

Today in History

At the Los Angeles Coliseum, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs by a score of 35-10 in the first-ever world championship game of American football.

- January 15, 1967

Food 4 Thought

"If everyone were clothed with integrity, if every heart were just, frank, kindly, the other virtues would be wellnigh useless."

- Moliere (born January 15, 1622)

The Month Ahead

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Government offices and schools are closed.

Tuesday, January 19

Keizer Points of Interest Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE. Meeting is a day later than usual due to the MLK holiday.

Thursday, January 21

Volunteer Coordinating Committee meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Saturday, January 23 – Sunday, January 24

Oregon Wedding Showcase, Oregon State Fairgrounds. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$9, \$8 with coupon and \$7 online. oregonweddingshowcase.com.

Tuesday, January 26

Keizer Public Arts Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Monday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 2

Keizer Economic Development Commission, noon in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Wednesday, February 3

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

Friday, February 5

Salem-Keizer Volcanoes' 9th Winter Sports Banquet and Silent Auction, 6 p.m., Keizer Quality Suites. Keynote speaker will be Kyle Haines, team manager. Also appearing is Tony Torcato, former Volcano and Giant. Tickets are \$60 per couple, \$35 per person or \$225 for a table of eight. Call 503-390-2225.

Sunday, February 7

Afternoon Tea at the Library, fundraising event for the Keizer Community Library, 1:30 p.m. at Keizer Heritage Center. Tea, light refreshments, raffle. Tickets, \$25, are limited and available at the library or by emailing bachik@comcast.net. No tickets available at the door.

Monday, February 8

Keizer City Council work session, 5:45 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Tuesday, February 9

Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Wednesday, February 10

Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Thursday, February 11

Keizer Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

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

Saturday, February 13

Salem Audubon Society hosts a walking tour around Staats Lake beginning at 10 a.m. to view waterfowl that winter in our area. Dress warmly. The tour, about 1.25 miles, will last about 90 minutes. Contact Rich Ford at 503-510-9583.

Improvements for Palma Ciea Park sought by neighbors during meeting

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

At this time a year ago, the idea of Palma Ciea Park being sold and being turned into new housing was a distinct possibility.

That changed when it was discovered the city doesn't technically own the park land and thus couldn't sell it.

Now the park is getting a proverbial second lease on life.

Several neighbors spoke at Tuesday's Keizer Parks and Recreation Board meeting at Keizer Civic Center, seeking improvements for the park and talking about future plans. That would be a contrast to the current overrun condition of the park overlooking the Willamette River, which prompted last year's discussions.

Martin Doerfler noted he and several neighbors went to the park a number of years ago and "made it look pretty decent for a while" and noted the same could happen now, especially if neighbors stopped throwing yard debris into the

"It can look nice," Doerfler said. "It could be a viable park. To sit and look at the river, it would be a great place. We would just need a couple of benches. I would go sit, look

at the river and read. If you can go, sit and relax for a bit, it

In response to a question from newly re-elected Parks Board chair David Louden, Doerfler said he imagined neighbors would be willing to help clean out the park.

the river."

Johnson noted there used to be more problems with debris in the park than what's been seen recently. He estimated the park would have space for at least one or possibly two benches overlooking the river. Johnson will look at the park and report back at next month's Parks Board

Rhonda Rich, president of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, emphasized

Gary Blake noted he's

would be a worthwhile space."

Robert Johnson, parks supervisor for Keizer, said some of the work shouldn't be too

"We could limb some trees," Johnson said. "If we keep the benches up high by the wall, you can get views of

the view at the park.

"All that park has to offer is a view," Rich said. "The access to the river is treacherous. Benches or a bench is a good

talked with neighbors about

West Keizer resident Gary Blake (right) addresses members of the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Tuesday night during a discussion of possible improvements at Palma Ciea

sprucing up Palma Ciea Park.

"As a neighborhood group, there has been a heightened interest in what's happening in park," Blake said. "Everybody I've talked to is willing and anxious to help, to give the park identity, a reason to go there, better security. The more people that go there, the better it will be treated. That's what the neighborhood would like to see. We'd like to work hand in hand with city maintenance people. We're glad to take assignments to help. We're hoping we can make this a place people would be glad to

Blake said some people have been talking about doing community gardens at the park.

"The main interest is to have something happening in the park so nothing bad is happening," he said.

Parks Board member Richard Walsh suggested the WKNA could put together a committee to come up with a vision for the park.

