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Responses to previous topics:

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Biggest challenges: My memory is going to hell. More than just old age I fear. Example,took a trip to Machu Picchu in Peru, a place I've always wanted to go to. Can't now remember anything about the trip. My wife shows me photos, so I guess I've seen it.

Hobbies: I work at the church yard sale. All year we take donations. I do tools and

also recycling the discarded junk for metals. It's a hoot taking things apart in my shop and seeing the clever ways thing are put together. Also I love to bullshit with people.

Jobs: I worked 43 years in construction management for the world's largest construction/design firm on many world class projects all over the US and once in Saudi Arabia. The Washington DC Smithsonian subway station was my favorite, but also worked power plants, dams, garbage recycling and pumping stations.

This week's topics:

1. Ever get spanked as a kid? Remember why? Why?

2. Ever find or send a message in a bottle or by balloon? Response?

3. Mask or no mask? Why?

4. What do you think about the protests?

5. You have more than one doctor? Here? Winter place? Got a preference?

6. Your dad fought in WWII or Korea? What did they say about the experience?

7. Have you considered assisted living? Your thoughts.

8. I can't believe I did that! Did what?

9. LHS alum you'd like to make contact with? Let the readers know. Maybe they can help.

10. Whatever else.

and responses:

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3. Mask or no mask? Why? Some mask and some don't when outside. Inside an office or business will make their choice; Costco all have masks inside.

4. What do you think about the protests? Very sad that happened. Terrible to see the cop having 9 min. on his neck,etc.

5. You have more than one doctor? Here? Yes, do have specific woman dr., but she sends to other offices.

6. Your dad fought in WWII or Korea? No, my dad wanted to go to the war, but he was a farmer.

7. Have you considered assisted living? Still too young for that.

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6. My dad lied about his age to volunteer in the Army Air Force during WWll as a buck private. He flew cargo planes across the English Channel until he and another plane were shot down. Luckily they had a water rescue. Of course he was sent home to Ft Hood. Bound and determined to fly again, he was sent to Ft Benning GA. Much to his surprise, he did fly but with a parachute attached to his back. That's how he fought in Europe. He never discussed much until late in life. He jumped into the "Battle of the Bulge" and said it was so awful because of the Germans but also the weather. Frost bite overcame many. He was shot in the leg parachuting but was sent back. He drove General Eisenhower for a short time but was replaced by a female. I wonder if she was the one that ended up as his girlfriend!?! The only other thing he discussed was.the occupation of Berlin. He was in a motorcycle unit patrolling the streets. He was shot in the leg again by a sniper. He was one lucky man. Memories brought tears.to his eyes toward the end. He ended up retiring with the rank of Brigadier General. The older I got, the prouder I was to be his daughter. Sorry about the book but I love thinking about my parents.

3. I only wear a mask where it's required. My Dr. said not to if you have any heart related issues. It hampers oxygen intake and can cause heart attack or stroke.

Thanks for both newsletters - LHS & Military, Kent. We all know we are lucky to have you.

Lenore Haferman - lenorehaferman@yahoo.com

Yes I got spanked as a kid, and I guess I must have been a hand full, because I got spanked a lot.

We use a mask for groceries, and stores. We do not use a mask for family, and friends. We golf a lot so not there also.\

I think the protests are good, it is just too bad some can't handle it.

Yes I have more than one. Dr. Arthritis is my main one, and then just normal things. I am pretty healthy except for major arthritis. I do notice my memory is not as good.

We will stay in WI and in our home as long as we can.

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I remember getting a leather strap on my butt once, but don't remember what I did. That strap hung next to the blackboard inside our back door where we could see it when coming home, going to the bathroom, or to our bedrooms. It was a good reminder and was never used on me again.

I always wear a mask when entering any stores where I may encounter people. And I prefer places like Menards and Costco that require them on everyone. Where they aren't mandatory, I don't trust people without them and try to stay as far away from them as possible. I do not wear one when outside golfing or hiking, but still do the social distancing.

I support the protests related to police targeting of blacks and related to social injustice and economic disparity. I do not support the vandalism or looting. But I

stay away from even the peaceful protests for my own safety.

