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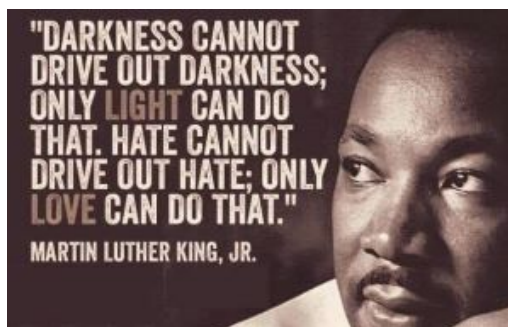
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Some Thoughts on George Floyd's Murder

I want to express my condolences and support to the Floyd family for the tragedy that has befallen them. Government, particularly those who we trust with weapons and power, are supposed to serve and defend our rights, and this case was a clear failure.

George Floyd did not deserve to die in police custody. This act was an act against George Floyd and an act against humanity. It was an act that said George's life didn't have value. Regardless of skin color, all life is valuable. We must speak out and drive out these evil acts against humanity by being a loving community. We may not agree on many things but one thing we must agree on is that all life is sacred and George Floyd was a black man and his life mattered. We all have a long way to go to stamp out racism. Let's start where we live and with our ability to influence others. It is our individual responsibility to provide the light that drives out this darkness and joining together in peace we will restore justice for all.



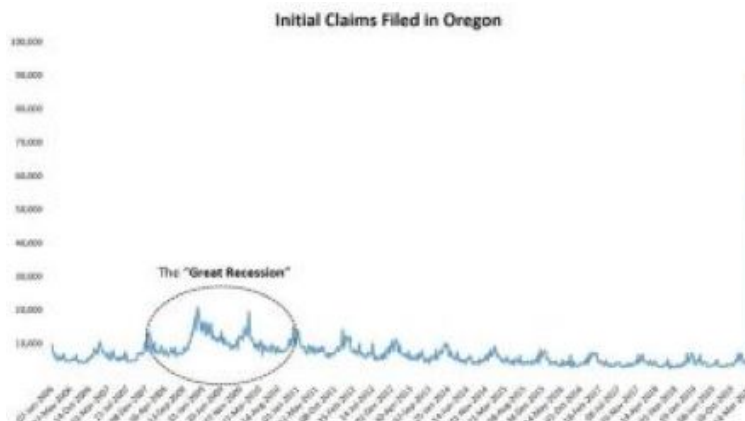
I want to applaud the statements from [the Redmond and Bend police departments recently in response to this tragedy](#). In order to have a truly just society there must be trust with those who enforce the law, and our local law enforcement officers work hard to be worthy of the awesome responsibility we have entrusted them with.

[Gov. Brown Asks for Director Erikson's Resignation](#)

After nearly a month of silence, Governor Brown has asked for the resignation of the Director of Employment Department, Kay Erikson.

This comes after pressure across the state for action in response to the Employment Department failing to deliver benefits in a timely manner for Oregonians whom the government has forbidden from working.

The Employment Department had received over \$85 million in federal funds back in 2009 to upgrade computer systems from the 1990's, which the department has blamed as a significant factor in the delay of benefit distribution.



[Redmond Senior High Graduates Leave a Lasting Memory](#)

The COVID-19 epidemic has created significant upheaval throughout the world, and one that should not be overlooked is the impact that this has had upon the youth. High school seniors have had sport seasons, proms, and graduations cancelled; important events to many of these young people.

The students of Redmond Senior High School are building a "Legacy Wall," a structure in the commons area where students have customized sections. The class of 2020 have talked about the significance of the wall given their lack of a traditional graduation ceremony.

The students will be dropping off their tiles when they come back this week to the school to receive their diplomas. I would like to offer my congratulations to the graduating seniors throughout Central Oregon, good luck and may your future be bright class of 2020!

WATCH: Keeping it Local



Time and time again I've urged us all to try and shop local whenever possible.

As Deschutes County begins to open up through Phase I and beyond, we will have the opportunity to go out to our favorite local businesses.

Let's take this opportunity to support our neighbors and our friends by buying local as much as possible. I'd like to share this message from the Redmond Chamber of Commerce and Redmond Mayor George Endicott with you all.

I too support their message and encourage everyone to support the businesses throughout Deschutes County.

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