

THE GOOD NEWS AND THE BAD NEWS AND THE BEST NEWS

The Good News – you mean there is some in this time of great trouble? Well, yes, even for those of us who live in Lucerne Valley, San Bernardino County, California.

What's good about that? Think about it. We hear or read every day about the awful things going on around our country – riots, burnings, takeovers of whole sections of towns, shootings, and lots of nasties happening in lots of places. Even during the virus so-called pandemic, we were lightly touched when compared with other places, and especially compared with many foreign countries who have been hit hard.

So we get to live in our rural desert enclave fairly well separated from all of that stuff, and could be separated even more if we'd just turn off the idiot box. We don't have city traffic or exhaust. We don't have to negotiate concrete jungles daily.

Sure, there's plenty of reason for some stress, especially as the tyrannical socialist-communist government types seem to close in on us. Even so, we live in a County that is oriented more toward traditional American values and less prone to genuflect before the gods of Big Government. We are more than especially blessed (favored by God) to have as our elected County Supervisor Dawn Rowe, who stands strong against the waves of weirdness coming at us from Sacramento and Washington D.C. She attends our local meetings when she can; she knows many of us by name; she brings to our meetings county officials so they can hear us and we them. We have never had a better supervisor!

I wish more people had attended our LVEDA meeting on Wednesday evening, June 2. In attendance were some of the hierarchy of SB County Fire, including Fire Chief Dan Munsey, and four from the Fire Marshall's office, plus their fire dog Dinty, a beautiful black lab who is trained to sniff for bombs and fire accelerants in arson fires. They shared



with excitement some of the new technologies they have to fight their main problems: marijuana grows, illegal fireworks, and arson fires. Also in attendance were the field representatives of our U.S. Congressman, our State Senator, our State Assemblyman, our County Supervisor, and a Victorville CHP sergeant, all reporting on issues they are working on in our behalf. Sgt. Weinberg of our local Sheriff's station

and Peter Livingston, our firebrand Lucerne Valley Unified School District Superintendent, also gave reports. What little community gets the significant attention that we get? Wow.

Needless to say, the illegal marijuana grows that are draining our ground water, threatening our peace and security, and maybe even bringing in the Mexican cartels, was a main issue and the prime target of their efforts. Painful as that issue has been to our town, you couldn't ask for a better group of people to fight these issues on our behalf.

So what's the bad news? Here is an email making the rounds that I received.

David Lawrence Ramsey III is an American personal finance advisor, radio show host, author, and businessman. He is an evangelical Christian, and hosts the nationally syndicated radio program, The Dave Ramsey Show. Dave Ramsey wrote:

I realized that everything is about to change.

No matter how I vote, no matter what I say, lives are never going to be the same.

I have been confused by the hostility of family and friends.

I look at people I have known all my life so hate-filled that they agree with opinions they would never express as their own.

I think that I may well have entered the Twilight Zone.

You can't justify this insanity. We have become a nation that has lost its collective mind.

We see other countries going Socialist and collapsing, but it seems like a great plan to us.

Somehow it's un-American for the census to count how many Americans are in America.

People who say there is no such thing as gender are demanding a female President.

Universities that advocate equality, discriminate against Asian-Americans in favor of African-Americans.

Some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, and other people are not held responsible for what they are doing right now.

Criminals are caught-and-released to hurt more people, but stopping them is bad because it's a violation of THEIR rights.

People who have never owned slaves should pay slavery reparations to people who have never been slaves.

After legislating gender, if a dude pretends to be a woman, you are required to pretend with him.

People who have never been to college should pay the debts of college students who took out huge loans for their degrees.

Immigrants with tuberculosis and polio are welcome, but you'd better be able to prove your dog is vaccinated.

Irish doctors and German engineers who want to immigrate to the US must go through a rigorous vetting process, but any illiterate gang-bangers

who jump the southern fence are welcomed.

\$5 billion for border security is too expensive, but \$1.5 trillion for 'free' health care is not.

If you cheat to get into college you go to prison, but if you cheat to get into the country you go to college for free.

And, pointing out all this hypocrisy somehow makes us 'racists!' Nothing makes sense anymore, no values, no morals, no civility and people are dying of a Chinese virus, but it is racist to refer to it as Chinese even though it began in China.

