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~ Letters to the Editor ~

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**Vote for Drazan**

To the Editor:

Christine Drazan is about to accomplish something unheard of since President Ronald Reagan. Win the Oregon governorship and restore liberty, integrity and justice in our government, business and schools. Betsy Johnson, the multimillionaire heiress third party candidate, will ultimately determine the fate of Oregon by drawing votes from either Drazan or ultra-progressive Democrat Tina Kotek. It would require a technological miracle to render the vote by mail Democrat machine (it's not who votes but who counts the votes) in favor of Drazan. Nevertheless, this just may be Oregon's time to crawl out of the Covid enhanced progressive Democrat swamp.

Kotek has already secured the illegal immigrant, homeless, college tuition free, Antifa, BLM, the 'woke,' gay, lesbian, transgender, queer, Gen x, the progressive, etc. Drazan will win the patriots, the working class, those that love God and country, those that cherish the sanctity of life, those that want to see Oregon cleaned up, especially Portland. A liberal progressive, pro-abortion vote for Johnson will hurt Kotek. A conservative, pro-gun vote for Johnson will hurt Drazan.

If Betsy Johnson will ultimately determine the fate of Oregon and even potentially win the Governorship, then it is essential that voters know what she really stands for. If you are a progressive liberal, I strongly encourage you

to vote for Johnson not Kotek. Johnson advocates for late term abortions and boasts of "having a stronger pro-choice record than Kotek. I was on planned parenthood in Oregon before Tina was even an Oregonian." (Washington Free Beacon, Josh Christenson, 8/24/22) When it comes to crime Johnson is the definition of the liberal progressive. As State Senator Johnson voted for a law "that made nearly a third of the prison population- including convicted murderers-eligible for release as soon as they demonstrated good behavior." (op. cit. Christenson)

If you are pro-gun, pro-life, pro God and Country, pro fiscal conservative, then I exhort a vote for Drazan not Johnson. Johnson and Kotek served together in the Oregon legislature for most of the 21st century. "Johnson sided with Kotek on bills to decriminalize drugs, reduce incarceration, and impose one of the largest tax hikes in Oregon history." (op. cit. Christenson). In 2017 "Johnson pushed through a five billion infrastructure bill...In 2019 "Johnson voted for a two billion dollar corporation tax, driving up the cost of goods and services for business owners of all stripes." (op. cit. Christenson)

If the liberal progressives will vote for Johnson and the conservative patriotic Americans will choose Drazan, and believers in God will pray, we may have a miracle in November. (s) Stuart Dick Irrigon

**Good News Only by Doris Brosnan**

Ask most anyone in Ione for an adjective that describes John and Jana Vandenbrink, and one would surely hear most often, "gracious" and "generous." One example of many reasons for this is the corn field they plant for the community. The corn is free for anyone to pick, no questions to answer, no restrictions to meet, as the Vandenbrinks depend on the moral compass of individuals who come to the field. And Vandenbrinks' generosity is spread beyond the field by some individuals who pick and distribute to individuals who cannot do so.

Karen Haguewood enjoyed a 10-day visit in this area that started when she left her home in Litchfield Park, AZ (home of the AZ Cardinals), on September 8. Landing in Pasco, she was soon on the road to LaGrande to visit a daughter and a month-old great grandson. Then, off to Boise, where she enjoyed her 14-month-old great granddaughter before returning to LaGrande for visits with three more great grandchildren and then turning her sites on friends and family in the local area. Staying with Betty Gray, she was able to visit her brother Wayne Hams and his wife and Ione and Heppner friends. Last Sunday, the whirlwind stay ended, after a stop in Hermiston to see her sister, with her flight from Pasco back to AZ.

Bev Sherman was delighted to have her son Ron come last Thursday from Portland for a week-long stay.

Life-long friends can't be beat. Last week, former Heppner residents Daryl and Anita Dick, now from Welches, visited Archie and Diana Ball. This past weekend, Bruce and Diane Moyer stopped over again, as they traveled from the Oregon coast back to their home in Montana. And on Monday, Ken and Jan Evans, also HHS graduates, dropped in for a visit.

On September 10, Paul and Susan Hisler, with their daughter, Annie Weygandt, and her daughters, Peyton and Reese, traveled to the coast to visit Paul's sister Francine Bristow and her husband, Tom, and their daughter Katryna Flynn. Angie Shearer, Paul's sister Joan's daughter, was also able to join the mini-reunion. This was the first visit they all had been able to enjoy for a year, an opportunity that coincided with Hislers' travel to watch granddaughter Reese's volleyball game in Oregon City. And that same weekend, after almost a year, David and Charlotte Gray were able to visit face-to-face with their son Kevin and his wife over lunch in The Dalles. These visiting opportunities represent another positive step toward "normalcy" after these years of long separations.

