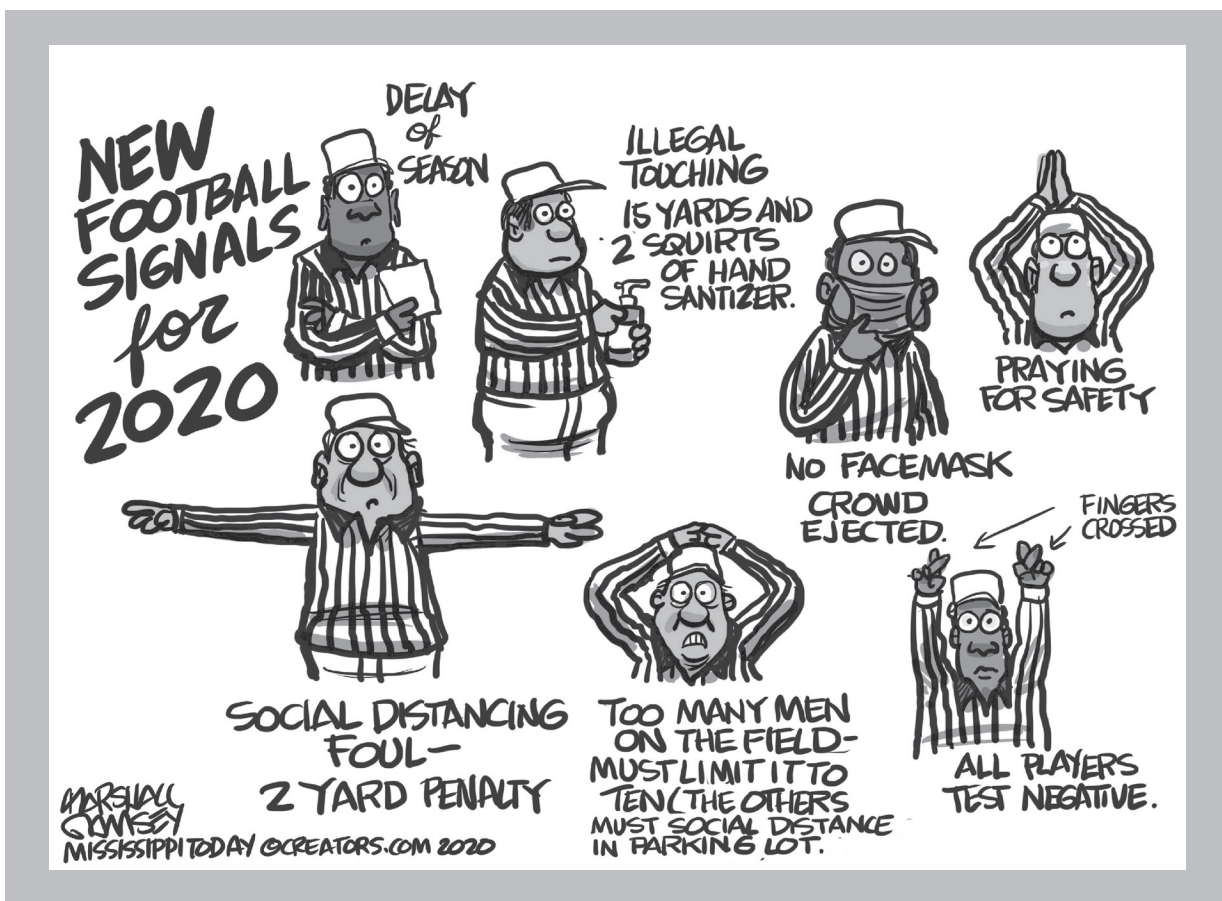


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Can we get what we need?

By LYNDON ZAITZ

"You don't get it if you don't ask."
"Don't take no for an answer."
"Have it your way."
Tenets that many people live by, though they are leavened by the words of Mick Jagger and Keith Richards: "You can't always get what you want."

Everyone has material wants such as a comfortable home, a reliable vehicle, nice clothes, among others. Then there are the priceless things people want: a loving, stable relationship, good health and meaningful employment at a good living wage.

Some say that if one wants material things one has to work for them. Material things cost real money; choices have to be made when we decide we want a new car and upgrade our housing. Desire leads to want, want leads to acquire. It is not within everyone's grasp to buy a new vehicle nor purchase a home of one's own.

Life holds no guarantee of acquiring material things—many don't understand that. We want what we want when we want it. Unfortunately, that can result in bad decisions and actions. What should society do to assist those who do all the right things, scrimping and saving, doing without to keep up

with the Joneses.

