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Lincoln High Newsletter

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This Week's Topics:

1. How has Frankenstorm Sandy affected you?
2. What is your most memorable experience with a house-hold pest?
3. What's the furthest north you've ever traveled?
4. What was your first experience with someone of a different race?
5. Have you ever been knocked unconscious?
6. What's the first thing you can remember watching on TV?
7. Have you ever been to the desert? Anyone ever been to the Sahara or Gobi?
8. What has been your favorite love song?
9. What was your scariest flying experience?
10. What's the grossest bathroom you've ever been in?
11. You're voting for whom? Why? Intelligent responses only, please.

and responses:

Jim Nickel jnickel206@aol.com writes:

We enjoy your weekly newsletters. Thanks for putting them together.

I finally retired and also stopped flying as a hobby last year (\$6 fuel is a little too rich for retirement income). I did make it up to Fort Yukon in Alaska, which is above the Arctic Circle and to Churchill,

Manitoba to see the Polar Bears on the ice. Great views and interesting flying experiences.

Our last plane was a single engine Cessna 206 we owned for 28 years. After flying for 40 years and 8,000 accident free hours, I still miss it every day. Sold it last year to someone in South America. Seems they are buying these days and the middle class folks here cannot afford to. Something is wrong with that picture, but...

The only "interesting" flying experience I had was one Friday night I had my wife and our two kids with me enroute from Chicago to New York. At 11,000 feet over western New York State, we hit a red tail hawk. It certainly sounded bad, but all instrument indications were normal and the airplane flew fine. One the ground I could see the old boy made a large indentation into the left wing and left behind a mess of feathers and blood. My question still is: What was he doing at 11,000 feet at night?

Never a dull moment.

Susan (Rice) Hammel gourmay1@gmail.com writes:

I can only reply to the different race question....it is my recollection that when Wisconsin Rapids had the Twins baseball team, which I think was about 1967...Chuck Hinners would know for sure !:...the Dairy Queen refused to serve the black players....appalling to say the very least!

Pete Smullen pete_smullen@hotmail.com writes:

5. Have you ever been knocked unconscious?

Even though I'm from Assumption, I feel qualified to respond to this one. When I was young ... maybe five ... I was rendered unconscious while playing catch with John Farrish. Since John graduated from Lincoln High ...

We were backyard neighbors, and good friends. We were using a beach ball, so it floated in the air. We played in his side yard. We would throw the ball to each other, then move a little further away. As we separated, we had to throw the ball higher and higher to get it to each other.

At one point, the ball came down right in the middle, between us. I remember it vividly. The ball arced up, got high enough that a wind gust caught it and it plummeted straight down. We both charged for it and clunked heads. It was a Funniest Home Videos' moment. John survived with nary a scratch; I got the worst of it by far.



I was told I was out cold for about five minutes. When I came to, I was dizzy. My Mom immediately took me to the clinic. Diagnosis? Concussion, and a hemorrhage of the eye. I was told I couldn't do anything for six weeks; I wasn't even allowed to run. That was an enormous length of time for a antsy five-year-old. I also felt like I had the "evil eye". The hemorrhage of the eye was complete ... wherever there was normally white, the eye was blood red. It looked really sinister! It also took a look a long time to clear up. We joked about John's hard head a lot after that.

Jack Sultze writes:

Early television: The earliest television program that I remember was called "Winky Dink and You". It

was interactive. They sold a vinyl sheet that could be affixed to the television screen via the normal static electricity generated by the picture tube. At some point during the program the kids could get Winky Dink out of a jamb by using one of the furnished crayons to draw a bridge, rope, etc., on the screen.

Scary flying experience: Hit by lightning. Didn't know what it was when the "BAM" hit but was travelling with an ex-Viet Nam pilot who knew immediately.

My Presidential vote: Mitt Romney. It is going to take a man who understands how business and finance works to begin to get us out of the mess that we are in. We need a President who believes in and trusts capitalism. Capitalism, while not perfect, is the only sustainable economic system.

President Obama has continually expressed contempt for capitalists and has systematically manipulated and divided Americans along economic lines. I am hopeful that Romney/Ryan will get us moving back to a healthy economic environment that will help to heal that divide.

I am concerned that more people have come to rely on the government for their existence than at any other time in our history. Socialism and reliance on the government has destroyed or is in the process of destroying countries around the world. Socialism and reliance on the government, along with crippling government regulations, are crushing the economy of California, once the 5th largest in the world. The Country is on that path. Dependency on government ultimately makes a people and a nation weak. When more people depend on the government than financially support it, that government collapses. The current administration has America on that path, and believes that it is the right path. Four more years and we may never recover.

