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### This week's topics:

1. Ice skating memories
2. Football Injuries that are affecting you now
3. Gals in the Military - did you serve? Guys, your experiences with gals in the military.
4. Best or Worst Superbowl Ad - What did you think of the halftime show?
5. Valentine's Day - anything planned?
6. What's the worst tasting thing you ever ate or drank because it was "good for you"?
7. Any insects over-wintering in your home? What kind?

8. Hearing aids - does anyone have one that really works well in a crowded room? What kind?
9. Controversial? Did religions come about as a rationalization for our existence? Your thoughts.
10. Whatever else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

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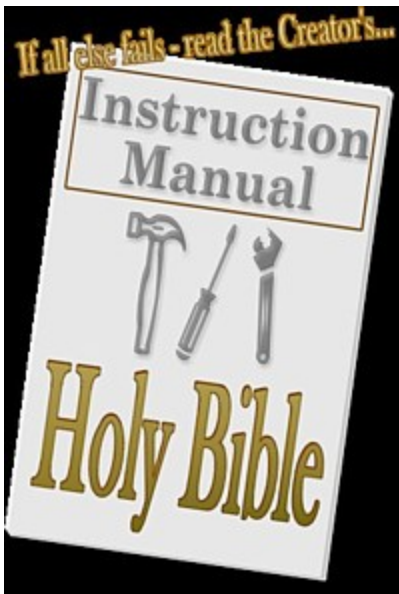
Hearing Aids - I use Costco and they work in crowded rooms. The model I have is actually a Phonak Brio even though it is marketed under the Kirkland band and it has a noise silencing feature that reduces background noise. It has the latest software update which I think is version 10 but not sure. Took a few trips back to Costco to get settings right but once settings were right they work great.

What was the worst super bowl ad? Did not see any that were any good. Would classify them all is bad.

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Roger Fritz - [fritzcat11@yahoo.com](mailto:fritzcat11@yahoo.com)

My take on religion: There is a God. Only "He" could create a universe from nothing. Mankind has no comprehension of what God is thinking. Religions are man's best guess.



The Bible is a great operators manual for how we should behave while here on earth. I'm not sure what, if anything, is next but I'm hopeful.

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Nancy Arnold Finneran Witt - [nancystew@copper.net](mailto:nancystew@copper.net)

No. 1 - I lived in the country east of Rudolph, and there were bachelors and old maids on that road, double PP, and the farmer across from us had a pond so the cows could get water, but they never came into the pond. Winters of course meant that the pond froze over, so we ice skated on it. We would shovel off the snow. It was fun.

No. 2 - Never liked watching football, but my husband watches.

No. 4 - see no 2.

No. 5 - No, don't have plans for Valentine's day. We just had 2 people who passed away in the last 5 days; one was my sister-in-law at age 62, and the other died at 76. Way too early! We're laying low this week as the service will be held; I won't tutor for two 1st graders this week.

No. 6 - Can't think of anything, but way back when I did get a bad distaste to the point I couldn't eat anything, Dr. couldn't figure it out, but it finally came back to regular food. I lost a few pounds but did get the pounds back.

No. 7 - No insects this time of year. Living in San Diego, means that houses are not as insulated as the homes in the Midwest are. We do have a heating source but it isn't worth it to warm the house as we're in the kitchen/family room with the tv so I wear a sweat shirt and blanket on lap.

No. 8 - Don't need a hearing aid, but have very minor low hearing in one ear; interesting, that I got the yearly appt. to check my hearing again.

No. 9 - I don't go to church, but my husband does. I grew up Catholic and had lousy priests and it was in Latin. The sermon was in English but he couldn't face the people. He'd turn to the left and right of the congregation. I believe I'm a good person as "do unto others, etc." I'm just so glad I live in San Diego esp. along the coast.

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Barbara Thalacker - [bthalacker@comcast.net](mailto:bthalacker@comcast.net)

SUPERBOWL. I was sorry to see my second favorite team lose. But the half time show was spectacular. As my niece said, "40 and 50 year old sexy as hell women taking over super bowl half time. It'sourtime" I also loved Jenifer Lopez' young daughter singing as she was leading a group of children coming out of the neon cages and the flag segment that emphasized that Puerto Rico also is part of the US. Very subtle allusion to the orange one's missteps. That and Shakira and Jennifer are so talented. One of the best shows. And the purple and gold cross displayed during the show that paid tribute to Kobe and the others who died last week. Very moving tributes.

VALENTINE'S DAY: My wife and I always go to our neighborhood Italian restaurant. Best Carbonara ever.

Anything else: I am so grateful that I grew up in Wisconsin Rapids, but I don't miss the snow. We are 90 minutes from skiing and 90 from San Francisco and the ocean so it is perfect here. Oh, and 2 blocks from Sutter's Fort, right in the city, when John Sutter set up his trading post, canons and all, during the gold rush. This week it was 66 degrees and the camellias and azaleas are blooming. Also, my cousin's elementary school grandsons were tapped this week to do official interviews with Iowa Caucus candidates. The kids asked great questions of Amy and Pete that I saw. They have a real future whatever they choose to do.

It is college application and selection time around the country. One of my nephews from Napa, CA has been accepted to attend U of Utah and also U of Md, one in the honor's college and the other in the Global Communities program. Hard choices, each with good academic scholarships. He is on a career path to the Foreign Service and is going to major in Farsi. He spent last summer in Tajikistan studying Tajik Persian and living with a host family. One one hand, he can rock climb in Utah and have a paid internship in DC. On the other hand, being near DC and the East coast has its own pull. He wants to end up in ops in the Middle East. The next generation moves on.

Thanks for keeping up with the newsletter, Kent.

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Larry Johnson '64 - [larjhn@yahoo.com](mailto:larjhn@yahoo.com)

This is something that happened at an assisted living center. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the handrail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step so they called an ambulance for him. A couple hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I am sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

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Toni Weller Olsen - LHS '64 - [tonicrafty@gmail.com](mailto:tonicrafty@gmail.com)

Insects over-wintering in my home: Here in northern Nevada, we have little spiders that get into the house in winter. They don't bite, but I can't let them stay in my house. They're not disgusting like the big cockroaches we saw when we lived in north Florida for many years. I never got used to seeing those.



Some Southerners call cockroaches "palmetto bugs," but I still disliked them.

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Len Ironside - [ironside.len@gmail.com](mailto:ironside.len@gmail.com)

I remember trying to skate at the west side skating rink at the end of 15th Avenue South. Never did learn to skate very well.

I've had both knees replaced. One was damaged my senior year at Lincoln when I got clipped in the Point game. The other one while coaching wrestling in Wausau where I was teaching.

I think I liked the Google ad the best. Hit home with an old man. Didn't always understand the point of a few of the other commercials.



And the halftime show. I was repulsed! The thought of putting on a display like that to my eight grandchildren, all ten and under, appalled me. Pole dancing? Exotic, erotic gyrating maybe has a time and a place, but it is certainly not during prime time viewing hours on national television.