


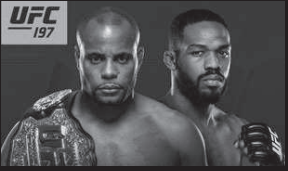
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— March 11, 1985

## Food 4 Thought

“Why can’t the state accede to the public’s wishes?”  
— Antonin Scalia (1936-2016)  
U.S. Supreme Court Justice

## The Month Ahead

### Through Sunday, March 13

*The Hotel Casablanca*, a comedic opera by Willamette University Theatre program at Smith Auditorium on the Willamette University campus. For schedule and tickets visit willamette.edu/cla/music/performance/events.

### Friday, March 11

MCO Productions presents *The Test-A Life Redeemed* at 7 p.m. at The Historic Elsinore Theatre at 170 High St. SE Salem. Suggested donation at the door. www.elsinoretheatre.com.

### Friday, March 11 – Saturday, March 12

Keizer Homegrown Theatre presents *Time Stands Still* at the Chemeketa Community College Auditorium, Building 6, 4000 Lancaster Drive NE. Curtain time is 7 p.m. both evenings.

### Saturday, March 12

Fifth annual Keizer Community Center Clean-up, 9 a.m. to noon at city hall. Dress for the weather. Contact Mark Caillier at markcaillier@claggettccwc.org or 503-930-7481 for more information.

Straub Environmental Center presents the *Mid-Valley Green Awards* at 7 p.m. at The Historic Elsinore Theatre at 170 High St. SE Salem. Tickets \$17. For more information go to www.elsinoretheatre.com.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room of the Salem Public Library (585 Liberty St SE). Tom Branigar will speak about the first murder in Polk County. For more information, call (503) 363-0880.

### Sunday, March 13

Sacred Heart-St. Louis Parish in Gervais will hold its annual BBQ chicken dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is \$11, \$7 for those 12 and under; menu includes half a barbecued chicken and all the fixings. 485 7th Street. 503-792-4231.

### Monday, March 14

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

### Tuesday, March 15

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

### Thursday, March 17

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

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

### Friday, March 18

Oregon Symphony at Willamette University-Smith Auditorium 8 p.m. *Variations on a Theme* by Joseph Hayden. Tickets range \$5 to \$50. Tickets are available online orsymphonysalem.org

### Saturday, March 19

*Dancing with the Salem Stars* at The Historic Elsinore Theatre 7:30 p.m. at 170 High St. SE Salem. For ticket information contact 503-375-3574. www.elsinoretheatre.com

### Monday, March 21

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

Add your event by e-mailing news@keizertimes.com.

## Set clocks ahead on Sunday

Remember to set your clocks ahead before going to bed Saturday night, as Daylight Savings Time takes place at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 13. While setting clocks, also check the batteries in all smoke and fire alarms in your home.

# Keizer, close down these parks!

By CRAIG MURPHY  
*Of the Keizertimes*

Keizer has its own version of Ralph Nader.

Nader was a safety advocate who gained national fame in the 1960s with his book *Unsafe at Any Speed*, declaring the Chevrolet Corvair was dangerous.

Eamon Bishop did his best Nader impression at Tuesday’s Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting in declaring that seven Keizer parks must be closed immediately due to safety hazards.

Keizer has 19 parks, but Bishop only called for the closure of seven because those are the only ones he has inspected so far.

“Can the parks stay open?” Bishop asked rhetorically. “Look at the laws of liability. You can’t let someone play until they are fixed, now that you know about it. There are some missing fasteners and improper fasteners. There are strangulation hazards. There’s a drowning hazard at Bob Newton Park, with slides out of alignment. It takes only one inch of water to drown a child in the standing rain. We need to close the parks until these things are fixed.”

Bishop said his research started when he took offense to Parks Board member Richard Walsh’s recent comments in the *Keizertimes* about neighborhood parks not being used as much in Keizer anymore. Bishop went to his neighborhood park – Bob Newton Park – and started exploring.

“It had conditions that looked to me to be significant safety hazards,” Bishop said. “So I went online and grabbed a copy of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Public Playground Safety Handbook and took inventory of what I saw. And then I went through the CPSC handbook and confirmed that a number of conditions existing in the park were indeed defined

as hazards, each of those being classified as conditions that could contribute to physical injury or death.”

Bishop said he found CPSC issues in each park and made a list of the issues.

For example, at Bob Newton Park, he found issues like chipped and flaking paint that he commercially tested to have lead content, drowning hazard, corroded parts, no Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access and a public health hazard due to no sanitary restroom.

He found items like laceration hazards and missing or loose fasteners multiple times, as well as pinching or crushing hazards. At Claggett Creek Park alone he found entrapment, laceration, extreme fall, impalement, tripping, strangling, pinching/crushing, climbing, drowning and overhead hazards. He also found an issue at the Big Toy play structure at KRP, with unprotected climbing conditions on the fire truck.

To test the paint at various places, Bishop said he used test kits.

Bishop, a retired police officer who noted he used to do construction work, opined the city should not submit a grant request for the next phase of the Big Toy and instead apply for a grant to be used for park renovations and repairs.

“You do good work and I appreciate all the work you do,” Bishop told Parks Board members. “Even you Mr. Walsh, though I think you are narrow minded.”

Dylan Juran checked to make sure he understood Bishop correctly.

“So all seven of these should be closed immediately, with caution tape and chains that say they are closed?” Juran asked.

“Yes,” Bishop replied.

“And we should immediately hire professionals and specialists to study all the parks, then post all the problems on our website?” Juran further asked.



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Eamon Bishop spoke to the Keizer Parks Board Tuesday.

“Yes,” Bishop again replied.

“And we should cease getting any grants and divert efforts to repairs, instead of capital improvements?” Juran asked.

