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Nia!;

Enjoyed your program this morning. The thing that I best liked were the calls from around our country. You gave each caller plenty of time to state their comments and there were four of you to listen; and of course we listeners. Wolf Blitzer was the most prominent reporter to see and it was nice to see him relaxed and smiley. The lady from the Washington Times was pleasant to look at and nice to listen to; Anagora Bennett was the name I believe? Walter Means of the Associated Press was uncomfortable on camera at first, but later in the program he held forth to us better. He stated that he is more comfortable writing than talking. I also feel the same way. I listen to radio talk shows and to your TV show, but I don't have the patience to wait my call.

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While I wait my call-in², I could be writing my thoughts on the program.

I'm 77 $\frac{3}{4}$ years old and retired for six years. My main hobby is playing the trombone in various bands. Strictly volunteer. I am not a professional. My next hobby is reading. At the present time my favorite writer or novelist is John Gardner - publisher being Alfred or Alfred a Knopf - a Bonzi book. I have just finished reading "The Art of Living," ~~and~~ a book of short and longer stories. Like most short stories, there are surprise endings. "The Music Lover" is an eleven page story that I would call charming. Another story in "The Art of Living" is "Vlank - the boy painter." It is a love story, but not a lovable story. The last story in the book is "The Art of Living." A surprise ending.

John Gardner's biggest novel is a large, heavy volume. It's called "The Sunlight Dialogues." It is a story that takes place in Batavia, New York, not far from Buffalo. You'll meet some interesting characters in "The Sunlight Dialogues,"

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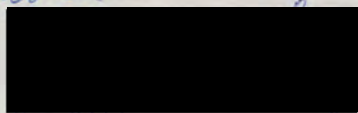
and a lot of monologues. Patience and memory are valuable, as you learn about the many members of the Hodge family. The chief character in the book tho. is the Police Chief of Batavia, Fred Clemley; tho there is another protagonist in the novel.

Another story by Gardner that I liked is called "Nickel Mountain". It is a love story with a surprise ending.

Before I close, I found out at our local library, that there is another John Gardner. He is an Englishman and authors the James Bond books.

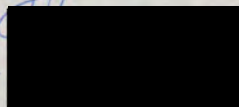
Wolf comes from Buffalo; Bennett from the Bronx and Means a native of Massachusetts. I dislike abbreviations.

So long for now!



P.S Another great book I am rereading. "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living". Not a novel but it makes you feel good about being positive.

PPS John Gardner is from Batavia ^{NY}



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