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## Getting their diploma at last

Like the Depression-era and World War II students before them, students in the era of COVID-19 are finding their worlds turned upside down and the things they once took as a given, are not.

Some semblance of normalcy returns Friday, August 7, as the McNary High School Class of 2020 will be able to walk across a stage at Flesher Field and receive their diplomas, to the cheers of a limited number of family and friends.

Yes, this is not their parents graduation ceremony. But much of life today is nothing like what previous generations has experienced.

The Class of 2020 should not let

COVID-19 diminish their accomplishments. They are the vanguard of students who faced adversity and came through with their diploma in hand.

Graduating students want to have their families and friends at the ceremony to share in the milestone of finishing high school. The fact that McNary's graduates are limited to four tickets each should not put a damper on the day. Each graduate will be celebrated and honored by their loved ones in their own way.

Every member of the Class of 2020 from across the nation will take on an unexpected duty: helping younger

siblings and peers navigate their education in a time of a pandemic. It is probable that the classes of 2021 and 2022 will face the challenges of limited extracurricular activities and athletics. They can turn to members of the Class of 2020 for advice and guidance.

We are confident that students and spectators alike will do their part to assure that the seven McNary High School graduation ceremonies run smoothly. We are confident that Keizer understands that COVID-19 has changed everything and everyone will attend the graduation with respect and tolerance towards those who work to give the Class of 2020 the event they deserve.

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editorial

## There has to be a pool

By LYNDON ZAITZ

"Does it have a pool?" was the same question us five Zaitz kids asked everyday on our six-week road trip around the United States back in the early Seventies

A station wagon pulling an Airstream trailer, the family departed in the summer (after the strawberry picking season was done) from our Keizer home headed off for a 10,000-mile trip that touched just about every part of the country.

Mom and dad used the Kampground of America (KOA) guidebook to plan where we will settle down for the night in Idaho, Missouri, Florida, Virginia or Ohio. And everyday the question from us kids was the same: "Does it have a pool?" If dad decided a KOA was that night's stop, all we wanted to know was if it had a pool. If so, then score! If not, dejection and the unspoken thought of how cheated we were.

To this day the Zaitz children are still amazed that dad (owner of the weekly Keizer News) not only could take six weeks off but paid for those six weeks of travel for seven people. Of course, these were the days before inflation changed everything in the mid-1970s.

A swimming pool was vital to us because our Buick station wagon did not have air conditioning. Drving through the Midwest and

the South in August was less than comfortable. Mom and dad in the front seat, three oldest boys in the backseat and the two youngest in the way back, every window rolled down. Our only respite from the summer swelter was when dad stopped at a store to get a bag of ice. Each of us cooled down, greedily hoarding our own cup of ice. Sure that kind of traveling builds character but I'd rather have had air conditioning.

When we pulled into a KOA, or other campground, that had a swimming pool, all we could think of was getting into our swim trunks and racing to the pool. Not so fast. The trailer, once parked, the water and sewer had to be hooked up. Those were the days before automatic levelers so we had to assure the trailer was situated correctly, front to back, side to side. We didn't care about that; we could sleep on an incline. We wanted to get to the pool.

Our family of seven spent the night in campgrounds and trailer parks of every type. Some nights our site was little more than a dusty, gravelly spot with little vegetation. Others were lush, riverside sites. The worse were those trailer parks in cities, usually in an industrial park; any port in a storm, I suppose.

Dad was a great travel host. He had, himself, traversed the country

many times. The Zaitz kids benefited from his knowledge. We marvelled at the magnificent sites, both natural and man-made. National parks in the mountains, on the prairies. The Gulf of Mexico, the Keys of Florida. Those were matched by the biggest cities we had ever been to; Portland was the biggest city we knew, but, oh boy, to see downtown Dallas or New York was spectacular.

History was usually on the menu—Civil War sites, Colonial America, Washington, DC. It wasn't all historical and nature beauty. My brother, Leland, was fascinated with Disney. Using dad's letterhead, he wrote to DisneyWorld in Florida weeks before our departure, requesting a tour of the theme park, still under construction. The request was granted and we saw what was behind the scene.

A six-week road trip around the country offers kids, aged 9 to 15, a wonderful adventure. I am sure it was not all fun for my folks who had to contend with five children, with shifting alliances, fighting over something as inconsequential as a road map.

Regardless of how hot, boring or tense the day may have been, when we pulled into a KOA with a swimming pool, we were one happy family.

(Lyndon Zaitz is publisher of the Keizertimes.)

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other voices

## As goes the filibuster...

By PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

"When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic."

This was the nightmare of Ben Franklin.

Yet, with passage this spring of a \$4 trillion bailout of an economy facing historic losses because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Nancy Pelosi's House having voted out another \$3 trillion, we may have reached Franklin's peril point.

Indeed, if Democrats capture the Senate and win the White House, as many polls now project, it is not easy to see who or what prevents an uncontrolled explosion of fresh spending and a concomitant expansion of federal power.

