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Responses to previous topics:

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1. The first death I remember was my mom's dad, Arthur Berg. He was a Lutheran minister and I do remember hearing a couple of his sermons, seeing him in his study, and him gifting me a cardboard filling station when I was sick with the measles at age 5. I remember my mom coming to school and getting me out of class (I think first grade) to tell me grandpa had died. BUT, I don't remember the funeral and don't even know if I was there. I was closer to my dad's dad, Arthur Hafermann (yup, both my grandpas were name Arthur) and his death when I was in early high school hit me hard. I used to work with him in his garden next door when I was about 7. But again, I don't remember his funeral. I do remember my Grandma Hafermann's funeral a little bit, but didn't want to view her body and preferred to remember her as I knew here cooking and sewing on the farm. I think the first funeral I remember much about was my dad's. He died at age 58. I sang for his funeral.

2. I think the most important life lesson I learned in school was related to the need for teamwork in sports and music.

3. Yes, I have sung karaoke. My go to song is Unchained Melody.
 4. The most interesting place I've ever slept was in an upper room at a Mabel Dodge Luhan House in Taos, NM. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mabel_Dodge_Luhan_House. Windows all around and you could hear all the coyotes howling at night.
 5. I try to help anyone who needs help with fix-it projects or tasks they can't do because of their living situation. This has been family as well as neighbors. Mom got a lot of help from a retired plumber after dad died and this is my way of giving back. If it is a task I can handle, I tell them they only have to pay for any materials I have to buy and I provide the labor free of charge.
 6. We lived in the country, but there was a section of STH 13 that at one time cut between the barns and my grandparent's home. When that highway got relocated a little to the south, the abandoned stretch of road (probably about a half mile) was where we and the neighbor kids learned to ride bikes and played hopscotch.
 7. The strangest job I had to make money was my freshman year in college in Wausau where I worked washing dishes for a group of church ladies on the nights they had meetings with food. They taught me how to not touch the dishes with my hands when I dried them.
 8. I had a younger sister and the daughter of a past girl friend who had sort of psychic powers (they saw visions and ghosts). I actually remember a couple instances where I dreamed something that came true (like one time I told mom and dad that I dreamed my Uncle Hank and Aunt Ruth had bought a car and I described it in detail as a 2 tone dark blue sedan as I recall. And later that day they drove in to show us the car they had bought.
 9. I think if I can make it to age 80 I will be happy. If it wasn't for the expert medical procedures we have access to now, I would have died at 54. I had 2 uncles make it a little past 80 and one that made it to 91, so that's what I'm shooting for. Hopefully I can eventually shoot my age in golf.
 10. Mostly I have noticed more rain and more warmth in the last few years. I trust that the scientists are correct about climate change being the reason, however, I'm not sure we can do much about it (but I don't think that should stop us from trying to do what we can to be good stewards).
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This week's topics:

1. Lo, the iceman cometh. Your memories of the iceman delivering ice for your icebox.

2. Feeding any critters this winter? What kind?
3. Have you ever been sorry you were a passenger in a vehicle, boat, airplane? Why?
4. Ever eaten octopus? Where? When?
5. Do you think that aliens exist? Why?
6. Matthew 24:14 - Are we close?
7. What "old person" things do you do?
8. What's the funniest actual name or nickname you've heard of someone having?
9. What game have you spent the most hours playing?
10. Anyone go to CA to watch the Packers play the 49'ers? Your thoughts of the game.

and responses:

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Off the subjects for this week, I'll talk about cancer and memories. One round of chemo so far and it is kicking my a##. I don't wish this on anyone. Now I better understand why many people do suicide. Hopefully it never comes to that because I plan on enjoying life for another ten years (not what "they" told me). We are all born to die but not just yet. I have much more to say about this issue but I find it hard to do even this. Memories— I think about the past a lot and love those memories. Children's Choice, good kids all such as Judy Hanneman, Elaine Brandt, Ron Grundeen, Ron Fuetz and all the rest. Even in high school I always thought the two Ron's were very smart, I was more like the Fonzy type. Anyhow many many more memories, thanks for reading.