We are clearly living in an upside-down world where right is wrong and wrong is right, where moral is immoral and immoral is moral, where good is evil and evil is good, where killing murderers is wrong, but killing innocent babies is right.

Wake up America! The great unsinkable ship 'Titanic America' has hit an iceberg, is taking on water and sinking fast.

Lord, Please Help Us!"

We KNOW this is spot on. Is there any good news after all of that??

Yes, and it's the Best News! From the daily email of Pastor Ray Bentley of Maranatha Chapel in San Diego, entitled "The Serious Business of Joy":

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." — John 15:11

"Joy is the serious business of heaven," wrote C.S. Lewis. . . .

In his book *Jesus Man of Joy*, Sherwood Wirt celebrated joy this way: "Joy is more than...earthly pleasure, more than what we call happiness. Joy is the enjoyment of God and the good things that come from the hand of God... For many, pleasure and happiness are but fleeting experiences. But joy! Now we move into a different dimension...Joy is not happiness, it is the joy of salvation, the exultation of God's Spirit in men and women, 'good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.' Joy becomes the ecstasy of eternity in a soul that has made peace with God."



Try to remember, the greener grass across the fence may be due to a septic tank issue.

Joy is not mere happiness. Joy is often accompanied by a recognition of the lack of joy in the world, and the haunting notion that we are but passing through, pressing toward something greater than ourselves. Joy gives us the ability to delight in life and the strength to carry on, even in the midst of hardship.

Jesus didn't create joy to be half-hearted, partial, or merely wished for.

He went to the cross "for the joy set before Him" (Hebrews 12:2) so that our joy "may be full."

As our world crumbles around us, don't you find that to be the best news ever?? If we so choose, we are only passing through this foreign land, heading toward our real home, with our Father in Heaven! What a reason for Joy!

Linda Gommel

IF YOU WALKED IN OUR BOOTS, YOU WOULD QUICKLY REALIZE HOW GOOD AMERICA HAS IT.

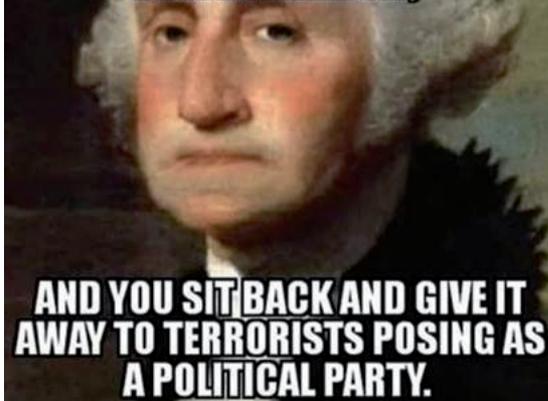


BUT MOST HAVEN'T, AND THAT IS WHY SO MANY OF OUR CITIZENS ARE WILLING TO S** ALL OVER OUR COUNTRY.**

Instead of a sign that says 'do not disturb' I need one that says 'already disturbed proceed with caution'



WE FOUGHT A REVOLUTION AND WORKED TO GIVE YOU PEOPLE FREEDOM,



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE
Contributed. From the Web.

ACTUAL INSTRUCTIONS

The following are actual instructions found on the named items:

ON HAIRDRYER INSTRUCTIONS:

Do not use while sleeping.

ON A BAG OF FRITOS:

You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.

ON A BAR OF DIAL SOAP:

Directions: Use like regular soap.

ON A FROZEN DINNER:

Serving suggestion: Defrost.

ON A HOTEL-PROVIDED SHOWER CAP IN A BOX:

Fits one head.

ON TIRIMISU DESERT:

Printed on the bottom of the box:

Do not turn upside down.

ON MARKS & SPENCER BREAD PUDDING:

Product will be hot after heating.

ON PACKAGING FOR A ROWENTA IRON:

Do not iron clothes on body.

ON CHILDRENS COUGH MEDICINE:

Do not drive car or operate machinery.

ON NYTOL (A SLEEP AID):

Warning: may cause drowsiness.

ON A KOREAN KITCHEN KNIFE:

Warning: keep out of children.

ON A STRING OF CHINESE MADE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:

For indoor or outdoor use only.

ON SAINSBURY'S PEANUTS:

Warning: contains nuts.

ON AN AMERICAN AIRLINES PACKET OF NUTS:

Instructions: open packet, eat nuts.

ON A SWEDISH CHAINSAW:

Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands.

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