

the deuce

Today in History

In a strong reaction to the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter asks the Senate to postpone action on the SALT II nuclear weapons treaty and recalls the U.S. ambassador to Moscow. These actions sent a message that the age of detente and the friendlier diplomatic and economic relations that were established between the United States and Soviet Union during President Richard Nixon's administration (1969-74) had ended.

— January 2, 1980

Food 4 Thought

"Even during the years of the Cold War, the intense confrontation between the Soviet Union and the United States, we always avoided any direct clash between our civilians and, most certainly, between our military."

— Vladimir Putin

The Month Ahead

Sunday, January 4

Vox Resonat, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1444 Liberty Street SE. Christmas music of the distant past for a modern audience. (503) 362-3661 or visit stpaulsoregon.org.

Monday, January 5

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Tuesday, January 6

Free admission Tuesday at Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For listing of exhibits visit willamette.edu/arts/hfma.

Keizer Economic Development Commission meeting, noon in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Community Build Task Force meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Wednesday, January 7

Claggett Creek Watershed Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in Room B at Keizer Civic Center.

Thursday, January 8

West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Friday, January 9 – Sunday, January 11

Four performances only of *Dr. Doolittle*, a benefit for Pentacle Theatre at Central High School in Independence. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$20, available at 145 Liberty St. N.E. or online at pentacletheatre.org.

Monday, January 12

Keizer City Council work session, 5:45 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, January 13

Free admission Tuesday at Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For listing of exhibits visit willamette.edu/arts/hfma.

Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Wednesday, January 14

Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Thursday, January 15

Volunteer Coordinating Committee meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m. at Gubser Elementary School.

Saturday, January 17

The Merry Widow starts at 9:55 a.m. at Regal Santiam Stadium 11, 365 Lancaster Drive SE. Cast led by Broadway director and choreographer Susan Stroman. Tickets are available at the door, \$22 for seniors and \$26 for general. (503) 983-6030.

Sunday, January 18

Salem Concert Band presents WU Hudson Hall Bookmarks from Japan at 3 p.m. at Elsinore Theater, 170 High Street SE. For tickets and more information call (503) 362-0485 or go to www.salemconcertband.org.

Monday, January 19

Government offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 20

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center. Meeting is a day later than usual due to the holiday on Monday.

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Arts Commission works on policies

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

One contract per person, or one contract per group?

That was a key point of discussion during the Dec. 23 Keizer Arts Commission meeting.

Nate Brown, director of Community Development for Keizer, brought up the topic early in the meeting.

"I suggest we change our policies a little bit so that staff has some authority approving individual art pieces, as long as you approve the show and the concept of the show."

Rick Day, co-chair of KAC who ran the meeting until chair Lore Christopher arrived, agreed with the idea.

"We said we generally approve of the idea, but we know staff will keep us out of hot water," Day said.

Brown said policies such as expectations of the type of art would have to be ironed out, such as no nudity in art appearing at the Keizer Civic Center.

"There's no reason staff can't implement those policies," Brown said.

Day once again agreed. "Nate, we were in tune to begin with and even more so now," Day said. "We approve a show based on the display and staff can carry out the will. The nudity issue may not be

the case five years from now. You're carrying out the will of the council at the time."

Brown said among the policies to look at would be whether all pieces in a group's collection can be approved as one or if each artist would have to sign agreements to have their work displayed.

"Currently, you have to approve each piece, piece by piece," Brown said.

Day made a motion based on that.

"We'll generally approve the content, but individual pieces will be looked at by city staff for appropriateness along a piece-by-piece basis," Day said.

Day clarified his position after Brown noted the Keizer City Council would have the final say on the policy.

"If they feel the call you made is not appropriate, they can come to us," Day said. "But you are judging about the hanging of the art."

The motion was approved unanimously.

In other business Dec. 23:

- Yes, the group did meet two days before Christmas. The meeting time was pushed up an hour (to 5 p.m.), both due to the season and because a couple of commission members had other things going on that evening.

Day chaired the first part



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy
Keizer Arts Commission members (clockwise from front left) Lore Christopher, Beth Melendy and Jill Hagen go through items in a proposed paint bin during their Dec. 23 meeting.

of the meeting before yielding to Christopher, who arrived about 10 minutes late. Day left shortly after to attend another function.

- It would appear KAC could be in for a name change soon. Christopher noted the confusion with having both KAC and the KAA (Keizer Arts Association). Her suggestion was to change the name to KPAC (Keizer Public Arts Commission).

"We have to go before the city council to change the

name of the committee from KAC to KPAC," Christopher said. "Does anyone have objections?"

Beth Melendy referred to a list of possible new names commission members had.

"Of the listed names, I think KPAC was the best," Melendy said.

Others agreed with the choice.

"So we'll forward that to council," Christopher said. "It perfectly identifies our public arts."

