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LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

This week's topics:

1. Will America survive this summer?
2. Do you still use any of grandma's recipes?
3. Did you ever have a Kool-Aid stand when you were a kid?
 4. Visit a cave lately?
 5. Been to a fair this summer?
 6. Ever win anything at a fair?
 7. What's your favorite fair food?
8. Ever meet a notable person/celebrity by accident?
9. If you live in California, your thoughts about the drought?
 10. Anything else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Roger Fritz - fritzcat11@yahoo.com

Just survival is a pretty low standard. We are now contesting between two different ideas of where the country should go. One side will win out and the other side can't seem to find a reasonable candidate. Compromise would be my choice but historically that seldom happens. The Dems won out on Obamacare without a full discussion of other possibilities because they controlled Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court and the press. Not much debate. Thanks Harry Reid.

The electorate is ill informed and can be lead around by the nose to support any issue that raises their emotions. Free tuition is great, hell, free anything is great, and can garner votes. How did all that free stuff work out for Hugo Chavez and Venezuela? Puerto Rico, Chicago, etc. This country was great because once people thought about what they could do for their country, not what they could do for themselves. JFK could not be elected today. Don't tell me that black lives matter when blacks are killing themselves by the thousands. I'd be for fixing the problems like schooling and dependence on free things. Get rid of the hyphenated Asian-Americans, African-Americans or Muslim-Americans. Assimilate! The Irish did it. The Germans did it. Now the Hispanics are doing it. "E Pluribus Unum"

PS: I need to go chill out with a beer or two.

Nancy Quinlisk - nancy@lindenpure.com

1. Will America survive this summer? - It is a summer to remember for sure.

2. Do you still use any of grandma's recipes? - I have several of my grandma Sanders' recipes...Ice cream - she made it with fresh eggs and milk from the farm. She, and Mom too would put the paddle in a bowl and hand it, along with a couple of spoons to my sister and me. We sat on the back step and ate the "first of the batch" with much delight.

Swiss steak using home grown tomatoes and beef that had been farm raised is another. It says to tenderize the meat by pounding flour, salt, and pepper into it using an upside-down beer or coke bottle

A German potato salad (she was Dutch and French so not sure where the recipe came from) that calls for "as much bacon as you can afford".

Great tasting food and great memories too.

4. Visit a cave lately? - Coincidentally, just took my great niece and nephew to Cave of the Mounds. I hadn't been there in 30 years. It's a wonderful venue for anyone close enough. Be sure to wear closed shoes and take a jacket.

8. Ever meet a notable person/celebrity by accident? - A few times... Michael Landon along the beach between Honolulu and Diamond Head. He was playing with his young child and I recognized Michael's laugh. We had a cordial exchange, talking about the beauty of the island and family. They continued to play and I continued my walk.

My young daughters and I were boarding a late night flight from San Francisco to Los Angeles. They were both tired and wanted to be carried. The man behind me asked if he could be of help and perhaps carry one of them for me. The deep-voiced man posing this option was Boris Karloff. I smiled, handed him my youngest, most congenial and on the plane we went!

In New York City I have talked with Ahmad Rashad at LaGuardia and enjoyed saying hello to Tiny Tim during one visit and Kristy Ally another while dining at Tavern on the Green.

The most memorable person I saw but didn't meet was Nelson Mandela. We were both staying at the Plaza Hotel. He was participating in a news conference in the lobby. Joan Rivers was there too and Ed Asner.

