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LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

Thank you to everyone that sent condolences and comforting words in the death of Dominic. Tiny would be so pleased that you contacted us.

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This week's topics:

1. How did you celebrate the 4th?
2. Shoot off any fireworks yourself?
3. Did you have any "myths" in high school? Something that proved to be untrue?
 4. What's your biggest fear/hope?
 5. What do you want to be when you grow up?
 6. What could you have done better today?
 7. Find anything valuable lately?
 8. Ever boycott anything?
9. The stores of Grand Avenue. Are there any left or are they all on 8th St?
10. Whatever else you'd care to write about

and responses:

Ursula Nogic - unogic@yahoo.com

Hope - That Trump and Putin have a sane meeting this week in Germany and that N Korea keeps a lid on its fire crackers.

Fourth of July spent in Washington DC celebrating the 50th Anniversary Folklife Festival on the Mall.

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Shirley and I had a very special Fourth this year. We spent the day touring the island of Hilo, Hawaii with our 15 and 18 year old grandkids. Then went back to the cruise ship for the evening celebration and dinner. It just doesn't get much better than that!

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For a gal who loves the lifestyle of the southwest, I had never been to a professional rodeo - until tonight. Our son lives near Estes Park, a small Colorado mountain town where we attended a rodeo. We sat under a golden full moon rising above a majestic mountain as young cowboys & girls roped steers & rode bucking broncos as well as bulls & raced around barrels. We ate pretzels & drank lemonade & celebrated an American lifestyle. Life is good!

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1. How did you celebrate the 4th? - We have seen 4th of July celebrations by boat in New York City harbor, in a little cove surrounded by five small towns on Long Island, and many times on the Thames River in Connecticut. They were all great, but the celebrations I remember as being the best were the ones my family went to at, I think, Lincoln High School when I was a small lad. I especially liked the American flag that was the ground-mounted finale.

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1. How did you celebrate the 4th? My wife, Sue, was born on the 4th of July and wanted dinner at our local bistro to celebrate. Since Babbo's was closed on the fourth, she wanted to go the third. We were home before the first Shannon Alert sounded. Shannon's law is named after Shannon Smith, a fourteen-year-old Phoenix girl killed by a stray bullet in June 1999. Smith's parents, after being informed that the assailant's activity constituted, at most, a misdemeanor offense, advocated stronger penalties, to prevent future tragedies of this kind.

Shannon Smith, an award-winning athlete and honor student, had graduated from the eighth grade a few weeks prior to her death. While she stood in her backyard talking on the telephone with a friend, a stray bullet hit her in her head, causing instant death. Smith's death sparked a furor among Arizona residents. Her funeral was attended by approximately 1,300 mourners. A monument, made with melted metal from confiscated firearms, was raised in her honor at her middle school by her classmates and friends.

Their campaign took them all over Arizona, and their efforts were supported by city councils of medium-sized Arizona cities such as Tucson. After the Arizona legislature failed to pass the law twice in 1999, it finally received both state senate and state house approval in April 2000, and was enacted in that July. The NRA supported the law and worked in cooperation to form the 'Shannon's Law'.

Violation of Shannon's law is defined as a felony offense in Arizona. However, as with most felony offenses in U.S. jurisdictions, a person charged with this offense can strike a plea bargain with prosecutors, and may be eligible for only a misdemeanor conviction. The decision of whether such an offer is available lies solely in the hands of the prosecutor, and presently these offenses are being charged as "dangerous" offenses, thereby making the accused ineligible for probation under state law, requiring a prison sentence even for a first offense.

Since December 31, 2003, police in Arizona cities began using equipment which alerted them to the location from which a shot was fired. As random discharges of firearms are common in some areas of the U.S. on New Year's Eve, Fourth of July, and other holidays; four arrests of Shannon's law violators were made that night, and it is expected that more police departments will receive similar equipment.

Our gated community was alerted of a potential violation within our boundaries about 8:30 PM on the 3rd; air and land mobile units from City were patrolling the area as were our group of volunteers. It became very quiet.

2. Shoot off any fireworks yourself? NO!!!!

4. What's your biggest fear? That with the political tension rising, someone will set the spark off and we will be blown away

5. What do you want to be when you grow up? My prayer since high school has been:
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
--- The Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

6. What could you have done better today? I have been a longtime boy scout and scout leader and live by the oath, law, and motto learned long ago.

Boy Scout Oath or Promise

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Note that the Boy Scout Oath has traditionally been considered to have three promises. Those three promises are delineated by the semicolons in the Oath, which divide it into three clauses. The three promises of the Scout Oath are, therefore:

Duty to God and country,
Duty to other people, and
Duty to self

DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY: Your family and religious leaders teach you to know and serve God. By following these teachings, you do your duty to God.

Men and women of the past worked to make America great, and many gave their lives for their country. By being a good family member and a good citizen, by working for your country's good and obeying its laws, you do your duty to your country. Obeying the Scout Law means living by its 12 points.

DUTY TO OTHER PEOPLE: Many people need help. A cheery smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By doing a Good Turn daily and helping when you're needed, you prove yourself a Scout and do your part to make this a better world.

DUTY TO SELF: Keeping yourself physically strong means taking care of your body. Eat the right foods and build your strength. Staying mentally awake means learn all you can, be curious, and ask questions. Being morally straight means to live your life with honesty, to be clean in your speech and actions, and to be a person of strong character.

Boy Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy,
Loyal,
Helpful,
Friendly,

Courteous,
Kind,
Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty,
Brave,
Clean,
and Reverent.

Boy Scout Motto Be Prepared!

Boy Scout Slogan Do a Good Turn Daily!

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to -

Be clean in my outdoor manners
Be careful with fire
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation minded.

7. Find anything valuable lately? Quotes of others that are wiser than me, including:
St Jerome - Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best.
Read more at: <https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/s/stjerome389605.html>
John Muir - 10 In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.
- 9 Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.
 - 8 The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.
 - 7 The mountains are calling and I must go.
 - 6 The power of imagination makes us infinite.
 - 5 Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.
 - 4 When we contemplate the whole globe as one great dewdrop, striped and dotted with continents and islands, flying through space with other stars all singing and shining together as one, the whole universe appears as an infinite storm of beauty .
 - 3 When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.
 - 2 Oh, these vast, calm, measureless mountain days, days in whose light everything seems equally divine, opening a thousand windows to show us God.
 - 1 Climb the mountains and get their good tidings.

From Horace Mann:

Lost - yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever.

Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.
Education is our only political safety. Outside of this ark all is deluge.
Seek not greatness, but seek truth and you will find both.

Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery.

Manners easily and rapidly mature into morals.

The teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron.

Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it each day, and at last we cannot break it. Horace Mann

