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To all of you who offered help, Thanks.

I took the hard drive out of my daughter's computer, using the assumption it was a HD problem, I then brought it to mine and hooked it up in place of one of mine. I booted, my computer did not recognize it. So I was sure it was dead. I then did the OLD method of tapping it smartly to disengage the spindle, just in case. Rebooted, Nothing.

My last hope was to re install it back in my daughter's IDE versus my SATA with Adapter and try booting from the Recovery Cd and do what I did NOT want to do. Well for whatever reason it booted and went right into Windows. I have NO CLUE why, I had tried booting a hundred times and kept getting the error <windows root>\system32\hal.dll As soon as the critter booted, I ran CCLEANER, DISK CLEANER and the Uniblue Registry fixer upper. It is now booting normally and I have Ordered another drive.

Still not sure if it was hardware or not, but am replacing the WD Drive.

Thanks again everyone for al of the help and advice, I printed it all off and I am saving it. I am relieved I do not have to do the complete format etc. I am on a slow dial up and it takes FOREVER to just do the Windows updates.

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I Have forgotten so much of what I once knew.  
"A Stranger is a Friend you haven't met yet."  
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