I am concerned that our military strength has been diminished and that President Obama does not understand that the world, not just the United States, the World needs us to have a strong military. We need a leader who believes in American Exceptionalism. President Obama has demonstrated that he most certainly is not a believer in American Exceptionalism. I believe that Mitt Romney understands the importance of the United States to the rest of the world.

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Ronald Regan once said, "If we ever forget that we are one nation under GOD, then we will be a nation gone under". Mitt Romney is a believer. President Obama cancelled the National Day of Prayer service in the White House under pressure from atheists. God was originally excluded from the Obama Platform and was added at the Democratic National Convention, as an afterthought and after an embarrassing NO vote by the majority of Obama's delegates.

There are a hundred other reasons why I support Mitt Romney.

As for the other half of the ticket, from everything I have seen about Paul Ryan, he is a financial guy and a solid conservative. This election is very much about finances, from the deficit to the (lack of a) budget to the survival of social security to the survival of capitalism. We need leadership in the White House.

We have seen what Obama leadership looks like. We now know what he meant by Fundamental Changing America. Why would we want more?

Jack Sultze - jsultze@verizon.net

My scariest flying experience comes in two parts. As I was arriving in Viet Nam there was shelling. That

was a little frightening. Months later as I was leaving Viet Nam we were all getting settled on a wonderful Flying Tiger plane when the crew suddenly closed the door and someone from the flight deck came on the PA system and said sit down and hang on as we are being shelled and I'm leaving this place and the plane started moving and took off as the runway was being hit as we left. After making it through a year of assorted shooting and shelling I really didn't want to end up on a runway. The plane obviously made it as I am still here. Can't say I have had any other scary flights, but some exciting ones.

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Gene Hafermann genehafermann@charter.net writes:

1. My oldest daughter, Tiffany, is in 4th year of medical school in Brooklyn. She and her boyfriend were in Miami for a wedding this past weekend and since flights were cancelled, they were forced to drive back on Sunday, but never got there and are now holed up in DC on their way back.
4. My first real experience with people of a different race was in college when 2 wonderful black singers (one woman and one man) were friends of mine in Wisconsin Singers. I also had wonderful gay friends in my college experience.
6. Little Rascals
7. Mojave Desert ... lots of pieces of rubber tires along the road.
8. My favorite love song was a medley I arranged and recorded in college of The Twelfth of Never and Unchained Medley. I sang it with UW Glee Club and Wisconsin Singers in 1969 and a couple years ago I had the honor of performing it for a Methodist Choir rehearsal while visiting Albuquerque, NM. The choir director, John Clark, was the man who had also directed the UW Glee Club and accompanied the Wisconsin Singers in 1969. He was the head choral director at the University of New Mexico for many years after leaving UW. It had been 40 years since we had even seen each other, but it was like old times and we were both crying when we finished this reprise. I still sing this medley on occasion. **Ed note: Gene attached a copy of the medley but it was too large to send out on the newsletter (I'm on dial-up) . If you'd like to hear it, I'm sure Gene will send it to you.**
10. I find most bathrooms at big events rather gross. Summer Fest ones might have been the worst.
11. I will be voting for Barack Obama again. I wish he could have accomplished more on his list the first 4 years, but the congress forced him to compromise. I fail to see how giving the rich more money will help the economy. Trickle down has never worked in the past. On women's rights, I think they should be able to make their own decisions about their bodies and they should get equal pay for equal work. I think gay couples should have the same rights as heterosexual couples. I do think abortion is killing a human being, but it's a question of whether it is justified or not. And while homosexuality doesn't seem normal to me, I am not the judge. I believe in the long run, we have to explore and promote alternative sources of energy. I don't think most Muslims are out to get us (I have several in my own family and they are wonderful people).

Cheers, geno

Ursula Nogic unogic@yahoo.com writes:

Editor's daughter must be disappointed - storing 10 days worth of food for a storm which was pretty well over within two days - at least in my Northern Virginia neck of the woods. Neighbors asked me to care for their dog for a couple of nights while they were delayed in New York - It's turning into an 'until Friday' now.

Problem is one dog turned into 2 since younger one came home from kennel at their original expected return time. He's poorly toilet trained and it's a challenge to keep apace because he's totally evasive and won't come when called, growling like a tiger and hiding all over the house.

Remember to Vote on Tuesday!