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Lincoln High Newsletter

Happy 4th!



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This week's topics:

1. **Spit shines.** Your memories of basic training and time in the Military back when. Kiwi was best for a spit shine?? Did you really use spit?? Editor used rubbing alcohol diluted with water.
2. **Marching in the LHS band & your favorite band march.** Washington Post?
3. **Best Cruise line.** Best food - best cabins, best service, fewest sinkings or norovirus incidents. Any of the readers ever been on a cruise and contracted the norovirus or got sea-sick?
- 4 **Still singing in the choir?** You sang in the choir at Lincoln High and are still in a choir? Editor's voice doesn't have the range it once had!!
5. **How dry I am!** Dealing with drought in your neck of the woods? It's sure saving on lawn-mower gas here in S. Wisc!
6. **Short term memory loss.** How are you dealing with it? Editor writes notes to himself and carries a hand-held tape recorder in the car.
7. **Why are there so many kids with autism and strange allergies now?**
8. **Run-ins with the cops.** Were there any funny ones?
9. **Controversial topic!** If you were a member of a union prior to Walker, are you still a member?

and responses:

Kaaren (Berg) Brehmer kaarenknits@solarus.net writes:

Best Cruise Line----We took Princess 2 years ago to Alaska. We like it so much that we booked a cruise for October 2012 to Canada and New England with Princess. We were treated very well, by the cruise line and by our agent at Marathon Travel.

Autism and strange allergies---Our grandson is on the Autism Spectrum. He has Asperger's. Our daughter works as a Senior Therapist with Wisconsin Early Autism Project (WEAP). Kids just used to be quirky or have runny noses--now they get labeled. Not sure if that's good or not. There was a fellow in my class at Immanuel named Jim Berry, I'm sure he falls somewhere in the spectrum. We just thought he was different--he was very good at some things but not much of a social animal.

Tom Hornig thornig@vonbriesen.com writes:

Some random thoughts on some random topics. Marching in the LHS Band was, for me, a total thrill. With Father "Rog" as director, my Sis having preceded me, my Mother always in support, it was one of the most meaningful experiences I had in High School. I suppose my last year as Drum Major was the best ! (I think my Dad finally had enough of listening to my trombone, thus finessed the situation by giving me a big stick that was SILENT !). Easier on the chops too.

Re: Short term memory loss. What was the question?

Dry: Oh Lord – we are parched in the Madison area. Right – no lawn mowing to interfere with my naps!

Kids with strange allergies, et. al: Strange kids! I've had allergies since age 8. Had more shots than a chronic drunk. Still snifflin'.

There are no funny cops – you heard it here from your lawyer.

Walker: Not a member before or after, but glad the issue is behind us – for now. My office is directly across the street from the east wing of the Capitol. Nice view – disturbing sounds - like for the last year !!!

Short term memory loss: Huh ?

Choir: Some of my favorite musical experiences involved singing with a choir – mostly music clinics and the like.

Cruises: Alaska twice. Once great, once with hand sanitizing like every other minute to avoid spreading of something no one wanted to get – but some did ! UGH. One time Norway cruise – wonderful.

Short term - - - short term - - - huh ???

Chad Lewis chad.a.lewis@comcast.net writes:

I know I'm a week late but what can I say? I'm retired.

My Dad was half-owner of Rapids Auto Wrecking when I went to Lincoln. I would work there on weekends. The hardest thing I had to do there was busting V8 engine blocks in half with a sledge hammer so the scrap metal man would take them. Getting parts off cars was no fun in the winter either.

The only job there I liked was painting the fence next to Hy 13 in big red letters saying RAPIDS AUTO WRECKING. Our motto was: "If we don't have it or can't get it, you don't need it."

Theft was always a problem. We had a junk yard dog at first, but he wasn't much good, as some of you probably know.

I'm sure some of the cars we scrapped would be worth a lot today.

Candace Caylor klorkatz@att.net writes:

I never was in the military, I can't sing and I was never a union member. However I remember marching in the LHS band. In the summer you roasted and in the winter you froze wearing those wool uniforms.

I've been on 7 cruises [my 8th will be this winter in Hawaii] and 4 cruise lines-- Cunard, Royal Caribbean, Norwegian and Carnival. I've never had a bad experience on any of them nor have I ever been sick [those sea sick pills are wonderful]. I hope my luck holds out!

Short term memory loss- I can't remember-- what other comment would you expect?:]

I think there are many factors as to why there are so many kids with autism and strange allergies. One factor could simply be our awareness of these problems and a label to pin on them-- especially autism. There are many levels of autism from the profound to the minimal. I bet , in our time, some of those children were labeled as "class clowns" or simply "the trouble makers" or even mentally ill.

Are you kidding? Run ins with the cops! My dad was sheriff and I lived above the county jail!

"I fear we have awoken a sleeping giant and filled him with a terrible resolve."

Isakoru Yamamoto after Pearl Harbor