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# *Lincoln High Newsletter*

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### **This week's topics:**

Your favorite, joke, anecdote, funny story, etc.

Class of 64 - You can tell us about your 50th Reunion!

### **and responses:**

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Phoebe Badeer - [pbadeer1@optimum.net](mailto:pbadeer1@optimum.net)

Ok this happened about 16 years ago, but it was funny. I was driving to work and on the radio I hear that the Judd's are playing at Westbury Music Hall. I was excited. We called friends of ours who also loved them and I made reservations. It was a Friday night. We drive in, and enter the hall, sit down, and the men go to get refreshments. My friend and I are looking at the stage and see really BIG amps and a drum set. Why would the Judds need that? We also noticed we were the ONLY white people in the place, and then my friend sees that the group performing is the JETTS! Oh, boy. I said I've got to leave..they'll kill me!! And then GOD intervened. Over the loudspeaker we hear that the lead singer for the Jett's was unable to perform because of illness, and if you wanted a refund report to the ticket counter!! We were there in a NY minute, and ran to the car. Our friends had driven, and when he goes to start the car, we find out his radiator had burst! So we called for a tow to a station and fortunately we were able to get help, but it took a couple hours. It was quite a memorable night!

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Don Solie - [dg.solie@hotmail.com](mailto:dg.solie@hotmail.com)

Here are two jokes that I've used for a long time while opening up contract negotiations:

1. A blind rabbit and a blind snake were traveling down the same path in the woods when they bumped into each other. Both were very courteous and apologetic for the encounter. As their conversation progressed each confessed that they weren't sure exactly what they were with the rabbit stating that he thought he was a rabbit and the snake suggesting he thought he was a snake.

The snake offered that if he could touch and feel the rabbit he was certain that he could identify him as a rabbit, and in return the rabbit said he could perform the test to determine that the snake was indeed a snake. The snake went first and after touching and feeling the animal he said " you have long ears and a cotton tale, yes you are definitely a rabbit." So the rabbit executed the test and said" well you are cold and slimy and you've got a forked tongue so you must be an attorney"!

2. This is actually true and some think it to be the lawyer story of the century.

A Charlotte, N.C. lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars and immediately insured them against fire

among other things Within a month he had totally burned each cigar before he'd made his first premium payment for the insurance policy and immediately filed a claim for his loss. In his claim he stated that the cigars were lost through a series of small fires. The insurance company refused to pay - for the normal and obvious reason, the man had consumed the cigars. The attorney sued and won! In the ruling the judge agreed that the case was frivolous, but never the less the insurance company had agreed to warrant against loss by fire and never defined the definition of unacceptable fire. Thus the insurance company was obligated to pay the claim. They decided not to pursue the case further and immediately cut a check for \$15,000 and sent it to the lawyer.

Here's the best part. After the lawyer cashed the check the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson. With his own case and testimony from that case the lawyer was convicted for burning his insured property and sentenced to 24 months in jail and was fined \$24,000. As stated above this is a true story and won an award at the Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.

I don't mean to focus on attorneys, however as I mentioned above when I entered into contract negotiations it was typically with attorneys for insurance companies who were licensing our systems and contracting for specified consulting services. Either one of the these stories would break the ice.

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Pete Smullen - [pete\\_smullen@hotmail.com](mailto:pete_smullen@hotmail.com)

Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA) road crews recently found over 200 dead crows in and around the greater Boston area. There was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu, so the remains were provided to a bird pathologist. The pathologist examined the carcasses and determined the problem was definitely not Avian Flu. Rather, the primary cause of the majority of deaths appeared to be vehicular impact.

During the detailed analyses, it was noted that a wide variety of paints appeared on the birds' beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues, it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

MTA then hired an ornithological behaviorist to determine if there was a fixable cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills. After a short study, she concluded: "When crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger. While all the lookout crows can shout 'Cah', not a single one could shout 'Truck.'"

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Linda Edwards - [ledwards6112@hotmail.com](mailto:ledwards6112@hotmail.com)



**I was in a bar the other night and overheard three very hefty women talking. Their accent appeared to be Scottish, so I approached and asked, "Hello, ladies are you three lassies from Scotland ?" One of them angrily screeched, "It's Wales, you bloody idiot, Wales!" So I apologized and replied, "I am so sorry. Are you three whales from Scotland ?" And that's the last thing I remember.**

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Bonnie (Brandt) James - [chtbon@uniontel.net](mailto:chtbon@uniontel.net)

Hi and just have to share with you that I thought the 50th Reunion went very well. Totally enjoyed ourselves! So good to visit and catch up with everyone! I also have to share with you that some of us "students" from Children's Choice School decided to have a "gathering" at our campsite at Lake Wazeecha on Saturday morning and we invited the teachers. I am not sure who enjoyed it the most, the teachers or the students!!! What a good time and the teachers said they thought we should do it every year! We all thought we had some very funny stories to tell---- Well, just let the teachers share their memories, and you will laugh for days! I guess the older we get, the more you appreciate what you had as children!

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**Sue (Heath) Kromenaker sends this:**

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.  
He looked at her for a while, then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."  
She asks ... "What does that mean?"  
He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot."  
She smiled happily and said ... "Oh, that's so lovely ... What about I, J, K?"  
He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"  
The swelling in his eye is going down and the doctor is fairly optimistic about saving his family jewels.

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**Left to right at the 50th reunion**

Martha Pomainville, Diane Erickson Butler, Janet Kruger Santoski, Candy Caylor, Maggie Glenn Colburn

P.S. The best reunion ever ended with fireworks and a big bang--- that is with thunder, lightening and hail; BIG hail. I bet a lot of my fellow classmates spent Mon. calling their insurance claim number and making an appointment for body work repair.

I now remember that years ago I increased my deductible to \$500. :-[

Are you sure Bill Appel, that we can't sue Mother Nature for damages rendered?

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**CLEVER WORDS FOR CLEVER PEOPLE**

**Courtesy of Gene Santoski**

1. **ARBITRAITOR**  
A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's
2. **BERNADETTE**  
The act of torching a mortgage.
3. **BURGLARIZE**  
What a crook sees through
4. **AVOIDABLE**  
What a bullfighter tries to do

5. **EYEDROPPER**  
Clumsy ophthalmologist
6. **CONTROL**  
A short, ugly inmate.
7. **COUNTERFEITER**  
Workers who put together kitchen cabinets
8. **ECLIPSE**  
What an English barber does for a living.
9. **LEFT BANK**  
What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.
10. **HEROES**  
What a man in a boat does
11. **PARASITES**  
What you see from the Eiffel Tower
12. **PARADOX**  
Two physicians
13. **PHARMACIST**  
A helper on a farm
14. **POLARIZE**  
What penguins see through
15. **PRIMATE**  
Remove your spouse from in front of TV
16. **RELIEF**  
What trees do in the spring
17. **RUBERNECK**  
What you do to relax your wife
18. **SELFISH**  
What the owner of a seafood store does
19. **SUDAFED**  
Brought litigation against a government official
20. **PARADIGMS**  
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