

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City is growing

To the editor:
I've lived here about 18 years, coming from the southwest Portland area. I've seen this beautiful city grow from a smallish country town to a renewed city and countryside. My thanks to the city of Hermiston, crews from Umatilla Electric Cooperative, the street sweepers, parks and recreation, the construction crews and of course the brave men and women guarding our safety (the policemen and police women), Burns Mortuary, the Charles Burns family of Pendleton and the Joseph E Burns family of Burns Mortuary in Hermiston and our wonderful Lady of Angels Catholic Church.

Thanks again!
Bernadette Bass
Hermiston

Hansell walkout should be supported

To the editor:
When I read the East Oregonian Friday, I was so pleased to see that we in Eastern Oregon were being clearly represented by a man of integrity. Sen. Bill Hansell knows the impact of this super majority socialist agenda against us in

the region. He walked out, as not to allow this legislature slamming us with another tax. Yes folks it is a tax. This will increase products and services we use daily in our lives.

It's socialism at its best, and Kate Brown will do anything to keep her socialist ideas and cronies in power to push their economic disastrous ideas to fruition. This includes having our only real representatives of eastern Oregon to be forced if found, dragged back and have to sit in and watch the socialist super majority ram this cap and trade bill down our throats.

Since the governor and her cronies consistently and defiantly ignore federal law should the president order U.S. marshals to find them, round them up and make them sit unwillingly in federal court to be prosecuted in violation of federal law. I would say that would be fair according to their actions.

Thank you Bill! I have your back, as you have had mine, and my neighbors. We need more representation like you who care about us all, not the ones who, with special interest groups, fatten their pockets.

Perry Hawkins
Hermiston

Cashing in on Oregon Lottery

Several weeks ago I thought I had a sudden windfall of \$30,000.

After scratching about half of the corresponding coordinates on Oregon Lottery's "Game of Riches," it appeared I won the top prize. I scrambled downstairs to show my husband the card.

In the 15-20 minutes that I had thought I won, several things came to mind. First, I was ecstatic. I play sporadically, collecting winning cards and cashing them in for additional cards. They might sit on a nightstand for a week or more until I get around to scratching them.

I was thinking I wished I had scratched this particular card sooner, as we could have gone to the lottery office during our recent trip to Coos Bay. I looked at the calendar and told John I would need to take some Friday off from work so we could go to Salem to collect the winnings.

Pondering aloud about what I might buy, John interrupted to suggest I could use part of the winnings to take my cousins with me on a 60th birthday trip next February. This brought tears to my eyes — what a sweet thing for my husband to think of. Not only is he aware that Laura, Lynda and I have been talking about taking a trip together sometime, John knows how I like to do something special for monumental birthdays.

John wasn't getting worked up with excitement like I was. Always

the practical one, he said he'd believe it when he saw the money.

Then I thought, I have to sign the back of the card. Before doing so, I decided to double-check the scratched coordinates.

It was then that the disappointing reality slapped me in the face. I had inadvertently scratched F-8 instead of E-8. The worst part about my error is it appeared I won the top prize. If it had only been \$10 or \$20 I wouldn't have been so bummed out.

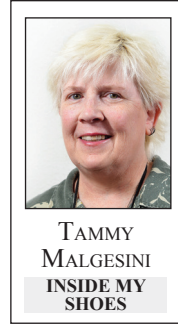
And when I finally forced myself to finish playing the card, adding insult to injury, I didn't win a thing.

Not even the minimum \$3. Zero. Nada. Nothing.

Later, John came upstairs to find me on the daybed looking at the card. "Staring at it isn't going to change it," he said.

I had to break the news to my cousins that we aren't going to Hawaii or some exotic place. Initially, they were a bit confused because they didn't even know I had been planning it in my head.

The \$17 I currently have in winning tickets won't even fill my gas tank for a road trip. Maybe, if I keep my fingers crossed, a future scratch ticket will be a big winner — or someone decides to send me a check or start a GoFundMe campaign. Meanwhile, I'm still dreaming about a 60th birthday in paradise.



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