The very best was meeting mystery writer and former steeple chase jockey for the Queen Mother, Dick Francis when I owned property in Grand Cayman. We were neighbors for a long time. He and his wife, Mary became good friends. I attended their 50th wedding anniversary party in 1997. The Queen Mother phoned them to wish them a happy anniversary. Mary died first and Dick about 6 years ago. The fifteen year friendship began when he said hello to me in the parking lot of the condominiums. He introduced himself and welcomed me as a new owner. The name, Dick Francis sounded familiar but I thought he couldn't be a jockey because, although slight at about 5'8" I thought he was too tall to be a jockey. My daughter reminded me that he was a steeple chase jockey and they could be taller. In those days I didn't have a laptop with me so that afternoon I went to the local book store to look at one of his books. Sure enough, on the back cover there was a picture of the man that had just so warmly welcomed me. He was indeed the award winning novelist I had thought. Dick was the only three-time recipient of Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Award. In 1996 he was also named Mystery Writer of America Grand Master. I have fond, fond memories of both Mary (an author and pilot in her own right); memories of Dick's early morning swims just offshore in the sea, dinners out together, often with a cocktail at their place or ours before, Mary's tailored dresses (I never saw her in slacks), the great conversations, and especially the warm hello and goodbye hugs, always with a kiss on my cheek.

9. If you live in California, your thoughts about the drought? - Most of my family is from California. I pray for rain.

10. Anything else you'd care to write about. - Thanks Kent for keeping us connected.

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1. I'm the eternal political optimist, and I feel sure America will survive this summer. For those of us old enough to remember the JFK assassination of 1963, we can also recall other rough times. The close presidential election of 2000 comes to mind because the outcome was uncertain until the Supreme Court stepped in to stop the recount. It was exciting to be living in the capital of Florida at that time because Jeb Bush was governor and his brother George Bush won the election. Of course we all remember Sept. 11, 2001 and the American lives lost. The USA will survive, no matter who wins the election.

P.S. The current issue of TIME magazine (July 11/July 18) is titled "240 Reasons to Celebrate America Right Now." The articles inside are by lots of different people and are really uplifting!

Len Ironside - ironside.len@gmail.com

We will survive the summer, but it will be difficult with a racist president like Obama. He has done more to set back race relations than any other person in a position of power in the history of this country. Obama's lack of leadership in both domestic and foreign affairs has been sad. He had such an opportunity as our first black president to unite this country and he blew it! His foreign policy has been a disaster. It began with an apology tour in the Middle East and continued down hill from there. Look at what is happening in the Middle East, Far East (China and North Korea), Russia (Putin), Europe
(an invasion of refugees that most countries can't handle).

What did you expect from a neighborhood organizer?

And now we are faced with picking a replacement from two aging (our age) choices. One dishonest liar, who with her husband, has padded their bank accounts by selling their influence and favors (the Clinton Foundation). She lied about Benghazi (what she knew and what she didn't do). She talks about helping the common man, but gives speeches to Wall Street big shots and bankers (upwards of \$250,000 a speech) and refuses to release the contents of those speeches.

The other, a business man who was once a liberal and now says he is a conservative, who says what a lot of us would like to say, but does not really give us actual plans for what he would do if he gets elected. He needs to think a little more before he blurts out his feelings.

Can't we do better than these two?

Marcie (Basler) Ortscheid '65 - marcie.ortscheid@ki.com

I met Hugh Downs by accident... my friend and I were in NYC and were in Central Park and this very distinguished man was walking behind us and we stopped and he walked right into us and we all stopped and the look of horror came over his face. We laughed and said we were so sorry for stopping in his path and he was so very gracious and introduced himself and we had a nice 5 minute talk with him. very nice person

Tom Lehr - Lehrtom@aol.com

Caves: Those of us in southeastern Arizona visit Karchner Caverns State Park in Benson, AZ. It's small compared to something like Mammoth Cave or Carlsbad Caverns, but anyone who likes caves will be impressed. Because of how well it has been set up, even people who are not crazy about caves enjoy it. Here's there website <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/KACA/index.html>

Jack Sultze - jsultze@verizon.net

I can comment about the California drought. We live in Claremont, CA, west end of Los Angeles County.

The restrictions placed on water usage in our area last summer have been voluntary (at least I haven't seen or heard of water Nazis roaming the streets) and most people seem to be taking it at least somewhat seriously. Lawns are brown and many trees, sadly, are not doing well. We have seen many homeowners around town changing to desert landscaping or going to artificial turf. We live in a planned unit development that has large greenbelts, now brownbelts. We water just enough to keep most of the turf alive but not enough to keep it green. Residents have been hand-watering trees that show stress. Our entire development of 60 homes, built over 50 years ago when water was cheap and apparently plentiful, is on a master water meter. It is impossible to tell who is in water conservation mode and who is not. What I do know is that overall consumption for our little community is down 27% as compared to 2014.

