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One of my very worst habits is procrastination. I just put everything off until the last minute or even beyond. I send in my taxes on April 15th, I shop for Xmas presents on Dec 24th in the afternoon, I arrive at work just at the exact hour I'm due. I don't fill up the gas tank until the warning light shows on the dashboard, etc. I say to myself that I work best under pressure of a deadline.

And here I am again putting my ish on Aug 1st instead of using the 3 months to prepare it. Old habits are indeed hard to break. Another factor is the increasing speed that time keeps moving at as one grows a bit older. It seems like it can't be August 2005 already when only yesterday we were so worried about Y2K! Seriously the acceleration of time as it is perceived by a 61 year old is just amazing. The weeks fly by in a blink and whole years just melt away faster and faster.

I was glad that some folks enjoyed the last issue about Earl Evers. Too bad there was no update about him. If all knowledge is contained in fanzines, can anyone tell me if there was ever a death notice published in any fan publication of the past?

Some kind soul voted for me in the FAPA poll in the writer category. Thanks whoever you are. I will try to justify your encouragement.

Yes my email address is based on my and my wife's initials EL and EM as in Linda and Mike. When I got started online I had to make up a name that I could remember that hadn't already been used. I didn't want to be Mike#387. Maybe I should have thought longer and come up with something more fannish as so many of you have done. Anyway I've always had this same email address ever since I got online. I don't want to change it because it would be confusing to me and then I would have to reregister with the elists and notify all my correspondents, and maybe have to come up with even more new passwords.

Boy do I hate passwords. I like to enter contests at radio & tv station websites but increasingly each wants me to sign up, make up a user name, make up a password, and then allow me to enter their contests. I write the passwords on pieces of paper which are scattered around the computer, but can seldom find the right paper when I look. These places won't let me use the same user name, etc on each different site which would be convenient for me. So very often I find it takes so long to even try to get to their site that I just give up and go away. Probably not what they intend, but that is what happens.

I have similar problem with Yahoogroups. I am a member of 6 or 7 Yahoo Groups, but not registered with Yahoo itself. I have tried to sign up maybe 4 or 5 times over the course of last 3 years or so. There what happens is I go through the entire signup process and am told that they can't complete the final step because ELANDEM is already in their records and to pick some other name. I try that and something else goes wrong. So I guess I just don't know what I'm doing. But I'll probably try again someday, maybe when I have a more powerful, newer computer. Fannish Prayer, "Forgive me Papa Hugo for I have ~~sinned~~ committed minac to save my ~~everlasting soul~~ endangered FAPA membership.

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Next time I'll try to do better and pub a proper ish. Maybe even mailing comments! Really!

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