

New Reasons for Us to be Grateful

Dire events over the past few months have given us ample reasons to fear for the future of our children. I won't bore you with a litany of things that seem to be going wrong. Instead I've decided to highlight our need to still be grateful. God says in His word, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of the Lord," Who daily provides "spiritual blessings in heavenly places" for His children here on earth. (Eph 1:3)

Here's a quick list of a few things for which Wahpeton folks can be thankful. No hurricane spin-offs have hit us, dry weather has given construction people and farmers freedom to accomplish far more than they usually do, not having lost time to foul weather.

Most North Dakota towns are free from terrorists, our grocery stores remain well stocked in spite of the high prices. And we have on-off switches on our remotes if the news of the world tries to smother us with "unhope." (See Thomas Hardy's poem, "Hap")

But the news on this Oct. 18th morning is extremely encouraging. The main roadblock to ending the war between Israel and Hamas has been removed. The mastermind of the October massacre of 2023 has been killed, and it was he and he alone that not only dictated the details of that massacre, but when, if ever, Hamas might release the hostages.

Yahya Sin War is dead, he will soon be vacationing in that lowest circle of Hell reserved for mass murderers such as, Hitler, Stalin, Tojo, Himmler, Mao, Castro, Pol Pot and a pandemonium of others.

Now Benjamin Netanyahu's refusal to heed to the demands for an early cease fire may prove to be the right course of action after all. Bibi himself announced this morning that now, at last, the door is open to peace talks and the

release of the hostages. If he had listened to our secretary Blinken, Yahya would still be lurking in some hospital, mosque, or day care center plotting more mass murder.

Other hopeful news is that the American left, still trying to snow us with a one flake blizzard, may be running out of ploys to hide her short-comings. We won't know till after the election, but I doubt if God, who "puts kings on and takes kings off," (I Sam 12:1 and II Sam 2,) wants to see America, the world's chief supplier of aid to the countless desperate, terrified, and starving children of the world, become another socialistic disaster like Venezuela. Yes, we should have bananas, but not a banana republic.

In athletics, I'm grateful for the terrific season the Minn. Lynx gave us of some of the finest women's basketball ever. Sadly, they lost the final championship game to the New York Liberty in overtime, when a Lynx-blocked shot was called a foul, on a very questionable call that I saw replayed many times. Coach Cheryl Reede challenged it, but the head referee, likely a gnome of the US Dept of Justice, gave Stewart the two free throws that ultimately gave the Liberty the win. But what a game. Both teams were great!

I think the Lynx, like Donald Trump, found our what it feels like to put in a winning effort only to have it canceled by officialdom.

Still, we in Dakota 'fly over country' can feel doubly blessed and grateful to have been spared the tumult that has hit so many people world-wide. Pray for a quick restoration and a return to the peace-blessed days many of us once knew.

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