Notable meetings? Years ago we were at a resort in Florida. Rodney Dangerfield was in the pool area with, apparently, a couple of his "nieces". Unlike the ladies, he was not a pretty sight in just swimming trunks. A day or two later we shared an elevator with him and exchanged a "hi, how are ya". Two weeks later I was attending a function at the Beverly Hilton hotel in Los Angeles, walked into an elevator, there he was again.

Fair: We used to attend the Los Angeles County Fair every year but for the past several years have skipped it. The whole thing has become too commercialized and expensive to be much fun. \$10.00 beer and equally overpriced food on top of \$15.00 to park and \$20.00 to get in. Used to have lots of live, free entertainment. Not much of that anymore.

#10, anything else I'd care to write about? Hillary – but what good would it do? Indicted but not charged. Big surprise! Over half of American voters still support her. Astonishing. Unbelievable!

On July 1, the national debt went up \$98 billion.

Jim Nickel (LHS '65) - jnickel206@aol.com

Thanks for all the time you put into this newsletter. It is great.

You asked: Will America survive this summer? I hope so, but it will be a rough and tumble time.

We have a justice system to gather the facts and assess blame. But the press wants to come to conclusions with one sided videos. The Ferguson case shows that early "witness" accounts were proved wrong, but that was enough for the press to convict the officer before all the facts were in.

Until the elected leaders support the justice system that works and is fair, we will be in trouble. Protests are OK, but stopping commerce by closing highways is not. Throwing rocks is not.

This does remind me of the '60's. If this place is so bad, maybe they should consider leaving. But the welfare system makes it too easy to stay.

Chris Gorski - cwgorski@yahoo.com

Hi Kent: Linda asked if I could share some pics of the Kuntz Road home in Fort Atkinson I referenced when replying to the topic "did you ever cut down a tree". I've searched and searched for the pics I took but their not on any of my hard drives so instead I have attached the MLS Listing Link from 2009 when we sold the home and bought the rural homestead here in Farmington. You can include the following description if you wish"

<http://www.flexmls.com/link.html?17ygeqw8al28%2C19%2C1>

Hickory floors made from the hickory trees

Cherry cabinets and built ins from the cherry trees

All of the window, door and baseboard trim, the stair banister, loft railing and and the stair treads and risers from the oak trees

The fireplace mantle and the Master bedroom double vanity along with the 2nd bath vanity also made from the oak trees.

Also did all of the stonework on the fireplace and on the front of the house.

Sold the property in 2009 and bought a 12 acre wooded property with a pond, apple orchard, a 2 acre mx track and two workshops (one for woodworking and the other for mx motorcycle maintenance in Farmington WI. This is our 5th house in Jefferson County and our last. It has been a wonderful journey.

Gene Santoski k9utq@solarus.net writes:

This is (perhaps) what all of us have to look forward to!!

This is something that happened at an assisted living center.

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

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

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

Letter to the Class of 65

Marcie[Basler] Ortscheid '65 - marcie.ortscheid@ki.com

I was going to respond to the open week and just lost track of time. Here is my question for the class of '65.. how about only one night for the next reunion, it always seems like Friday night is more relaxed and people just enjoy each other more. What are everyone's thoughts?

Editor's note: Since you will all be 73 years old and retired, you might want to consider a daytime reunion so you don't have to drive at night!

I just came from a Fort Atkinson Class of 56 reunion a few hours ago. They held it at the country club here and there was no charge for the room since it was mid-week and gave the group a discount on the food!

Just a reminder that it's tick season!

TICK WARNING



**Please send this warning to everyone
on your e-mail list.**

**If someone comes to your front door saying they are
checking for ticks due to the warm weather and
asks you to take your clothes off...
and dance around with your arms up,**

DO NOT DO IT! - - THIS IS A SCAM!

I wish I'd seen this yesterday... I feel so stupid.