

Opinion

To the Class of 2020

Class of 2020, boy, did you get a raw deal. You did everything that was asked of you—attending class, partaking in extra-curricular activities, following (for the most part) the rules.

Now, when you should be walking across the dais with your classmates to accept your hard-earned diploma or recalling an evening at the prom or preparing for a graduation trip, you are instead keeping your social distance, wearing a mask and marking graduating virtually or in a ceremony unlike any other in our history.

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senior prom or a grand graduation ceremony with millions of others across America. If college campuses don't open to in-person classes this fall, your anguish will continue. It is an unfortunate turn of events yet you must have the character to shake it off and move forward. There is no alternative.

COVID-19 upturned the world for all of us but you graduated and received your diploma.

Yes, you are graduating into a world with economic calamity all around—businesses

closed causing millions of people to lose their jobs. Life as we all know will come with less—reduced services, governmental budgets slashed as a result of plunging revenues.

You cannot let hope fade. You must maintain faith in the United States of America and its citizens. In all of our history the people of America have never failed themselves nor their neighbors; we have never thrown up our hands and walked away.

It is a changed world and you can help make it into something different and better.

You got a raw deal, class of 2020, but what you do from this point will say a lot about you. —LAZ

Protest but don't destroy

By LYNDON ZAITZ

Americans have a history of protesting. Lawfully protesting is a protectED right given to the people by the Constitution.

The current protests taking place in every corner of the country is nothing new. Protests against the Vietnam War changed the nation's direction. Demonstrations in support of civil rights brought about change. Although it is not completely fulfilled.

We were shocked when a Black man is killed by a police officer in Minneapolis, caught by a bystander on their camera. Unsurprisingly, the killing of George Floyd resulted in demonstrations in Minnesota that spawned protests across the country.

We shudder at images of the destruction in our cities—graffiti, vandalism and burning buildings and cars. Most protesters were lawful, expressing their right to free speech. There is evidence that much of the looting and destruction of property

was carried out by elements that saw an opportunity and seized it. Many protesters themselves decried the destruction; a protester is not necessarily a rioter.

Some call for more stringent law and order to address the protests and riots. The president has threatened to send in military troops to quell the violence in our streets. That is the wrong policy and will only incite more dangerous protests.

Others call for a change in how we respond to civil discourse. A segment of society says it is time to sit together, listen to those with valid grievances, and learn.

Anyone who denies there is racism in America hasn't been paying attention. Black America has lived with overt and covert racism for hundreds of years. Society hears them but nothing changes. We can listen to those who are victims of racism, but until institutional changes are made, our country will

continue to endure the same scenes that are playing out now. Things will get better only when hearts and minds are changed. We see the seed of that change in the faces of protesters around the nation—black, white, brown, men, women, old and young. Not all protesters are thugs. Most have legitimate concerns that we, as a nation, must address. If force must be used during these protests, let us reserve it for those actually breaking the law and causing mayhem.

How one responds to the protests might depend on one's interaction with law enforcement. If you have never been arrested, it is likely you view the protests and riots with disgust, otherwise you may view the protests with a little understanding.

Americans protest; it is our right as citizens. It is when others use those protests as cover to loot and destroy that we all must say "Stop." Go ahead and protest but don't ruin our community.

(Lyndon Zaitz is editor and publisher of the *Keizertimes*.)

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Natural laws

To the Editor:

There is a force, a law, that exists throughout the universe. It is constant and unrelenting. It is Entropy. Some of its pathways include corrosion, decomposition, decay, radiation, erosion, gravity and chaos. Entropy serves to reduce and return higher forms of energy to the lowest form of energy.

For example, if you change iron into steel (an energy input), corrosion instantly begins the process of returning the alloy back into iron oxide or rust. If you build a bridge or a building or a road, upon com-

pletion it immediately begins to disintegrate. Due to chaos, weather patterns are not totally predictable.

Once built, mountain peaks and ranges erode and eventually fill valleys with their rock and soil. Higher forms of life devolve into lower forms of life and so on.

Entropy can not be stopped. At best it can be held at bay and the inevitable postponed. But it takes great effort, investment, and maintenance to keep our infrastructure in place, in good repair and usable. This is one of the reasons that we pay taxes.

