

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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BORDERS AND BAD GUYS

I don't ruffle easily (sans politics). Raising 7 children has afforded me that. "Wrecked your bike? Any blood? You're fine now go and clean your room." But this morning, I was thumbing through Facebook and saw something that kinda gave me that stomach-sinking, cold-sweat, head-for-the-hills feeling. It was a video of a couple busloads of illegal "immigrants" making their way off the bus and into the wild blue of America.... San Diego...for now. By the way, this was not an Abbot of Texas bus saying, "Not in my state". This was a Biden/Obama Bus saying, "Come on in and make yourself at home.... and be sure to vote!" Oh, but I'm sure the fact that these folks were all young, military age, Middle Eastern-looking men was just a coincidence. Is it just me or is this a little reckless? Having our Press Secretary roll her eyes while telling us how secure our borders are isn't much comfort. She should get the Evasion Award of the Year.... "I'm not going to get into this matter right now" and "The president is working hard to find a bipartisan solution"....ummmhmmmm. Has the woman EVER just answered a question? Excuse me Ma'am, but 5,000 people a day across our border is an INVASION. Any President (and handlers) that lets this happen is guilty of treason....period. Anyone with an IQ over 50 who supports a treasonous president is as guilty as he is. OF COURSE, we have a "heightened terror threat". DUH! Pretty much what happens when the doors are wide open, and the bad guys are welcomed with open arms...especially when they've been known to yell "Death to America!"

So here are a few random thoughts for you. Dear Liberals: I doubt the terrorists will cut you much slack just because you shop "green" or use preferred pronouns. When they hit, the casualties will include us all. How willing are you to watch our country go down? Do you have any idea what your political correctness is costing us? Because you will. I pray it doesn't happen on a holiday. But it may. Our enemies love making holidays more "special". Dear Republican candidates: Please get your act together and stop debating each other. You're wasting valuable time that could be spent making the party and our country stronger. None of you are going to win the nomination so stop picking at each other and start supporting the guy that's winning. Dear Never-Trumpers: Trump is not running for Mr. Nice Guy, School Counselor, or Pastor of The Year. He's running to be the strong leader he's already been. He had our veterans proud, military strong, enemies scared, and a border WALL going up. OH... and remember how we could fill our cars without getting a loan? But if you like the way our country is heading....be sure to vote for a Republican who has no chance of winning. Iran is counting on you. Dear Hunter: You have 2% credibility which might actually be more than your father's. Please go home, repent, and work on becoming a decent human being. "But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten." Exodus 18:21
By Susie Crosbey from Prineville

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Another chuckle from Dennis O'Donnell: "I went to a psychic. I knocked on her door. She called out, 'Who is it?' I left! The Ione Community Church carolers went about the town on their light-decorated trailer last evening, spreading the good news and sounds of Christmas while collecting food for the Neighborhood Center's supply cupboards. Later the church youth group spent an overnight at the church. The Heppner United Methodist Church will be having a Christmas-Eve Candle-Light Service at 7 PM. The public is invited! About 150 quail are enjoying the feed that Kit George puts out for them daily! His seems to be just one stop on their neighborhood dining circuit, however (quail weigh about 100 grams and apparently eat about 16 grams of food a day), and the bevy/covey/flock seems to favor another spot for overnights. For over two weeks a chucker traveled with the quail! It hasn't showed up for a couple of days, so may have found "birds of a feather" flocking together elsewhere? Two "elves who apparently escaped the shelf"/"Santa cheerleaders" (description depends on the witness interviewed) - only known as DB1 and DB2 - were seen last Thursday bringing song and sharing "Christmas cheer" at a few homes in Lexington and Heppner. An unknown elf or thoughtful person raked and did some cleaning at the Groshens Fountain by the rodeo grounds recently. Greatly appreciated! Jan Stroeber shares that "for us who enjoyed the NFR, it was special because Dalton Massey, from Hermiston, won second in the world in steer-wrestling. His mother, Shawn Britt Massey, graduated from HHS. Several of the Britt family attended the finals, while others watched with pride. Of course, Butch Knowles's familiar voice added so much about the contestants, and the horses that people competed on, as well." The slogan "Neither snow nor rain nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds," comes to the USPS from the Greek historian Herodotus, and three post-office couriers brought 619 packages to the Heppner Post Office on Monday!! A record says Postmistress Roz George. Hats off to the in-office and delivery persons who then had to expedite the distribution/delivery of those packages, in addition to the many cards, advertisements, and bills!! The weather forecast seems to favor the Christmas travelers in Oregon, so that will be good news for many families, and even "gooder" news will be a snowfall that avoids the highways but accumulates in the mountains. Some people have marked their calendars for tomorrow, Thursday, December 21, which will be the shortest daylight day of the year. These people may be dancing and merry because this Winter Solstice will mean that the days will begin to grow longer (about 15 minutes a week)!

If the good times and busy-ness of this holiday season allow time, how about sharing something that made you smile: dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490. Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this!

Writer goes to Spain

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The view from the Castle looking towards France. - Contributed Photo

vidual explorer. She readily admits, "I'm not sure if I possess the same level of intrepidness when I'm on my own." However, she eagerly anticipates future opportunities to reunite with her classmates, particularly within the vibrant science fiction and fantasy convention circuit. The bond forged during their shared adventure remains unbreakable, as they continue to stay connected through social media platforms. In fact, they are already planning an exciting short story workshop scheduled for January, fueling their collective motivation and creativity.

Throughout the workshop, Marissa encountered challenges that pushed her outside of her comfort zone. Sharing limited personal space with her peers for three weeks highlighted the

importance of connecting with others, even as she sought moments of solitude with her trusty headphones. Moreover, the immersion of the workshop allowed her to complete a rough draft of a story in just two days, unveiling her own capacity for writing. This intensive experience has not only transformed Marissa as a writer but also as an individual, bolstering her confidence to wholeheartedly pursue her passion while forging stronger connections within the thriving writing community. With unwavering hope in her heart and an unwavering dedication to her craft, Marissa eagerly awaits her next adventure, knowing that her fellow writers will be by her side, amplifying their collective creativity and inspiring one another to reach new heights.

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This single family home, spanning 1641 square feet, boasts a spacious dining room and living room along with a family room 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms and lots of storage. Situated in a peaceful neighborhood, it is conveniently located close to the swimming pool, high school, baseball park, and downtown area. The property sits on a large lot with street access, with lots of parking and also features a shop. Large covered deck, patio and a carport. The total land area is 0.25 Acres.MLS#: 23224220

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