Several years a report stated that a majority of American households were a \$400 emergency expenditure away from financial catastrophe. Well, we're there now. The coronavirus pandemic has upturned households across the nation—whether losing a job or caring for a sick family member.

The federal \$600 a week in additional unemployment benefits was a lifeline for families who desperately needed it. That benefit ended at the end of July. Even though

Congress and the White House knew the end of the benefit was ending they did nothing until the last week of July. Now, true to form, the Democrats and the Republicans can't agree in what form to continue the unemployment benefits. This is the same Congress that overwhelmingly passed the CARES Act.

Without action from Congress, the president took it upon himself to issue executive actions last weekend to address the impasse. Some of his actions did not sit well even with his fellow Republicans. The president wants to let businesses postpone the payroll tax until sometime in the near future.

The payroll tax funds Social Security and Medicare. Some of the president's actions probably won't meet Constitutional muster; Congress controls the purse strings.

As Congress prepares to take its annual August recess, people across the country are suffering. They have to figure out how to pay their rent or mortgage. Personal savings rates have increased over the past three months, but some households don't have the ability to put money into a savings account. This needed to be a rare time for Congress to postpone its recess, stay in Washington and address the very real suffering of American families.

Life holds no guarantees, but in a time of a national emergency everyone must do their part to assure it doesn't get worse. Adding trillions of dollars to federal spending is unsustainable, but at times like these, damn the torpedos.

Government's main duty is to keep the people safe. Forcing families to make it their own during this crisis not of their own making is unconscionable. You can't always get what you want but government should assure that the people get what they need.

(Lyndon Zaitz is publisher of the Keizertimes.)

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Spouting radical ideas in 2020

By DEBRA J. SAUNDERS

Thanksgiving is going to be ugly this year. There's a real chance the public won't know who won the White House weeks after Election Day, and rather than feeling grateful, leaders in both parties are peddling grievances nonstop. Before the voting has begun, Americans have been told not to trust the outcome.

And the worst offenders are the people who think they believe in the process just as they prepare to tear the country apart if they lose.

A bipartisan group of 100 or so left-wing luminaries, institutional graybeards and never-Trumpers came together to work on what they named the Transition Integrity Project, their response to their conviction that President Donald Trump will contest the result "by both legal and extra-legal means."

The group claims to take no position on how Americans should vote—as if the word "transition" isn't a giveaway. Self-awareness is not a re-

quirement with this group. And integrity is optional.

The group released a report with a game plan on how the presidential campaigns, a compliant media and government officials could react to four likely election scenarios.

Of course, one of the outcomes was a 2016 repeat—with Trump winning the electoral college and former Vice President Joe Biden winning the popular vote.

And this is what the folks who ostensibly care about the country suggested: Team Biden could push key blue states to threaten to secede from the nation unless congressional Republicans agree to make Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico states, divide California into five states, require Supreme Court justices to retire at 70 and eliminate the Electoral College—because the U.S. Constitution is toilet paper to them.

The 22-page report informed readers that "the concept of 'election night' is no longer accurate and in-

deed is dangerous."

To the authors "violence on the streets" is a problem. Not because anti-fifa and Black Lives Matter protesters have enabled anarchists to torch American cities. The report warns that Trump's people "have every incentive to try to turn peaceful pro-Biden (or anti-Trump) protests violent in order to generate evidence that a Democratic victory is tantamount to 'mob rule.'"

The report is so big on "peaceful protesters" that it calls for "specialized training on de-escalation and nonviolent techniques"—which you'd think peaceful protesters wouldn't need.

As the election looms, the report warns of the authoritarian Trump's "ability to launch investigations into opponents; and his ability to use Department of Justice and/or the intelligence agencies to cast doubt on election results or discredit his opponents." Also, the Trump administration also could leak classified documents and fuel "manufactured rumors."

Which sounds an awful lot like the Russian probe, with salacious gossip in a so-called dossier, launched under President Barack Obama. How do they not see that?

I won't name the Transition Integrity Project's participants, though their names have been made public. Suffice it to say that you've seen them lecturing Americans on cable TV against Trump's reckless rhetoric and his inability to see that the White House belongs not to him but to the people.

The group's report notes that Trump told *Fox News'* Chris Wallace that he might not accept the results of the election and that voting by mail "is going to rig the election." That July interview was used as justification for their June "matrix games" on what to do when the election results are in. They fear that Trump will be a poor loser as they contend they can wring concessions if he wins.

They also fear Team Trump will "provoke Team Biden into subverting norms."

But really, it's pretty clear that to get Team Biden to subvert norms, all Trump has to do is win. (Creators Syndicate)

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Keizer library honors one of its champions

Mary Sasaki has been named as the 2019 Art Burr Library Champion for Keizer Community Library.

