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1 Conversation # SW2018

SPEAKER B This is a different subject though.

SPEAKER A Yeah, this is about changes in the women in the,

Speaker B Uh-huh.

SPEAKER A Uh, there's really a lot, isn't there.

Speaker B Yeah.

SPEAKER A I think there really is.

SPEAKER B It's kind of an easy thing to talk about.

SPEAKER A Oh, I guess the work force would be the main, wouldn't it.

2 Conversation # SW2051

SPEAKER B Well, I formulated a pretty radical theory over the last ten years, I guess. And, I've come to the conclusion, and this is a pretty scary thought to me, even, that if a guy is convicted, or a gal is convicted, of a crime, rather than put them in prison, because prison's proven not to work, just let them go. Say okay, you're convicted –

Speaker A Huh-uh.

SPEAKER B – and just let them go –

Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B – and if they get convicted again, well, just kill them.

SPEAKER A Yeah, because, uh, most likely that will happen, won't it, that, you know,

- SPEAKER B Well, I think that the best hope to eliminate crime, as we know it today -
- Speaker A Huh-uh.
- SPEAKER B is to eliminate the criminals from society.
- Speaker A Huh-uh.

[...]

- SPEAKER B We have just a bunch of people, and I've, and I've, I've lived in that, that environment for quite a few years when I was doing construction work. You know, and these guys, they come to work every morning and they're stoned to the bone. I mean, their so high, they could fly up to the top of that building and they work all day, and they go home and they smoke their dope and drink their booze and shoot their drugs and when they run out of money, they go down to the corner store and pop the guy on the head and take his money, and then they go back to work on Monday.
- Speaker A Huh-uh.
- SPEAKER B And, the kids of these people MUMBLEx.
- SPEAKER A Sure, they just think that's the normal thing to do, don't they...
- SPEAKER B They're sociopathic.
- Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B you know, in a legal way or something, they could send all the people over to, uh, you know, one particular part of town or one particular project, that somebody had paid somebody to, you know, get supported, or,

SPEAKER A Yeah. Well,

- Speaker B MUMBLEx.
- SPEAKER A We've gotten to the point where, you know, if, if, well, if the racial make up of the group was such and such, you know, they'd have to do that percentage of work and what is perceived to be that part of town and, you know,
- Speaker B Yeah.
- SPEAKER A That kind of thing.
- SPEAKER B That could be a complicated too, <u>couldn't it.</u>
- SPEAKER A Oh, yeah.
- SPEAKER B Yeah.

4 Conversation # SW2093

SPEAKER A There's something about working with wood that, that I enjoy, that, I don't know if it's the saw dust or the mess you make or the smell of the wood but,

SPEAKER B As you know, I think it's more like the mess you make, <u>isn't it?</u> You don't have to worry about cleaning it up.

- SPEAKER A Yeah, because it's, it's out there. You know I don't have to worry about getting stuff on the carpet except when I track in saw dust, and the wife gets kind of aggravated about that, but then, I get the opportunity to vacuum, so I guess I get some of both.
 [...]
- SPEAKER A Well, I'm not sure what she does I, I, first thing that comes to mind is some kind of chain stitch because she starts and goes all the way across, you know, back and forth until she winds up with this big piece of, of afghan. I guess that is your standard knitting, <u>isn't it?</u>

SPEAKER B Yeah, yeah. Usually single crochet would, is, is always starts it off. SPEAKER A Yeah, I know,

5 Conversation # SW2095

SPEAKER A But I got used to it, it was really strange, I mean, when I, when, when we came to San Antonio it was just like, uh, you know, it just, just swelter and then we got used to it and then we went up to Dallas and it was just, it's, it's not, not that it's just hot or dry, it's just not very comfortable, it just,

SPEAKER B Her-, do you, you think San Antonio is more comfortable than Dallas.

- SPEAKER A Yeah, a little bit.
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B You must, well, uh, it must be quite a bit hotter down there, isn't it?

SPEAKER A Yeah, my wife and I, the last day we were in Florida, we, my visiting my, uh, my parents, and my brother and sister, we were, we were down there and, the last day, right before we left, we had to, I had to ride with my sister and the air conditioning went out on the car,

6 Conversation # SW2102

SPEAKER B Yeah. That's, that's interesting. Uh, I think it's interesting that parents think that their small

children learn violence from TV, people were just as violent before TV was invented, maybe even more so. SPEAKER A Yeah.

SPEAKER B But I guess that's, that's a different topic <u>isn't it?</u>.

SPEAKER A Probably so. Well, I think that's about, uh, that's about covered it for me, so I think I'll say good-bye and we'll talk another time perhaps.

7 Conversation # SW2105

SPEAKER B They sure are. Wouldn't it be something to have a World Series between Da-, the Rangers and the Astros.

- SPEAKER A Oh, wouldn't it, wouldn't it though.
- SPEAKER B Boy, I tell you that would draw a crowd, wouldn't it.
- Speaker A Wouldn't it.
- SPEAKER B It sure would.
- [...]

SPEAKER A Uh, now Incavalia I don't know how familiar you are with him but, last year I was kind of thinking he sure did get in a slump.

- SPEAKER B Yeah.
- SPEAKER A But they're saying this year, their predictions is that he's really going to come out of it and,
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh, yeah.
- Speaker A be on top.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh, boy, he's a bull, isn't he?
- Speaker A Isn't he though,
- SPEAKER B He really is gosh.
- SPEAKER A he sure is. He either hits home run or strike out.

8 Conversation # SW2109

- SPEAKER A Yes, right, and, um, uh, it, it really was a fantastic movie. The acting was phenomenal.
- SPEAKER B Well as, it, as I recall it got some Academy Awards, <u>didn't it.</u>
- SPEAKER A Oh yes, Jessica Tandy won best actress and, uh,
- SPEAKER B Oh yeah, that's right. It, it might have one best picture, too.
- SPEAKER A Yes it did, yes it did.
- Speaker B Yeah.

9 Conversation # SW2131

- SPEAKER A Yeah, and, uh, it was tremendous.
- SPEAKER B Now, he, he is a, uh, actually, I did, I played flute for,
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B almost ten years and, and, uh, so, I, I, I appreciate his too,
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B his, his mus-, he, he, he's from Ireland <u>isn't he?</u>
- SPEAKER A Yeah, uh-huh, and it was, uh, mostly all Irish tunes,

[...]

- SPEAKER A Of course, they, you know, just don't have the quality of records nowadays either because,
- Speaker B No.
- SPEAKER A you, you get that scratchy sound.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh. Well, those things were big and thick weren't they?
- SPEAKER A Yeah, yeah.

SPEAKER B You could kill somebody with them.

SPEAKER A Yeah, th-, warped real easy.

SPEAKER B And the ones you buy, go out and buy one now and they're just so thin and,

SPEAKER B flimsy and they just, they're not meant to last,

Speaker A Yeah.

10 Conversation # SW2157

SPEAKER A – MUMBLEx he said that, uh, Aikman was hitting him right on the numbers every time. So, sounds like he's going to be all right for next season. They're just trying not to overwork him right now, until he gets his shoulder, uh, back in shap-, it was his shoulder, wasn't it, that he had the problems with?

SPEAKER B I don't know. Yeah I think it was.

SPEAKER A I think it, I think it was his shoulder he had surgery on. But anyway, they're trying to keep him, you know, keep him, uh, from reinjuring anything, but anyway.

11 Conversation # SW2163

- SPEAKER A Well, credit cards, boy, that's an easy topic,
- Speaker B Ye-,
- Speaker A <u>isn't it.</u>

SPEAKER B Yes, it is. It's one we all hold dear and near, I'm sure.

SPEAKER A Oh, yes, yes. I guess I've had some good experience and some bad experience with them.

12 Conversation # SW2178

SPEAKER B Well, there was a movie out, it's been on cable, I get cable, and there's this thing with, uh, Danny De Vito called TWINS.

SPEAKER A Oh, I've seen that. Yes.

SPEAKER B I thought that was just great.

- SPEAKER A It is, it is, <u>isn't it?</u> Yes, yes.
- [...]

SPEAKER B He just was beside himself, you know, this is supposed to be a nice children's movie, CHAR-LOTTE'S WEB. He just couldn't stand it that Charlotte was going to die at the end.

- Speaker A Die, oh. Oh.
- Speaker B ...
- SPEAKER A It's funny how your little minds work, isn't it?
- SPEAKER B Oh, yeah. She's so nice, she can't die.
- Speaker A Oh.

13 Conversation # SW2221

SPEAKER A I could go on for hours about the criminal justice system and what I think we ought to do about it. But,

SPEAKER B Sometimes it's pretty messed up, isn't it.

SPEAKER A Something that I really don't understand is when someone goes to jail –

Speaker B Uh-huh.

SPEAKER A – and they have a job in jail and they work, that they should, I, and this may sound cruel, but I do not think that they should be allowed cigarettes. I mean they're in jail for crying out loud.

Speaker A Yeah.

Speaker B Yeah.

14 Conversation # SW2253

SPEAKER B I think that's probably my favorite of, of any piece of science fiction that I've ever read.

- SPEAKER A That was a movie too, wasn't it?
- SPEAKER B And the movie was awful.
- Speaker A Was it?
- Speaker B Oh, yes, it was just terrible.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, I'd, I didn't see it but, uh, yeah.

15 Conversation # SW2334

SPEAKER A Having, having been out of the credit game for some years now, I've gotten used to either paying in cash or not getting it. And, uh,

- SPEAKER B Yeah, but it's hard, <u>isn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER A Well, it is, but, I, I, I'm kind of, uh, grateful for the experience because it's taught me a lot of restraint.
- SPEAKER B Well, it makes you feel good when you whip out the cash instead of your plastic.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, exactly. I, I, uh, I just went out and got a new VCR yesterday with cash.
- SPEAKER B With cash?
- SPEAKER A And, it, it's,
- SPEAKER B Do you work with TI? No.
- SPEAKER A No, I wish I did.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, you could have got a discount, couldn't you?
- SPEAKER A Yeah, I could use a discount.
- [...]
- SPEAKER B So you're working on your doctorate?
- Speaker A Yeah.
- Speaker B Oh lord.
- SPEAKER A PhD in human factors.
- SPEAKER B Oh, that will, that will sound wonderful, won't it?
- Speaker A Well,
- SPEAKER B Get you a little MUMBLEx plaque.
- SPEAKER A Oh, yeah. IBM, uh, I mean, uh, a lot of people use human factors, folks, but IBM is what I'm looking at right now.

16 Conversation # SW2386

SPEAKER B Um, well, they have some watches that look really nice. There's one that's got some diamonds on it.

- Speaker A For how many calls?
- Speaker B MUMBLEx.
- Speaker A Does it say?
- SPEAKER B MUMBLEx I haven't quite figured that out. I thought it was eight or nine, but seems like too nice a prize for nine, just nine calls, <u>isn't it?</u>

Speaker A Uh-huh.

SPEAKER B I guess as far north as you are if you like gardening, you've still got a couple months to go, haven't you?

- SPEAKER A Oh, yeah. Um, well, right now we, um, start our seeds inside.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh. Oh, yeah, that's right, you would, yeah.
- SPEAKER A We'll start them inside and, uh,
- Speaker B In cold frames or whatever the,
- SPEAKER A Yeah, well, we usually start them right in the house.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh.

