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Lincoln High Newsletter

More responses to previous topics:

Sandy Miller Beyer-LHS-64 byr@wctc.net

My husband Ed served in both the Navy and the Air Force. He passed away Feb. 3rd of this year. Dearly missed by his whole family.

We had our home built by SK Builders in 1999 to our specifications. We had purchased the lot in the country 3 years earlier so we could build on the lot adjoining our oldest daughter and her family. It took 2 years to sell our home on Baker Street. This was to be our retirement home and the kids and grandkids would be right there to help us when we needed it. But, plans changed. Three years after we moved in they moved to Plainfield, Illinois. We made many 5 hour trips to their home and did get to see a few Chicago sites including the horse races. And yes, we bet and made about \$3. Was a fun day though. Building the house turned out to be a big benefit when my husband became sick. Everything on one floor and we added a ramp to the back door so he could get in and out easily. Was able to keep him at home instead of a nursing home.

This week's topics:

1. The VA is in the news. What kind of treatment have you received from the VA?
2. Surviving cancer. What have been your experiences?
3. What person, place, thing do you miss most about the Rapids?
4. Have you had dental implants? How are they working out?
5. Has "political correctness" gone too far?

and responses:

Don Solie - dg.solie@hotmail.com

1. Shitty, they tell me my income is too high so I can't qualify right now! They didn't tell me income was too high or too low when they swore me in for 4 years of active duty!
2. Been lucky, all I've dealt with is the low risk skin cancers. They resulted from too much sun while playing golf, even with spf 30 protection.

3. The good old days when we drank lots of beer and were merry! Now my kids and grand kids wouldn't believe some of the things I pulled. In fact my daughter won't let me discuss my history with her kids.....she also won't let their father and I share some of our more politically incorrect attitudes.

5. Way too far, how in the hell will future generations understand what made this country great: capitalism, capitalism, and calling a spade a spade (no disrespect intended) !

Gary Simmet - hotrod_55vick@hotmail.com

As far as the VA goes, I see nothing bad about it as far as my treatment goes. My clinic is in Rhinelander, my main hospital is in Iron Mountain Michigan, both places are very efficient. I've been having some test done at the Milwaukee VA hospital because they don't have the equipment in Michigan, but again, very efficient, very professional. no problems with any of the places. So far I haven't had any delays or anything being discussed in the news.

Jack Sultze - jsultze@verizon.net

Surviving cancer: Our oldest daughter was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia several years ago. It is so rare that there was no specific course of treatment for it. She was fortunate to be accepted for treatment at City of Hope and also to, eventually, find a good match for a bone marrow transplant. She is cancer free today thanks to a guy in Germany.

Political correctness? The subject usually causes me to go into a rant! Here, I will simply say, YES.

Susan (Rice) Hammel - gourmay1@gmail.com

No connection with the VA, but I learned yesterday that here in Cheyenne, if 911 is called and an ambulance arrives they are not allowed to take you to the VA (which is here). They can only take you to the local hospital. Anyone else familiar with this? I guess it's a contract situation.....but it just happened to a friend.

Linda (White) Sullivan '64 - LASULLY@aol.com

#2. So far so good on the subject of the big "C." Five years ago, I had a chunk taken out of my left arm about the size of a silver dollar. Yes, it was cancer but then that's not a big surprise when you live in The Sunshine State. The scar makes my watch sit funny on my chubby arm so I solved that problem by not wearing a watch. DUH

Had my left kidney removed last October. It was cancerous but I can't blame that one on the beautiful Florida sun. Remaining kidney isn't doing too well but I'm too ornery to let that slow me down which is why I say, "So far so good on the subject of the big "C." I've been very blessed to have been able to avoid chemo and/or radiation.

#3 Dental implants. I have one. My dentist insists that bridges are the thing of the past and implants are where it's at. He has built a new office grand enough to appease the gods of dentistry and since an implant costs more than a bridge one could be a bit suspicious of the sales pitch. Also, to my total surprise, implants come loose and periodically need to be tightened. You have a brand new \$\$\$\$ smooth implant and tightening it back down requires a hole to be drilled in to it to tighten it down again. &^%\$#@!!! FYI: I also had a toothache for a year where the implant was placed. When I inquired about that I got, "Oh, didn't I mention to you that that is common?" So, have fun if you go this route, there are a lot of surprises in it for you.

