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LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

This week's topics:

1. Smartphones! These marvelous devices have changed our lives and given us boundless flexibility. How have they affected you? What do you like about them? What do you dislike about them? Anyone addicted? Anyone annoyed when you want to talk to someone and they are always on their phone?

2. Ever been to Cuba?

3. Got any legal Mexican friends? What do they think of illegal immigration?

4. Anyone ever own a British sports car? MG, Jaguar, Austin-Healey, Morgan, etc? Got a pic?

5. Ever pan for gold?

6. Millenials vs. Baby Boomers - Who had or has it better?

7. Thank someone in the next couple days. Do you feel better? Reader's Digest says you should. I tried it and it seems to work.

8. What three words would you use to describe yourself?

and responses:

Marcie (Basler) Ortscheid '65

Three words to describe myself: 1) determined, 2) honest, and 3) loyal. My friend and I panned for gold when we were in Montana. Of course, I only found a few tiny specks, but it was fun

Toni Weller Olsen - LHS '64

My six-year-old grandson says he can't wait till he's old enough to have a smartphone so he can text his friends. It's interesting to me that little kids are growing up with the new technology. They're comfortable with it. When I tell my grandson that phones used to be plugged into the wall and all you could do was talk on them, he is amazed.

On the other end of the age spectrum, my eighty-year-old neighbor refuses to even consider learning the basics of a laptop or tablet. She seems annoyed that people are always using their phones in public, but I think she's missing out on a lot.

Don Wylie

My sister Sallie (class of '73) went to Cuba last spring. She found a kayak tour of the Bay of Pigs. Her pictures show a forgotten country with very old buildings and old store fronts with no stores. She said its the result of years of communism.

There is no meat to be found in Cuba because the government claimed ownership of all cattle and sheep. The locals see no need to keep animals since they could lose them to a government official. There are few hotels.

She stayed in houses and their cooks served many variations of bean dishes. They had daily fish because one of the kids went out into the bay and caught them each morning.

The people are very friendly and always singing. Music could be heard everywhere. There were some old cars but few people can afford them. There is plenty of gas because of a relationship with Venezuela, if anyone can afford to buy it. There are no supermarkets and only a few street vendors selling flowers and vegetables.

This will be changing as banks are figuring out how to get into Cuba and make credit card sales available to tourists. It's an interesting place.

Leslie Fitz

1) Smartphone: My family teases me about my devices. Whenever we are preparing to walk out the door for a trip, they ask, "Do you have your phone, iPad and Kindle? Do you have the chargers?" They have even gone so far as to say, "We don't care if you forget your undies, just bring those devices!" They know if I have my devices I won't be bored because this momma can never be bored! Oh no! (However I'm not addicted!)

3) Our friends and neighbors are legal Mexicans. One of my closest friends is a service man's bride (from Spain). The consensus among my friends is outrage that they did it the right way to become citizens, but others have not and will not. Yet illegals believe they are entitled to all the benefits legalized citizens have. My friends also have made a successful effort to speak English well and are irked when other immigrants do not. My neighbors have received college degrees and my friend is an accomplished potter and sculptor. They are proud of their adopted country and proud to be Americans. I am proud of them!

From sunny New Mexico, Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!

Chad Lewis

Panned for gold near Dahlonega, Georgia, at a tourist attraction that used to be a mine. Got a few flakes of gold and some garnet chips. Pretty sure the pile we took from was seeded. Have to laugh at the Hoffman crew on Gold Rush. How to make money the hard way and lose it all.

Bill Severson

Number 8 - I am an organized person because of my past work-life as a meeting and event planner, a caring person because of working in hospitality, and, finally, I am up for new challenges, so I am adventurous.

Pete Smullen

4. Anyone ever own a British sports car? MG, Jaguar, Austin-Healey, Morgan, etc? Got a pic?

We just moved, so I can't find my photos, but I owned, in order:

1953 MG-TD

1955 MGA

1956 MGA

1959 Austin Healey (Bug Eye) Sprite

1954 MG-TF

I restored the TD, the Bug Eye Sprite, and the TF. My favorite was the TF.



Editor found a pic.

I drove them all. They were fun to have.

I moved away from these cars when a friend of mine, driving his MG-TD, had a minor accident that wasn't his fault. He died. It was truly the car's fault. Ever since then, my toys have had anti-lock brakes and air bags, not to mention a thoroughly modern crash-minimizing structure.