Similarly, without constant

great effort, goodwill and the best of intentions, organizations, large and small, fall into chaos and disintegrate. Societies crumble. Pandemics, riots, violence and destruction are symptoms.

We should be more caring and thoughtful about our actions and our inactions. Life is fragile. Planet Earth does not care if life exists or not. With or without humanity, earth will continue to rotate about its axis and revolve around the sun. The privilege of our continued "ride along" is up to us.

Jim Parr
Keizer

Two wrongs don't make a right

The old saying, 'Two wrongs don't make a right,' renounces wrongful conduct and responds to the wrongdoing of others. However, can three, four, five or six wrongs make a right?

Some would argue that trillions of wrongs together can't make one right. Meanwhile, right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Another approach would be to follow Saint Augustine who said in any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst you can do is nothing.

Wrongs don't make rights. It's all about the journey, not cutting corners to get what you want. The shaping of considerations is the shaping of our moral character. Another input on this subject comes to us from the writings of President Theodore Roosevelt. He wrote, the probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.

Amidst the cries for justice throughout the nation, in the poignant case of an African-American, George Floyd, formerly of Minneapolis, who was murdered by a police officer in that city, who held his knee into Floyd's neck until

he expired, has resulted in violent clashes with police, the burning of squad car, and the looting of businesses across the country. The murder of Floyd, say those who protest, comes after years and years (some argue 400 years or the arrival in the Americas of the first slave ship) of racial injustice and brutality at the hands of law enforcement whose actions and behaviors have reached and exceeded the boiling point.

President Lyndon Johnson got civil rights right, those that had been pending for 100 years but dropped the ball in 1968 when protests regarding the war in Vietnam overwrought him in the spring of that year. Subsequently he abrogated his responsibilities, bowed out of power and wouldn't run for president again. Our current president, Donald Trump, given an opportunity to assert his leadership in face of the riots, lootings and burnings, currently underway throughout the country, has either been quiet or used tweets to let the protesters know that he will use "vicious dogs, ominous weapons and shoot protesters" should they come near the White House where he has gone at times during the up-

roars to hide in a bunker in its basement while calling on his base of supporters to put on their MAGA caps and come to the executive mansion to praise him.

By abrogation again, the nation's president has given up the opportunity and responsibility to make wrongs right. That opportunity and responsibility now defaults to our local officials throughout the land, including the states' governors, mayors, police chiefs and the many other officials who can and should get together to make certain that persons of color as well as Native Americans receive the same, equal levels of treatment, enforcement, consideration and justice made available to white Americans.

Meanwhile, to calm and bring order to those practicing their Constitutional right to peacefully assembly to protest—while those into raging violence and extreme disorder are shut down—the four who were party to the demise of George Floyd must be arrested and brought to trial. As soon as possible, reforms throughout the country, not now established in rules and regulations of police conduct, must be set in place and administered fairly and equally everywhere in the U.S.

(Gene H. McIntyre lives in Keizer.)

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Why, I never!

By ANDREW JACKSON

Never have I seen the incomparable Paula Abdul in concert, or an epic WWE pay-per-view in person — or ever been blinded by the flashbulbs of an NBA All-Star Weekend.

I've never bought a home, a boat, an RV, or even a riding lawnmower for that matter.

At no time, have I been on an awe-inspiring Alaskan cruise, or watched your beautiful hair dance in the warm island breeze of a cruising convertible. I haven't seen your gorgeous eyes squint from the sun going down in front of our cross-country bound adventure mobile.

Not ever, have I had Broadway play tickets, Pentacle Theatre season passes — or rink-side seats to *JoJo Siwa on Ice*. Okay, I'm not sure that last one is really a thing.

Not yet, have I felt your hand squeeze mine during a haunted house or before a routine medical procedure or at a loved one's funeral. I have

yet to watch your smile after seeing your son graduate from high school and college — or catch a glimpse of that side-eye you'll surely give your daughter's first boyfriend.

There's zero chance I have seen a woman do more for her kids.

Nevermore, will I lose to a more sexy woman at Scrabble, cornhole, or my favorite game: guessing what time it is.

Never, have I been taken care of so well or been around someone so giving, compassionate and beautiful inside and out.

While I haven't witnessed, felt or experienced the things I described here, there's only one person I want to share these firsts with.