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Funny Names and Nicknames

Virada Nirapathpongporn played women's golf at Duke university. Since neither her coach nor her teammates could say her name they nicknamed her "Oui"

Oui won the 2002 individual NCAA women's championship. The next year she played Michelle Wie in the finals of the 2003 women's public link championship. Wie was just 13 years old but defeated Nirapathpongporn to win the Championship in the final match. It was a fitting finale to Oui's amateur career as she turned pro after the tournament and the "Oui-Wie" match

No icebox in my lifetime

Iceman was a Eugene O'Neill play set in 1912 New York City and written in 1939 but not performed until 1946

The play takes place in a bar and the cast consists of 12 men all of whom are alcoholics and three women all of whom are prostitutes

The bartender is their pimp And they pay him to keep the cops out of their business

Like all good drunks they incessantly discuss their next dream project that never materializes

Three of the drunks are criminal syndicalists who advocate the violent overthrow of the US government

O'Neill was an avowed communist and IWW member himself. He suffered from alcoholism for much of his adult life making Iceman largely autobiographical

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2. Critters. Yes. Ghost, the neighbor cat, pretty much lives full-time in our garage. The neighbors are aware and it works for them as they are a big mixed family with another home and are frequently gone for days at a time. My wife Elray (Mitzi to some, Stingray to a few) keeps his water and food bowls full and has built him a warm nest to sleep in. He adores our granddaughter and comes running and mewling when she visits.

5. Aliens. Absolutely. CNN and MSNBC have a show every other week or so where several creatures, obviously not of this earth, line up and talk about their plans to destroy the country. I think they call it the Democratic debates or something like that.

7. Old stuff. Take Prevagen, get to bed on time at 10:30, drink less.

8. Great name. Navy buddy Cosmo Dilulo.

9. Game. Gran Turismo video game. We're all Mario Andretti at heart.

10. Packers. What a great season. Rodgers declining but has plenty left with an improved supporting cast. No problem with the 9'ers other than the usual idiotic end zone antics but their stadium fan base sucks. Mitzi was watching some local Wisconsin sportscasters doing a live feed outside the stadium while SF fans chanted, "F*** Green Bay." When politely asked to refrain they doubled down. Looking forward to some schadenfreude when KC kicks their ass.

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We feed birds in six feeders, so the squirrels get a lot of food beneath each one. We also feed the wild rabbits who live in our yard. I think we have eight, but who knows. They all look alike! One is getting quite tame. It eats at our feet. We have two different types of pellets plus hay that we give them. When their bowls are empty, they toss them around the yard.

I did eat octopus many years ago. It was served in its own dark ink. (I'd had way too much to drink.) I had maybe two bites. Big mistake! We were in Mexico.

I have spent the most time playing Solitaire. It's my go-to stress reducer.

I'm glad we made it further than the Vikings and Bears.

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5. Do you think that aliens exist? Why? - No. Just haven't seen a clue that aliens exist.

6. Matthew 24:14 - Are we close? - Ah, I don't do the Bible.

7. What "old person" things do you do? Hey, Kent, we're not that old. Still do the usual; we're only in early 70's when we've got more to go. My parents both lived til 90.

9. What game have you spent the most hours playing? Used to pay checkers as kids at night. Once tv was broke, my mother taught us "smear" and then went back to tv.

Questions for readers. - Does anyone living in the Midwest leave for a sunny trip, or to go skiing? Is Rib Mtn. still going good?

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8. What's the funniest actual name or nickname you've heard of someone having?

Louie Hinutski (race driver at Griffith Speedway)

Nelson Drinkwine (race driver at Griffith Speedway)

Screwy Lewis (my uncle)

8-Ball Lewis (my Dad)

Wormy (sold, not had, worms) Nelson (owned what is now Clearwater Harbor on the Chain-O-Lakes)

Beaner Fredreckson (later owner of same)

Butts Barden (former Commandant at King)

Blues singers Muddy Waters and Howlin Wolf

Actor Slim Pickens

Baseball player Dizzy Dean

Football players like Refrigerator Perry, Hacksaw and Bag-a-Doughnuts

Numerous wrestlers like Mad Dog Vachon, Bobo Brazil, Dusty Rhodes and Milwaukee's own Da Crusher

And of course our own Tricky Dick Trickle