#5. Kent, you had to ask about political correctness didn't you? I cannot take it anymore!!!! I'm about to buy myself a T-Shirt that says I'M A RACIST across the front and back of it and just let someone shoot me to put me out of my misery. I also can't stand talking to or being in the same breathing space as people who push this crap on everyone. While I'm on a soap box, I also can't take anymore commercials selling pills for Mycoxafloppin and Mydixadroopin. Also, I have nothing

against gay people, I have a gay cousin I dearly love. However, I'm sick of it being pushed in my face. Fly around in sequence and feathers if you want to but leave me out of it. I am my father's daughter, tolerance is not my long suit.

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VA. Never subjected myself to the VA, but for several years we did the radio communications for the VA hospital in Tomah. Just being around that dingy, depressing place was enough for me. I know there are plenty of competent, caring professionals in VA health care, but any system run by unaccountable bureaucrats is bound to end up with what we're seeing now. How anyone in their right mind can want that for all of us is beyond me.

My mom beat non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in her late 70's. That's the one that got Jackie Kennedy.

Political correctness is the slow suicide of Western civilization. If we can't accurately talk about the repressive political system wrapped in religious trappings known as Islam, it will eventually destroy us.

Roger Gray regraywolf@aol.com writes:

I was in the Rapids over the Memorial Day Weekend for Steve's (Harding "65) Salesman Sample Sale and had very enjoyable time visiting with Kiki("66)(Tim), Janice ("70), Gene ("72) **AND Sis Bouton**. Anyway they have planned a surprise party June 8th at the Ridges. Please pass this on in the newsletter as countless LHS, AHS, John Edwards HS, Nekoosa, etc alumni frequented Buzz's.



POLITICALLY CORRECT?

Here is an email sent to Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune after an article he published concerning a name change for the Washington Redskins.

Dear Mr. Page...

I always love your articles. and I generally agree with them. I would suggest, as in an email I received, they change the name to the "Foreskins" to better represent their community, ...paying tribute to the dick heads in Congress.

Here are some other politically correctness to consider:

I agree with our Native American population . I am highly insulted by the racially charged name of the Washington Redskins. One might argue that to name a professional football team after Native Americans would exalt them as fine warriors, but nay, nay. We must be careful not to offend, and in the spirit of political correctness and courtesy, we must move forward.

Let's ditch the Kansas City Chiefs, the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians. If your shorts are in a wad because of the reference the name Redskins makes to skin color, then we need to get rid of the Cleveland Browns.

The Carolina Panthers obviously were named to keep the memory of militant Blacks from the 60's alive. Gone. It's offensive to us white folk.

The New York Yankees offend the Southern population. Do you see a team named for the Confederacy? No! There is no room for any reference to that tragic war that cost this country so many young men's lives.

I am also offended by the blatant references to the Catholic religion among our sports team names. Totally inappropriate to have the New Orleans Saints, the Los Angeles Angels or the San Diego Padres. Then there are the team names that glorify criminals who raped and pillaged. We are talking about the horrible Oakland Raiders, the Minnesota Vikings, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Pittsburgh Pirates!

Now, let us address those teams that clearly send the wrong message to our children. The San Diego Chargers promote irresponsible fighting or even spending habits. Wrong message to our children .

The New York Giants and the San Francisco Giants promote obesity, a growing childhood epidemic . Wrong message to our children.

The Cincinnati Reds promote downers/barbiturates . Wrong message to our children.

The Milwaukee Brewers---well that goes without saying. Wrong message to our children.

So, there you go. We need to support any legislation that comes out to rectify this travesty, because the government will likely become involved with this issue, as they should. Just the kind of thing the do-nothing congress loves.

As a die hard Oregon State fan, my wife and I, with all of this in mind, it might also make some sense to change the name of the Oregon State women's athletic teams to something other than "the Beavers".

Keep those cards and letters coming.

Gene Santoski sends this!



New Word: Exhaustipated

Here is a new word to add to your vocabulary.
It will be especially useful to us senior folks!

Exhaustipated: meaning "too tired to give a shit."