

Today in History

At the request of South Vietnam, the U.S. sends two battalions of Marines for security work at the Da Nang Air Base.Two days later thousands of U.S. Marines began landing near the strategic city.

- March 6, 1965

Food 4 Thought

"Television is an instrument which can paralyze this country." - William Westmoreland, Four-star general in command of all US military operations in Vietnam (1964-68)

The Month Ahead

Through Tuesday, March 31

Vintage hats, glove and handbags from the private collection of Kathe Leigh Mash on display at Keizer Heritage Museum. 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. keizerheritage.org.

Friday, March 6

Opening night at Pentacle Theatre of The New Mel Brooks Musical: Young Frankenstein, directed by Robert Salberg. Tickets are \$24. Visit pentacletheatre.org for show times and availability.

Saturday, March 7

Knight of Arts Show and Auction, annual benefit for all arts programs at McNary High School. Silent auction tables, lively oral auction in Ken Collins Theatre; food and beverages available. 5:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$10. mcnaryfinearts.org.

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Volcanoes paying for a volcanoes paying for a volcano slide at Big Toy

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

It would be expected for any large structure like the Big Toy being planned for Keizer Rapids Park to have a slide or two.

How can a slide get a Keizer twist?

Well, a volcano slide would do the trick.

Jerry Walker, owner of the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes baseball team, has pledged funding to help create such a thing for Keizer's youth.

"That's what we're doing," said Walker, who brought the Volcanoes to town at the then-new Volcanoes Stadium in 1997. "We're going to do a volcano at the Big Toy."

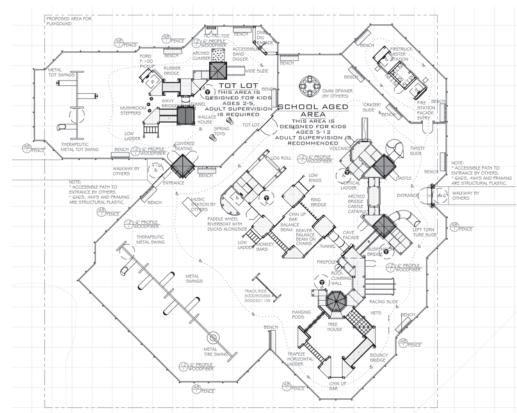
Walker has committed \$7,500 towards the project, \$1,000 of which has already been paid. He has pledged a maximum of \$500 for a replica of Crater, the team's mascot.

'We're waiting for a design," Walker said. "I haven't seen a final design yet, only what the committee has shown. There will be a big volcano, with several different thoughts on how kids will climb to the top. They will have a nice slide down. When they get to the top, Crater will be there. They will slide down between his legs, going down the slide to the bottom."

If possible, Walker would like to see a mister incorporated into the design to shoot out fog, like what Crater uses each May during the Iris Fes-

> public hearings

An application will be before the Land Use Hearings Officer on Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m. about the proposed subdividing of a .98 acre parcel into seven lots ranging in size from 5,016 to 9,103 square feet. The property address is 7130 Wheatland Road NE. The applicants are Patrick and Robyn Morley on behalf of Modelia II Corp. The hearing will take place in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa



A revised Big Toy drawing incorporates the newest addition, a volcano slide being paid for by the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes.

tival parade and like what the scoreboard at Volcanoes Stadium uses.

"One concept was to have steam or mist coming out of the volcano, like it is putting off some smoke," Walker said. "I would like to see that if it's possible. It's absolutely safe for the environment. If not, regardless we will have a slide with Crater at the top."

Walker has no doubt the final product will work.

"They told me I get to ap-

prove the final design," he said. "I'm sure it will be fine. It should be great."

Former Mayor Lore Christopher, who has ramped up her efforts recently to sell Big Toy components, noted project general coordinator Mark Caillier will be working with consultant Leathers and Associates to design the volcano slide.

"We will work on sourcing Crater," Christopher said in an e-mail. "This is so exciting. It will be a signature piece for Keizer. No one else has a Crater."

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Attempts to reach project manager Kyle Cundy from Leathers were unsuccessful, but Caillier expects a redone design to be ready soon.

"We may have to adjust the perimeter for the volcano," Caillier said. "The consultant is redoing the design to make it flow better. I talked to Kyle; she said the designers are working on it."

