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Lincoln High Newsletter

This week's topics:

- 1. It's fall - Did you and your neighbors ever play in the leaves?**
- 2. Airlines & baggage - Your battles and thoughts.**
- 3. What's the best museum you ever visited?**
- 4. Are you still using any of your military vocabulary every day? - Keep it clean!**
- 5. What's the biggest tip you ever got as a waiter/waitress, paperboy, whatever?**
- 6. What should the US be doing about ISIS and Ebola?**
- 7. What have you been doing since you left Lincoln High?**

and responses:

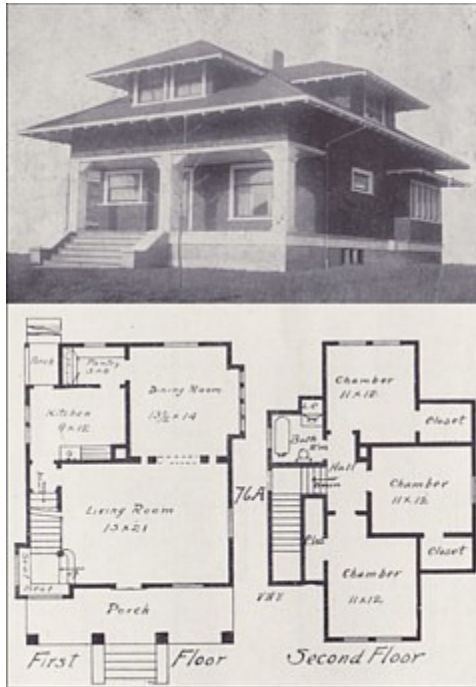
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1/3. I left Rapids to go to college at Valparaiso University in Indiana then took my first teaching job at a high school in Phoenix. I taught for 10 years in Phoenix and Scottsdale and got my Masters at Arizona State University, then went to Kansas State and CSU Fullerton on federal grants for race and gender equity. I received a Doctorate in Education from Northern Arizona University in Educational Administration.

After moving to Sacramento, I became the Executive Director of the Sacramento YWCA. After 7 years of that special bliss, I finished my formal work life with the State of California in Special Education and finally as the State Director of Education Technology. My partner of 21 years died in 2001 and I have been with a wonderful woman (married since 2008) for the past nearly 11 years. We have lots of grandchildren, a rescue dog, two rescue cats and a bunch of grand dogs

We are the proud owners of a 1908 Craftsman Bungalow home which gives rise to one project after another.

Ed note: I wondered what a 1908 Craftsman Bungalow looked like, so I found this picture on Google Images



I am a hospice volunteer and active in an ELCA Lutheran Church. Life is good. We love to travel and I still have my passion for photography. I have kept up with some Lincolniters. Recently, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Lois Mueske Garrison and husband Donald. Maggi Glenn Colburn lives here in Sacramento also and she and I lunch occasionally. Can't wait to see the reunion pictures.

2. There were several memorable teachers at LHS, but one of the greatest influences was Alice Hayward. She was the epitome of an inspirational teacher. From her and also from Carol Broker, I picked up the love of learning, the love of good writing and my obsession with grammar. So good to hear from everyone about their life.

5. After I retired, I went back and cleaned out my parents house and it sold to a lovely family. The yard looks better than ever. I took the tour past my grandparents house and some of the haunts. Some are gone like Hamer's Bakery and the ice house at Witter Field where we spent many winter hours. In later years, the Little Pink Restaurant and the owner's daily freshly baked bread was a favorite.

"Wisconsin Rapids....where our stories started"

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When I read Kent's insert in the LHS Newsletter about our President giving the new NASA Administrator Charles Bolden the charge of "Boosting Self Esteem in the Muslim World", I was shocked. So I Googled the subject and it's sited in at least 4 web sites. The best description is in the online British site, telegraph.co.uk, which is a sister publication of the Sunday Telegraph.

They quote an interview with Bolden where he says the President wanted the agency to "reinspire children to get into science and math, expand our international relationships, and reach out to the Muslim world andhelp them feel good about their historic contributions to science..."