18 Conversation # SW2424

- SPEAKER B: Prices went sky high. Then, in, in the case of airlines, of course, they became highly competitive and they cut each others throats until they're, they reach the point where they're cutting their own throat. And, uh, well, of course, that's getting away from taxes <u>isn't it</u>, th-, that's government controlled. But, uh,
- SPEAKER A: Well, I, I think another thing too that, um, I've had a little contacted with, uh, in regard to taxes let's say that, uh, you have something that the IRS disagrees with or, you know, says, hey, we're not going to allow that. Well, I think they're very unfair in the amount of penalties and interest that they can attach to that because you, you will not only payback that that you wrote off but you will at least double that amount and,

19 Conversation # SW2427

SPEAKER B Some of those things like, uh, you know, the things that vine like, uh, cucumbers,

- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B or, uh, squash or something,
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B like that.
- SPEAKER A Takes a lot of room.
- SPEAKER B Plant one of those and it takes up your whole space.
- SPEAKER A It sure does. I made mistake one year and planted some cantaloupe, my goodness,
- SPEAKER B Yeah.
- Speaker A what a mistake that was.
- SPEAKER B Yeah. They, they just run all over,
- Speaker A They do.
- SPEAKER B the place, don't they,

SPEAKER A Well, it was very good it just takes up, you know, like you say, a lot of your garden area.

SPEAKER B Right. Right. MUMBLEx.

20 Conversation # SW2431

- SPEAKER A But, uh, I think it's fantastic. I wish they required it in everything. Every new car that came out, I wish they would require it in it.
- SPEAKER B It would be MUMBLEx that would do to our insurance rates, you know, if, if, uh, if the insurance companies says it, says we're not going to pay, you know, a claim, if, if the car doesn't have, uh, air bags. Would be interesting wouldn't it?

Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B And we, they're taking our milk cartons and our plastic coke bottles there, too.

- Speaker A Oh.
- Speaker B So.
- Speaker A Uh.
- SPEAKER B That's pretty good isn't it.
- SPEAKER A You guys are getting into it more than we are.
- SPEAKER B It sounds like it, you'd think you would be.
- SPEAKER A Uh-huh. Huh-uh, I've never seen any, you know, places that do.

22 Conversation # SW2446

SPEAKER A No, no, I believe they did because, um, some of, some of the, the Peace Corps, uh, that I knew of, did marry Peruvians,

Speaker B Uh-huh.

- SPEAKER A and have been back and every now and then some news filters in that they went to see some of the old things, and of course, the savings and loan program, um, that was, that, you know, that, that just continued to grow. In fact, after my group, I mean, we were just a very small specialized group, too, to get that going and spread and then, of course, Peace Corps bowed out of that because that's, uh, uh, something that nationalized very quickly.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A And the same with the co-ops.
- SPEAKER B Well, that's, that was kind of the, the aim wasn't it, to get it started and then have it,
- SPEAKER A Right.
- SPEAKER B taken up by the, oh, okay, o-, so, you know, well, that's, I had wondered sometimes, I knew that there was a lot of, a lot of effort and a lot of work went into a lot of that, and I just wondered if, if it lasted, and if it took, you know, like,

23 Conversation # SW2450

SPEAKER A The trees are real pretty right now and everything. And, uh, I don't know. I know the pollen is real high, but I think it's higher than usual, <u>isn't it?</u>

SPEAKER B Yes, it is. Seems very high. It hasn't bothered me, but I know that people that have allergies it seems to be pretty high.

SPEAKER A Yeah, I know. It's been bothering me a lot, but yeah, I think, nor-, I think the weather overall has been, um, probably like you said, probably a little bit warm and,

SPEAKER B A little bit warm –

Speaker A Uh,

SPEAKER B – and a little bit blowy, I think.

24 Conversation # SW2457

SPEAKER A Well, I don't know, do, the nice thing I'm looking forward to is, uh, not having a hurricane season.

SPEAKER B Oh, yeah, because Houston was really hurricane alley, wasn't it,

Speaker A

SPEAKER B weren't there a lot of hurricanes there?

SPEAKER A Yes, we always had, uh, big concern about hurricanes, and they're close enough to the coast and, you know, you had to have a supply like, uh, emergency supply on hand all the time – SPEAKER B Oh, boy.

SPEAKER A – during the hurricane season, and, and it was pretty spooky.

25 Conversation # SW2472

- SPEAKER B And we have a share alike column in the paper,
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B where people, you know, write in and share recipes or write in and say I'm looking for this recipe,
- SPEAKER A Uh-huh. Right.
- SPEAKER B and that's where I get a lot of my recipes.
- SPEAKER A Yeah. They are good, usually good aren't they?
- SPEAKER B Yes. And I got, I got a real good one from a doctor's office one time.

26 Conversation # SW2477

- SPEAKER B Yeah. I'm looking forward to the, the pro play-off, uh,
- SPEAKER A Yeah. It's coming up, isn't it.
- SPEAKER B LA, yeah, San Antonio, who's the other one that's doing so well this year, Port-, is that Portland?
- SPEAKER A Portland. Yeah, Portland.

27 Conversation # SW2482

- SPEAKER B I, I always said that if I had a kid they wouldn't know what McDonald's is.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, but
- SPEAKER B But, they learn from their friends, don't they?
- SPEAKER A Well, yeah, and amazingly a lot of times it's real easy.
- Speaker B Uh-huh.

28 Conversation # SW2488

SPEAKER B And he's taken them and, and raped them and then brought them right back and just kind of thrown them out of the car in their front yard.

SPEAKER A Boy that's scary, isn't it.

SPEAKER B Oh, can you imagine, because it, it happens in the middle of the night, so the parent,

Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B you know, these parents didn't know this, the, the kid was gone until the kid is knocking on the door screaming, let me in.

Speaker A Oh, boy.

29 Conversation # SW2506

- SPEAKER B Yeah, there are there's a big military constituency.
- SPEAKER A And is that what you're in?
- Speaker B Oh, no, no I'm, I work for TI.
- SPEAKER A Well, then that's why you're doing this then, <u>isn't it?</u>
- Speaker B Oh, yes.
- SPEAKER A Oh, okay, well,

- SPEAKER B What division are you in?
- Speaker A I'm not in TI.
- Speaker B Oh.
- SPEAKER A I had a friend that had a roommate that worked for TI and she saw this come up on the computer screen, and ran it off. And passed it MUMBLEx to the people that were interested.
- SPEAKER B It's not a hobby, you know, it's something to do. I get to here about Texas again a bit and get to talk to people all over the country, you know, that I've talked to someone in Maryland, I believe it was.
- SPEAKER A I know, I've been talking to people in Ohio, and, uh, Virginia, and I think, California.
- SPEAKER B It's interesting, <u>isn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER A Yeah, it is.
- SPEAKER B You know, the gal I talked to in Maryland, didn't own a car, she's never traveled anywhere, she's never been anywhere, she, you know, I talked about one of the biggest problems in the United States being our roads, and she didn't understand. She doesn't drive.
- Speaker A How does she get to work?
- SPEAKER B Uh, she, uh, lives on campus, she's a college student. Buses and, and, uh, public transportation.
- SPEAKER A Uh-huh. I had a re-,
- SPEAKER B Her, her parents live by the public transportation.
- SPEAKER A and I wish we could down here.
- SPEAKER B Well, it would be nice but I kind of like the freedom, too, don't you?
- SPEAKER A Well, sometimes but I tell you I'd sure like to be able to get on a bus or something and get to work, but if I did it, it would take me an hour and fifteen minutes. I would have to get on one and drive, or walk to a bu-, you know, there's one terminal close to us and then they'd drive me to the main terminal here,

- SPEAKER B Yeah. I'm in, are you still there?
- SPEAKER A Yeah. Whoops. There's some kind of problems. Hello,
- Speaker B Hello.
- SPEAKER A are you still there?
- Speaker B Okay.
- SPEAKER A This is, something's wrong.
- SPEAKER B Wonder what happened.
- SPEAKER A I don't know, it sounds funny though, <u>doesn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER B Huh, anyway,
- Speaker A Huh.
- [...]
- SPEAKER B Anyway my ultimate car though, the, the one that I really want is, uh, five sixty or so, Mercedes, so,
- Speaker A Huh.
- SPEAKER B maybe someday.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, we have, we all have those kind of dreams too, don't we?
- Speaker B Yeah.

31 Conversation # SW2528

SPEAKER A yeah, I thought they had some sort of, I mean, I thought they were just poor people like us I guess not, that's great.

- SPEAKER B Huh-uh.
- SPEAKER A But, maybe I'll try it one day.
- Speaker B .
- SPEAKER A I'll get on there one day and see if I can, uh, um, what, what do they win, they, they win money I think, don't they?
- SPEAKER B I think the last I heard was it's up to about a hundred fifty thousand dollars.

Speaker A Really?

- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A Wow. All that for getting tennis balls shot at you at a hundred miles an hour.

32 Conversation # SW2549

- SPEAKER B Um, I just, you know, um, Cowboys are going to have a problem aren't they? Is it, is it this year they don't have a draft pick because of the Walker trade or what was the whole deal on that?
- SPEAKER A Uh, they still have some, some, uh, some draft picks, uh,
- SPEAKER B They don't,
- SPEAKER A that they got,
- SPEAKER B have anything high do they?
- SPEAKER A No. Actually, they picked up some from Minnesota. I think it was, uh, Minnesota's MUM-BLEx,
- SPEAKER B Oh, that's right, that's right. They, it went the other way.
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B What was I thinking. They gave up, they, they traded Wa-, Herschel,
- SPEAKER A They traded Walker, yeah.
- SPEAKER B to Minnesota. Yeah, okay. My brain is really working well tonight.
- [...]

SPEAKER B Well, [NAME], I mean, didn't the Cowboys even finish, they finished pretty close to five hundred last year didn't they?

- SPEAKER A Yeah, they did. As a matter of fact, uh,
- SPEAKER B Because they only won one game the year before, right?
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B Okay. Yeah, I enjoyed that because it was against the Skins.

33 Conversation # SW2565

SPEAKER A Yeah, I, um, you know, we're, we're pretty lucky because if I want to see a National League team, I can usually go up to Philadelphia.

- SPEAKER B There you go.
- SPEAKER A And, um, saw, saw the Cardinals and Cubs last year, and a bunch of teams the year before.
- SPEAKER B Boy, you are a baseball fan, aren't you.
- SPEAKER A Okay, uh, yeah.
- Speaker B Interesting.

34 Conversation # SW2584

- SPEAKER B I'm selling, uh, telephone systems.
- SPEAKER A Oh, that's neat.
- SPEAKER B And it's, it's fun and it's interesting, but it's also, um, pretty challenging, and I haven't, I haven't started making money yet.

SPEAKER A Um. It's hard <u>isn't it?</u>

SPEAKER B So, yeah, it's, it's hard.

35 Conversation # SW2597

- SPEAKER B Well, this is a good subject, <u>isn't it?</u>
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B It's, it's something that you can really talk about.
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B Um, I don't know what we're going to do about it, but,
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B but it's certainly something that has a lot of things to talk about.

36 Conversation # SW2598

SPEAKER A He's, he's just, I, I don't know why but he's always a lot of fun in every movie he's in. He was in the UNTOUCHABLES. He was the accountant.

SPEAKER B Oh, oh I know who you mean.

Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B He was in, uh, uh, HONEY DON'T SHRINK THE KIDS, wasn't he?

- SPEAKER A No, no, you're thinking of Rick Moranis. He looks like Rick Moranis but he's not.
- SPEAKER B Oh, okay, se-, all right, yeah, that's the one I was thinking of.

37 Conversation # SW2603

- SPEAKER B I have a bad back, so I'm very limited what I do.
- Speaker A Oh, okay.
- SPEAKER B It's like I can walk, but if I walk for more than fifteen minutes it's going to bother me.
- Speaker A Um.
- SPEAKER B Especially when you're on cement or anything that's hard, it will bother me.
- SPEAKER A Then that would, yeah.
- SPEAKER B it will bother me.
- SPEAKER A I guess then the water aerobics would be probably the best thing for you, wouldn't it?

