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This week's topics:

1. How about that Packers/49'ers game?
2. Oldest /newest thing in your home.
3. HS dance memories.
4. Stuff you had in your bedroom when you were in HS.
5. Longest road trip.
6. Memories of the inflation years in the late 70's.
7. Your cat marking its' "territory" with pee? How did you get it to stop?
8. Band/choir memories.
9. Watching the news these days makes you?
10. Think God is setting us up for the tribulation time? Why?
11. Whatever else.

and responses:

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5. My longest road trip: In 1975-6 I took a 6 month leave from District Attorneys Office to "see the world." The first 3 months I drove throughout the US and Mexico (Nashville, Orlando, Sanibel Island, New Orleans, San Antonio, Mexico City, Guadalajara, a fishing village on the Pacific coast of Mexico (Barra de Navidad), Grand Canyon, LA, San Francisco, Las Vegas, the Ozarks, and back to Milwaukee...And the next day, I flew to Europe and toured for 3 months: London, Paris, Madrid, Casablanca, Valencia, Barcelona, Marseilles, Monaco, Rome, Florence, Venice, Zurich, Vienna, Amsterdam, Brussels, Luxembourg, and back home.

9. Watching the news (and reading the papers every day) makes me sad...and sometimes angry. I love this country...and then I see a group of right wing crazies who are doing everything they can to undermine our democracy. An election was held, and time after time, and audit after audit has found that the results were fair and correct. Armed thugs stormed the capitol to try to destroy our democracy. And a corrupt former President and his cronies continue to tell the "big lie" about the election...even after audit after audit after audit verifies the results. The real corruption of democracy is when these same people do everything they can to make it harder for people to vote. It used to be a point of pride that we did everything possible to make it easier for people to participate in our democracy. During my 29 years in the Milwaukee County DA's Office and as the US Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin I prosecuted corrupt politicians...and this doesn't mean that all politicians were all crooks. I was glad to prosecute the corrupt...because I believe and have worked closely with so many public officials who are honest and decent.

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#4: I had a metal waste basket with a picture of Davey Crockett in my room since 1956 when we moved into our new house on Russell Street (Named after Russell Bimler). It came back to me when my Mom died and I have not given it much thought. Just two days ago, while I was working with our church to get ready for our annual rummage sale, I found it in a box of special old items to be sold. My wife's doing I'm sure. I've had that waste basket for 65 years and the wife for only 52 years so now I have to decide which one to keep?

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5 - Longest road trip

Larry and I just returned from a Reno-to-Houston road trip. It's about 1900 miles each way, so this was the longest one ever for us. There is no freeway from Reno to Las Vegas, so it's two-lane 95 on that stretch; but then I-40 goes to Amarillo. Still a long drive from there to Houston.



Brew pub with Houston skyline

We really got to see four beautiful states: NV, AZ, NM and TX. On the way back we drove I-10 through southern Texas and saw some of the pretty Hill Country. I learned that pecans are grown around Las Cruces, NM. North Florida, where we lived until 2012, has lots of pecan trees; but I had no idea pecans could be grown so far west.

Texans really love their state flag, and it's common to see it flying right under the American flag. The symbol of the lone star seems to be everywhere in Texas too.

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The oldest thing in my house is probably me. But actually is my mom's hope chest my dad gave to her. I refinished it and it is a great place for storage. The newest thing is my new flooring that was installed the end of August. It is luxury vinyl

planking that looks just like wood, waterproof and is so easy to clean.

The longest road trip was with my parents when we drove to the 1964 Rose Bowl parade when I was a senior.

Luckily my two cats have excellent bathroom manners.

I was in band and enjoyed our band trips to state competitions and marching in half time football games.....brrrr. Mr. Hornig was a tough task master but because of him he had a very good band. Band was our home room and we spent hours practicing marching in the fall. It was also a close group with great friendships.

Watching the news today makes me sad, frustrated, and also angry. I wish news reported the facts like back in the "old days" without editorial comments. That way we could actually make up our own minds. I believe those who watch the same cable news stations hear the same editorial comments over and over until they in some ways can become brain- washed.

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OLDEST/NEWEST THING IN YOUR HOME -- Oldest would be a World War I Enfield rifle that Wally Sydanmaa (Eric's Dad) sporterized and left to me when he died. Next oldest would be my Dad's Winchester .22 that he purchased in 1932 for \$12 dollars. Then there's my favorite cereal bowl that we purchased in Yellowstone National Park in 1969. They all bring back fond memories. Newest is a 2022 Yamaha XT250 motorcycle that I purchased last week



LONGEST ROAD TRIP -- In 2005 I road my Kawasaki KLR 650 to the North

Slope of Alaska (Arctic Ocean). I took the "haul road" to the Prudhoe Bay oil field. It may be the northernmost road on the planet.



WATCHING THE NEWS THESE DAYS MAKES YOU? -- If you're a conservative thinker the daily news is depressing. Why can't politicians ever tell the truth?