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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 Brit sports car? MG, Jaguar, Austin-Healey, Morgan, etc? Got a pic?

5. Ever pan for gold?

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

7. Thank someone in the next couple of 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 - marcie.ortscheid@ki.com

The three words to describe myself would be 1. Determined 2. Honest 3. Loyal my friend and I panned for gold when we were in Montana, and of course I found just a few tiny specks but it was fun

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1. Smartphones - 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, and 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.

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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 a group sat down in the shade. 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 super markets 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 - rfitz750@outlook.com

1) Smart phone: 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 & Kindle? 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 'cause this momma can never be bored! Oh no! (However I'm not addicted!)

3) Our friends & 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 right to become citizens yet others have not/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 & are irked when other immigrants do not. My neighbors have received college degrees & my friend is an accomplished potter/sculptor. They are proud of their adopted country & proud to be Americans. I am proud of them! From sunny New Mexico, Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!

Chad Lewis - chad.a.lewis@comcast.net

Panned for gold near Dahlonega, GA at a former mine, now turned tourist attraction. 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.

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Number 8 - I am an organizing person because of my past work life as a meeting and event planner, caring person because of hospitality past life and finally up to meet new adventure challenges

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4. Anyone ever own a Brit 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, and 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. My toys since then have had anti-lock brakes and air bags, not to mention a thoroughly modern crash-minimizing structure.

Mensa Invitational

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

SOME REQUIRE A BIT OF THOUGHT

Here are the winners:

1. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. Ignoranus : A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
3. Intaxicaton : Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
4. Reintarnation : Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. Foreplay : Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.

7. Giraffiti : Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
8. Sarchasm : The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
9. Inoculatte : To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. Osteopornosis : A degenerate disease.
11. Karmageddon : It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
12. Decafalon (n): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
13. Glibido : All talk and no action.
14. Dopeler Effect : The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
15. Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
16. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
17. Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.