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## Lincoln High Newsletter

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### This week's topics:

1. **Hope you all had a great Labor Day weekend!** Any memorable experiences of the week-end or watching/attending the Packers or Badgers games last Thursday?
2. **Where were you when the events of 9/11/2001 unfolded?**
3. **Grand Avenue - Then and now.** Anyone care to remember a specific building on Grand and recount the various occupants over the years.
- 4.. **The favorite meal that your Mom - or Dad - used to make.** Editor's mom made a pheasant dinner (when we shot one) that was out of this world. I don't think my Dad ever cooked anything.
5. **Pee on it!** A new mandate from Washington requires that diesel trucks have a **urea** injection system to reduce emissions in their exhaust. What do you truckers think about it? See: [http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/vehicles/diesels\\_fluid.html](http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/vehicles/diesels_fluid.html)
6. **Your thoughts about where summer went to.** Only two weeks until the Autumnal equinox.
7. **How have idealogues** (1. an impractical idealist : theorist. 2. : an often blindly partisan advocate or adherent of a particular ideology) **affected the country over the last 200+ years?** You history majors should be able to come up with a bunch of thoughts!
8. **Controversial topic: Will labor/public employee unions survive this decade?**

### and responses:

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Ursula Nogic [unogic@yahoo.com](mailto:unogic@yahoo.com) writes:

Labor Day Weekend in Greenbelt, MD- New Deal's First Planned Community - Built by unemployed laborers to provide economical housing for DC workers. - We decided to spent the day with a meander through history by joining the current residents in their 60th Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Website: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenbelt,\\_Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenbelt,_Maryland)

Many are 4th generation Greenbelters and the original town homes and apartments, initially government owned, were purchased by the city after the war and are still co-ops. The town center has stayed true to its architecture - Art Deco, with a major coop food store, the original cinema theater, the New Deal cafe, and the rows and rows of housing leading into it.



Live music with a terrific Johnny Cash band and the mood was as if stepping back into the 50's, 60's and 70's. Authentic aging in an enclave that at least on this festival day seemed a genuine throwback intermixed with their contemporary progeny harmoniously emitting vibes of a bygone era of neighborliness.

The sojourn into town was sandwiched into a 4 day camping/hiking adventure in the adjoining Greenbelt National Park, just 16 miles out of DC. Since my graduate degrees were earned at Univ of Maryland, which neighbors Greenbelt, it was a homecoming of sorts for me that melted away several decades and made me feel like one of the early locals myself. My roots there run deep as can be seen in this photo at the park :-)



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Chuck Hinnners [chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com](mailto:chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com) writes:

Charlie Spees taught World History to sophomores during our Lincoln years.

Spees and Howard Junkman were called to active duty with the Red Arrow Division in 1961.

Spees and Junkman spent our freshman year on active duty and returned to their teaching duties in September 1962.

Heilman, Schultz and I were fortunate to have Mr. Spees for a teacher.

Spees taught us about mercantilism which is the economic system characterized by a symbiotic relationship between large business interests and government. Empire builders of the 17th and 18<sup>th</sup> century, namely British, French, Dutch, Prussian and Spanish were mercantilists of the first order. The rebels who formed the United States sought to free themselves from the dictates of the mercantilist King George III.

Mercantilist ideologues kept most of the world enslaved until the American and French revolutions in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Mercantilist ideologues still work hard today to keep Americans enslaved and poor

They have played a large role in banking panics since our founding.

They created the Federal Reserve Bank.

They created the Securities and Exchange Commission which is so inept it could not catch Madoff, and ignore for a decade the evidence of Harry Markopolous.

They initiated the Smoot Hawley Tariff that plunged the nation into the Great Depression by erecting trade barriers

They made it illegal for Americans to own gold

As a group, mercantilists have done more to attempt to make the United States a third world country than any group of Islamic terrorists, communists, or illegal aliens

Recently, Wayne Jett has written a marvelous book that every American who is concerned about their economic security needs to read. Wayne is an economist, a legal scholar, and a financial genius.

Learn more about Wayne Jett by taking the time to Google him or his company Classical Capital.

I will be happy to discuss this with any of my LHS classmates

Chuck Hinnners

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### Local News

MARSHFIELD -- Laurie Johnson's town of Sherman vegetable garden was a flop this year.

But it produced the winner of the Whopping Weed Contest held Sunday at the **Central Wisconsin State Fair**.

"It was so wet this year that nothing in the garden grew except this weed. I was going to cut it down awhile ago and my kids said, 'No, enter it in the Whopping Weed Contest.' They saw that in the fair flyer.

"I didn't need to do much to keep it growing," Johnson said. "I started to cut it down this morning with a small saw and ended up using a big saw and needed help to carry it to the truck."

Judges measured the height and width of the 22 entries to determine the biggest plant. Johnson's winning ragweed surpassed six feet in height and easily stretched to five feet wide.

During the judging Sunday, contestants studied each other's entries.

"There's a lot more competition for this than I thought there would be," said Roger Kundert of Wisconsin Rapids, who brought a five-foot-tall burdock bush swaddled in plastic garbage bags so that it wouldn't leave burs on his car's upholstered seats.

Kundert also brought a wild cucumber vine that stretched along the pavement near the judging stand. Johnson eyed the vine and said, "It could be the winner because they also measure (width), and those vines can stick out pretty far."

Both Kundert and Johnson paused during their weed comparisons to watch the judges attempt to measure an enormous thistle plant.