I have many doctors even in Madison with various specialties. 2 weeks ago I slipped on a slippery slope mowing grass and tore up a quad muscle in my right thigh. It is beginning to heal, but I am really unstable and it has given out on me a couple times since my first fall. So I really can't bike or golf right now and I don't know how soon I might be able to. I am going to physical therapy and after this Friday's session I am hoping to know more about whether I might need surgery. One doctor said "it will heal without surgery, but it is going to be a slow process and it will never be as good as new".

My dad and first father-in-law were both in WWII, but neither was in combat and I never talked to them about their experiences (although I do have love letters my father-in-law wrote to my MIL which gives me some insight. My favorite uncle was in Korea, but when I asked him about it, he didn't want to talk about it.

Twice I remember doing something I later wondered what I was thinking. The first was trying to clean some dust off of wires in an electric furnace using a stick and damp paper towel …without turning the power off. Landed on my butt 6 feet from the furnace. Another time I saw a poplar tree leaning on a power line causing sparks and I decided to go cut it down with my chain saw (not thinking about the fact that there is water in the tree). Since I had on rubber boots and had rubber handles on the saw, I only got a minor shock before I came to my senses and called the power company.

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Now for a few words about the criminal looters, arsonists, and murderers — and the good people — of today:

1. Yes, of course black lives matter. But 99.9 percent of the blacks killed violently in this country are killed by other blacks. Very few are killed by the police. Let's see the college boys and sexy upper-class white girls in their shorts demonstrate against the Crips and the Bloods. Let's see the absolute idiot commentators on the news shows lambaste the gang-bangers. Of course they don't because they're chickens–t. They only march against people they know won't harm them.

2. If black lives matter, let's shut down the abortion mills, where the great plurality of human beings killed are black babies. Of course no one does that, because the abortionists and the Democrat party and the judges are all in bed with each other.

No one hates black life more than the Democrat leadership, in my humble opinion, if we are to judge honestly by the numbers. Why isn't anyone protesting against them and their abortuary pals?

3. Isn't it interesting that the first stores the looters went after were super-high-end clothing and jewelry stores, shops far too expensive for me or my wife to go to, except for presents for close friends? Aren't the looters supposed to be with the working class? Why didn't they loot JCPenney or stores that sold work boots? Of course they want to look rich. They aspire to do that by stealing.

4. Have you noticed that the overwhelming mass of the looters shown on TV are black? The overwhelming mass of the protesters against "racial injustice" are white prosperous-looking young people. Who is missing? Asians. They don't loot. They don't riot. They study and they work. And they get ahead, and they live in nice houses and buy at the stores the looters steal from. Why is that? Could there be some Asian mystery gene that does that? If so, when the Asians take over here, as my late pal Bob Bartley told me, they will not show the kindness to looters and killers of other races that we guilty, stupid whites do. They will crack down like Lee Kuan Yew and like the South Koreans.

5. My favorite TV commentator is Tucker Carlson. He's a genius. But even he got it wrong recently when he, a brilliant man, talked about "the system" trying to hoodwink the people by stirring up race hatred. That way, said Tucker, "the people" won't notice how much the bosses are stealing from them. He's partly right. The top bosses of public companies are wildly overpaid by us pitiful small stockholders. But that's a tiny sum in the context of this economy. And who is stirring up race hatred? Not the bosses. The media commentators, Tucker. I have never seen or heard of a CEO stirring up race hatred. It's the media that's in the race hatred derby.

6. There is nothing systemically wrong with the USA. Not racial injustice. That was gone long ago. Not class warfare. That's ancient history. This is a super great country. It's good to anyone who is willing to acquire human capital in the form of education as lawyer, doctor, plumber, or electrician. If there is a problem, it's the looters, murderers, and arsonists, and their pals in the media.

This is a great, great country, and if the media tells you different, they are lying. And the cops, 99 percent of them, are great people. Let's thank them — not kick them for protecting us.

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10. Just heard about Verso's decision to stop production at the end of July and lay off 900 employees. It's heartbreaking news. Sad and scary for so many people there. I'm terribly sorry. From what I read it sounds like this is the first time in its history that the mill has been shut down entirely. https://www.wrn.com/2020/06/a-gut-punch-for-wisconsin-rapids-on-news-of-paper-mill-shut-down/

1. My mother told me that when I was two years old my father spanked me and that for weeks after that I refused to look at him or respond to him in any way. She said they decided they wouldn't ever spank me again, as the desired results (whatever they were) were not achieved. I don't know why I was spanked. Probably was naughty. My parents were loving, caring people, thoughtful about discipline.