The library annually recognizes an individual, business or organization that makes significant contributions to the well-being of the library. This honor is awarded to Sasaki for the considerable time and talent she has consistently contributed to enhance and improve the Keizer Community Library services.

Sasaki has volunteered at the library since 2010. She has been a board member for many years and is currently the vice president.

She serves on a number of library committees including the executive committee and finance committee, helping to make financial decisions and policy. She also is the primary grant writer for the library and her hard work completing and submitting applications has resulted in the receipt of significant grants to aid the library with its work, including books for the summer children's book clubs and library computer updates.

Sasaki is an active library volunteer in other ways including assistance with library events



Mary Sasaki

such as the Afternoon Tea for the Library, book sales, volunteer appreciation events and working the circulation desk.

The Keizer Community Library relies on volunteers like Sasaki to assure local library services are available to the Keizer community, including access to over 15,000 books and other media, free Wi-Fi and internet use at the Steve Prothro Computer Center, programs for children and adults, as well as classes and special events. Visit the Keizer Community Library website at: www.keizerlibrary.org and follow it on Facebook.

Police investigate two fights with shots fired

Keizer Police Department detectives are investigating two shooting incidents that took place in the first week of August. No one was injured.

Police officials do not believe the incidents are related, but are releasing few details because the investigations are ongoing.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, patrol officers responded to a reported fight in the 2200 block of Aldine Court Northeast. The first call arrived about 1:30 a.m. A second 9-1-1 caller reported that shots were fired. Officers determined that the inci-

dents were related and located an individual who had been shot at but not struck.

The second incident began at 5:22 p.m. near the 6300 block of Ulali Drive Northeast in Keizer Station. Witnesses described an apparent altercation that involved two vehicles and shots being fired from someone inside one of them.

One unoccupied and uninvolved vehicle were struck by at least one round during the incident.

Anyone with information is asked to call 503-390-3713. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

police scanner

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. - Bicycle theft 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 p.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 1000 block of Trent Avenue N.
2:42 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.
3:59 p.m. - Violation of release agreement in the 3000 block of River Road N.
6:10 p.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 3000 block of Rivercrest Drive N.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

7 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 4000 block of Rivercrest Drive N.
9:56 a.m. - Theft in the 700 block of Manbrin Drive NE.
2:05 p.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 5000 block of Willow Leaf Street N.
5:45 p.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 6000 block of Ulali Drive.
8:17 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.
11:31 p.m. - Burglary in the 100 block of Chemawa Road N.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

10:22 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 5000 block of Allendale Way NE.
10:27 a.m. - Theft in the 3000 block of Partridge Lane NE.
3:52 p.m. - Theft in the 1000 block of Leprichau Court NE.
6:02 p.m. - Sudden death in the 5000 block of Arcade Avenue NE.
10 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the 1000 block of Manzanita Street NE.
10:03 p.m. - Resisting arrest in the 1000 block of Kersey Way NE.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

1:27 a.m. - Shots fired/attempted murder at the intersection of McLeod Lane NE and Sandra Lee Way NE.
6:20 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 1000 block of Clearview Avenue NE.
10 a.m. - Criminal trespassing in the

4000 block of 13th Avenue NE.
11:47 a.m. - Shoplifting in the 4000 block of River Road N.
8:26 p.m. - Traffic accident in the 3000 block of River Road N.
9:56 p.m. - Theft in the 3000 block of River Road N.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

4 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.
8:09 p.m. - Failure to perform duties of driver when property was damaged in the 5000 block of River Road N.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

3:48 a.m. - Physical harassment in the 3000 block of Partridge Lane NE.
5:16 a.m. - Fleeing a police officer at the intersection of River Road N. and Sam Orcutt Way NE.
11:39 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 4000 block of 19th Place NE.
5:24 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 4000 block of River Road N.
8:45 p.m. - Theft in the 6000 block of Ulali Drive.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

1 a.m. - Unlawful entry to vehicle in the 400 block of Manbrin Drive N.
9:04 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 100 block of Glynbrook Street N.
1:01 p.m. - Physical harassment in the Galina Court NE.
1:57 p.m. - Vandalism in the 6000 block of Ridgetop Drive NE.
7:12 p.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 3000 block of Jack Street N.
9:18 p.m. - Disorderly conduct in the 5000 block of River Road N.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7 a.m. - Sudden death in the 7000 block of Wheatland Road N.
1:31 p.m. - Violation of release agreement in the 3000 block of River Road N.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

12:03 a.m. - Violation of release agreement in the 1000 block of Galina Court NE.
1:18 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 800 block of Lockhaven Drive NE.

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