

Today in History

The American freighter Mayaguez and its 39-man crew was captured by gunboats of the communist government forces in Cambodia, setting off an international incident. The response of the United States government was quick. President Gerald Ford called the Cambodian seizure of the Mayaguez an "act of piracy" and promised swift action to rescue the captured Americans. - May 12, 1975

Food 4 Thought

"If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right."

- Mary Kay Ash, businesswoman, founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics, born May 12, 1918.

The Month Ahead

Saturday, May 13

Distinguished Young Women of Keizer, 7 p.m., Ken Collins Theater at McNary High School. Tickets at the door.

Dancing with the Salem Stars 2017, 7:30 p.m., Historic Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$15 to \$40. Proceeds benefit the theatre. 503-375-3574 or elsinoretheatre.com.

Stamp Out Hunger food drive. People can participate by putting out bags of food by their mailboxes, which will be collected by their letter carrier. 503-581-3855 ext. 314 or email hmcpherson@marionpolkfoodshare.org or marionpolkfoodshare.org.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Anderson room of Salem Public Library (585 Liberty St SE). Pam Vestal will speak on "Migration: Why the left, Where they went, and What it can reveal about our ancestors." For more information, call (503)363-0880.

Sunday, May 14

Keizer Fire District Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. All you can eat sausage, eggs, pancakes, coffee and milk. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12, 2 and under free.

Man eludes cops, SWAT after hours-long standoff

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

A fleeing suspect caused portions of a Keizer neighborhood to be barricaded off for nearly eight hours and, when it was finally over, the man was nowhere to be found.

On Wednesday, May 3, at 3:26 p.m. an officer from the Keizer Police Department (KPD) observed Jose Luis Gonzalez Jr., a Keizer resident, operating a motor vehicle in northeast Keizer.

The officer knew Gonzalez had a state-wide felony caution warrant for his arrest issued by Washington County. The warrant is for failure to appear in court on two counts of theft in the first degree.

The officer who was operating an unmarked police vehicle observed Gonzalez in front of his residence located at 1617 Kinglet Way N.E. and he attempted to approach and apprehend him, but the suspect quickly ran to a vehicle, a 2009 Toyota Camry, that was parked in the street and used it to flee from the officer.

The officer followed him and initiated a traffic stop, but Gonzalez failed to pull over, ignored the emergency lights and siren and attempted to elude the officer.

A very short pursuit ensued in the immediate neighborhood, which included attempting to elude the officer in a school zone. Gonzalez ultimately doubled-back through the neighborhood and parked

the vehicle in the street directly in front of his residence. The pursuit ended within a couple minutes of it being initiated. The man fled from the vehicle on foot and was believed to have run into the home.

Other Keizer patrol officers and members of the KPD Community Response Unit responded and quickly established a perimeter around the suspects residence.

"We basically closed down Kinglet Way from Chemawa Road Northeast to 15th Court North. Residents who reside on Brian Court NE and 15th Court NE were allowed to go to and from their residence for some time, but not after SWAT arrived about 7:30 p.m.," said KPD Deputy Chief Jeff Kuhns.

One resident was given a ride to another home while police were in the area. Two others elected to shelter in place.

Several unsuccessful attempts to establish communication with the suspect and efforts to convince him to surrender peacefully were unsuccessful.

"From about 3:30 p.m. throughout the rest of the evening until SWAT eventually made entry into the residence, we used the public address system on one of our patrol vehicles and gave several warnings and verbal commands that were directed at the residence for hours. Not only did we give warnings, the suspect's wife used our system to communicate with him as did the suspect's mother. The commands could be heard throughout much of the neighborhood," Kuhns said.

The Keizer Police Department applied for and received a search warrant to enter the residence for the suspect. SWAT members entered the home about 8:45 p.m. and executed a slow and methodical search. The team cleared the scene at approximately 12:30 a.m.

Police officials believe the suspect poses a risk to the community based on his prior history and the fact he demonstrated his willingness to elude a police officer in a school zone putting others at risk.

While a lack of officers has hampered police efforts to establish perimeters in some recent instances, Kuhns said it was not a primary factor in the Gonzalez's escape.

"We had an excellent perimeter established within minutes of the suspect fleeing from the vehicle up along the east side of his residence. This was one reason we thought for sure that we had him contained." Kuhns said.

At least a dozen Keizer officers responded within minutes of the call for a perimeter. Kuhns said perimeters are still a challenge during evening and weekend hours.

Anyone having information about Gonzalez or his whereabouts are asked to call 9-1-1 or their local law enforcement agency.

Little room for dissent in status quo budget

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It's somewhat telling when the most disputed item in Keizer's current proposed budget is whether to begin broadcasting the meetings of the Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee.

While that might seem strange, it's an indicator of how little the budget is changing from the past fiscal year.

The Keizer Budget Advisory Committee, comprised of the city council and members of the public, met for nearly seven hours in the first week of May to hash out priorities, but revenues are expected to increase by only slightly more than \$1 million in 2017-18, and much of those increases can only be spent on specific items like water, sewers and streets.

City staff project revenues to increase from \$24.4 million to \$25.5 million in the next fiscal year. Expenses are expected to climb from \$37.8 million to \$41.8 million. The difference between the increased revenues and the total expenses will be made up for with existing balances of roughly \$13.2 million and \$3 million in other proceeds. The city's general fund, which pays for things like police and parks services will only increase by about \$440,000. More than a third of that will be sent to the Public Employees Retirement System. At that level, it makes adding personnel a stretch, said Tim Wood, Keizer finance director.

reduce some departments to one person in a somewhat full-service city,"Wood said.

Only two portions of the proposed budget were the subject of any dissent among the committee members.

