harassment and

insults. Through all this hardship, she managed to commit herself to prayer for two hours each day. This was in addition to the huge task of homeschooling all of the children, with their varying ages and gifts.

Susanna took her relationship with God as seriously as she did her duties as a wife and mother. Early in her life, she vowed that she would never spend more time in leisure entertainment than she did in prayer and Bible study. Even amid the most complex and busy years of her life as a mother, she still scheduled two hours each day for fellowship with God and time in His Word, and she adhered to that schedule faithfully. The challenge was finding a place of privacy in a house filled to overflowing with children.

Mother Wesley's solution to this was to bring her Bible to her favorite chair and throw her long apron up over her head, forming a sort of tent. This became something like the "tent of meeting," or the tabernacle in the days of

Moses in the Old Testament. Every person in the household, from the smallest toddler to the oldest domestic helpers, knew well to respect this signal. When Susanna was under the apron, she was with God and was not to be disturbed except in the case of the direct emergency. There in the privacy of her little tent, she interceded for her husband and children and plumbed the deep mysteries of God in the scriptures. This holy discipline equipped her with a thorough and profound knowledge of the Bible.

I think in a lot of ways my own mother is a great deal like Susanna Wesley. Almost always when I stop in for a visit, I find her reading the Bible with her prayer journal close by. My mom and dad raised eight kids of their own and they spent hours in prayer for each of us. We just celebrated Mother's Day, and I would be remiss if I didn't say a big thank you to my mother for being such a praver warrior.

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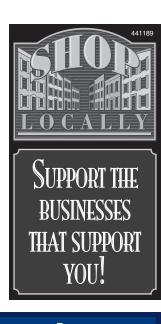


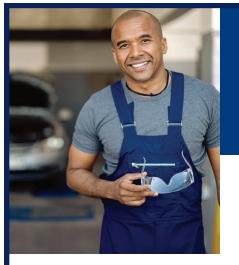
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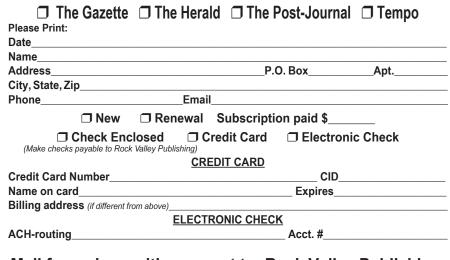
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