Last week, their work took Kimberly George and husband, Mark, to the TriCities to co-host an insurance educational forum and speak at a self-insurance conference. So, the couple used the trip from Illinois as an opportunity to also visit friends and family in Hermiston and to spend a refreshing time in the mountains at Kit and Shirley's cabin.

Betty Burns was relieved to be back home on September 9, after a four-months' stay in the Regency Care Center in Hermiston. Husband Loyal has now become Betty's main nurse, and her area friends visit often enough to keep her up on the local news.

Darlene Lovgren came back home on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, and is now recovering from a knee-replacement surgery in the TriCities on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Her three daughters - Leanne, Connie, and Rhonda - make certain she is on track. Darlene had her other knee replaced two years ago and afterwards experienced no delays in airports' security screenings, but maybe two bionic knees will result in closer scrutiny.

Two weeks ago, Don and Jan Stroeber's family, ages two months to 84 years, gathered at McCall, ID, for games, cycling, waterboards, kayaking, and "just enjoying being together." While gathered, they held a surprise birthday party for Jan - Well, close to a surprise: Three-year-old great granddaughter joined Jan to help fold some towels, but she said they had to hurry to get to Jan's surprise birthday party because it would be so fun! "We are truly blessed," Jan says.

Last Thursday, 14 women gathered over lunch at the Heppner Elks club to wish Diane Mullins and Rita DeZoete "Happy Birthday." The small group from Ione and Heppner have met monthly for several years to honor the month's celebrant(s), or just for the camaraderie if no one is celebrating in a particular month.

Thanks to everyone who shared their smiles this week, this column continues. Sharing is as easy as sending your tidbit to [dbrosnan123@gmail.com](mailto:dbrosnan123@gmail.com) or calling 541-223-1490. Please, share.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

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**Spiritually Speaking**

Father Thankachan Joseph  
St. Patrick Catholic Church Heppner



**Disciple is the one who cares and shares**

This week we look as discipleship caring and sharing all resources with fellow beings. We are all tainted with selfishness. We don't find it easy to share our possessions, and we find it even harder to share with someone not known to us. But we are all beggars before God. We need His forgiveness, especially for our refusal to share and care for the needy around the world.

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk. 16:19-31), two questions arise. Why is the rich man condemned? We have no evidence that he acquired his wealth by foul means, as in the case of last week's crafty steward. We are not told that he is responsible for the poverty and misery of Lazarus. We are not even told that Lazarus begged from him and was refused. We are not told that the rich man committed any crime or evil deed. All that we read in this parable is that he feasted and dressed in fine clothing, as any successful person has a right to do. Why, then did he go to hell?

Why the rich man went to hell may have a lot to do with understanding sin. We consider that we sin through thoughts, words, and deeds. We forget a fourth and very important way sin: through our omissions. At the beginning part of our daily Mass, we utter these words: "I have sinned through my own faults, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do." Yet how readily we forget this last criterion, the sin of omission. Today's parable reminds us that this sin can send a person to hell.

The poor man has the name "Lazarus." The Bible doesn't even attribute a name to the rich man. Lazarus was lying at the gate, and rich man simply didn't care about him. Whatever happens to him there outside the gate is none of his concern. He probably said to himself, "I mind my own business; other people should mind theirs," ignoring the needs of someone in need. He had done nothing wrong against Lazarus, but he failed to do a good deed. He failed to reach out and share a little of his blessings with that poor man who was with sores. We read that the dogs in the story at least had concern, licking his sores and caring for him, much more than a human being did for another human being. And so, the rich man committed a sin of omission, and for that he went to hell.

When I was reflecting on this article, I was reminded that of Mother Theresa of Calcutta said, "The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted. And the greatest evil in the world today is lack of love - the terrible indifference towards one's neighbor, which is so widespread."

The second question: Why did Lazarus go to heaven? We are never told that Lazarus ever performed a single good deed. So, what qualified him for heaven? The clue lies in his name. This is the only parable of Jesus in which the character has a name. "Lazarus" is the Greek form of the Hebrew name "Eliezer," which means "God is my help." Lazarus is not just a poor person, but a poor person who believed and trusted in God. He found himself in paradise because of his faith and trust in God, not just because he was materially poor.

According to this parable, the Gospel measurement for heaven or hell depends on our attitude. Spiritual blindness, indifference, condemns people. We've heard this teaching of Jesus before, in Matthew (25:37-38): "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Jesus will answer: "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it for one of these, you did not do it for me. And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." The rich man saw Lazarus hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked and sick - but he chose not to see him. He was spiritually blind and, thus, he did not see. In not seeing, he did not act, and in not acting, he omitted the compassion and sharing he should have given Lazarus. The rich man is condemned for his sin of omission.

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