



## Today in History

Christopher Wallace, a.k.a Biggie Smalls, a.k.a. the Notorious B.I.G., is shot to death at a stoplight in Los Angeles. The murder was thought to be the culmination of an ongoing feud between rap music artists from the East and West coasts. Just six months earlier, rapper Tupac Shakur was killed when he was shot while in his car in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. – March 9, 1997

## Food 4 Thought

"Nobody reads a mystery to get to the middle. They read it to get to the end. If it's a letdown, they won't buy anymore. The first page sells that book. The last page sells your next book.3

– Mickey Spillane, born March 9, 1918

# The Month Ahead

#### Friday, March 9

Oregon Symphony in Salem's annual fund raising gala at Zenith Vineyards. Tickets are \$80 each, purchase by visiting orsymponysalem.org

Keizer YoungLife Annual Banquet, 6 to 8 p.m., Keizer Civic Center. \$38 per ticket or \$300 for a table. Tickets available at bit.ly/kylbanquet.

#### Saturday, March 10

Cherry City Roller Derby, Season 9, Bout 10: Rydell Belles vs Thrill Kill Kittens, 7 p.m. at The Mad House, 1335 Madison Street NE.

#### Sunday, March 11

In the Steps of Sousa. Elsinore Theatre, Salem. Elsinore Theatre, 3 p.m. Single tickets: premium seating is \$30; main floor/balcony seating is \$20; Students K-12 (main floor/ balcony) are seated for \$10. Season tickets are available from Elsinore Theatre. salemconcertband.org



Changes to recycling imports in China have spurred changes in curbside collection in Oregon and elsewhere.

# New limits on curbside recycling

#### By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

Marion County is hitting the reset button on recyclable waste for residents.

Pressures on the recyclable imports in China are changing what residents of Marion County should put in their curbside recycle bins.

"In making these changes to the countywide mixed recycling roll cart program, we hope to enable our customers to recycle items for which there are sustainable, accessible, and affordable markets now and into the future," said Brian May, Marion County Environmental Services Manager. "Despite the current challenges in the recycling realm, Marion County remains committed to protecting the health and welfare of our residents by providing environmentally sound solid waste management services."

Here are the changes to the Marion County blue roll carts:

• Paper products should only include newspaper (with advertising and inserts); corrugated cardboard; magazines and catalogs; junk/direct mail; cereal, cookie, cracker and shoe boxes; and any kind of office paper including file folders.

• Steel (tin) and aluminum cans.

· Plastic bottles and jugs only, including: beverage bottles 12 ounces and larger, soap and cleaning product bottles;

and milk, juice and detergent jugs • The only change to green

yard debris carts is that residents should stop tossing pizza boxes into them.

• There are no changes to the red glass recycling bins.

County officials understand that the changes are happening rapidly and do not expect 100 percent compliance overnight, but the effort to educate consumers began March 5 and will continue for the forseeable future.

"To put the problem in perspective, it's helpful to understand that China has for many years consumed over half of the world's recyclable materials," said David Lear, Mid-Valley Garbage & Recycling general manager."However, a significant amount of the recycled material China was getting was contaminated with food waste, garbage, and other unusable materials."

The west coast states have led the nation in recycling for decades, but changes in what China is willing to accept are having a dramatic effect in shaping the future of such efforts.

When area residents haul out full blue containers to the curb every other week, the contents disappear by the end of the day and, typically, not much thought is given to it beyond the sense of having done something positive for the planet.

But that's really just the be-

ginning of the journey for the recyclable material before 2,000 tons of recyclable material Marion County residents produce every month, said John Sullivan, general manager of Loren's Sanitation.

Portions of the co-mingled mixed recycling go to Garten Services for sorting, the other part goes to Covanta in Brooks, a publicly-held waste-burning plant that converts 550 tons of solid waste into 13.1 megawatts of energy on a daily basis. At both sites, the mix is sifted through for items that can be resold into local markets. Whatever is left at Covanta is put on a truck and taken to Pioneer in Portland.

At Pioneer, the mix goes into a screen that filters out the largest pieces and sends the rest through a processing line that ends with human workers separating out the jumble into specific types of recyclable materials. Two of the piles are low-grade plastic and unsorted paper.

For decades, the manufacturing economy in China has been willing to take those piles of materials and extract the pieces that can still be used to make items like boxes, paper, clothing and other items.

This worked well for the west coast with ports lining the Pacific Ocean and accepting an ever-increasing number of products from Chinese manufacturers. Containers that were sent to the U.S. with cell phones were packed with

of Keizer and coordinated by

the Claggett Creek Watershed

Council. A collection box and

disposal are being provided by

they went back.

"It's one of the reasons the west coast has been the leader in recycling: the cheap cost of getting rid of the stuff. Other parts of the country don't have local markets, haven't created them and transporting them somewhere else is a huge cost," said Lear

The onset of comingled recycling has allowed U.S. residents to become more complacent about what they place in the blue containers and it's led to more contamination. That's meant China has had to deal with the pollution and costs of getting rid of the contaminated material while the U.S. has enjoyed most of the benefits.

In 2013, Chinese officials enacted more aggressive inspections of the material, the National Sword is the next step in cutting losses. China made good on its promise to significantly limit the amount of material it imports from other countries in January. The ban created a major disruption in recycling and there is no excess capacity in worldwide recycling markets to absorb the material China no longer accepts. This leaves Marion County recycling processors, as well as other jurisdictions, with a lot of material and few markets.