SPEAKER B Well, that, what pushed me that way though, was basically was the fact that when I went in there, is wasn't for the water aerobics. I went in there strictly to strengthen my back muscles.

38 Conversation # SW2609

SPEAKER A And in that country it's a duty to pay taxes and it's a duty to vote on how those taxes are spent. And it's not clear to me that, that's so much less democratic. Um.

- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A I don't know, but part of me rebels against that,
- SPEAKER B I, it's, that's,
- Speaker A but then I'm an American.
- SPEAKER B it's complex question when you start thinking about it, isn't it.
- SPEAKER A Yeah. And some people don't vote, I mean there is like three or four percent of Australians don't vote and I think they're el, eligible for a fine. I don't know if they actually are fined or, or what happens, but you're eligible for some sort of fine if you don't vote.

SPEAKER B Uh-huh. That's interesting. I have people here that I know that have never registered to vote.

- SPEAKER A and having the family do a good share of the work, you know, and the part that I did was more fun than, uh, than labor because they did the, the running and toting chores and I just helped cook and kind of organize, you know.
- SPEAKER B Yeah bu-, e-, even cooking over an open fire is a little more fun, isn't it.
- SPEAKER A It is, <u>isn't it</u>. It isn't. Ha-, what kinds of things have you tried? Have you done, uh, uh, uh, the big pot cooking?
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- SPEAKER A What did you like to do most?
- SPEAKER B Well really just commune with nature.
- SPEAKER A That's neat <u>isn't it?</u>

40 Conversation # SW2621

- SPEAKER B I think he'll get better as he gets older.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, he may, uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B Because he, he well wa-, he was the youngest quarterback there was, wasn't he?
- SPEAKER A Yes he was, I believe that's right at one point in time. Ye-, but he's a very young fellow.
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, of course a quarterback can look so good if he's got a lot, if he's got a good supporting cast, you know.

Speaker B That's true, that's true.

41 Conversation # SW2627

- SPEAKER B Yeah, that's the hard part is cooking with, uh, kids around because, uh, becau-,
- SPEAKER A I was just going to say, makes a difference in what you eat <u>doesn't it</u>. Or are you not at that stage yet?
- SPEAKER B Yeah, it does.
- Speaker A Yeah.

42 Conversation # SW2630

- SPEAKER B No, but that's one of the reasons why he chose Williams –
- Speaker A Oh, okay,
- SPEAKER B that it has solid liberal arts,
- SPEAKER A Medium size, aren't they?
- SPEAKER B About two thousand.

43 Conversation # SW2645

- SPEAKER B Is it, uh, many other corporations in the area?
- SPEAKER A Uh, I saw Seven Eleven that was hiring.
- SPEAKER B Well, I'm sure with the new, uh, aw, contract awarding I, I think it went to Lockheed, <u>didn't it?</u>

Speaker A Yes.

- Speaker B That, uh, I hear they're hiring all over the place for that.
 - [...]

SPEAKER A I, see that's the problem. For the last many years I've more or less let them direct what I want to do,

- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- Speaker A and where I want to go.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A And just kind of go with the punches.
- Speaker B Sure.
- SPEAKER A And now I feel lost.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh. Yeah, that's a, it, it takes a bit of a shift doesn't it.

44 Conversation # SW2650

- SPEAKER A Yeah, he's pretty big. That's why it really surprises me, you know, that he hasn't come back, because, like I said, he's never gone away like this before, and, I would think, you know, he might, I mean, he might could get hurt by a car or something. I don't know that he could really get killed that easily because he is so big.
- SPEAKER B Yeah.
- SPEAKER A You know, but, I don't know.
- SPEAKER B Oh, well, I hope he comes back, that's too bad.
- SPEAKER A Thanks, I do, too.
- SPEAKER B How long have you had him?
- SPEAKER A Oh, about two years. So, he's,
- SPEAKER B Oh, that's tough.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, it's really, gosh, anyway,
- SPEAKER B Yeah, you get very attached to animals, don't you?
- SPEAKER A That, isn't that funny how we do?
- Speaker B Yeah.

45 Conversation # SW2657

SPEAKER A So, I, I can see the advantage to that one. The Peace Corps itself is really a, uh, dying out, isn't it?

- SPEAKER B I really don't know that much about it, you know, I, I, I think of the Peace Corps, you know, more like the sixties and that kind of stuff when,
- SPEAKER A It's still in existence.
- SPEAKER B Yeah. And don't they go into other countries and stuff?
- SPEAKER A I want to believe they go into other countries and teach them how to do things like farm,
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A uh, dig their own wells, set up,
- SPEAKER B Things that make the, yeah.
- Speaker A their schools.

46 Conversation # SW2658

- SPEAKER B So, well, actually some things are pretty good with that because I put it on a gold credit card and I just called the credit card company and explained to them the situation, and they said, well, you don't have to pay for it yet.
- SPEAKER A Now that's an advantage, <u>isn't it?</u>
- Speaker B Yes.

SPEAKER A It really is. I think, uh, uh, there's a lot not to be said for credit but that's one thing to be said for credit.

47 Conversation # SW2661

SPEAKER A I know the feeling. We do the same thing. My son-in-law is a Texan, and when he goes to Maine, he eats lobster, I guess, at least twice a day, all the time he's up there.

SPEAKER B It's a lot cheaper there, <u>isn't it?</u> Lobster?

- SPEAKER A Oh, yeah, yeah. It's like –
- SPEAKER B It's like shrimp on the Gulf.
- SPEAKER A two ninety-eight a pound for a pound lobster.
- SPEAKER B Two ninety-eight a pound.
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B That's as cheap as steaks some places –
- SPEAKER A Oh yeah, cheaper, right.
- Speaker B I mean in a grocery store.

SPEAKER A Right, yeah. A lot of the restaurants you can get two pou-, two one pound lobsters for like ten ninety-nine.

SPEAKER B Oh, my gosh. I've got to go to Maine then.

48 Conversation # SW2667

- SPEAKER A And then just in general, I sleep a lot better –
- SPEAKER B Yeah, that's right.
- SPEAKER A and I just feel much better. I mean, I've been kind of dragging the last few weeks, and I know if I would just get around to exercising –
- Speaker B Exactly –
- Speaker A I'd feel better.
- SPEAKER B it does, it gives you energy.
- SPEAKER A But my dragginess is my excuse for not exercising.
- Speaker B Yeah.
- SPEAKER A Well, I'm too tired, or I have a headache or,
- Speaker B ...
- SPEAKER A well, I just got over the flu, and I'm still kind of draggy so I better not go.
- SPEAKER B It's kind of a vicious circle isn't it?
- SPEAKER A Yeah, it really is.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, I find, too, that I have more energy when I exercise, and, you know, it's silly not to, but, I don't know, it's just a put off.

49 Conversation # SW2669

SPEAKER A Yeah. Though we call it the English system, but I'm not sure what they do in England now. They're, they're on metric, aren't they?

SPEAKER B Yeah, for the most part, I think so.

SPEAKER A Yeah, except they've got a, now, okay, we run into some problems once, I remember, they've got a nut and bolts system called Wentworth. And this thing was, was even different than, you know, SAE standards and stuff.

- SPEAKER B Well, I work for TI too.
- Speaker A You do?
- SPEAKER B And I think they're getting ready to, to probably sell us out, our division.
- SPEAKER A Where are you?
- SPEAKER B In Johnson City, Tennessee.
- Speaker A Johnson City, uh-huh. I –
- SPEAKER B Yeah.
- SPEAKER A know they're selling out somebody in Colorado Springs.
- SPEAKER B Yeah. They just, they just announced that, didn't they?
- Speaker A Yeah.

51 Conversation # SW2716

- SPEAKER A And in England, at least at the time when I was familiar with it, about ten years ago, they just told you what day you had to show up and where you had to show up and who your doctor was going to be.
- SPEAKER B Oh, you so didn't get any choices at all?
- SPEAKER A No, no. I mean that.
- SPEAKER B Oh, that's a problem.
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, because I know, I know even among, even now, the way we have it now, there are still.
- SPEAKER A It's getting worse, <u>isn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER B Yeah, I mean like we have,
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B an HMO allows us to pick our own physicians.
- SPEAKER A Right, right.

52 Conversation # SW2734

SPEAKER A What's the, uh, in Texas law has a, uh, what does it have, it has a death penalty <u>doesn't it?</u> SPEAKER B Oh, yes, yeah. They just, uh, started it again, too just late, or, within the past few years. You know for quite some time, just about every one of the states had given up the death penalty.

SPEAKER A But now it's coming back into favor.

Speaker B Uh, yes.

53 Conversation # SW2755

SPEAKER B With a teaching background I've, um, had a little bit of experience with the child day care type situations but I've seen some good ones and I've seen some really bad ones.

SPEAKER A Uh, they do seem to be at the outside edge of both extremes don't they?

SPEAKER B Uh-huh, and everything in between, yeah, in most states there's nothing to regulate them,

SPEAKER A And,

SPEAKER B and so,

SPEAKER A whenever they are they seem to regulate the good toward the bad instead of bad toward the good.

SPEAKER B Right. By trying to get them to conform to concern standards they, uh, kind of, uh, eliminate a lot of the, uh,

SPEAKER A Better situations.

- SPEAKER A I went to Disneyland about five times,
- Speaker B Oh.
- SPEAKER A in one year and I really have no great urge to go back now.
- SPEAKER B That's great as a kid though, isn't it, I mean,
- SPEAKER A Oh, it was great, because, uh, well, the times that were really fun were when, uh, we had vacation but the kids in Los Angeles didn't –
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A so we basically had one of the parks.
- Speaker B Right.

55 Conversation # SW2761

SPEAKER A Well, I don't know, uh, I, I have a hard time getting, uh, people on the telephone.

- SPEAKER B Oh really.
- SPEAKER A Uh-huh, getting through to anybody. Sometimes I call off and on all day,
- Speaker B Huh.
- SPEAKER A but anyway, uh, I guess we're supposed to be talking about family reunions aren't we.
- Speaker B .
- Speaker A But I got off that.
- SPEAKER B Well we've kind of exhausted everything I guess.

56 Conversation # SW2766

- SPEAKER A Well, you realize why we were in the Middle East. Why we invaded Iraq, why we were -
- SPEAKER B Well, with the,
- SPEAKER A in Saudi, why we attacked Kuwait and we we're, why we are still fighting Iraq.
- SPEAKER B Well, it's because of oil <u>isn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER A No. I really believe it's because, I think it has something to do with oil, don't get me wrong.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A But Saddam is, Saddam is a madman.
- SPEAKER B Oh, yeah. I agree with that.

57 Conversation # SW2772

SPEAKER A Well, my wife's originally from Virginia and we lived there for about nine months and that was a real change for me.

SPEAKER B Oh, I imagine. Virginia, I imagine, gets real humid, doesn't it?

SPEAKER A Um, parts do. We, we're over in the western edge in the mountains.

Speaker B Oh.

58 Conversation # SW2774

SPEAKER B Oh, yes we have brick on the outside and, uh, the colors that were there changed the, and the colors that we painted changed the entire look of the house.

Speaker A Huh-uh.

SPEAKER B Completely.

SPEAKER A That's neat isn't it.

SPEAKER B Yeah. That was really exciting. It was fun.

59 Conversation # SW2806

SPEAKER B Well I have, uh, these, well I don't know if they consider themselves animals anymore.

Speaker A

SPEAKER B They actually, you know, sort of take over the place an, and we're kind of their pets.