The first was a proposal to include the Traffic Safety Committee in the offerings on the Keizer community cable channel. Resident Rhonda Rich approached the committee last year and made the request so that citizens could know what was happening in the committee without needing to attend meetings. Adding the meetings to broadcast programming will cost about \$6,000 annually. The money would come from a dedicated fund, with a balance of almost \$230,000 in it, available only for costs associated with the Keizer TV.

Committee member Jerry McGee took issue with the proposal.

Committee member Ron Bersin suggested that leaving the funds sitting in the account, which is funded through payments from cable companies, was doing nothing for the city.

"There is a lot of money in the this fund and it can only be used for this. At \$6,000 a year, it's not a huge amount," Bersin said.

The request passed with an 11-2 vote. McGee and committee member JD Gillis opposed.

McGee was the only dissenter in a motion to approve \$5,000 to help fund a new position at the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments to oversee efforts to reduce homelessness in Marion and Polk counties.

"If there is a camel's nose under the tent (this is it), without any contractual arrangement we are hoping to start a program without knowing what we are agreeing research into the various issues surrounding increasing homelessness in Keizer and the great mid-Valley.

The funds will be used to institute a program manager position overseeing public and private efforts to combat homelessness and the circumstances that lead to it.

"There have to be deliverables and accountability and not a single dime will leave until that is determined," said Clark.

Bersin said he was "leery" of approving the expenditure without some sort of metrics for quantifiable results, but ended up supporting the ask.

Committee member Allen Barker said he supported it with the caveat that he wanted the budget committee to review any additional expenditures in the future.

"We get an actual bill and we can include it as a handout for the group, these services will be an opt-in. This group can have full authority as to whether to supply this service from year-to-year," said City Manager Chris Eppley.

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet at McNary Restaurant and Lounge, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adults \$24.75 Children 4-12 \$12.75. Free Glass of Champagne for Moms. Reservations highly recommended. Call 503-990-7550

Monday, May 15

Keizer City Council meeting, Keizer Civic Center. 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17 – Saturday, May 20

McNary High School drama department presents #Caesar, an orginal adaptation of William Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar. 7 p.m. at Ken Collins Theater. Tickets \$5, available online at mcnaryhs.ticketleap.com/caesar/.

Thursday, May 18

Iris Festival Kickoff Party, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the KeizerFest tent in front of the Keizer Lions Club. Music by the Flextones begins at 7 p.m.

Friday, May 19 – Saturday, May 20

Keizer Community Library Book Sale, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Friday, May 19

Author Karen Russell to read at Oregon State University at 7:30 p.m. in the Valley Library Rotunda, 201 S.W. Waldo Place. The event is free and open to the public. 541-737-1658.

Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting, 6:30 p.m. Southeast Keizer Community Center, 1045 Candlewood Drive N.E.

Saturday, May 20

The Keizer Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints hosts Family Discovery Day at the Family History Center, 862 45th Ave N.E. in Salem. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Learn how to research vital records and online databases to trace your familial roots. Free.

Iris Festival Parade, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Road closures begin at 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 21

The Salem Concert Band presents a Pacific Premiere at 3 p.m. at the Willamette University in Hudson Hall. \$5 student general admission, \$15 general admission, and \$20 reserved seating. salemconcert-band.org or 503-362-0485.

Sunday, June 25

McMinnville Garden Club 17th Annual Garden Tour and Faire. Garden tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 admission. Free garden faire from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets available in McMinnville at: Kraemer's Garden Center, Incahoots, and Great Harvest Bread Company; June 15 and 22 at the Farmer's Market; and June 25 day of tour at the garden faire, Kraemer's Garden Center, and five tour gardens. mcminnvillegardenclub.org.

"If we were to add one police officer, we would have to lay off two people. It would



Fri 3:55. 5:50 Sat 12:10, 2:35, Sun 1:55

Ghost in the Shell (PG-13) Fri 6:45, 8:50, Sat 3:50, 8:35, Sun 4:15, 8:40

The Great Wall (PG-13) Fri 4:40, 8:25, Sun 6:40

Hidden Figures (PG) Sat 3:00, Sun 7:45

The Shack (PG-13) Fri 2:00, Sat 5:30, Sun 12:45, 5:15

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Fri 6:20, 9:00, Sat 5:55, 8:00, Sun 6:20. 8:55

A Dog's Purpose (PG) Fri 1:45, Sat 12:45, Sun 3:15

The LEGO Batman Movie (PG) Fri 1:50, 3:45, Sat 11:40, 1:45, Sun 2:20, 4:30

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"Where would this end? What about the other committees will be next to request this?" McGee asked.



5 YEARS AGO

Choir takes 2nd in state competition McNary High School's choir took second place in statewide competition at George Fox University. The Celtics finished a mere four points behind the top choir in the land, Sprague High School.

10 YEARS AGO

Beilke will be parade grand marshal The Keizer Chamber of Commerce has opted to honor Joanne Beilke the 20th anniversary Iris Festival grand marshal.

15 YEARS AGO

New schools dedicated Claggett Keizer's Creek Middle School and Weddle Elementary School were dedicated May 1, 2002. The Claggett Creek Jazz Choir, Advanced Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble performed in between dedication remarks by members of the Salem-Keizer School Board.

20 YEARS AGO

Wittenberg to build motel Keizer will get its first motel. The 86-room motel will be built off Claggett Street on Northeast Wittenberg Lane. The motel will be owned and operated by Paul and Judy Wittenberg.

ing to," McGee said.

The request for the money came from Mayor Cathy Clark who spent a year as cochair of the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative conduct-

In the end, McGee was the only "no" vote.

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