Consider. In his eulogy to John Lewis at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Barack Obama called on Democrats, if victorious in November, to kill the Senate filibuster, all but calling the filibuster an instrument of systemic racism.

Yet, the filibuster has been and remains one of the distinguishing features of the United States Senate. It allows for extended deliberation by requiring, not 51 but 60 votes, a supermajority, to shut off debate and pass major bills.

If Democrats capture the Senate and abolish the filibuster, the Republican minority in 2021 would be stripped of virtually the only effective weapon in its arsenal to halt, slow, or shape U.S. law.

That is exactly what Obama was urging in his eulogy to Lewis.

"If politicians want to honor John," said a surprisingly militant Obama, "Let's honor him by revitalizing the law he was willing to die for ... (And) once we pass the John Lewis Voting

Rights Act, we should keep marching." "Keep marching"? To where?

Said Obama: "By making sure every American is automatically registered to vote, including former inmates... By adding polling places, and expanding early voting, and making Election Day a national holiday... By guaranteeing that every American citizen has equal representation ... including the American citizens who live in Washington, D.C., and in Puerto Rico.

"If all this takes eliminating the filibuster, another Jim Crow relic ... then that's what we should do."

By calling the filibuster "another Jim Crow relic" the ex-president was putting progressives on notice that failure to get rid of it would be to collaborate with racists.

After abolishing the filibuster, says Obama, Democrats should ram through statehood for Puerto Rico and D.C., thereby expanding the Senate to 104 members, and adding four new Democratic senators.

That new Senate, says Obama, should enact every law possible to enlarge and expand the electorate, including extending the ballot to ex-convicts.

His eyes open to the potential of a Senate where 51 Democrats can enact a socialist agenda, Sen. Bernie Sanders hastily endorsed Obama's call:

"President Obama is absolutely right. ... Getting rid of the filibuster would enable Democrats to pass a comprehensive agenda to guarantee the rights and dignity of everyone in this country."

This is but the beginning. If Democrats deprive a Republican minority of the filibuster, there would be no one stopping Congress from passing or the

president from signing new anti-gun legislation.

The door would be open to legislation putting DACA "dreamers" on a fast track to citizenship, and to granting amnesty to illegal migrants, and to putting the 11 million to 22 million who are already here on the road to citizenship and the ballot box.

With amnesties, open borders bills, a renewal of chain migration, an end to deportations and new restrictions on ICE and the Border Patrol, a Democratic Congress, by opening the gates to millions, could turn traditionally red states such as Arizona, Georgia and Texas as blue as New York, Illinois and California.

As *The Wall Street Journal* also notes, one of the agenda items of the Biden-Bernie-AOC Democratic Party is the raising of payroll taxes, personal income taxes, corporate taxes, capital gains taxes and estate taxes.

All of these newer and higher tax rates are included in a \$3 trillion package to which Joe Biden has signed on.

If Democrats gain control of Congress and the filibuster is killed, reparations for slavery, the Green New Deal, "Medicare for All" and harsh climate change laws are on the table for Democrats to decide alone, without hearing from the GOP.

In a 2017 public letter, Democrats endorsed the retention of the filibuster, both on principle and because of the unique character of the Senate: "We are steadfastly committed to ensuring that this great American institution continues to serve as the world's greatest deliberative body."

If the filibuster is thrown out, writes the *Journal*, "The door to radicalism is getting busted wide open, and Americans of both parties may not like what comes out the other side."

Another Ben Franklin quote comes to mind.

"A republic if you can keep it," Franklin told the lady in Philadelphia who had asked what kind of government they had created.

If the filibuster goes, and the Democratic left runs wild in the next two years, will that republic survive the disfiguring surgery? (Creators Syndicate)

## police scanner

**SUNDAY, JULY 26**

6:16 a.m. - Vandalism in the 1000 block of Candlewood Drive NE.

6:20 p.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 5000 block of Ridge Drive NE.

7:21 p.m. - Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer at the intersection of Alder Drive NE and Pleasant View Drive NE.

8:30 p.m. - Unlawful entry to vehicle in the 700 block of Faymar Drive NE.

**MONDAY, JULY 27**

1:42 a.m. - Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer in the 2000 block of Cherry Avenue NE.

2:31 a.m. - Possession of heroin in the 2000 block of Broadway Street NE.

7:56 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 5000 block of Ridge Drive NE.

8:30 a.m. - Arrest for physical harassment in the 3000 block of Partridge Lane NE.

10 a.m. - Bicycle theft at the intersection of McNary Estates Drive N and River Road N.

10:58 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 2000 block of Latona Drive NE.

12:59 p.m. - Theft from building in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.

2:49 p.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 4000 block of Four Winds Drive N.

3:15 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.

3:45 p.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 1000 block of Moneda Avenue N.

