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LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

This week's topics:

1. Ever been in a fashion show?
2. When were the "good old days"?
3. Ever participate in a scrap or paper drive? Memories?
4. Any of you play the sousaphone or tuba? The problems you had with its size, etc.
5. Photo albums - looked at them lately? Got the pictures labeled so your descendents know who is who?
Making hard copies of your digital albums?
6. Still got any toys you had as a kid?

CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS?

7. Are kids nowadays taught that manual labor is not for them and they must go to college?
8. Are immigrants, legal or otherwise, taking jobs that Americans won't do? Why won't they do them?
9. Trump wants stuff made in the USA - but can those of us on a fixed income afford it?
10. Take time to vent! What are you unhappy with?

and responses:

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5. Photo albums - My late mother-in-law had a "vast shoebox collection" of family photos. When she died in 2011 at age 91, my husband tried to sort through the photos. It was quite a job. He kept some of the photos which were dated on the back, especially if he remembered the relative in the photo. I've tried over the years to keep only family photos which might mean something to my sons. I have several photo albums, and it's fun to look through them sometimes. They start with photos of my dad in his Army uniform during WW II, my parents as newlyweds, and go right on through the years with our children and grandchildren. It sounds kind of old-fashioned, but the photos are dated and easy to look through.

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Controversy Topic - What Would Our Wise High School Teachers Say?

Most outstanding aspect of my education at Lincoln High was the emphasis our teachers put on drilling down in search of the truth. They required our rigorous study, regardless of subject, to reach a point where we truly had mastered the content. They did their best to show us how important it was to look at all sides and not to settle for a view that was most comfortable. And, as tough as it must have been, most of them maintained an incredibly positive attitude about life in general, and each of us in particular. It made many of us soar upon the wings they helped build under us.

I imagine that in these strange, uncertain times, our teachers would be counting on us to not be swept along by throngs of cheering crowds. Instead, they would be expecting us to think deeply, see beyond glib talk, refer back to historic examples of how the world turns and can spin out of control, and not to merely go along just to get along. Perhaps I was in my own la la land at the time, but I remember the kind, gentle environment they collectively created for us even as they taught us to stand up for what we believed. Especially now, I place them in the ranks of our founding fathers and mothers. They help steer me through the maze of breaking news to figuring out what is legit and how might it play out in the larger scheme of things.

Chad Lewis - chad.a.lewis@comcast.net

6. I collect Marx playsets (Robin Hood Castle, Wagon Train, Blue & Gray, Fort Apache, Alamo, Roy Rogers Ranch and Western Towns).



Some of the individual figures can sell for \$200 or more and mint in box sets have gone for over \$15,000. The fun is in the memories and the search for rare missing pieces.

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In response to #9, sort of:

There have been quite a few scholarly papers, non-fiction books and novels written about workers being displaced by robots. The concerns go back decades; I remember reading a novel back in high school that presented a society where no one has a job as robots do all of the work. The only people who had jobs were the politicians and their minions. Scary stuff then. Even scarier now. How do we handle a society where only 5% of us need to work? It happened with agriculture due to the introduction of modern machinery and methods.

As artificial intelligence undergoes rapid advances, and the processing power of even the most basic PC today is greater than that of an IBM mainframe only 15 years ago, we are rapidly approaching that society. What are we going to do then?

Over the last forty years, many of our workers have been displaced by the rapid rise of cheap foreign labor. What happens when those very same workers are supplanted by even cheaper robots guided by the very capable AI that runs the factory?

I don't have any answers. Do you?

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4. I play the Tuba Christmas each year in Wausau and Point but I actually play the baritone.

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Paper Drives. Our troop at Children's Choice loved the Boy Scout paper drives. I'm sure Kortkamp and Grunden remember.

Every bundle of magazines that was thrown into the truck was immediately ripped open searching for girly magazines.

There were plenty there

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When someone gives me a school picture I have them write the name and age of the person. My mom had a lot pictures and they didn't have names on them, when she passed away we didn't know who these people were so we just threw them away.

Number 8 In GRB we have a beef packing plant and it's dirty and a hard job, the only people that will do that work are the Mexicans, so the packing plant employs them, only way to get the work done. I don't have a problem with anyone coming to the US and working - just be legal. My dad came to the US from Switzerland .. but he learned the language and he got his American citizenship. That woman who is staying in that church in California .. now that is wrong - she has been here 20 years, does not speak our language, has a raft of kids and I think is on welfare. I say to the church you keep her and the kids, you pay for her, as I am sick and tired of illigals getting food stamps, free medical and a cell phone. If you can't do it right stay in your own country.

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1. I wonder if anyone else remembers this. I don't know which year I was in, but several of us from LHS were in a fashion show at Johnson Hills Dept. Store. That was quite a deal and pictures were in the paper.

2. The "good old days" for me were definitely in the mid 50's to mid 60's. A time when everyone felt safe in their homes and neighborhoods; when playing outside until dark was our recreation. When it was time to go home, our moms just called out our names from the back door— and we had better get home. Then, high school always felt like a safe place — so unlike today. At least, for me, it was carefree, safe, and fun.

5. Yes, I recently went thru old photos and got rid of many. I have put many of them on my computer and then saved them.

Things To Think About in Your Spare Time

Last night I played a blank tape at full blast. The mime next door went nuts.

If a person with multiple personalities threatens suicide, is that considered a hostage situation?

Just think how much deeper the ocean would be if sponges didn't live there.

If a cow laughed, would milk come out her nose?

Whatever happened to preparations A through G?

So what's the speed of dark?

How come you don't ever hear about grunted employees? And who has been dis-ing them anyhow?

After eating, do amphibians need to wait an hour before getting out of the water?

Why don't they make mouse flavored cat food?

I just got sky lights put in my place. The people who live above me are furious.

Why do they sterilize needles for lethal injections?

Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?

If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?

Whose cruel idea was it for the "lisp" to have "s" in it?

Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak?

How come abbreviated is such a long word?

If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

Why do you press harder on a remote-control when you know the battery is dead?

Why are they called buildings, when they're already finished? Shouldn't they be called built?

Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?

If the universe is everything, and scientists say the universe is expanding, what is it expanding into?

What would a chair look like if your knees bent the other way?

When two airplanes almost collide why do they call it a near miss? It sounds like a near hit to me!

Do fish get cramps after eating?

Why are there 5 syllables in the word "monosyllabic"?

Why do they call it the Department of the Interior when they are in charge of everything outdoors?

Why do scientists call it re-search when they are looking for something new?

If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?

When I erase a word with a pencil, where does it go?

Why is it, when a door is open it's ajar, but when a jar is open, it's not adoor?

How come Superman could stop bullets with his chest, but always ducked when someone threw a gun at him?

If "con" is opposite of "pro", then what is opposite of progress?

Why does lemon juice contain mostly artificial ingredients, but dishwashing liquid contains real lemons?

Why buy a product that it takes 2000 flushes to get rid of?

Why do we wait until a pig is dead to “cure it”?

Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?

Why do we put suits in garment bags and put garments in a suitcase?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as “4's”?

If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

Should you trust a stockbroker who is married to a travel agent?

Do married people live longer than single people or does it just seem longer?

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, “Where's the self-help section?” She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.

If all those psychics know the winning lottery numbers, why are they all still working?

Isn't the best way to save face to keep the lower part shut?

War doesn't determine who's right, just who's left.

