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Opponents, not enemies

By LYNDON ZAITZ

As Ronald Reagan said back in the 1980s regarding then-pending legislation: "We don't have enemies, we have opponents." That is not naive, that was Reagan's take on the game of politics. He could do political battle with the Speaker of the House during the day, then enjoy a drink together after work.

Too often these days some are eager to demonize their opponents, casting them as enemies rather than rivals. More than ever it is important for politicians and government officials at every level to help lower the heated rhetoric across the board. It is difficult to reach a mutual understanding when we are poised on the precipice with no room to spare.

Those who advocate for face masks during a pandemic are not our enemies. Governments that impose requirements for social distancing and mask wearing are doing their duty of protecting the people. Isn't that what we want from our government?

When prodded, most Americans would say the num-

ber one job of government is to protect its citizens.

People want the federal government to keep them safe from foreign attacks either by a state or a terrorist organization. The people want government to keep them safe, or rescue them, from the ravages of a natural disaster. Closer to home, the people want to be sure their children will be safe in school. The call for School Resource Officers (SRO) to be pulled from duty is an issue that engenders anger from all sides.

It is natural to not want to listen to enemies, but we need to hear the views of our opponents. Policies can change with thoughtful exchanges in moderate tones. That doesn't mean tamping down one's passion about an issue, it means opening a dialogue, discussing and arrive at a solution that is reasonable for all.

It is human nature to seek change through anger. People who have been marginalized have few options than to express their views loudly. It took many years of protests (and yes, sometimes, riots) to move from the Jim Crow era to the civil rights era. Many feel we have

not moved far enough to become a society that is equal for all.

Two equality events have been held in Keizer in recent weeks: the Unity BBQ hosted by Willow Lake Golf Center and the People of Color rally held last weekend. Both rallies featured remarks by people affected by racism in their lives and others who are committed to changing society to be fair and equal for everyone. There were no angry words spoken, no punches thrown. The events were gatherings of people who want to peacefully affect change.

People want similar things from life: family, freedom, shelter and food. What each of those look like is unique for each person. Everyone wants to be respected and have dignity. Respect and dignity are not commodities, they are the traits that build our own character.

Face masks, SROs, gun rights and many other issues are important. But sacrificing all sense of community isn't a path forward either. Just because we disagree doesn't mean we are enemies, it means we are opponents. There's a big difference.

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

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Governing during COVID-19

The strange spring, now summer, continues. Nothing is as we are all familiar with.

From the beginning of the pandemic in March, our office has been flooded with emails and calls for help with unemployment. That, by far, is still the most common issue we've had to deal with. I am so greatly disappointed with the Oregon Employment Department. I understand that no one knew there would be hundreds of thousands of unemployed all at one time. Still, the system is broken and it does not appear that it's being fixed anytime soon. Our office has received hundreds of emails that have become more desperate in tone as the weeks go by. It's been both heartbreaking and frustrating that I can't seem to be able to help in the way that I would like to.

Still, there is some good news. Occasionally we hear from someone that we've worked with that "Today I received my checks" and I can tell you that Abby, my legislative director, and I feel very good when that happens.

On July 14, the Emergency Board authorized \$35 million

to get \$500 one-time checks to the approximately 70,000 who've applied but have not yet received any benefits. I am told it will be done as quickly as possible but not to look forward to those checks for 4-6 weeks.

The second thing I wanted to write to you about was how strange it was to hold a special session in this new world we live in. We were in the Capitol for three days but it was not the normal session. The House passed rules to allow members to cast their vote on the bills via a "thumbs up or down" from any place in the House Chamber. That meant the side aisles, back viewing area and on the actual floor, all were a part of the House Chamber.

Many members stayed in their offices, watching the carrier of the bill give his or her speech, then when the time came to vote, they walked to the second floor of the House Chamber or went to the third floor to the gallery or side aisle and gave the "thumbs up or down" then went back to their offices. The public was not al-

lowed into the building nor were the members of the various lobby groups. That made for a very quiet building and a very weird way to conduct legislative business. Several bills were passed having to do with police reform and COVID-19 relief. I was not in support of all the bills, but for the most part they were good bills that had broad bipartisan support.

Finally, there is the issue of schools and businesses. Will school start this fall and what will it look like? Each district is wrestling with the *how* to as I write this. I urge parents to reach out to their respective school boards and let them know what you think is best for your children.

As for businesses, I am very fearful of the potential for another "shut down" that many businesses in our community will not be able to survive. Please get out, safely, and support local businesses. If you aren't sure who, then check with your Chamber of Commerce. The Keizer Chamber can help you learn more about the stores, shops and restaurants in our community. Let's make the best of this situation, look out for each other and we'll get through this.

(Bill Post represents House District 25. He can be reached at 503-986-1425 or via email at rep.billpost@oregonlegislature.gov.)



from the capitol
By BILL POST

Listen to students on SROs

By LAUREN MURPHY

As the debate around Student Resource Officers (SRO) in schools continues on social media, there is one phrase that continually gets under my skin, "I think parents would feel..."

The first problem I have with this phrase is "I think...". This implies that the commentator is not a parent themselves and has no real stake because it's not their children's schooling they're voting on.

Even if the commentator were a parent, I don't care how parents feel about SROs. Parents are not the people going into school everyday to see them. They are not the ones interacting with them on a daily basis.

Keeping with my own advice, I will not share my opin-

ion on SROs because it's not my life, I am not the one who catches the full force of the consequences of this decision.

I will, however, plead with parents, and anyone else who wants to voice an opinion on this issue, to listen to students. Sit down with your student and ask them, "Does having an SRO make you feel safer?"