4:33 p.m. - Unlawful entry to vehicle at the intersection of 10th Place and Moneda Avenue N.

11:08 p.m. - Driving under the influence of intoxicants in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.

**TUESDAY, JULY 28**

4:27 a.m. - Shoplifting in the 1000 block of Alder Drive NE.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

8 a.m. - Fraudulent use of credit card in the 4000 block of Elizabeth Street N.

12:42 p.m. - Arrest for restraining order violation in the 600 block of Lockhaven Drive NE.

3:09 p.m. - Aggravated assault in the 3000 block of Cherry Avenue NE.

**THURSDAY, JULY 30**

8:02 p.m. - Arrest for criminal threats in the 6000 block of Shepherd Court N.

8:56 p.m. - Violation of release agreement in the 4000 block of 5th Place NE.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**

7:20 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 1000 block of Angie Way NE.

4:47 p.m. - Theft by deception in the 7000 block of Kayla Shae Circle NE.

7:57 p.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 4000 block of River Road N.

9:59 p.m. - Reckless driving at the intersection of Manzanita Street NE and 13th Avenue NE.

10:18 p.m. - Driving under the influence of intoxicants at the intersection of Chemawa Road NE and Ulali Drive NE.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**

10:10 a.m. - Theft in the 5000 block of Ridge Drive NE.

12:56 p.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 2000 block of Heather Stone Court NE.

1:26 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.

9:55 p.m. - Driving under the influence of intoxicants on Sir Lancelot Court NE.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

2:56 a.m. - Physical harassment in the 1000 block of Troy Street NE.

4 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 1000 block of Susan Court NE.

4:01 a.m. - Theft of bicycle in the 900 block of Chemawa Road N.

9:10 a.m. - Driving under the influence of intoxicants at the intersection of River Road N and Apple Blossom Avenue N.

11:01 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 600 block of Wayne Drive N.

1:04 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 1000 block of Trent Avenue N.

3:59 p.m. - Violation of release agreement in the 3000 block of River Road N.

## Capitol's multicultural festival goes virtual Aug. 15

Participants of cultural and heritage events, usually hosted at the Capitol as part of the award-winning Capitol History Gateway programming, have joined together to create Multicultural Day Reimagined. This Facebook event, sponsored by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, will be celebrated Saturday, Aug. 15, starting at 10 a.m. at [tinyurl.com/capmc2020](https://tinyurl.com/capmc2020). Join online for family-friendly activities such as musical entertainment, dancing and storytelling.

This virtual event will feature specially recorded performances by the capitol's CHG partners and contain recordings of some past performances and video tours of heritage sites in Oregon. In addition, many groups will be sharing information about their communities and provide links to learn more about them. In all, approximately 45 partners contributed information to making the virtual festival happen.

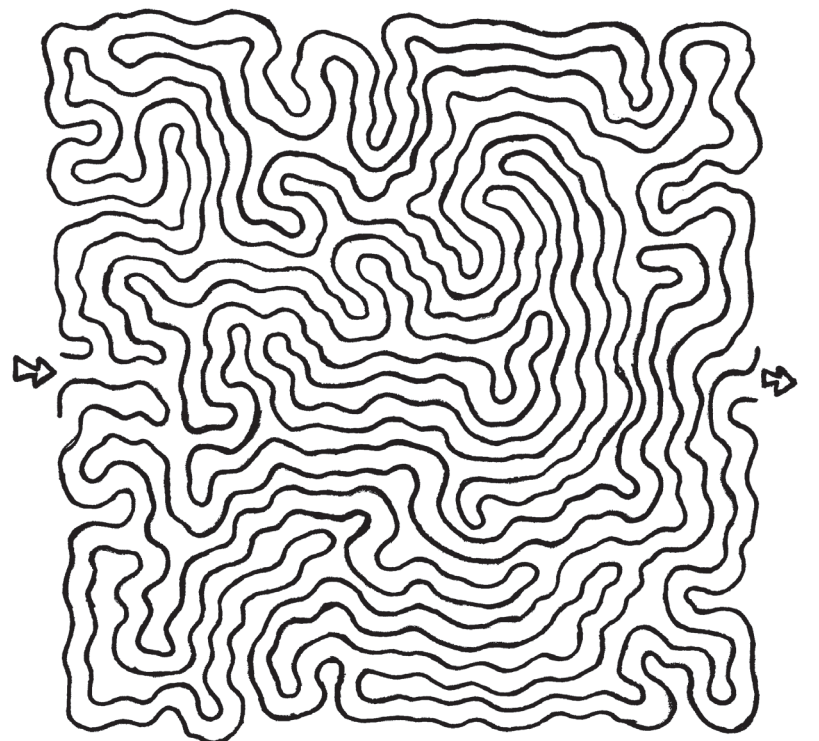
For those who cannot join on Facebook, the Capitol will host a page of partner videos that will go live August 15.

## sudoku

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Enter digits from 1-9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

## maze



Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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