

A multitude of tests

Well I spent most of the day at the optometrist today to have a series of tests run. The Dr. found something that concerned him in my last visit, so I had to undergo a testing for glaucoma today. First there were pictures of the retina (those were cool) and then a series of pressure tests every 45 minutes. Numbing drops and the blue light coming toward my eye.... Now my eyes are sore and tired. I'm not sure if that is from all the prodding or effects of the numbing drops. I was told I may have discomfort this evening. Good news is that I don't have to worry about glaucoma yet, but they will keep an eye on it in yearly testing. It's hell getting older.

Now for the fun part.. The blue light coming at my eye caused me to think many a strange thought. After seeing it for the umpteenth time, I was imagining alien examinations, eyes that go "POP!", CSI probing and the like. My multitude of voices were wanting to be heard, but since the Dr. was a bit concerned I felt levity in the situation was a bit out of place.

But now I can let that come out...

Imagine Bullwinkle (wow, Bullwinkle is in the spell check dictionary!!!) sitting in the chair. "Hey Rocky, why all the blue lights?" "I can't feel my eyeballs anymore, Rocky". "Where'd everybody go? Who turned out the lights?"

Or Stitch? "Blue Punch Buggy!!" "Stitch be good, take blue light away now."

Or JarJar Binks (Yeah!!, not in spell check)... "Weesa gonna die heere."

Some unnamed voice... "Go ahead strap me in. Turn on the juice. Say good bye to my Ma and Pa."

Forget the imagination, why shouldn't you be able to hear my thoughts...

[some unnamed voice](#)

[jarjar](#)

[stitch](#)

[bullwinkle](#)

[The funny thing is, they are all me.](#)

Strange I thought of a lot more sitting in the chair, but seem to have forgotten most since I've been home...

Well, looking at the screen doesn't seem to be helping much, so that should do it for a bit.

Tunnel Vision

I got new glasses today, but I'm not sure I like them. I'm getting to an age (49+) where I need a bit more than reading glasses (Maybe). Since my first set of bifocals caused all sorts of problems for me (those dang lines were always in the way), I now have a set of progressive lenses. I will admit that they help my distance vision a bit, but I had to check a few times to make sure it was an improvement. I also don't need to cock my head at a funny angle to read or use the computer. All good things.

The problem I am having is a sense of tunnel vision while I read or do computer work. This is not quite as annoying as the bifocal lines, but it is annoying. Then there is a small little thing that I have to turn my head while reading on a computer, or any other semi-wide item (even the backs of DVD boxes). I may get used to this, but it may cause problems since at work I do a lot of glancing between two different

screens. With my reading (non bifocal) glasses, I can just shift my eyes to where I want to look. The new glasses I have to turn my head to keep everything right in front of me. I get some time to check these out so I guess I will do that. I need to find out how long I get. I may end up trading these for a pair of reading glasses, and maybe some just for computer work. I'm not sure right now.

The one benefit to these glasses, if I get used to wearing them, I will never be without my reading glasses... I'm just not sure about the tunnel vision..