SPEAKER A Pets get like that don't they, they think they own you.

60 Conversation # SW2826

SPEAKER A And there's so much, so, so many people on the lower end of those who, who are going to be the, the drop outs and the,

- SPEAKER B And you worry when,
- SPEAKER A and the poor and the homeless and whatnot,
- SPEAKER B you know these the sex and drugs on the young children and the unborn children,
- SPEAKER A Yeah, that's just another,
- SPEAKER B uh, in terms of what it's going to mean to a society,

Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B in the future it's a some ways it's rather frightening,

- SPEAKER A It really is it's just, it just is almost overwhelming sometimes when you think,
- SPEAKER B It certainly is.
- SPEAKER A of, of the jobs that is out there to be done,
- SPEAKER B Well, it sure is.
- SPEAKER A in order to flip things back around the way they needed to be,
- Speaker B It sure is.
- SPEAKER A Uh, not that I really think that they were perfect ten, twenty, or thirty years ago, but,
- SPEAKER B It was a little easier though <u>wasn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER A Uh, yeah, just the volume makes a big difference,
- Speaker B Yes.

61 Conversation # SW2827

- SPEAKER A Some different hints, you know, and the different thi-, the different kinds of frostings you can make, you know, and I have a book an it, and, you know, all of the different, you know, decorating tips an things like that.
- SPEAKER B Yeah.

Speaker A So.

- SPEAKER B Well, most frostings are sort of butter cream to aren't they.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, yeah.
- SPEAKER B Those are, those kill me it's like, it's like I'm eating sugar, but they're good sugar.
- Speaker A Well, yeah.

62 Conversation # SW2837

SPEAKER A Well, gosh, [NAME], we could talk all day <u>couldn't we</u>.

SPEAKER B Uh, the, Michael Jordan's on Chicago Bulls isn't he.

Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B What, did he get hurt last night or,

SPEAKER A No, I don't think so because, uh, I saw just a little bit of the game today and he was out there playing.

Speaker B Oh, okay.

64 Conversation # SW2877

SPEAKER B Joey, on the other hand is a little different. He has to go out whenever, uh, we ask him and when he, when we ask him, he, uh, he barks. He'll either bark for food, or he'll bark to go out and he'll tell you which one he wants. He's been through obedience school.

SPEAKER A Well he just can, well he has been trained and you've ke, you've kept u-, it up, <u>haven't you</u>. SPEAKER B Oh, definitely.

65 Conversation # SW2883

SPEAKER B Uh, not very often. I usually, uh, the ones we use is like Visa and we always try to pay it back at the end of the month.

- Speaker A Huh-uh.
- SPEAKER B I have, uh, uh,
- SPEAKER A So it doesn't get, uh, uh, the credit, uh,
- SPEAKER B Right.

SPEAKER A the interest rate is so high that you're really, if you're going to use credit cards you need to use that policy, I think, don't you?

Speaker B Yeah.

- SPEAKER A Otherwise, you end up paying so much more for your merchandise that it's hardly,
- SPEAKER B That's right.

SPEAKER A uh, it's not a very good idea.

66 Conversation # SW2889

- SPEAKER A Uh, we bought it at an, unfinished, uh, furniture place –
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A and sanded it down and, uh, stained it and then lacquered over it.
- SPEAKER B Pretty time consuming, <u>isn't it?</u>
- Speaker A Oh, yeah.
- SPEAKER B But, it's g-, it's nice to have it when you're done, I mean, looks pretty.
- SPEAKER A Uh-huh, sure is.
- SPEAKER B So, I've done that once but it didn't come out that well.

67 Conversation # SW2898

SPEAKER A Yeah, yeah, I'm in the facilities there, down here in Dallas.

- SPEAKER B Yeah, I guess football is the big sport down here, <u>isn't it.</u>
- SPEAKER A Uh, certainly high school football, and college football, but again high school football is just so much fun to watch, because, uh, you know, not everybody plays of course, but they're still, it's good and it's still, you know the kids, and there's –

SPEAKER B Yeah.

SPEAKER A – absolutely no money involved whatsoever, and you know they're going to class, you know.

68 Conversation # SW2910

- SPEAKER B So I subscribe to the SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS.
- SPEAKER A Is that pretty good?
- SPEAKER B Palo Alto is about midway between. Well it's a whole lot better than that San Francisco paper and,
- SPEAKER A Oh the, what is that, the CHRONICLE isn't it?
- SPEAKER B Yeah, there's the CHRONICLE,
- Speaker A Oh.
- SPEAKER B and the EXAMINER, but they're, uh, both run by the same peo-,
- SPEAKER A Oh yeah, they ju-, they really are probably the worse papers I've ever read. I, uh, uh,
- SPEAKER B They're just horrid –
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B so we read,
- SPEAKER A Well, can you get the LA paper up there? That's a pretty decent paper isn't it or,
- SPEAKER B Uh, we can, but I don't like it.
- Speaker A Yeah.

69 Conversation # SW2913

- SPEAKER A So I know that they die, but I haven't told my husband. We've both been wanting to see it.
- SPEAKER B It was, I, I, it was, it was weird. It was a different movie from anything I've ever seen.
- SPEAKER A MUMBLEx well we was, uh, teasing, about, you know, splitting our house down the middle. SPEAKER B Yeah.

SPEAKER B Yea

SPEAKER A They did that didn't they and they marked off routes that they could go or something.

70 Conversation # SW2926

- SPEAKER A Well, Mark Spitz made a lot of money on it.
- SPEAKER B That's true, that's true, but you know they still,
- SPEAKER A And he di, and he came back this year, didn't he, but he didn't make it.
- SPEAKER B He didn't make it, no.
- Speaker A No.

71 Conversation # SW2938

- SPEAKER A Well, all right, North Carolina. That's up there by Kentucky, isn't it?
- SPEAKER B Kentucky?
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B Uh, North Carolina is all the way on the east coast.
- Speaker A Okay.
- SPEAKER B It's further west than Georgia, it's, uh, right below Virginia.
- SPEAKER A Okay. Well, Kentucky's next to Virginia, I'm pretty sure. Well, I'm from Kentucky, I should know but,

Speaker B ..

SPEAKER A I don't, I'm sorry.

[...]

SPEAKER B Yeah. Well, one thing I miss is, uh, is the people from Texas, are, are, you know, I miss their morals, their values and everything. It's, uh,

SPEAKER A Yeah, we're down here at the Bible belt, <u>aren't we?</u> Uh, I wasn't saved until I got down here, and people down here are just, there's so many Christians, and it's so different from Kentucky but,

Speaker B Uh-huh.

[...]

- SPEAKER A But I enjoy it. I talked to people from, well, C-, what, Carolina now –
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A up in, uh, Boston, and New York, well Boston is New York, isn't it? No.
- SPEAKER B Uh, no, Boston's above.
- SPEAKER A Boston, Massachusetts.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh.

72 Conversation # SW2944

SPEAKER B Because, um, in our case, one is at the state and the other one is at the federal level. Because you have to de, because you have to deal with the IN, yeah, because you have to deal with the, uh, imi-, immigration service.

SPEAKER A Oh, I see, oh the state doesn't require it. Well that's kind of, that's rather, that's rather unusual, <u>isn't it.</u>

SPEAKER B Yeah it is, it's, uh, the whole thing is, I mean there's, again there's no consistency.

73 Conversation # SW2945

SPEAKER B Um, uh, I'm in Dallas, Texas.

- Speaker A In Dallas, oh.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, so, uh, I'm, I've lived here like eight years or so, my wife's from Fort Worth.
- Speaker A Oh, yea-.
- SPEAKER B But, yeah, I work for Texas Instruments.
- Speaker A Okay, oh, so that explains.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, that explains it doesn't it.

74 Conversation # SW2950

SPEAKER B – it is very warm here, which is typical for this part of the, time of the year.

- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B How about Pennsyl-,
- SPEAKER A I think you are, I think you are earlier than we are, as a rule, <u>aren't you?</u> Your, your, your s-, growing Summer starts a lot earlier than ours.
- SPEAKER B It starts in, uh, March as a rule.
- SPEAKER A Uh-huh. See that is quite a bit, we are just beginning. People are, have got their gardens in, a lot of them now. We could still have a frost.
- SPEAKER B Really, this late?
- Speaker A Uh-huh.

SPEAKER A It is about a lot of men, you know, all right, going through divorces. The judge will usually, uh, give custody to the mother ninety-seven percent of the time. Because they go through the female.

SPEAKER B Yeah. Well, we learned –

Speaker A Uh,

SPEAKER B – from KRAMER VERSUS KRAMER, didn't we?.

- SPEAKER A Yeah. Something like that. But it does seem, you know,
- SPEAKER B It seems unfair.

SPEAKER A Yeah. It really does.

76 Conversation # SW2960

- SPEAKER B I have four children.
- SPEAKER A Oh, goodness.
- Speaker B ...
- Speaker A I have got two.
- Speaker B Well,
- SPEAKER A That is about all I want.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, it keeps you busy, <u>doesn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER A Yeah, they do. They are still babies.

77 Conversation # SW2967

SPEAKER B Sort of interesting, so. Well, I guess we have talked probably our l-, time limit, <u>haven't we?</u> SPEAKER A Oh, yeah.

SPEAKER B Okay.

78 Conversation # SW2968

SPEAKER A Well, I know at TI they have most of the stuff on the printout, <u>don't they?</u> I mean, on the computer where you can read the daily –

- Speaker B Oh,
- Speaker A news?
- SPEAKER B yeah. I do, every time I come in, uh, I will punch up, but they call it T News and all that.
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B And I, I do get, uh, it gets a little bit of everything. Even the, the last page, is, uh, is sport, uh, listings and, and different things. Uh, and world news,
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- Speaker B you know, about,
- SPEAKER A Yeah. When I wor-,
- SPEAKER B you can read it in one minute, you know.
- SPEAKER A Huh. When I worked at TI, I read that more than I read the regular newspaper.
- Speaker B Uh-huh.

79 Conversation # SW2993

SPEAKER A So, I don't know, do you have any particular things that, that are priorities on your list. SPEAKER B Well, it's, I didn't really need power windows, but it has power, you know, windows – Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B – and steering and air conditioning, and, and uh.

SPEAKER A I guess down here air conditioning's a must, isn't it.

SPEAKER B Uh-huh, oh, yeah. It has a stereo and a cassette player –

Speaker A Uh-huh.

SPEAKER B – and, um, he's told me it gets forty-two miles to the gallon.

80 Conversation # SW3003

SPEAKER A So, I'm, I'm, uh, I'm, I'm hoping we that we can work something out here. We've got other bills that kind of pre, precede, or preclu, preclude us buying,

SPEAKER B Know how that goes.

SPEAKER A something, buying something else.

SPEAKER B It's the pits, isn't it?.

SPEAKER A It really is and, you know, and you can't, uh, you can't afford, you know, a, a car payment now. It just,

SPEAKER B That's right.

SPEAKER A will wipe you out every month, it's almost getting to be like the house payment, you know.

81 Conversation # SW3007

SPEAKER B You know how they came up with the retriever, don't you, the Golden?

Speaker A Huh-uh.

SPEAKER B It was bred out of several different retrievers, and they bred it for companionship and, uh, uh, disposition and, and ability to hunt. It was kept only by kings.

Speaker A Oh.

82 Conversation # SW3013

SPEAKER A You can buy a fairly cheap piece of meat that way and then people think they're eating steak or something.

SPEAKER B Yeah, yeah. And these days that helps, doesn't it?

Speaker A Yeah, yeah.

Speaker B Yeah.

SPEAKER A It really does.

SPEAKER B I know what you mean.

