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# Interesting Articles

## We Must Stop This Sinister Plot!!!

Have you ever noticed that as the years go by, everything seems uphill from where you are? Stairs are steeper, groceries are heavier, and everything is farther away. Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was horrified to discover how long our street had become! I never noticed when I was younger that it's been changing!!!

And, you know, people are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in whispers all the time! If you ask them to speak up they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same silent message until they're red in the face! What do they think I am, a lip reader?

I also have a feeling that these people are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, something has been making people who used to be my own age so much older than I am.

I ran into an old friend the other day and she has aged so much that she didn't even recognise me. I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so, I glanced at my own reflection and I noticed that even mirrors are not made the way they used to be!

Clothing manufacturers are part of the conspiracy too! Why else would

they suddenly start labelling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices that these things no longer fit around the waist, hips, thighs, and bosom?

Another thing, everyone drives so fast today! You're risking life and limb if you just happen to pull onto the freeway in front of them. All I can say is, their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them screech and swerve in my rear view mirror.

The people who make bathroom scales are in on it as well. Do they think I actually believe the number I see on that dial? Hah! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on - but the telephone company is in on the conspiracy too : they've printed the phone books in such small type that no one could ever find a number in here!

All I can do is pass along this warning : Maturity is under attack! Unless something drastic happens, pretty soon \*\*everyone\*\* will have to suffer these awful indignities.

PS : I am sending this to you in a larger font size, because something has caused fonts to be smaller than they once were too!!!

## Oldest hippo put on the pill!!!

Europe's oldest hippo has been put on the pill to curb her sexual appetite and safeguard her health.

Zoo keepers were stunned to see 53 year old Bullette energetically mate with her long-term partner Ede last week.

But vets warned that after having twenty calves, frisky Bullette is too old to give birth again, adding they were amazed she had shown any interest in sex.

Berlin Zoo spokesperson Ragnar Kuehne said vets were now giving the three-ton hippopotamus a specially prepared contraceptive pill the size of a bread roll every Friday!

## "Kids who won't leave home"

Some cultures and families, like my own, have a very strong bond and love is shared between family members. We are not irresponsible children but a group of adults who first and foremost, are friends who are able to coexist happily.

Have any of these readers taken a look at the price of property in recent years? I do not understand how parents can kick their children out of home without a cent to their name. While living with my parents I was able to save a deposit on my first property, rent it out, contribute to my parents' household and pay upfront for a master's degree. Are not both parties benefiting from this arrangement? Am I in the long term, dependent on my family? Certainly not.

Anonymous from a young adult.

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