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Man chose wrong site for alleged drug house

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

The Keizer Police Department Community Response Unit uncovered a trove of drugs and guns while executing a search warrant on a nuisance property Monday, May 8.

Keizer and Salem police officers executed the warrant — issued for a high probability that controlled substances were being used and delivered there — about 4:45 a.m. at 4945 Delight Street N.

“We received several complaints from more than one neighbor, and everyone noticed the continual foot and vehicular traffic,” said KPD Deputy Police Chief Jeff Kuhns.

Investigators also had probable cause to believe the primary resident sold oxycodone on two separate occasions from the home.

Six occupants and a dog were found inside, but only Kevin Ivan Lara-Alvarez, 24, aka Kevin Lara, was arrested.

Investigators allege Lara is the primary person responsible for the residence where he maintained and sold controlled substances. When the suspect was taken into custody he was found to have in excess of \$3,400 cash on his person. Police also found marijuana, more than 400 oxycodone pills that were packaged for sale, packaged heroin (approximately 25 grams), methamphetamine (more than a



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Controlled substances in many forms, a cache of weapons and cash were all seized from a nuisance home on Delight Street North on Monday, May 8

gram), cocaine, crack cocaine (more than 13 grams), buprenorphine pills and alprazolam pills.

There was also evidence Alvarez was extracting THC from marijuana for use in edi-

bles including cereal treats and brownies. Extracting THC is now a felony in Oregon for unlicensed manufacturers because of the dangers and risks associated with it.

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Annie Purkey, as Cassius, pleads with Brutus, Josiah Henifin, in rehearsals for #Caesar.

Julius Caesar gets an upgrade in new McNary play, #Caesar

By DEREK WILEY
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McNary High School is bringing William Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar* to the Ken Collins Theater stage May 17-20 but instead of physically murdering Caesar they are socially murdering him.

The play, adapted by McNary drama director Dallas Myers with the help of students, is titled *#Caesar* and takes place in a present day high school.

“We’re all students and we’re reading *Julius Caesar* but these students are these characters in real life,” said McNary senior Josiah Henifin, who plays Brutus. “This is all actually taking place in the classroom. We’re reading it in class and those same things are actually happening in the classroom.”

All four performances begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at mcnaryhs.ticketleap.com/caesar.

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Parks fee talks go south quick

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A conversation among Keizer city councilors about whether to impose a fee on residents to support Keizer parks short-circuited upon liftoff.

The council hosted a public forum on the topic of parks fees Monday, May 8, and turned to their own discussion of the issue after taking public testimony (See related story Page A11).

While the council eventually passed a motion directing city staff to craft an ordinance that would impose the fee, at least three councilors — of the six in attendance — expressed reservations regarding how the city should approach the next steps.

The ordinance will include at least the following: a \$4 fee per month assessed to both residential and commercial customers with no increases

for one year; an \$8 cap on future increases; a reporting requirement for the Keizer parks and public works staff; and available discounts for seniors and low-income residents along with the stipulation that no one will have their water cut off due to not paying the fee.

This, however, is only the first step in the council's process. Any ordinance will have to come back before the council with additional opportunities for public input.

Even before the discussion began in earnest, Councilor Roland Herrera suggested he was wary of the idea of imposing a fee without a vote.

“In most of the conversations I’ve had, (people) support the idea, but they want to have a vote,” Herrera said.

Councilor Amy Ryan said her conversations with residents had a different flavor.

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— Roland Herrera
City councilor

No trial for woman in murder of son, 12

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A Keizer woman charged with strangling her 12-year-old son to death will not face trial after being found mentally unfit.

Amy Marie Robertson was charged with the aggravated murder of her son, Caden Berry, on Saturday, Jan. 14. Robertson was being held without

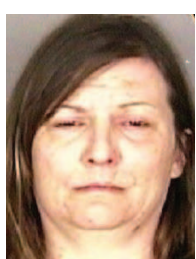
bail at the Marion County Correctional Facility.

In April, Judge Lindsey Partridge ordered a psychiatric evaluation on Robertson's fitness to stand trial. On May 1, Partridge ordered the evaluation sealed and remanded Robertson to Oregon State Hospital.

The order signed by Partridge states that Robertson is

a danger to herself or the community and that the supervision and services required are unavailable in the community.

Robertson will be confined to the hospital until she regains the capacity to stand trial or a maximum of three years. Within 60 days, hospi-



A. Robertson

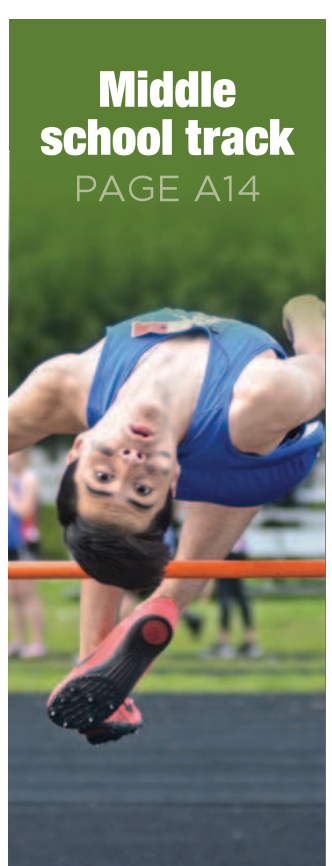
tal staff will need to report whether there is a substantial probability of her ever regaining her capacity. The hospital superintendent will have to submit a progress report to the court at least once every six months while she is there.

All other proceedings have been suspended.

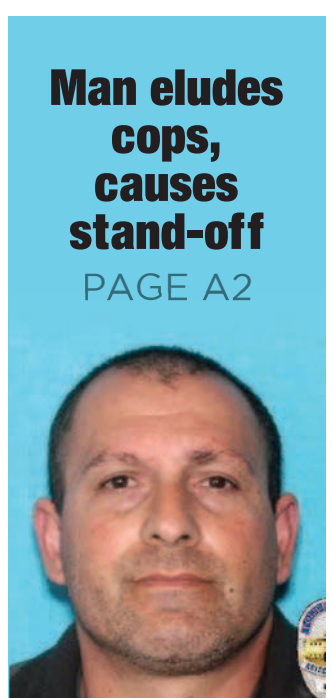
After her arrest Robertson was charged with aggravated murder, murder by abuse and two counts of criminal mistreatment in the first degree.

Keizer Police Department officers were summoned to an apartment at 175 Garland Way North about 12:45 p.m.

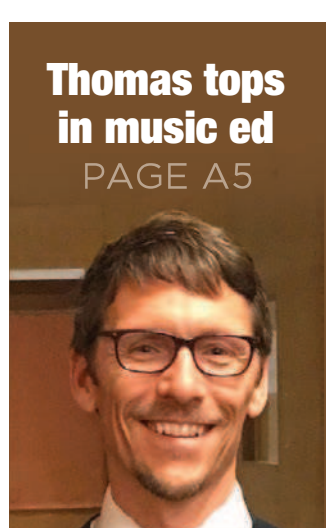
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