“Yes,” Bishop said.

J.T. Hager had a question for Bishop.

“What is your background?” Hager asked. “How did you come up with this?”

“I’m a retired police officer and firefighter,” Bishop said.

Hager appreciated the information, but didn’t know what the next step should be.

“I think there are some things we have to study and research,” Hager said. “It’s a little strong at this point to ask us to shut down a whole bunch of parks. That (repair work) would also cost money. We’ve never had close to enough to do maintenance. You’re saying we have to cough up a whole bunch of money. I’m a little concerned that you’re making a pretty strong request, but I do appreciate the concern.”

Bishop acknowledged the lack of funds, but emphasized the need to get grants for repairs.

“If you know where grants are available and can help us write grants, we would appreciate it,” Hager said.

Bishop said he’s “written too many grants” to want to help out, but said the same program the city is applying for with the Big Toy grant would have money for repairs.

Walsh, a Parks Board member as well as an attorney, said the information should be re-

ferred to city attorney Shannon Johnson.

“It’s a little overwhelming,” Walsh said. “I don’t know if it’s illegal having a two-inch puddle and if that needs police tape.”

Walsh noted much of the parks money comes from the general fund, but the largest percentage of that fund goes to the police department.

“We would have to take from police officers,” Walsh said. “How many police officers do we have to let go to pay for this?”

Bishop said part of his reason for looking into things is KRP.

“I’ve never been wanting to spend as much as we have at KRP,” he said. “Then we want to spend \$1 million on this next Big Toy phase. We’re liable for all of the parks.”

Scott Klug found that background strange.

“It seems to me that you might be going about stopping money going to Keizer Rapids in an odd way,” Klug said. “That money comes from a different source than you want, a different grant. You’re saying it’s the same pool of money?”

“I assume it is the same pool of money,” Bishop replied.

“So it’s your assuming,” Klug said.

Hager suggested Bishop should help find a solution.

“You’re saying have perfect parks or don’t have them,” Hager said. “You bring the money in. I’ve got the suitcases; you bring the money in.”

Clint Holland said parks supporters need to plead their case to the budget committee in the spring.

“Eventually something is going to happen and we’re really going to pay for it,” Holland said. “We really need to show how underfunded we are. It’s time we look at the main problem. We need to make sure we have the money so kids are safe in any park we have.”

# Mayor praises citizens

By CRAIG MURPHY  
*Of the Keizertimes*

Mayor Cathy Clark is always high on talking about Keizerites helping each other.

It was no surprise, then, for Clark to reference such an event during a recent Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting.

Clark gave her second State of the City address of the year at the Feb. 18 GGNA meeting – coming after a similar talk at the January West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting and prior to her March 3 address at the Rotary Club of Keizer luncheon. Her GGNA discussion came after a presentation about the Miracle of Christmas Lights Display in the Gubser neighborhood.

“Miracle of Christmas is a great example of how this wonderful project has been passed on from family to family,” Clark said. “There was a time it didn’t look like it would keep going. But this neighborhood believed in this, which is why it is happening. We have things like that all over Keizer.”

Clark noted people stepping up happens all the time around Keizer, referencing last year’s Big Toy construction project at Keizer Rapids Park. The city is submitting a grant application soon for a second

phase of the project.

“Keizer Rapids Park is one of 19 parks,” she said. “It’s not the city’s parks, they are your parks. We don’t have the staff to be everywhere all the time. We really rely on all of us to take ownership. We stretch the tax dollars as far as we can. We have half the number of employees as other cities. We do it with judicious budgeting, multitasking of employees and a partnership with the community. If we can do things collaboratively, we will find ways to do that.”

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## looking back in the KT

### 5 YEARS AGO

You know who it is The Keizer City Council unanimously approved a master plan that puts a 116,000 square foot discount grocer at the southeast corner of Chemawa Road NE and Lockhaven Drive NE.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Lee enters race for state House Keizer City Councilor Chuck Lee, a Keizer Democrat, is seeking election to the state House of Representatives seat now held by Keizer Republican Kim Thatcher.

### 15 YEARS AGO

Scrawled threats lock down high school McNary High School has been “locked down” twice in the past week because of threats of harm to students.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Old School backers get ready for moving day on Chemawa The old Keizer School, tucked behind the Schoolhouse Square mall for the past eight years, is scheduled to move to a new home on Northeast Chemawa Road this spring.

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# Web Poll Results

What is your reaction to the Festival of Lights Holiday Parade ending?

- 53%** – I’m sad.
- 29%** – It’s okay because the parade had run its course.
- 18%** – I’m not worried because someone will likely take it over.

Vote in a new poll every Thursday!  
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## THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

**Ride Along 2 (PG-13)**  
Fri 6:15, 8:35, Sat 12:15, 6:20, Sun 4:00, 6:30, 8:45

**The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 (PG-13)**  
Fri 4:00, 5:55, Sun 3:55

**The Choice (PG-13)**  
Fri 6:40, Sun 4:25

**The Big Short (R)**  
Fri 8:15, Sat 8:20, Sun 8:30

**13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R)**  
Sat 6:40, Sun 1:10

**Dirty Grandpa (R)**  
Sat 9:20, Sun 6:45


**Sisters (R)** Fri 9:00, Sun 8:50

**Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Road Chip (PG)** Fri 4:00, Sat 12:30, Sun 12:30, 2:00

**The Good Dinosaur (PG)**  
Fri 4:00, Sat 12:00, Sun 2:25


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## local weather

**Fri 3/11 56/43** 


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

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**Sat 3/12 47/41** 


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

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**Sun 3/13 50/40** 


Cloudy, periods of rain. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

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**Mon 3/14 51/39** 

Thunderstorms. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

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**Tue 3/15 53/38** 

Light rain. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.