I concluded that the President really did say this and the only widely read news site that reported it was Fox News.

The NASA I knew and worked for was much different.

The manned space program (Shuttle and Space Station) were the most publicized and soaked up the most \$. NASA also launched a lot of other satellites for scientific purposes and for observing the earth. They admitted 35 years ago that the earth couldn't be observed from the Space Station or the Shuttle. The problem is that all waste water and material thrown out buy the astronauts would collect on telescope lenses and mirrors in the absence of gravity.

So NASA launched the Earth Observing System which used automated instruments which could be directed from scientists on the ground similar to the Mars Rovers. They also developed most of the communication satellites.

NASA's mission used to be to explore and develop the use of space, and to develop Aeronautics (the A in its name). The sad truth we all knew is that the Shuttle Space Station program produced very little science and soaked up most of their \$ and had huge technical problems in its design so it never became the "Columbus exploration of Space" they hoped it would be.

Automatic instruments and robots did a far better job of observing the earth, Venus and Mars, but the news media seldom gave them any attention. Without astronauts, there is little drama.

We used to say "What is the Purpose of the Space Station?" - Answer "To have place for the shuttle to go to?" and visa versa. Which turned out to be true in the shuttle's last years because NASA was afraid of another Shuttle being crippled in launch and not being able to return as what happened to Columbia.

The cost of now using Russian vehicles, \$70-100 million/seat, turns out to be cheaper than our shuttles which blew >1/2 billion \$ per launch. The manned space program's biggest accomplishment was repairing the Hubble Telescope but future repairs are dangerous because its orbit is different from the Space Station and if another shuttle gets damaged on launch, it won't have a refuge.

Science is still be done by NASA, although the part that gets the most attention is the global warming press releases. I'm hoping that NASA retains its science exploration programs. Obama isn't the first president to throw NASA a distraction. Bush wanted NASA to send astronauts to Mars. Those robotic Mars Rovers are doing a great job right now and the astronaut program just took funding away from the science programs. NASA survived that one.

Ed note: Conservative (denier's) views of "global warming/climate change" can be seen at: <http://www.climatedepot.com/>

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For weeks I have been planning to give you an update on Tiny (Gary Flaminio).

He has been flat on his back nearly 24-hours a day for the last 6 weeks. Sits up only to take his meds and consume Ensure and tomato soup.

He is kept comfortable through pain medication and sleeps most of the time. Most nights he opens his eyes long enough to say "Oh, hi Hon" and then right back to sleep. The staff was all excited last night to tell me that he had asked for a candy bar - the first solid food he had in probably two months.

Our joint prayer, as before, is that our Father God will be merciful to Gary and not allow him to remain here in this condition. As hard as it is to think of him not being here, it is totally selfish on my part to want him to stay.

Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits.

Renée Flaminio

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5. What's the biggest tip you ever got as a waiter/waitress, paperboy, whatever?

I use this tactic at restaurants so much that Susan probably is tired of it.

I simply ask young waiters or waitresses (servers are computers) how much they want.

Generally the response of 20-somethings is an iteration of "whatever you think I am worth".

That is when I respond - that when they face a boss asking that question they better be prepared with an answer of what they think they really are worth.

Once in Las Vegas on a golf trip the waiter for our group of five responded \$200!

Guess that was the biggest tip I've ever paid, and he was worth it.

Sandra Hazell's parents gave me \$2.00 for Christmas on my Sunday Milwaukee Journal route in 1960

Apolitical Aphorisms

If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates.

~Jay Leno~

The problem with political jokes is they get elected.

~Henry Cate, VII~

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

~Aesop~

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven.

~Will Rogers~

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

~Nikita Khrushchev~

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.

~Clarence Darrow~

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.

~Author unknown~

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

~John Quinton~

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

~Oscar Ameringer~

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them.

~Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952~

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

~Tex Guinan~

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

~Charles de Gaulle~

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.

~Doug Larson~

There ought to be one day -- just one -- when there is open season on Congressmen.

~Will Rogers~

People who live off of welfare should have no right to vote until such time that they have repaid their monetary obligations.

~Jim Whedbee~