83 Conversation # SW3014

SPEAKER B And I'd like to have a compact disc player in the car. That would be,

- SPEAKER A Those are nice, aren't they?
- SPEAKER B something that I would really like.
- SPEAKER A Yes, those are nice.
- SPEAKER B Those compact discs,
- Speaker A Uh-huh.

SPEAKER B really are good for cars because they don't melt, they don't warp.

Speaker A Uh-huh.

SPEAKER B You know, there's nothing in there that can wrap around the, the, uh, rollers or anything. It seems like a really good answer to portable music,

Speaker A Huh.

SPEAKER B that you can choose.

84 Conversation # SW3020

- SPEAKER B All for a thousand dollars?
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B Wow! That really surprises me.
- SPEAKER A Around a thousand.
- SPEAKER B I guess I relate it to, to Japan where things are very expensive, aren't they?
- SPEAKER A Oh, Japa-, Japan's ridiculous.
- SPEAKER B Yeah. Yeah.

85 Conversation # SW3042

SPEAKER B We have had so much rain for May and June that we've got all the, uh, weather people down here really confused.

- Speaker A Oh, my.
- Speaker B Uh, we, it's probably, it, it's just,
- SPEAKER A It's usually dry down there, isn't it?
- SPEAKER B Yeah. Right now, by now it's usually, no, you know, it's quit raining, you know, by at least a month.
- Speaker A Uh-huh.

86 Conversation # SW3134

SPEAKER B But from talking to people in other districts there are some major problems, uh, with dropouts. Uh, when I was in Minnesota last summer –

Speaker A Uh-huh.

- SPEAKER B there was a teacher who said that, uh, on a given day she didn't know how many of her students would show up and sometimes they didn't even show up for class and she taught in high school in inner city, uh, Minneapolis.
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B And, uh, they just didn't come to school.
- SPEAKER A That's really sad <u>isn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER B And I can not imagine being able to do much of anything when they don't even come to school.

Speaker A Right.

87 Conversation # SW3136

SPEAKER B And, and they're big and MUMBLEx they're real full and everything, you know, in the summer time but it, it's killing everything underneath –

- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B where the leaves are shading the tree but toward the end of the summer, you know, when everything starts dying off and whatnot and then the light can get through the tree, then the grass starts growing. But, by then it's so late then the winter comes and it stops. You know, it's, it's –

SPEAKER A Right.

SPEAKER B – it's a never ending cycle.

SPEAKER A It's a vicious cycle, SPEAKER B ... SPEAKER A <u>isn't it?</u> SPEAKER B Yeah, it really is.

88 Conversation # SW3138

SPEAKER B And you sprinkle, uh, that, those, uh, toasted onion rings.

- SPEAKER A Oh, yeah. Those are good aren't they?
- Speaker B On top of it for the crunchy.
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B And that's it, you know.
- Speaker A Um.
- SPEAKER B And it, it, it goes -
- SPEAKER A That sounds good.
- SPEAKER B and it's filling because of the rice.

89 Conversation # SW3148

SPEAKER B Well, we've got a problem on the line, <u>don't we</u>.

SPEAKER A Yeah. I, I get that sometimes, um, my line gets some static. I don't know why.

Speaker B Uh-huh.

90 Conversation # SW3152

SPEAKER A Oh gosh. Well actually, I used to play in the Richardson Symphony, I played violin in the orchestra for several years –

- SPEAKER B Oh really?
- SPEAKER A you know, yeah. So,
- SPEAKER B It is a small world isn't it?
- SPEAKER A Yeah, small world. So, I, uh, I know [NAME].

91 Conversation # SW3155

Speaker B $\,$ Uh, we saw, I have two little babies and we saw one movie recently and that was THE TERMINATOR –

- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B movie, uh, which I didn't like after all.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, now I ha, I haven't seen THE TERMINATOR movie, but, and that's kind of blood and guts, <u>isn't it</u>. I don't particularly care for that sort of stuff.
- SPEAKER B Well, I don't either. It, on all the, the advertisements Arnold Schwarzenegger says he doesn't kill anybody in the movie. He doesn't. He mains them.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, right.
- Speaker B So,
- SPEAKER A Yeah, he maims them pretty good, <u>doesn't he?</u>
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh. He, he, uh, I think he shoots off their knee caps for the most part.
- Speaker A Yeah.

[...]

SPEAKER B Well, they just had –

SPEAKER A But,

SPEAKER B - uh, THE RESCUERS movie -

Speaker A Uh-huh.

SPEAKER B – that was a Disney movie, <u>wasn't it.</u> I think I heard that was just one, was just out. He's, uh, he doesn't sit still for the whole movie, yet, but –

Speaker A Right.

SPEAKER B – he likes to, uh, to listen to the music and stuff if there's a lot of that in the m-, in the movie.

92 Conversation # SW3158

SPEAKER B I don't know that I could even think about quilting. You have to have a pretty good frame, don't you, to –

Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B – do any kind of quilting work?

SPEAKER A Yeah. Uh, I've not really done any, too much challenging, uh, stuff. I, I can do it with a, a needle and thread –

Speaker B Uh-huh.

SPEAKER A – you know, but, uh, and get about five small stitches in, which is pretty good, but it's very long.

Speaker B Uh-huh.

- SPEAKER A It's very tedious if you do n't have a whole group, you're not finishing a quilt in a long time.
- SPEAKER B Oh, I bet.

93 Conversation # SW3161

SPEAKER A The AIDS issue is, is a bit of a problem. I guess the first thing that comes to my mind not having any immediate friends with that problem, is, is the financial end. And how can a country stand to, uh, spend as much or much more than they already are on such a problem, uh, but, then that kind of thinking is also tempered with the, the knowledge, or at least the, the rumor, I'm not really sure if it's true or not, that, uh, we're not spending as much per, let's say, afflicted person on cancer. Uh, there's some, uh, take breast cancer, for instance. It seems to be doing much more damage and affecting much more pe-, many more people than AIDS. And yet, uh, more people die of it, and yet the funding has already, uh, exceeded, AIDS has more money than, uh, breast cancer.

SPEAKER B Than, well, that's interesting, isn't it, yeah.

94 Conversation # SW3167

SPEAKER A Right. And it's something good to have on hand, too. It's frozen -

- Speaker B Yes.
- Speaker A in the first -
- Speaker B Yes.
- Speaker A place, right?
- Speaker B Yes.
- SPEAKER A So, you can, uh, it is frozen, isn't it?
- Speaker B Yes, it is frozen.
- SPEAKER A And then you can re freeze.
- SPEAKER B And I thaw it and then you can re freeze it.

SPEAKER A It would be fun just to win one, wouldn't it?

SPEAKER B Yes, I would go for that.

SPEAKER A That would be great.

96 Conversation # SW3200

SPEAKER A But do you sort of self budget even, I mean, you wouldn't like on payday think, boy, I can go do this and that and this and that. You kind of think this is got to str,

Speaker B No.

SPEAKER A you kind of divide it in fourths in a way, don't you?

SPEAKER B No. Because if you charge things, uh, you pay all your bills at the beginning of the month,

SPEAKER A Right.

SPEAKER B when you get paid, or you get paid the last day or next to the last day.

Speaker A Right.

97 Conversation # SW3203

SPEAKER B And I would imagine that you have found that the homes down here are, uh, a much better value down here,

SPEAKER A Yes, and they're much,

SPEAKER B aren't they, than they are,

Speaker A much better constructed down south than they are up north too.

SPEAKER B Oh, really?

98 Conversation # SW3225

SPEAKER B Yeah, it's just, it's so easy nowadays, you know, and it's, uh, especially when people are working just to come home and pop something into the microwave and it be ready in just a few minutes.

SPEAKER A MUMBLEx, yes, and that's what we all are looking for, <u>isn't it</u>, something that we can just cook in a hurry after we get off work.

SPEAKER B Yeah.

99 Conversation # SW3238

SPEAKER A I personally, I'm a stay home mom, and I like it the way it used to be.

Speaker B So am I.

Speaker A Are you,

SPEAKER B You know, I think it's kind of coming back around to that, <u>don't you</u>, I mean, that there's a lot more people that stay home now than before, but I guess more than anything I think maybe people

were just kind of wanting to have the choice of what they could do, you know – SPEAKER A Yeah.

100 Conversation # SW3245

SPEAKER B I have four girls –

Speaker A Oh.

SPEAKER B – they're nine and five and three and a newborn.

- SPEAKER A Oh, my, you are busy –
- Speaker B Yes,
- SPEAKER A and they're all girls, I have two girls, so, all girls around here.
- SPEAKER B Girls are nice, aren't they?
- SPEAKER A Yes, uh, really sweet.

- SPEAKER A Yes, do you have children?
- SPEAKER B Uh, we have four, but most of them are gone now –
- Speaker A Uh.
- SPEAKER B so there, there might be, but we were taking, you know, uh, four, five and six people out.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, that makes a difference, <u>doesn't it</u>.
- Speaker B Yes.

102 Conversation # SW3284

SPEAKER A Well, uh, and that's an idea that's been around for, kicked around for a long time. I don't know that it's ever been seriously considered, uh, as far as close to passing, uh, any legislation or anything like that. But, uh, I believe Israel does that, don't they for their,

- SPEAKER B Uh, yes, I think so. Uh,
- SPEAKER A Wel-, everybody has to do, has to do something.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, I don't kn,
- SPEAKER A Or maybe, maybe theirs is, in fact, one year of military service for everyone. But, uh,
- SPEAKER B Yeah, I believe that's right.
- Speaker A Okay.

103 Conversation # SW3309

- Speaker A Our taxes went up tremendously.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, we have got it on the line, <u>don't we.</u>
- Speaker A Yes.
- SPEAKER B And it's not going to get any better. D-, you know, I mean, it's going up and up and up.

104 Conversation # SW3311

- SPEAKER B Where in Arizona?
- Speaker A Uh, Tempe.
- SPEAKER B Okay, I've never been to Tempe.
- Speaker A So,
- SPEAKER B That's where I'd like to go. What do you like about Tempe?
- SPEAKER A Uh, mainly just being with family is it. We just hang out and my grandparents have a pool so we go swimming and, uh,
- SPEAKER B Pretty hot isn't it, in the summer?
- SPEAKER A Yeah but we keep cool just by going swimming and it's fun to be with my cousins.

105 Conversation # SW3320

SPEAKER A We're supposed to talk about crime in the city.

SPEAKER B Uh-huh.

SPEAKER A And, uh, seems like all big cities have plenty of that nowadays, doesn't it?

SPEAKER B Well, uh, I, that's, sure. Uh, I, I think it's s-, st-, statistics, obviously, vary greatly. I always thought of Dallas as being a fairly safe place.

SPEAKER A Well, it is, but our crimes up here, uh, as I think it must be in most cities now, but, uh, I was listening to the news the other day and they said they thought a lot of it, the reason it was up so was because of the, uh, so many people are without work nowadays, economy's so bad.

SPEAKER B Do you really believe that? I mean, it, it's been up every year for many years and the economy hasn't been,

Speaker A ...

SPEAKER B this bad for so long, has it?

SPEAKER A That's a good point.

106 Conversation # SW3327

SPEAKER B Yeah. There's, a-, although I'll tell you, you know, over the years the cars get more complicated.

SPEAKER A Well, that's why I don't do as much as I'd like.

- SPEAKER B Right, yeah.
- SPEAKER A Because they are, I mean they've got, they've gotten complicated haven't they?
- Speaker B Yes.

[...]

SPEAKER B Yes, I understand. My last car repair actually had to do with brakes and it's one I did not do myself. I took the car, my, I have a seventy-nine El Dorado, took it to be inspected –

- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B and the parking brake failed. So I got under there and messed with the, the ten-, that, uh, that adjustment -

Speaker A Uh-huh.