For more information, contact the Mid-Valley Garbage and Recycling Association at (503) 390-4000 or visit mrtrashrecycles.com or Marion County Environmental Services at www.mcrecycles. net or email Environmental-Services@co.marion.or.us.

#### Monday, March 12

Keizer Long Range Planning Task Force meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

#### Tuesday, March 13

Keizer Chamber Luncheon 11:30 to 1 p.m. Agenda: State of the City Address by Mayor Cathy Clark. Register to attend at www.keizerchamber.com

Keizer Parks Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

The Willamette Valley Women's Military League holds its monthly lunch meeting at Great Wall Buffet (2875 Commercial St. SE), 11:15 a.m. The speaker is Gail Elliot Downs, author of The Black Suitcase Mystery-A World War II Remembrance. 503-589-9988.

#### Wedneday, March 14

Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center. On the agenda: a public hearing on the city's sign code regulations.

#### Friday, March 16 – Sunday, March 18

Keizer Homegrown Theatre presents its first production of 2018 in its new home at the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. NE. The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon turns your favorite fairy tales on their heads, including classics such as Snow White, Cinderella and more. Tickets are \$15. Visit keizerhomegrowntheatre.org for show dates, times and tickets.

The 2018 Mid-Valley Yard, Garden and Home Show, Jackman-Long Building and Columbia Hall at Oregon State Fairgrounds and Expo. Hundreds of products and vendors with the latest in outdoor living, gardening trends, design ideas and more. Admission is free. For show times visit homebuildersassociation.org

#### Saturday, March 17

Annual cleanup of Keizer Civic Center, 9 a.m.-noon. Volunteers needed to help pick up trimmings, weed and general cleanup. Needed: wheelbarrows, plastic trash cans, rakes, tarps, pruners and weed pullers. Organized by Rotary Club of Keizer and the Claggett Creek Watershed Council. To volunteer contact Mark Caillier at 503-930-7481 or markcaillier@claggettcwc.org.

#### Wednesday, March 21

Art pour les enfants, a Boys and Girls Club event, is a fine art auction to benefit art programs and art studios for students in grades 1-12, will be held at Illahe Hills Country Club. The evening of art and wine will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. 503-581-7383.

# Correction

Whiteaker Middle School wrestler Luke Moreland earned a pin fall in the first period to win his 117-pound match against Claggett Creek on Thursday, Feb. 22, not Reilly Bandfield as previously reported in the March 2 edition of the Keizertimes.

for the annual clean-up at the Keizer Civic Center Saturday, March 17.

At least 100 volunteers are needed and many hands will make short work of picking up trimmings from shrubs, trees and grasses, removing weeds, and dumping the collected trimmings and leaves into a drop box. The clean-up is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Volunteers with any of the following are encouraged to bring them: wheelbarrows, plastic trash cans, rakes, tarps (to drag loads to the dumpster), pruners and weed pullers.

Dress for the weather in long pants, sturdy shoes/boots, gloves, hats, coat, etc. Unless there is an inch or more



# **THIS WEEK'S** MOVIE TIMES

Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13) Fri 2:35, 6:00, 8:50, Sat 4:00, 6:30, Sun 2:40, 6:00, 8:50

Justice League (PG-13) Sat 2:35, 9:30

**Murder on the Orient Express (PG-13)** Fri 7:45, Sat 5:00, Sun 5:35

#### Paddington 2 (PG) Fri 11:45, 2:15, Sat 11:45, 2:15, Sun 11:30, 2:00

Wonder (PG) Fri 12:05, 4:20, Sat 4:15, Sun 11:50, 3:45

Coco (PG) Fri 1:45, 3:50, 5:30, Sat 12:05, 1:50, Sun 1:35

Ferdinand (PG) Fri 12:30, Sat 12:30, Sun 12:30

Commuter (PG-13) Fri 9:00, Sat 8:20, Sun 4:00, 7:15

I, Tonya (R) Fri 6:35, Sat 7:15, Sun 7:50

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clean-up will not be canceled. Restrooms are on site and light refreshments will be provided.

Organizing is underway of snow on the ground, the event hosted by Rotary Club

Volunteers needed for clean-up

Loren's Sanitation. The Civic The City of Keizer and Lakepoint Community Center is located at 980 Che-Church are sponsoring the mawa Road N.E.

# sudoku

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Should assault rifles be used as raffle prizes?

66% – No 27% – Yes 7% – It depends on the organization/cause

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# looking back in the KT

#### **5 YEARS AGO**

**RV** parking issue settled By a 6-1 vote, Keizer City Councilors agreed recreational vehicles can be parked on church property for up to 90 days a calendar year, while RVs on residential property will be limited to 30 days.

#### **10 YEARS AGO**

Thatcher backs repealing sexual orientation protections

A petition to repeal legal protections based on sexual orientation has been endorsed by Rep. Kim Thatcher. The bill in question placed sexual orientation among protected classes along with other minorities and prohibits discrimination in housing and employment.

### **15 YEARS AGO**

Spirited Keizer toddler

battles disease Family and friends of Lucas Bafus, 3, are hoping the fighting spirit of the young toddler will help him win his battle against cancer. The diagnosis has been hard for members of the close-knit St. Edward Church community.

### **20 YEARS AGO**

Two men stabbed at Keizer party

Two men were injured, one seriously, in a fight that broke out during a party in Keizer. Scott Evans, 18, was placed in the intensive care unit with a stab wound to the base of his skull.