Here's one more while I'm at it. I've never seen anyone ask this way... Sarah Nicole Anderson — Will you marry me?

(Andrew Jackson is the production manager, graphic designer at the *Keizertimes* and resident smart aleck.)

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public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

EXEMPTION OF COMPETITIVE PUBLIC BIDDING REQUIREMENTS (Professional Services Agreement – Carving of Keizer Cultural History Pole)

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Keizer will hold a public hearing for the purpose of taking comments on the City of Keizer's draft findings for an exemption from the competitive public bidding requirements of the selection of Oregon 3D Art and Chainsaw Sculptures LLC to carve Keizer Cultural History Pole.

The hearing will be held on **Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Robert L. Simon Council Chambers, Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE, Keizer, Oregon (not a mailing address).

Copies of the draft findings are available at Keizer City Hall or by contacting the City Recorder at 503-390-3700. Any interested party may appear and present comment on the proposed exemption at the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council may take action to adopt the findings and approve the exemption, modify the findings and approve the exemption, reject the exemption or continue the public hearing to another date in the Council's discretion.

Anyone wishing to make comment on this matter may provide testimony at the hearing or submit written response to the City Recorder no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020. Responses may be mailed to Tracy L. Davis, City Recorder, P.O. Box 21000, Keizer, Oregon 97307.

The location of the hearing is accessible to the disabled. Please contact the City Recorder at (503)856-3412

at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact E. Shannon Johnson, City Attorney at (503) 390-3700.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2020.

Tracy L. Davis, MMC
City Recorder

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of Patricia I. Peterson Marion County Circuit Court Case No. 20PB03033

All persons having claims against the above-identified estate must present them, within four months after the date of the first publication of the notice to the personal representative at the address designated in the notice for the presentation of claims or they may be barred.

Michelle Murdock,
Personal Representative
c/o Sam Sears
570 Liberty St. SE,
Suite 240
Salem, Oregon 97301

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF KEIZER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

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If it's happening in Keizer, or someone from Keizer — WE WANT TO KNOW.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
	Actual Amount 2018-19	Adopted Budget This Year 2019-20	Approved Budget Next Year 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	4,978,548	7,051,386	6,016,302
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	49,264	9,000	9,000
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	0	11,500	11,500
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	307,485	211,000	352,606
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	0	0	0
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	2,176,726	2,535,921	2,289,968
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	4,506,828	4,665,970	4,680,947
Total Resources	\$12,018,851	\$14,484,777	\$13,360,923

Contact: Chief Jeff Cowan Telephone: 503-390-9111 Email: chief@keizerfire.com

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
	Actual Amount 2018-19	Adopted Budget This Year 2019-20	Approved Budget Next Year 2020-21
Personnel Services	5,159,870	6,469,891	7,130,286
Materials and Services	1,086,040	1,498,885	1,539,307
Capital Outlay	3,597	37.5	20,000
Debt Service	305,350	202,550	354,956
Capital Projects	32,063	796,660	1,177,307
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Contingencies	0	120,000	120,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	5,431,931	5,376,791	3,019,067
Total Requirements	\$12,018,851	\$14,484,777	\$13,360,923

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
General Fund	6,249,507	7,988,776	8,689,593
FTE	35.5	37.5	38.5
Capital Projects Fund	32,063	796,660	1,177,307
FTE	0	0	0
General Obligation Bond Repayment Fund	305,350	202,550	354,956
FTE	0	0	0
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program (Unappropriated Fund Balance)	5,431,931	5,496,791	3,139,067
Total Requirements	\$12,018,851	\$14,484,777	\$13,360,923
Total FTE	35.5	37.5	38.5

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING *
The Fire District responded to 5,678 calls in 2019 compared to 5,506 in 2018. Voters approved a levy increase of \$0.59 cents per thousand in November of 2018. FY 2021 will be the second year of that levy. One additional FTE is included in this budget.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2018-19	Rate or Amount Imposed this year 2019-20	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2020-21
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 1.3526 per \$1,000)	1.3526	1.3526	1.3526
Local Option Levy	.59	.59	.59
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$318.073	\$211,000	\$381.673

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS	
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1, Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$354,956
Other Bonds	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$0
Total	\$354,956

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