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DAVID GIBSON writes of himself: “I wound up going to college and majoring in anthropology by accident. I had accidentally failed high school and ended up with a job that involved the use of many long handled tools. By 1969 things had gotten out of hand. Check your recent American History book. Stuff has gone under the bridge. Most people have given a lot. Some people have given up. In 1975 I swore I’d never give up again. And I haven’t. I haven’t given up Jimi Hendrix, Clapton, Cream, or any of them folks. I probably won’t give up Vonnegut, or Twain for that matter. Would you give up Morganfield without a battle?”