Councilors revise '99 truancy ordinance

By CRAIG MURPHY
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It was a blast from the past for members of the Keizer City Council meeting.

At their Dec. 15 meeting, councilors revisited 1999 ordinances regarding truancy for youth in Keizer. City Attorney Shannon Johnson noted he had discussions with police chief John Teague about truancy and curfew ordinances. That resulted in a new truancy ordinance which revises what happens to a juvenile who is out of school, as state law requires children ages 7 to 18 who have not graduated to be in school. The new ordinance also allows authorized school district personnel to issue citations similar to state law for students in violation of the ordinance.

The curfew is in effect during regular school hours. Due to the minor changes to the curfew ordinance, Johnson recommended only an amendment, not a repeal of the 1999 ordinance.

Johnson noted the presumptive fine for violating the ordinance will be \$200.

"The state has the level at \$320," he said. "We felt that was on the high side, so we changed it to \$200."

Councilor Cathy Clark, who takes over as mayor next week, had flashbacks to nearly 20 years ago.

"Wow, talk about a time trip," Clark said. "When this issue first came up, it was one of the first times I came to testify to the city. As a homeschool parent, truancy talk was sweeping the nation. Sometimes homeschool students were being unduly stopped."

Teague recalled those concerns being brought up in 1995.

"Truancy is a different matter," he said. "This is a true truancy ordinance. Previously we were not allowed to go into a home or private place to fetch students and take them to school. Eight times a month we're asked to take a middle school or high school student and make them go to school."

We've never been able to make that happen."

Teague said state education leaders want 90 percent attendance, a goal not met by 931 of the approximately 6,000 students in Keizer last year.

"There are 125 students who have less than 70 percent (attendance)," Teague said. "Those are the ones we are really focused on."

The ordinances were approved unanimously by councilors.

In other recent council business:

- For the second time in 2014, a new owner for Ringo's Tavern was introduced during the Dec. 15 meeting. At the April 21 council meeting, Jan Moravek was billed as the new owner of the bar located at 4170 River Road N. However, the deal fell apart and no sale happened.

The most recent applicants are Feng De Lei and Kelly Yee, both of whom were at the meeting. Yee noted De Lei will not be changing the name of the bar and added he was translating for De Lei.

When asked if De Lei was familiar with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) responsible vendor program, Yee answered affirmatively.

"He will do everything he can to prevent from selling to minors," Yee said. "He has previous experience. He had a restaurant in Stayton and has a tavern in Albany. I don't think

he had any problems with serving to minors. He's a pretty smooth operator."

Councilors approved the request for the liquor license unanimously without comment. The request was forwarded to the OLCC.

- Councilors approved several recommendations from the Volunteer Coordinating Committee (VCC). Donna Bradley was appointed to the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory board, joined by Dylan Juran. The Parks Board openings were created since members Brandon Smith and Roland Herrera join the council next week.

Kris Adams was approved to join the Keizer Points of Interest Committee while Dennis Dunning and John Maurice are

joining the Traffic Safety/Bike-ways/Pedestrian Committee. Michael DeBlasi and former councilor Mark Caillier were appointed to the Storm Water Advisory Committee.

VCC members are recommended Bradley for the Keizer Budget Committee. Mayor Lore Christopher, however, noted council wants new volunteers only serving on one committee. Christopher said she had talked with Bradley, who expressed a desire to serve on the Parks Board.

Christopher thus made a motion for recommendations from the VCC to be approved, with the exception of Bradley being appointed to the budget committee. With no comment from councilors, the motion was approved unanimously.

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looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

'Transcend' gone again
A statue in front of Keizer Plaza called Transcend is once again off its pedestal. The art piece apparently fell over during high winds.

10 YEARS AGO

Woman critical after trailer blaze
A travel trailer fire left its occupant with life-threatening burns as she tried to save her pets.

15 YEARS AGO

Council splits on library district vote
Keizer residents lost any chance to say whether they would like to vote on a regional library after the the Keizer City Council split down the middle over putting the question on the May ballot.

20 YEARS AGO

Hearing on city budget
Keizer officials have started a joint study with representatives of Salem and Chemawa Indian School to come up with a land-use plan for the Chemawa Activity Center (now Keizer Station).

local weather

Sat 1/3 49/34

Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 30s.

Sun 1/4 47/40

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 40s.

Mon 1/5 52/43

Rain. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

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Sat, January 17th
DUANE GOAD and TRAVIS NELSON will perform at 7pm and 9pm. Admission is only \$10. Ages 21 & over only. Reserved seating for this show. Purchase tickets at box office or at our website.

FREE Football on the HUGE Screen!
COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Monday, Jan 12th - 5:30 pm
Let's go Ducks!
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29% - About the same.
9% - Worse.

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