- SPEAKER B to make, to t, tighten it up and –
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B that didn't do the trick and then I got there and tried to,
- SPEAKER A It probably slipped loose, <u>didn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER B Well, actually that wasn't even eventually the problem.

[...]

- SPEAKER B Yeah, but, I, it got to the point where I didn't know what was going on so,
- SPEAKER A You had to have the help, didn't you?
- SPEAKER B That's right, that's right.
- Speaker A Yeah.

107 Conversation # SW3328

SPEAKER A Yeah, they just raised our taxes up here about a year ago.

- SPEAKER B Well, they've, uh, statewide raises, they raise ours it seems like constantly. We just, uh, passed a new one, uh, fortunately or unfortunately it doesn't go into effect because we did not get the United Airlines.
- SPEAKER A Oh, right Indianapolis got that, didn't they?
- SPEAKER B Right.

SPEAKER A I reluctantly gave that career up and am just substituting at the school, so I've been librarian all this week, which has been real interesting, and I'm enjoying it. I'm around my kids and,
SPEAKER B That's pretty easy substituting <u>isn't it?</u>
SPEAKER A Oh yeah, yeah,

109 Conversation # SW3361

SPEAKER B I think it's very hard for her, um, to be waited upon, so to speak, I mean, I think it's hard for her to have that role of not being able to do as much as she used to.

SPEAKER A It's hard to accept the fact that you're unable to pursue life, at the level that you did before, isn't it?

SPEAKER B Yeah, I think that's very true.

SPEAKER A Yeah.

110 Conversation # SW3373

SPEAKER A like, my husband is really crazy about EVENING SHADE that comes on, on Monday evening.

- SPEAKER B I have heard that's real good.
- SPEAKER A And I,
- SPEAKER B That's,
- Speaker A uh,
- SPEAKER B Burt Reynolds, isn't it?
- Speaker A Uh-huh.

SPEAKER B Yeah, I've heard that.

111 Conversation # SW3383

- SPEAKER A But just, just little things. You know, one of the screws on, on the door regulat-, uh, window regulators you could get three of the, three of the four to lineup. The fourth one you couldn't get to lineup no matter what you did.
- Speaker B Oh,
- SPEAKER A You know, thin-,
- SPEAKER B I bet that was frustrating, wasn't it?
- SPEAKER A Oh, it was but,
- Speaker B ...
- SPEAKER A the end result is after you put your, your panels on, nobody sees that you got one screw missing in your, your window regulator anyway and,
- SPEAKER B Right, right.
- Speaker A it, it runs.

112 Conversation # SW3389

SPEAKER A But then down here I li-, MUMBLEx is pretty close to New Orleans and I've been keeping up with the Saints a lot.

SPEAKER B Well, they are exciting, aren't they?

SPEAKER A Yeah, the Saints are starting to impress me this year, you know, a lot.

SPEAKER B Boy, they are, they are just a fun team to watch.

SPEAKER A Well, I don't think, uh, let's see, the Ninety-Eight, now that's got that big V eight engine in it, doesn't it, doesn't it?

SPEAKER B Well I don't know. The one we have has a six.

SPEAKER A Has a little V Six?

SPEAKER B Uh-huh.

Speaker A Okay.

114 Conversation # SW3414

SPEAKER A I know that we, uh, they ask us to bundle our newspapers, and we do that, and we recycle our aluminum pop cans and stuff.

Speaker B I see.

SPEAKER A But now Plano has quite an elaborate system, don't they?

SPEAKER B Yeah, they do.

115 Conversation # SW3421

SPEAKER B I generally don't get into movies that much, but I saw that one, and then before that one, I saw, um, oh, NAKED GUN TWO AND A HALF.

SPEAKER A Oh, that was funny, wasn't it.

SPEAKER B Yeah, did you, have you seen that one?

- SPEAKER A Yes, and, and, and the regular NAKED GUN and AIRPORT and, you know.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, it's exactly like AIRPLANE –

Speaker A Yes.

SPEAKER B – wasn't it. But it was silly.

SPEAKER A Right. So, now these are for two very different movies. One, one, uh, absolutely slapstick comedy and one clearly, you know, serious subject.

SPEAKER B Yeah, yeah.

116 Conversation # SW3435

- SPEAKER B Okay. So are you a, a, a golfer or are you a spectator?
- SPEAKER A Oh, I'm a, I play golf but I don't actually play golf.
- Speaker B Well, I'm the same way. I,
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B I go out there and hit the ball.
- SPEAKER A Hack it all over the place?
- Speaker B Yeah.
- SPEAKER A It's sickening, isn't it?

117 Conversation # SW3443

SPEAKER B I have a girlfriend that every time her son starts taking things for granted she threatens to send him to Mexico with her relatives and let him get a taste of that for a while.

SPEAKER A Oh. Well that would be an eye opener, wouldn't it?

SPEAKER B Wouldn't it though?

SPEAKER A I mean right next to us is such a pitiful country.

SPEAKER B Uh-huh, it is.

118 Conversation # SW3449

SPEAKER A Well, I hate to say it, but, I, I'm tending to go straight back into my original democratic party.

- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- Speaker A Uh,
- SPEAKER B Texas, Texas used to be a democratic state, <u>didn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER A Oh, I know, it used to, right. Well, you don't want too many democrats anymore and for a while I kind of deserted the party, but now it's looking better to me.
- SPEAKER B I like your governor.

119 Conversation # SW3451

SPEAKER B Yeah, because this is First United Methodist in Garland –

- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B that he goes to and I'm real happy with that.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, it's a pretty good size church, too, isn't it?
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- Speaker B Yeah.

120 Conversation # SW3467

- SPEAKER B Well, we used to watch a lot of DESIGNING WOMEN, but, uh -
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B I haven't seen that much lately.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, I've seen that.
- SPEAKER B Since they got rid of, uh, Delta Burke and, uh -
- SPEAKER A Was she the, was she the best one?
- Speaker B brought on the new ones.
- SPEAKER A Was she the best one on that old show?
- SPEAKER B Oh, she was just funny.
- Speaker A Really?
- SPEAKER B She was really funny. And her character was good. I don't know that it was her in particular
- SPEAKER A Right, right.
- SPEAKER B but just the character. So, uh,
- SPEAKER A Yeah, they had a big fight on that show, didn't they?
- SPEAKER B Yeah, yeah.
- SPEAKER A They were all accusing each other of everything in the world.
- SPEAKER B Oh, that was awful and who knows still, what ha, really happened, you know.

121 Conversation # SW3489

SPEAKER B I'm building our house right now and I'm going to incorporate into my, uh, garage area a weight activated, uh, crusher.

Speaker A Oh, okay.

SPEAKER B So when I drive the car in the, in the driveway in the afternoon, it, it will just drive it up on a ramp that actually puts me on top of the, the, uh, pressure side of a, uh, hydraulic cylinder.

- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B And the weight of the car will crush,
- Speaker A ...
- SPEAKER B what's ever in the disposer.
- Speaker A Oh.
- SPEAKER B Hope-, hopefully, it's not my wife.
- Speaker A ...
- Speaker B ...
- SPEAKER A Well, let's hope not. You can be, uh, get in trouble for that.
- SPEAKER B Well, I thought I'd, you know, I'd use it as a, an escapement type thing. I don't know if you're familiar with that operation, but, what you do is you just build up the pressure –
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B and then you go over and release it and then it just, it just drops, you know.
- SPEAKER A Well, it's quite similar to a hydraulic jack, <u>isn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER B Very similar, yeah.
- Speaker A Okay, okay.

122 Conversation # SW3495

- Speaker B It, it, it's -
- SPEAKER A It's not unique,
- SPEAKER B pretty bad here, too. We've had a lot of murders drug related and stuff.
- Speaker A Yes.
- SPEAKER B In Durham, which is right next to Raleigh.
- SPEAKER A Uh-huh. Well, now, we're pretty close to the golden triangle, aren't you?
- SPEAKER B Yeah, that, that Durham, Raleigh, and Chapel Hill is the triangle.
- SPEAKER A Right, research triangle –
- Speaker B Right.
- SPEAKER A and all of that. And, uh, I'm sure you have a lot of students there, uh, and a lot of researchers so you, you may have a, you know, perhaps a little better economic climate, but, in all your cities now, it seems like th-, there is a, a crowd that's really effected by this bill.

123 Conversation # SW3496

- SPEAKER B Oh, did you get to go to Hawaii?
- Speaker A Yes.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, we went there for our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. It's lovely, isn't it?
- SPEAKER A Yes. We went, uh, six months after we were married.
- Speaker B Uh-huh.

124 Conversation # SW3521

SPEAKER B You know. How, how about you? Uh, I guess in Washington, DC you guys have several papers that are pretty –

Speaker A Yes.

Speaker B – pretty effective –

- Speaker A A lot of them.
- Speaker B don't you?

SPEAKER A I, I rather like the WASHINGTON POST. SPEAKER B Yeah.

125 Conversation # SW3523

- SPEAKER B Oh, I guess the first thing has been the, uh, for the right, for women to vote. I think that has been a major change and also the fact that, uh, there are so mu-, many more women in the work force nowadays than there were and that's probably going to increase.
- SPEAKER A Right.
- Speaker B You know.
- SPEAKER A Increases each year, doesn't it?
- Speaker B I'm sorry?
- SPEAKER A It increases each year I think.
- SPEAKER B It sure does. Yeah, there is a lot more women in the work place nowadays.

126 Conversation # SW3525

- SPEAKER A They tell you what our topic was?
- SPEAKER B I think golf, isn't it?
- Speaker A Right.

127 Conversation # SW3526

- SPEAKER B And there is a little bitty mall that looks kind of like, or, strip kind of center.
- Speaker A In Richardson there.
- Speaker B Huh?
- SPEAKER A In Richardson?
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A I know where you mean. There is a Mobil and all that kind of s-, uh, on that one corner, that's about Lookout there, I think, isn't it.
- SPEAKER B Right, it's, it's just south of there.

128 Conversation # SW3527

- SPEAKER B And, uh, so you're basically paying, oh, and the sprinkler system that, that our yard doesn't have a sprinkler system, but the island does and, uh –
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B certain sharing areas have sprinkler systems and -
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B and so that way if someone moves out, the entire neighborhood is mowed and watered and that kind of thing, you know.
- Speaker A Um.
- Speaker B So,
- SPEAKER A But you knew when you moved in, you'd have to pay that, didn't you?
- SPEAKER B Well, it, it went up what we pay.
- Speaker A Oh.

- SPEAKER A Right, and this would be for the best for the nation overall. You're right, it's just a, I don't know. I guess that's where they stay in, uh, in, they try to stay in office. But they always please the money people too. They need money so much, because they're constantly having to run,
- Speaker B run,
- SPEAKER A for office again. And,
- SPEAKER B Maybe and then you think, well, if it was longer terms –
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B then they would never have to try to please the people at home.
- SPEAKER A That's true. Boy, it is a big problem, but I think most people are kind of depressed and cynical about government now, don't you?
- SPEAKER B I don't think that they, anyone has a lot of respect or faith in the government.
- SPEAKER A I know. It's really terrible. I mean, there was a time, I mean where, I remember when I was real young, I just loved Harry Truman. I thought he was great. Oh, you know, I had, some of them seemed like kind of, uh, heroic people.

130 Conversation # SW3543

SPEAKER A Yeah, but we don't seem to keep them long enough, and then they learn such bad things in jail. That isn't –

- SPEAKER B Yeah, well.
- Speaker A a place of rehabilitation.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, that's, that's for sure.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, it's a tough question, isn't it, on whether, at what point do they become so detrimental to society that society can't afford to keep them around to –
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- Speaker A keep giving them chances.