Have a conversation with your student and then advocate for their position. If your child tells you that they feel safer, then fight to keep SROs. If they tell you they don't want them, then fight to remove SROs.

Anyone advocating on the behalf of children (gun control, removing SROs, reopening schools, etc.) needs to speak to them first. Students are not

your political pawns. People cannot do things in other's name without asking where they stand.

Removing a SRO is scary thought for some parents, and that's okay, but don't confuse your fear for the fear of a student. Most students are not old enough to vote, they don't get a say in what happens to them one way or the other. The least parents can do when deciding things that will directly effect students is take the time to hear what they have to say.

(Lauren Murphy is a community reporter for the *Keizertimes*. She is looking for student sources for a story on the potential removal of SROs. Please email reporter@keizertimes.com if you are interested.)

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actually have someone on the Supreme Court that understands treaty rights and tribal sovereignty," Pigsley said. "What it might do is speed up some of the other understandings of Indian law, tribal governments and tribal sovereignty."

The case the Supreme Court justices decided on is *McGirt V. Oklahoma*. The petitioner, Jimcy McGirt, was found guilty of sex crimes on what would have been reservation land if the U.S. government had chosen to abide by treaties it signed. However, McGirt was found guilty under Oklahoma law and appealed the decision on the basis that only federal authorities had the right to prosecute registered members of Native American tribes on reservations lands.

Aside from tasking the members of Congress with formally abandoning treaties its predecessors signed with tribes, and suffering the political consequences of such actions, the opinion implies that a reckoning is coming. That it is time to match the

government's deeds to its words.

For the Siletz Indians, the tribe's past is cratered with broken promises on the part of the U.S. government. In 1954, federal authorities terminated recognition of the Siletz tribe and its members were cut off from receiving benefits they would have been otherwise afforded.

When the Siletz tribe was restored in 1977, it's reservation was reduced from 1.1 million contiguous acres to 3,600 acres in what amounted to a hodgepodge of mountaintops along the Cascades and its foothills. The Siletz also lost fishing rights to the Columbia River.

That history is part of Pigsley's lived experience, she was born a little more than a decade before termination and her family members have a long tradition of taking part in tribal governance. It makes her skeptical of the words of federal authorities.

"Do I trust them? I don't. And, if all things were equal, we would have never been terminated," she said. "We want to decide what's good for us and our goal is to buy back as much of the land as we can afford, but it's expensive land

when you're talking \$500,000 to just buy a house."

She likens the hurt to that on display when Native Americans protested at President Donald Trump's Fourth of July speech at Mt Rushmore in South Dakota. The Black Hills mountains were promised to the Sioux Nation in a treaty signed in 1868, but the government later reneged on the deal.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Sioux's rights to the land in 1980, but its members have not touched a financial award that is now worth more than \$1 billion.

"What we want is the land," said Pigsley. "We have tribes in Oregon that have won their lawsuits and still don't have access to water. When the day comes that those kind of issues are settled the right way, I think that would make me believe in them, But I'll be long gone by then."

That may feel like a grim prognosis, but Pigsley said the court decision has given her a new inkling of hope.

"I'm hopeful that the Supreme Court is truly independent and that they're able to make fair decisions. I wish all courts could," she said.

Keizer library now offers curbside service

The Keizer Community Library began offering curbside pick-up this week since the office is temporarily closed to the public.

Patrons can find items to check out via the website catalog, then send their list to the library and schedule an appointment to pick up their items. There is a Bag O' Books for kids with pre-selected picture books and books for beginning readers, as well.

Patrons do not need a library card when they place their order. Library cards are available online or by calling the library.

Appointments can be scheduled on Monday's from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursday's from 3 to 6 p.m.

The library can be reached at (503)-302-1982 or info@keizerlibrary.org. Visit the catalog at tinyurl.com/kclpick.

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PUBLISHED SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MARION COUNTY Juvenile Department

Case No. 19JU08931 PUBLISHED SUMMONS In the Matter of HAYDEN EDWARD HAYES, A Child. TO: Nicholas Edward Hayes IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE the Marion County Circuit Court located at 100 High Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97309-0869, on the 29th day of October, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. to admit or deny the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM ON THE DATE AND AT THE TIME LISTED ABOVE. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS.

This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated July 7, 2020. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Marion County.

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IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the above-named child either ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THIS SUMMONS OR ON A FUTURE DATE, and may make such orders and take such action as authorized by law.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS (1) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you are currently represented by an attorney, CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE.

Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Marion County Circuit Court, Juvenile Department located at 2970 Center Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301, phone number (503) 588-5291, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information.

IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible and have the attorney present at the above hearing. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636.

IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS.

(2) If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. IF YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR, YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM, UNLESS THE COURT HAS GRANTED YOU AN EXCEPTION IN ADVANCE UNDER ORS 419B.918 TO APPEAR BY OTHER MEANS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TELEPHONIC OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING(S) IN YOUR PLACE.

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY Rachel Klein Assistant Attorney General Department of Justice 1162 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301-4096 Phone: (503) 934-4400

ISSUED this 21st day of July, 2020.

Issued by: *s/ Rachel Klein* Rachel Klein #164176 Assistant Attorney General

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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EXEMPTION OF COMPETITIVE PUBLIC BIDDING REQUIREMENTS (Brand Name Specification - Surface America Materials for City of Keizer Claggett Creek Park)

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 of the selection of Surface America brand name specification materials, the selection of Landscape Structures PlayBooster band name specification materials, and the awarding of the contract to Ross Recreation Equipment Co., Inc. for the City of Keizer Claggett Creek Park from the competitive public bidding requirements.

The hearing will be held on Monday, August 3, 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, August 3, 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 Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director at (503) 390-3700.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2020.

Tracy L. Davis, MMC City Recorder

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