Thistle plant owner Nick Bremer of Marshfield wore a sturdy jacket as he held the plant erect, his hands protected within leather gloves, while Shirley Post, a fair secretary, and Chris Viau, a Wood County UW Extension 4-H agent, worked to avoid being pricked by the barbs of a four-foot-tall thistle plant while they took measurements.

"Do I get any extra points for (having) the deadliest weed?" Bremer said as he joked with Post and Viau.

After Post tallied the entries, she said, "This is some pretty good weed growing."

Johnson won a \$50 gift certificate to Schalow's Nursery.

"This was a lot of fun," Johnson said. She's proud of her new bragging rights, she said, and she looks forward to propagating a new weed for the 2012 competition.

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## **The "Greening" of Wisconsin Rapids?**

After more than three years, one of central Wisconsin's largest employers soon could have designs for a small-scale biorefinery in Wisconsin Rapids, company officials said in a report released this week.

NewPage Corp. officials continue to actively research the initiative, known as Project Independence, and are in the process of a detailed design phase they hope to complete by the end of the year, according to the company's 2010 sustainable development report.

The proposed refinery would produce 370 barrels of renewable diesel fuel a day -- about 5.5 million gallons a year -- from mill residue and wood chips, according to the Energy Department. The resulting fuel would replace natural gas as a power source at the mill and can be converted into renewable diesel fuel.

"There's still work being done on it," said Cliff Bowers, NewPage spokesman based in Wisconsin Rapids. "Again, there are those economic and technical requirements."

In January 2008, the U.S. Department of Energy promised the Miamisburg, Ohio-based papermaker \$30 million to build the plant. Last year, the department awarded NewPage another \$20 million to fund the project after favorable results of a feasibility study, according to the sustainability report.

"It's a compilation of all things throughout our several mills -- kind of our calling card in terms of all things sustainable," Bowers said of the report.

Other renewable energy projects noted in the 79-page document released Monday include a 23-turbine wind energy project in Mineral County, W.Va., as well as a 60-megawatt biomass cogeneration facility in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia.

The Wisconsin Rapids project came to the attention of NewPage after it inherited the original request for federal money from Stora Enso North America when the Ohio-based papermaker bought the Wisconsin Rapids-based company in December 2007 for \$2.6 billion.

If the company meets all technical and economic requirements, the construction phase will take place from April 2012 through December 2013, according to this week's report, which also stated NewPage invested \$68 million in 2010 to improve safety, equipment reliability and product quality and donated nearly \$1 million to charitable organizations.

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### **However! Wednesday News!**

NewPage Corp. announced today its U.S. operations will continue as normal while the company goes through the Chapter 11 bankruptcy restructuring process.

The Miamisburg, Ohio-based papermaker, which operates central Wisconsin paper mill facilities in Biron, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids, filed for bankruptcy protection in both U.S. and Canadian courts. The company has obtained up to \$600 million in debt financing commitment to continue its operations through the process, it announced.

NewPage filed motions in U.S. court today to continue its U.S. wages and benefits programs, honor its customer obligations and provide additional protection to stakeholders, according to the news release.

"We strongly believe that the court-supervised restructuring we began today is the most effective means of strengthening our financial position and enhancing our standing as the leading producer of printing and specialty paper in North America," George F. Martin, president and chief executive officer for NewPage, said in the news release. "We expect to continue to provide our customers with the exceptional service and high-quality products they have come to expect. We recognize customers have choices, and NewPage needs to continue to earn their trust and loyalty every day. We expect to continue to run safe and efficient operations, be candid with all of our stakeholders and act as a responsible community member both during and after our financial restructuring."

When reached this morning, local NewPage spokesman Cliff Bowers declined further comment.

"Unfortunately, NewPage does not have any more information or commentary beyond the news release," he said.

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### **A history of the "Mills" in Wis Rapids:**

<http://www.wisconsinrapidstribune.com/article/20110908/WRT0101/109080565/-1/NLETTER1001/NewPage-timeline--From-Consolidated-to-Stora-Enso-to-NewPage?source=nletter-news>

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### **The Dark Side Of Women**

A woman was in town on a shopping trip. She began her day finding the most perfect shoes in the first shop and a beautiful dress on sale in the second. In the third, everything had just been reduced by 50 percent when her mobile phone rang.

It was a female doctor notifying her that her husband had just been in a terrible car accident and was in critical condition and in the ICU. The woman told the doctor to inform her husband where she was and that she'd be there as soon as possible.

As she hung up she realized she was leaving what was shaping up to be her best day ever in the

boutiques. She decided to get in a couple of more shops before heading to the hospital. She ended up shopping the rest of the morning, finishing her trip with a cup of coffee and a beautiful chocolate cake slice, compliments of the last shop. She was jubilant.

Then she remembered her husband. Feeling guilty, she dashed to the hospital.

She saw the doctor in the corridor and asked about her husband's condition. The lady doctor glared at her and shouted, 'You went ahead and finished your shopping trip didn't you! I hope you're proud of yourself! While you were out for the past four hours enjoying yourself in town, your husband has been languishing in the Intensive Care Unit! It's just as well you went ahead and finished, because it will more than likely be the last shopping trip you ever take! For the rest of his life he will require round-the-clock care, and he will now be your career!'

The woman was feeling so guilty she broke down and sobbed.

The lady doctor then chuckled and said, 'I'm just pulling your leg. He's dead. Show me what you bought.'