131 Conversation # SW3554

SPEAKER B Uh-huh. Although lately I have noticed, you know, even if I gain, like two pounds, I start, I start feeling it and,

SPEAKER A You feel it, don't you?

- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A It's amazing how, uh, how much, uh, it changes, and I weigh probably about the same I weighed for, oh, I do n't know how many years, but, uh, it's changed places.

[...]

- SPEAKER B Well, I'm in graduate school now. I, I, I kind of feel like I wish I could have gone back to undergraduate now.
- SPEAKER A It's a little different, uh –

Speaker B Yeah.

- Speaker A challenge, isn't it?
- SPEAKER B Yeah, it is.

132 Conversation # SW3565

- SPEAKER A Well, that was the first time I've ever wallpapered, and, uh,
- SPEAKER B Kind of fun, <u>isn't it.</u>
- SPEAKER A That's an education in itself.

SPEAKER B Really.

- SPEAKER A , uh, the dye lots, uh, must have been a little bit different from, first of all it takes quite a few rolls, even a small room, if you're trying to match a design.
- SPEAKER B Repeating patterns is what you have to check for –

Speaker A Yes.

SPEAKER B – when you, when you buy your paper.

133 Conversation # SW3569

SPEAKER B Right. It's, it's, it's, instead of reporting the news, it's more like an editorial, I believe –

- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B on a lot of issues.
- SPEAKER A I've noticed that too, and it's kind of distressing, isn't it?
- Speaker B Yeah.

SPEAKER A And they just, I've noticed that they do it just with subtle little words, uh, usually, uh, just that sway the whole, uh, report that, you know, by just a couple of words.

134 Conversation # SW3586

SPEAKER A I have, let's see, I have a dog, and a lot of fish. Keeping fish, I guess -

- SPEAKER B Keeping fish MUMBLEx.
- Speaker A is my biggest hobby.
- SPEAKER B Well, they're probably easier than keeping dogs, though, aren't they.
- SPEAKER A Um, yes and no. It depends on how frequently they die, and –
- Speaker B Oh, no.
- Speaker A $\;$ how much that bothers you.
 - [...]
- SPEAKER A It, and it's funny because the one I have, every single month without fail she has babies.

SPEAKER B You're kidding.

SPEAKER A Oh, no. All the time, and, um, I, and she's supposed to, her variety, it says they won't eat the babies, and I've seen her do it. So.

SPEAKER B And that just makes you sick almost, doesn't it?

SPEAKER A Oh, it's ter, well, it makes you understand that, you know, things are different.

135 Conversation # SW3591

SPEAKER B Well, my graduate work is in speech pathology, and, uh, so, so, uh, I've thought about this more than once, uh, you know, dealing with uh, you know, I'm concerned, we're going to have a geriatric, uh, population, in in twenty years it's going to be, you know, phenomenal.

SPEAKER A Yeah, almost thirty, all over thirty percent, isn't it.

SPEAKER B Yeah, yeah.

136 Conversation # SW3607

SPEAKER B We've been getting quite a bit, maybe not quite as bad as some of the folks down around San Antonio, but, uh, well, I'm right, Plano's just north of Dallas –

Speaker A Oh, okay.

SPEAKER B – and there are parts of downtown or near downtown Dallas that are under water right now, I guess, I saw on the news.

SPEAKER A Yeah. But you're probably, what, about halfway across the state from San Antonio, though, aren't you?

SPEAKER B Well, we're up, uh, we're north –

Speaker A Yeah.

SPEAKER B – and, uh, oh, about, uh, I don't know, uh, eighty to a hundred miles south of the Oklahoma line, I guess.

137 Conversation # SW3615

SPEAKER B Yeah, I don't watch very much of it at all, e-, to, to the extent that sometimes I feel almost embarrassed at work and stuff like that –

SPEAKER A Because they talk so much, isn't that the,

SPEAKER B – yeah, they talk about TV shows, and I, huh, you know, how can you watch that, you know

SPEAKER A You're kind of like, what are you talking about and, uh,

SPEAKER B – it's the best show on, I don't know.

SPEAKER A You feel like you're a little bit out of it, don't you.

138 Conversation # SW3663

SPEAKER A Yeah, we have, uh, in California, I'm in c, I lived in central California. We have rain couple times a year and other than that, you know, it would be maybe October and then in the spring and then other than that there wouldn't be any rain.

- Speaker B Especially –
- Speaker A So,
- ${\rm Speaker}~{\rm B}~~-{\rm the~last~few~years}.$
- Speaker A Yeah, yeah.
- SPEAKER B It's kind of, it's kind of been a drought out there hasn't it, uh,
- SPEAKER A Yeah, there has.
- [...]
- SPEAKER B Were you northern California?
- Speaker A I was central California.
- Speaker B Central.
- Speaker A Central valley.
- Speaker B So that was,
- SPEAKER A It's very dry there.
- SPEAKER B Dry, but pretty even climate, <u>wasn't it?</u>
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B Year round, fairly,
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B Not wide fluctuations.
- SPEAKER A Well, it's pretty hot in the summer. It's in the usually, you know, for a good three, four weeks we have over a hundred degrees.
- SPEAKER B But it's a drier,
- SPEAKER A But it's a dry heat, yeah.
- SPEAKER B Hundred, when you have a hundred here, everybody's dying.

139 Conversation # SW3665

SPEAKER B But, uh, and then there's a new sitcom on that is, Tim Allen's, uh, what is it, uh, HANDY-

MAN. That's not what, uh, HOME IMPROVEMENT.

- SPEAKER A Oh, we never miss that, or we try not to miss that.
- SPEAKER B It's hysterical, <u>isn't it?</u>
- SPEAKER A Oh, we think it is,
- Speaker B ...
- Speaker A so funny.

140 Conversation # SW3666

- SPEAKER B They're letting us have a lot of time on this –
- Speaker A Yeah, I mean –
- Speaker B aren't they?
- Speaker A isn't it supposed to be five minutes?
- SPEAKER B But that's because we didn't hit one for a long time.
- SPEAKER A We didn't disconnect, did we?
- SPEAKER B I hope not.
- Speaker A ...
- SPEAKER B Neither one of us –
- SPEAKER A Boy, I hate to think –
- SPEAKER B is getting paid for this.
- SPEAKER A I hate to think I'd be talking to you without getting paid.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, really, I know it. I can't believe this.

141 Conversation # SW3735

- SPEAKER A Yeah, I, in fact, I just bought a serger in December.
- SPEAKER B oh, I would love one of these.
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B Oh, that's neat.
- SPEAKER A I haven't done everything on it yet, you know, but just what little bit I have used it for, I really like it.
- SPEAKER B Oh, those are wonderful aren't they.
- SPEAKER A You know, especially making the seams and things like that you know, it's, it's got such a professional finish on them.
- SPEAKER B Oh, yeah, that, and that's what I hate doing is the finishing stuff.

142 Conversation # SW3747

- SPEAKER B Uh, Rick, uh, Bogarts played -
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B too so, but actually, I like trumpet and organ together. It is a nice combination.
- SPEAKER A Yeah. Richard Jung Julio recorded an album at the same time as MUMBLEx, didn't he?
- SPEAKER B Yeah, I think he did.
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B With Paul. Yeah. He is wonderful. Both of them are.
- [...]
- SPEAKER B In fact, we have, do you know [NAME]?
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B He plays at our Church a lot. In fact he is playing this Sunday at our Church. But he plays pretty regularly.

- SPEAKER A He is still teaching at [PLACE], isn't he?
- Uh, I think so. He teaches a lot in Plano at high schools Speaker B
- Speaker A Uh, yeah.
- Speaker B – and, I think he teaches at [PLACE].
- Speaker A Yeah, because I heard [NAME] taught at Plano as well.
- Speaker B Yeah, [NAME] teaches here too.
- Speaker A Uh-huh.

- Speaker A Have they put the cap on the interest rates?
- Speaker B No.
- Speaker A I didn't know if they actually did that or not. I know they were considering it.
- Speaker B Just the people who don't need credit get the four and a half percent. The rest of the, uh,
- and me, we have got to pay fourteen and eighteen percent.
- SPEAKER A Uh-huh. Yeah. ...
- Speaker B
- Speaker A Funny how that works, isn't it?
- Speaker B The, thou who doesn't need credit, gets cheap credit.

Conversation # SW3769 144

SPEAKER B Oh, because I have a twelve year old that would eat a happy meal every night, you know, and

- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- Speaker B - now's she's graduated to two cheeseburgers, so something's happened here, but, but, um, you know, McDonald's is definitely at the top of her list, and I hate these places.
- SPEAKER A Yeah. All the kids seem to love McDonald's don't they, you know.
- SPEAKER B Uh-huh, they do, and I do n't think there's an ounce of nutritional value in anything they have.

145Conversation # SW3773

- Speaker A It's tough -
- Speaker B Either,
- Speaker A - to find a five and six room, bedroom house, isn't it?
- Speaker B Oh, I don't think it's possible unless you, you know, multimillionaire, something like that.
- Speaker A Oh, I know.
- Speaker B Uh,
- SPEAKER A Seems like you get in that category, you're in the three hundred thousand dollar homes or whatever and it's -
- Speaker B Oh, yeah.
- Speaker A – that's an awful lot, you know.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, it is, yeah.

146Conversation # SW3784

- SPEAKER B Well, it's a social Speaker A Yeah.

- SPEAKER B disease that we have called one upsmanship, you know.
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B We're the majority, so we can do whatever the hell we want to do.
- SPEAKER A That's right.
- SPEAKER B And you're the minority and you're stuck with it.
- Speaker A Huh.
- SPEAKER B But, uh, you know, we had this in the Vietnam war, you know, we had, you know, population of blacks among military people in Vietnam was about eighty percent.
- Speaker A Right.
- SPEAKER B But the population of blacks in the military was about twenty-two percent.
- Speaker A Huh.
- SPEAKER B The handwriting's on the wall there, isn't it?
- SPEAKER A Yep, it sure is.

- SPEAKER B Uh, I never thought about someone robbing those, but, apparently, they do.
- SPEAKER A I don't know, uh, how a few bucks can be worth shooting somebody but,
- SPEAKER B Yeah, it just doesn't seem possible, does it.
- SPEAKER A It's kind of, kind of stupid, isn't it.
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A But I guess when people do those things, they don't really give a thought of the consequences at the time. It's, looks like –
- Speaker B No.
- SPEAKER A easy pickings and away you go, right.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, and I think the drugs play a tremendous part in, uh, the theft and the, the violence that we see.
- SPEAKER A I think you're right, uh, although I think that may be an excuse for people, too.
- SPEAKER B It, it is convenient, <u>isn't it?</u>
- Speaker A Right.
- SPEAKER B I didn't know what I was doing.
- SPEAKER A Right.
- SPEAKER B That kind.
- [...]
- SPEAKER B Well, yes, and I work in South Dallas for the Dallas School System.
- Speaker A Oh, boy.
- SPEAKER B And, uh, uh,
- SPEAKER A Where do you work?
- SPEAKER B Uh, do you know where [PLACE] and [PLACE] are?
- SPEAKER A Uh, yes, I think I do. That, uh, is that Amelia Earhart, -hart School there?
- SPEAKER B Uh, no this is over near [PLACE].
- Speaker A Okay.
- SPEAKER B Uh, just, not far off [PLACE].
- SPEAKER A That's a pretty rough area there, isn't it?
- SPEAKER B It is a pretty rough area. We're over by [PLACE].
- SPEAKER A Oh, my goodness.