"We don't want it to be a magnet for trouble, we want it to be something for the neighborhood to be proud of,"Walsh said.

Johnson said community gardens would be good, though getting water would have to be figured out.

"Community gardens are really neat and are going in other places with great success," Johnson said. "It does draw people to a park. Having people there constantly versus nobody ever there is a big difference and keeps the riff-raff out of there."

Keizer Police warn of telephone bail scam

The Keizer Police Department is warning residents of a telephone bail scam in which victim was tricked into sending money to a stranger who claimed they were seeking payment on behalf of the victim's granddaughter.

The KPD recently investigated the incident. The victim was scammed out of \$3,000 after he was tricked into believing his granddaughter needed to pay this amount of money before she would be released by the Seattle Police Department.

Telephone bail scams typically target older people who are called at random by the suspect. In the most recent case involving a Keizer resident, the victim was called by the suspect who identified himself as officer Harrison with the Seattle Police Department.

Through conversation with the victim, the suspect was able to glean the name of the victim's granddaughter and then went on to tell the victim his granddaughter was in legal trouble in Seattle and she needed to pay \$3,000 before she would be released.

The suspect directed the victim to go to a local store to purchase \$3,000 of iTunes

looking back

in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

Cell phone fee

spiked for now

Councilors repealed on Tuesday,

Jan. 18, the telecom ordinance

that would have taxed cell

phones to the tune of about 3

10 YEARS AGO

Strap on the tool belt... Lowe's is open

for business

Mayor Lore Christopher cuts a

board signifying Lowe's opening

15 YEARS AGO

New council mulls

monthly 'paycheck'

Some Keizer City Councilors

think the city should pay them a

small monthly stipend to cover

expenses related to community

20 YEARS AGO

Panel yields to owners

on freeway plan

It was a marathon, six-hour

meeting of the Keizer Planning

at a ceremony Jan. 11.

business.

gift cards. The victim, who believed he was helping his granddaughter, followed the directions that were given by the suspect, not knowing he was becoming the victim of a telephone bail scam.

After the victim purchased \$3,000 of iTunes gift cards he called the suspect back and provided him with the unique identifying numbers that were associated with each of the iTunes gift cards he had purchased. Providing this information to the suspect allowed the suspect access to each of the valuable iTunes gift cards and the \$3,000.

There are many different variations of the telephone bail scam and ways suspects seek payment from victims. Sometimes victims will be asked to provide credit or debit card information over the telephone while other times they will be asked to wire money through Western Union or Money-Gram directly to the suspect whom they believe is a law enforcement officer, correctional officer or bail bondsman. Wiring money is like sending cash; there are no protections for the sender (victim).

The KPD warns anyone who is requested by a third party to provide bail money for a relative or friend to be very cautious. Most correctional facilities, sheriff's offices, police departments and courts do not accept money wired to them or take credit or debit card information over the telephone.

Anyone receiving this type of phone call should try to make personal contact with the individual who they believe may be in need of help by calling them at the telephone number which they would normally reach him or

If they are unable to make personal contact with the person who is supposedly in need of help, they should contact other family members or friends to confirm whether or not what they are being told about the person they want to help is true before taking any further steps.

local weather

Fri 50/43



Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Sat



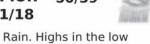
Mainly cloudy and rainy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Sun 51/44



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

Mon 50/39 1/18



50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Tue 49/38 1/19

Showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 30s.



MOVIE TIMES

Spectre (PG-13) Fri 6:05, 8:50, Sat 4:00, 6:45, The Martian (PG-13) Fri 3:45,

6:30, Sat 6:15, 9:30, Sun 2:15 **Bridge of Spies (PG-13)** Fri 9:10, Sat 3:25

In the Heart of the Sea (PG-13)

Fri 6:50, Sat 2:20, 9:00, Sun 8:00

Maze Runner: Scorch Trials (PG-13) Sat 12:50, Sun 3:10

The Night Before (R)

Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG)

Goosebumps (PG) Fri 4:30, Sat 4:40, Sun 1:00

The Peanuts Movie (G) Fri 4:10, Sat 12:00, Sun 12:20, 1:50, 3:45

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KEIZERTIMES.COM Web Poll

Do you use online restaurant reviews when making dining decisions?

> **52% -** No **48% -** Yes

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Vote in a new poll every Thursday!

Commission and before it was over, owners of property near the Chemawa Road interchange pretty much got their way.