Pinot for the Parks event March 13 to help Big Toy

The third annual Pinot for the Parks fundraiser takes place Friday, March 13.

The event, put on by the Keizer Parks Foundation, runs from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N. Tax-deductible tickets are \$25, with proceeds being dedicated to the Big Toy project at Keizer Rapids Park.

Four local wineries (Arcane Cellars at Wheatland Winery, Illahe Vineyards, Mia Sonatina Cellars and Willamette Valley

will offer tastings and glasses of microbrew beer.

Four food vendors will be on hand with \$5 food plates. Extreme Chocolates will have pulled pork sandwiches, Incredible Edibles will have wood-fired pizza, Big Town Hero will have seafood sandwiches and Willamette Cheese Company will have craft cheese.

There will also be a silent auction for gift baskets, din362-6414 or KeizerParks-Foundation@gmail.com.

For more information about the Keizer Parks Foundation, visit the KPF website at www.KeizerParksFoundation.org/



Willamette Valley Women's Military League. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Izzy's Pizza, 2205 Lancaster Dr. N.E. 503-585-5810.

Free admission day (every Tuesday) at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State St, Salem. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit willamette.edu/arts/hfma for exhibit details.

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

Pinot for the Parks, fundraiser for Keizer Parks Foundation benefitting the Big Toy project. Starts at 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center. Tickets \$25 each.

Friday, March 13 – Saturday, March 14

Native Plant Sale from 10 a.m - 6 p.m., Friday and 9 a.m. -1 p.m., Saturday at Bauman Farms, 12989 Howell Prairie Road in Gervais.

Saturday, March 14

Rossini's La Donna del Lago based on the novel by Sir Walter Scott starts at 9:55 a.m. at Regal Santiam Stadium 11, 365 Lancaster Drive SE. Tickets are available at the door, \$22 for seniors and \$26 for general. (503) 983-6030.

Sons of Norway potluck, 6:30 p.m., Salem Masonic Temple, 1625 Brush College Rd. N.W. 503-910-3302. sonthor42salemor.org.

The Salem Pops Orchestra presents Gypsy Fiddles at the Grand Theatre, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15. grandballroom.info.

Sunday, March 15

Downton Abbey Tea at 11 a.m. at Deepwood Estate.

Salem Concert Band presents Historic Elsinore Theater In The Steps of Sousa at 3:00 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, March 16

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, March 17

Keizer Points of Interest Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Free admission day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State St. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit willamette.edu/arts/hfma for exhibit details.

Road NE.

The Keizer City Council will consider a supplemental budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year budget at its meeting on Monday, March 16. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.



5 YEARS AGO

Old Navy coming to Station According to a building permit filed with the city, retailer Old Navy will erect a new building at Keizer Station.

10 YEARS AGO

Park residents reach out to legislators A group of upset manufactured home park residents took their case to their legislators, turning out for a public meeting hosted by state Sen. Charles Starr and Rep. Kiim Thatcher.

15 YEARS AGO

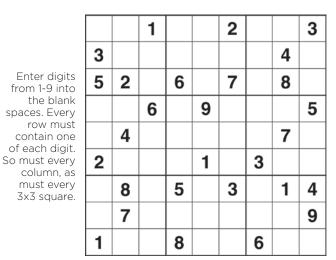
Feds step in to dam fight Keizer's attempts at getting the Lake Labish Water Control District to pump water into the Pudding River met another setback from the federal government, which forbids any pumping between October and March.

20 YEARS AGO

City officials clash over 9-1-1 fire calls Keizer City Councilor Jim Keller accused the city manager and the police chief of trying "to oversee" the Keizer Fire District, by being notified of all fire district dispatch calls.

Vineyards) will be on hand to offer tastings and wine by the glass, bottle or case. In ad-

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ners, jewelry and more at the event.

Tickets are available at Big Town Hero or by contacting dition, The Growl Movement Jeanne Bond-Esser at (503)

Fri 68/38 3/6

Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sat 67/39 3/7

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the up per 30s

Sun 67/39 3/8



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Mon 66/42 3/9

The Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.



Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s



Wild (R) Sat 8:10

Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 12:20, Sat 3:20, Sun 12:50

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