3. The wearing of masks is mandatory in Minneapolis, where we live, if you enter a public place or a place of business. We're used to wearing them. We don't mind. Our county, and Minneapolis in particular, has a pretty high infection rate.

4. We support the peaceful protests and peaceful protesters. Their cause is just. No one should have to die the way George Floyd died. The violence is another matter altogether. We live pretty close to the epicenter of the riots, shopped in many of the stores that were looted and/or burned. Our little brick post office burned to the ground and our neighborhood library is a vandalized mess. Our 3rd Precinct police station is heavily damaged (some say destroyed). After 4 days of smoke-filled air and the constant sound of helicopters flying overhead, we packed up a few things and drove to a friends' farm in SE Minnesota. In spite of COVID they did what so many people wouldn't have done. . . they invited us to temporarily move in with them. We spent 4 days happily working in their gardens. We are grateful for their generosity and friendship.

Ed note: Minneapolis has pretty much hung out the "Going Out Of Business" sign on the outskirts of town https://townhall.com/columnists/tomtradup/2020/06/10/going-out-of-business-in-minneapolis-n2570357?109

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EVER GET SPANKED AS A KID? Why? -- Dad never laid a hand on me. He was a battle hardened ex-Marine who simply commanded my respect. Mom, on the other hand needed a crutch in the form of a wooden paddle that she kept in a kitchen drawer. Remember those wooden paddles with the rubber band and ball attached that we use to play with as a kid? The rubber band and ball lasted about an hour. The paddle, however, was good for lifetime of spankings. I don't remember what I did to deserve a spanking, but I'm confident that paddle toned down my misbehavior significantly. I also learned one of life's lessons. Don't try to protect your butt with your hands in the process of getting spanked!

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROTESTS? -- If this topic doesn't draw some comments nothing will. Here's mine: I live in lily white Idaho. I don't know what it's like to live among large numbers of non-white people. Nor do I know what it's like to be a minority person living among economically advantaged white people. I am viewing the current turmoil from a distance. Unfortunately, any sympathy I have for the protesters' claims of racism is totally negated by the scenes of looting and burning.

I am witness however, to the flood of Californians who are abandoning that state along with its crime, violence, and liberalism and moving to Idaho. They reflect an attitude like that of passengers abandoning a sinking ship. We can't build housing fast enough to accommodate the influx into our state. Disproportionate among those immigrants are embittered retired and current police officers. They bring with them an attitude of disgust and despair resulting from having to deal with the trash of all races. Police departments in Idaho seldom have to hire new recruits. California policemen are standing in line to take law enforcement jobs in Idaho for half of their California salaries.

How do the protesters address this situation? They demand defunding and disbanding of police departments and redirecting the money to more social

programs. Can the protesters gain any credibility in light of such obnoxious and naive demands. Since the passage of civil rights legislation in the 1960's we've spent trillions of dollars on social programs in a effort to gain equality for minorities. What good has it done? We've fueled a "you owe me" attitude among minorities that will never be satisfied. Now they want us to disband the "thin blue line" that protects us all and squander more billions on dubious social programs. HELL NO!

YOUR DAD FOUGHT IN WWII OR KOREA? WHAT DID THEY SAY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE? -- Generally speaking, they don't talk about their experience and that's sad. They are either too humble or emotionally overwhelmed by their experience to share it with family members. What a shame! Their sacrifices should be a source of pride for their families. Men and women who have served should give their spouses and children the chance to show they care.

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Oh yes, I received a few spankings. Once I refused to swallow a vitamin. Now I can take a handful of pills at once. Another time I got spanked because my mother was mad at my brother but he was too fast for her so I got it.

I think the riots have set race relations back a good bit. I think it's racist to say I have white privilege; this is how I was born. My ancestors weren't slave owners. I don't have any white guilt. I'm disgusted by the kneeling and pandering of the liberals. In fact, I'm disgusted by liberals, period.