148 Conversation # SW3804

SPEAKER B I think it's, you know what's I think is so nice is that in this day and time that we can have

good food that's good for you and you don't have to spend hours and hours and hours in the kitchen.

- Speaker A Yeah.
- Speaker B And,
- SPEAKER A Preparing it, right.
- SPEAKER B And it makes an awful lot of difference, doesn't it?
- SPEAKER A Oh, it sure does.

149 Conversation # SW3876

SPEAKER A And I think that is what it is going to have to come to. Where we are just forced to.

- SPEAKER B Besides, well like a law or whatever. An-, that's how it is –
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B in New York isn't it.
- SPEAKER A I think so, just because they have to.
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- Speaker A You know,
- SPEAKER B And you get ticketed if you don't do it right.

SPEAKER A Right, uh-huh. And I think it is going to come to that because some people will just not go to the, it's, It's trouble for me to do what I do –

150 Conversation # SW3887

- SPEAKER B Um, I guess there's been a lot of pressure to, um, do away with the CFC's in these spray bottles which,
- SPEAKER A Right.
- Speaker B has been a real problem.
- SPEAKER A Yeah, that is, well that's destroying the ozone, isn't it?
- SPEAKER B Again I, that's what I hear and, and there's this big debate apparently about whether the ozone, there's a hole in the ozone or not but at last I heard it was, uh, discovered that the hole was bigger than they thought,
- SPEAKER A Yeah, that's wh-,
- SPEAKER B initially.
- SPEAKER A It's kind of scary.

151 Conversation # SW3925

- SPEAKER B I think a little more honesty in the campaigns would be,
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B more to the point. If you knew what you were getting when you voted, uh,
- SPEAKER A That's a problem, isn't it?
- SPEAKER B Yeah.
- SPEAKER A It's interesting because I'm taking a Texas government class right now, and one of the things MUMBLEx it's so easy to blame them to MUMBLEx a lot of times I think it's our own fault. They lie to us because we don't want to hear the truth.

152 Conversation # SW3956

SPEAKER A Okay. Well, what do you think about the government providing health insurance for everybody? I think they should. I know I had a job until, let's see, a year ago this past December. I was working for PIE and they closed, and naturally while I was working for them I had health insurance, but. um, for me to try to get it now, it would cost me like over three hundred dollars a month with the same company that was providing health insurance at, at PIE.

SPEAKER B Good grief. That's just almost unaffordable, isn't it?

SPEAKER A Right, it really is, and I think, you know, I think, uh, God, the government should come up with some kind of a health plan, or stop these doctors and hospitals from having their prices so high. [...]

SPEAKER B Of course, the restricted choice in this case is because only certain doctors agree to accept the, uh, the limits –

Speaker A Uh-huh.

- Speaker B - of, uh, compensation, but of course that is restricted choice, so -
- Speaker A Uh-huh, uh-huh.
- I don't think that the restricted choice really, uh, has to do with the difference between, Speaker B uh, public and private health insurance. I think it has to do with the, the, the, uh, attempt to limit cost, doesn't it –

Speaker A Um.

- and everybody agrees that we need to limit cost some way, so. Speaker B

Speaker A Yeah, that's true, that's true there.

153Conversation # SW3988

- Speaker B Um, I have some Spiro Gyro tapes.
- Speaker A Oh, they're great aren't they.
- Speaker B Oh, they're wonderful. Yeah.

Speaker A

[...]

- Speaker B Um, Bonnie Rait, I like her a lot.
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- Speaker B Um, in fact, whenever she won her big Grammy –
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- I think it was like five of them or something Speaker B
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- Speaker B – was, was it five, or.
- Speaker A Yeah, something like that, it was last, last, last vear wasn't it.
- Yeah, last year or the year before, I can't remember, but, um, I was listening to a particular Speaker B radio station and, and the one DJ said, who the heck is Bonnie Rait and why does she deserve five Grammies?

Conversation # SW3993 154

SPEAKER A I just bought a spray gun, one of those airless, uh, not airless, high volume, low pressure spray

guns.

- Speaker B Oh, uh-huh.
- Speaker A And I do a lot of woodworking and -
- Speaker B Do you?
- Speaker A - that's what I bought it for.
- Speaker B Oh.
- Speaker A But I haven't used it yet.
- Speaker B Oh, well that's that'ud probably give you a smoother finish, wouldn't it?
- Speaker A Yeah.

Speaker B Oh.

155 Conversation # SW4008

SPEAKER A Yes, it's amazing, you know, how, how like in the general user community the expectations have just grown so much. I remember my first computer was a TRS eighty with four K on it –

SPEAKER B Yeah.

SPEAKER A – and you know, then, then we, then I started playing with Apples, you know, and those had forty-eight, or, you know, if they were really great –

- Speaker B Oh, the old –
- SPEAKER A they had sixty-four K.
- SPEAKER B the old Apple, uh, the, the original Apple had, what, yeah, forty-eight I guess, didn't it.
- Speaker A Uh, I know,
- Speaker B ...
- SPEAKER A I know that in my school they had a bunch that had sixteen K on them, is all, and –

SPEAKER B My goodness.

SPEAKER A – there's, I remember that there was one game that I played that required forty-eight K and there was only one computer that had forty-eight K on it at the time.

SPEAKER B Uh-huh.

156 Conversation # SW4071

- SPEAKER A I think your taxes in Wisconsin are pretty high. I, I, if I am not mistaken, aren't they? I –
- Speaker B Uh,
- SPEAKER A mean for your state. What is, do you know what your state income tax rate is?
- Speaker B Um, no -
- SPEAKER A Twenty percent?
- Speaker B I, I have no idea, I just. My dad does it all for me.
- SPEAKER A Just, you just pay it, huh.
- Speaker B I use,
- SPEAKER A You're like, you're like my daughter who is in college down in Massachusetts and, uh, she works as a waitress and she is attending college full time also –
- Speaker B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A and she sends her taxes to me and I figure them up. She really has no idea.

157 Conversation # SW4092

SPEAKER A In fact, I mean there are people you know that basically just follow them around, from city to city –

- SPEAKER B Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER A on tour selling tie dye and things like that.
- Speaker B ...
- Speaker A Uh,
- SPEAKER B Cause they are on up there in age, aren't they?
- SPEAKER A Yeah, they're, they're like late forties, early fifties, but you know like whenever one of them dies off they get a replacement.
- Speaker B Okay.

- SPEAKER A I just don't know and now they have, like bins and stuff that are a little more convenient because, mean, until seven o'clock, you got to pay to park at the student center, you can't really unload all your stuff.
- SPEAKER B Really? Huh, oh, yeah, that's true, hadn't thought about that. That is very inconvenient.
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B Inconvenient, even.
- Speaker A I know it, I know it.
- SPEAKER B But, uh, so, you do recycle, don't you?
- SPEAKER A Oh, yeah.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, I'm kind of, I'm kind of bad about it.

159 Conversation # SW4341

SPEAKER B And I don't think that, that rehabilitation is effective.

- SPEAKER A Right. Have to agree with you, and I'm kind of i-, in favor of capital punishment also. I just don't think that it acts much as a deterrent to these people because, uh, you still see them committing the same crimes, but, I tend to agree with you that, uh, we should have it. I just, I don't know that it's always effective, but I guess we, uh, we're kind of stuck with it. It's, it's a difficult, uh, problem, isn't it, to determine how you're going to punish somebody for a particular crime, uh,
- SPEAKER B But, then, you know, I think that, that some murderers don't really warrant capital punishment.
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B You know,
- Speaker A
- SPEAKER B just, like, for example, uh, you know, you hear about cases where women have killed their husbands –
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B who abused them –
- SPEAKER A Right, uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B and I don't think,
- Speaker A
- SPEAKER B that would really warrant capital punishment.

SPEAKER A Uh-huh, huh. Do you think they should be punished at all, or, uh, like go to prison, uh, because they're not really a danger to society. It was almost really self defense, isn't it, in a case like that.

- SPEAKER B Uh, it is to a certain extent –
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B but I think, I don't know because,
- SPEAKER A I know they put, uh, put them in jail sometimes, I guess. Uh,
- SPEAKER B I think in s-, and it,
- Speaker A ...
- SPEAKER B just would depend upon the circumstances –
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B and, and the extent of the abuse –
- Speaker A Uh-huh.
- SPEAKER B and, and if another alternative was –
- Speaker A Um.
- Speaker B available.

SPEAKER B Uh, anyway, we're supposed to talk about recycling. Basically, what, what your personal opinion is on it. Uh, this is, this is really for a speech research project they're doing so, uh, I don't know. Florida is pretty good about recycling isn't it?

SPEAKER A Well, they just kicked it off down here in, in Sarasota county.

SPEAKER B Oh, they did?

SPEAKER A Uh, they had been doing it, they started first in Sarasota City.

Speaker B Uh-huh.

161 Conversation # SW4633

SPEAKER B How many children do you have now?

SPEAKER A Well I have five.

SPEAKER B You have five?

SPEAKER A Right.

- SPEAKER B Well you do have a hard time finding time then don't you?
- SPEAKER A Well, five are, I mean four of them are grown, they're in college or just out of college so I really have just a thirteen year old at home.

SPEAKER B Uh-huh. You sound so young.

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- SPEAKER A So I've enjoyed that part of it. Yeah. And at the gym, even in the class, uh, I, w-, e-, it's not really a group where you chat a lot. Everybody's on their way to someplace –
- Speaker B Right.
- Speaker A $\,$ and so, you know, I do –

Speaker B But,

- SPEAKER A have one friend who goes occasionally but, basically, I do it by myself in a group of maybe forty, so.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, right. But still there are, there are other people there doing the, doing the same thing.
- SPEAKER A There are, there are. It's more motivating that way, I think. Yeah.
- SPEAKER B In terms of motivation and incentive, yeah.
- SPEAKER A You could get a tape probably and do it at home in front of the T V but i-, you probably wouldn't.
- SPEAKER B Yeah.
- Speaker A So.
- SPEAKER B Yeah, uh, that makes a difference doesn't it?
- Speaker A Yeah.
- SPEAKER B I, I've, one thing, when, when I have run and jogged, uh, I've always enjoyed doing it by myself and, and, kno-, not with the sense that it was, uh, uh, chore or something that I was having to do, I, I've really enjoyed just the activity and, uh, I write software, uh, as far as the job and so getting out

and being active, uh, is, uh, uh, helps out.

163 Conversation # SW4723

- SPEAKER B I find that, uh, that the Corvettes are, are becoming really, really nice cars.
- SPEAKER A They are, they're pretty aren't they lately.
- Speaker B Yeah.

SPEAKER A I, I would, I really would. I mean, they just have beautiful, beautiful homes and they have everything. The kids only wear name brand things to school and it's one of these things,

SPEAKER B Oh me. Well that makes it hard for you, <u>doesn't it.</u>

SPEAKER A Well it does, you know. It really does because I'm a single mom and I have a thirteen year old now and –

Speaker B Oh, me.

SPEAKER A – uh, you know, it does.

165 Conversation # SW4927

Speaker B Uh-huh.

SPEAKER A And, so, uh, that's how we found out about the Switchboard.

SPEAKER B Oh, yeah. Oh, that's their project too, isn't it? I found about it on the network.

166 Conversation # SW4936

SPEAKER A Uh, uh, my wife has picked up a couple of things saying, uh, boy if we could refinish that, that would be a beautiful piece of furniture and, uh, we've done it a couple of times. I guess that –

Speaker B Oh, yeah.

SPEAKER A - we've been fairly successful with those. That's, uh, that's a kind of low risk sort of project, <u>isn't it</u> I guess.

SPEAKER B Yeah. That's a good way to get started.