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Today in History

If pop songs, like hurricanes, were rated on an objective scale according to their ability to devastate the pop-cultural landscape, then the song that reached the top of the American pop charts on this day in 1996 was a Category 5 monster. It first made landfall in Florida as a seemingly harmless Spanish-language rumba, but in the hands of a pair of Miami record producers, it soon morphed and strengthened into something called “Macarena (Bayside Boys Mix),” a song that laid waste to all competition during a record-setting run at #1.

— August 3, 1966

Food 4 Thought

“Without an open-minded mind, you can never be a great success.”

— Martha Stewart, life-style guru, born Aug. 3, 1941

The Week Ahead

Friday, August 3

Hawaiian Luau featuring Paradise of Samoa as part of the Free 2018 Summer Concert Series located at Keizer Rotary Amphitheater at Keizer Rapids Park. Gates open at 5 p.m., show starts at 6:30 p.m. Beer, Wine, & Spirits available from Santiam Brewing Company. Please no outside food or beverages. No pets allowed inside the amphitheater. For complete concert schedule go to Facebook.com/KRAORG. For more information, call (503) 910-3232.

Saturday, August 4

ServeFest by Lakepoint Community Church. New location at Claggett Creek Middle School, 1810 Alder Drive NE. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A free, family-friendly event. Kids carnival, hot dog lunch, haircuts for kids, manicures, bike repairs, pet grooming, family photos and more.

6th annual Greater Gubser Neighborhood Garage Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dozens of sales throughout the neighborhood featuring furniture, sports equipment, household items, toys, clothing and tools.

Artists reception, Keizer Art Association's Enid Joy Mount Gallery, Keizer Cultural Center, 2-4 p.m. August show is members-only art work. Exhibit continues to Aug. 31. keizerarts.com.

Sunday, August 5

Shrek the Musical Jr. Your last chance to see the kids from Enlightened Theatrics' summer camp perform Shrek the Musical. Show starts at 2:30 p.m. at Salem's Historic Grand Theatre, 191 High St. NE in Salem. Visit

Monday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 8

Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Thursday, August 9

Keizer Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Friday, August 10

Valvidia Entertainment Concert. 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Oregon State Fair Expo Center, 2330 17th St NE in Salem. Entrance is \$40.

Saturday, August 11

Englewood Forest Festival, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Englewood Park, 1260 19th Street NE in Salem. Free family-friendly art & environmental workshops.

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Correction

In a story titled *Sign code changes finally adopted* in the July 27 edition of the paper, the sign code was revised to permit electronic message board changes every 15 seconds and window signage will be permitted without limitation. The misinformation in the original article was due to a reporter error.

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involved with OFYC for four years. She's been in the system since she was 8 years old, and now, at 21 years old, she just aged out of the Independent Living Program (ILP). In the past she's attended Policy Conferences as a participant, but this year she was facilitating workshops and teaching other foster youth about policymaking.

For Sherrett, the policy recommendations this year resonated with her own experience growing up in the system. One policy recommendation in particular hit close to home: a concerted effort to limit the number of “houseless” foster youth. At the conference, the youth who presented on this issue said foster youth need better information about their housing rights and should be more involved in deciding where they end up after they turn 14 years old.

Foster youth are at risk of becoming houseless when they feel that their options are too narrow to accommodate their needs, whether that's feeling pressure to exit the system because they feel they're being forced into residential mental health treatment or can't find an environment that accepts their identity, which is especially difficult for LGBT+ youth. Older youth who feel cornered often lobby to exit the system and end up homeless.

“If you consider couch-surfing homelessness, and I sure do, I was homeless for about a year and a half. ... Even though I've had places to stay, it was always temporary, it was only a month-long thing,” Sherrett said. This type of homelessness—where the individual isn't physically on the street, but doesn't have a place to stay long-term—often goes unnoticed.

In addition to giving foster youth more information on and access to their housing rights, foster youth need more support to integrate into the community as they near adulthood. Another

FOSTER CARE

The foster care system in Marion county is struggling to meet demand.

This is the sixth part of a continuing series in the Keizertimes investigating the state of local foster care and shedding light on ways to get involved.

Check back next week for another installment.

policy recommendation that addresses that need is increased funding for the Independent Living Program, which provides classes for current and former youth to better navigate adult life and funding for tuition, vocational training, and housing. State funding is currently set at \$2 million, and the recommendation posits that \$6 million is needed to allow the program to fulfill the current need.

“We need to make the effort to make sure foster kids have these services. How can we do that? By pushing legislators to make a choice,” Sherrett said. “Instead of putting money toward a prison, put it toward ILP services, so we don't have these at-risk youth going to prison. They can stay at-risk, get the help they need, and eventually not be at-risk anymore.”

Sherrett's passion for advocacy is evident, but the confidence with which she carries herself is something she's had to work toward, she said. This year, as a workshop facilitator, she was coaching her peers on policymaking for the first time in her life. At first, she was anxious about filling that role. But after talking through her anxiety with some of her older peers, she realized the purpose of what they were doing.

“We're going to make an impact on people, this why we're doing this, to make a change within the foster care system, to make a difference and let our voice be heard,” Sherrett said. “That's what I love about being involved with OFYC.”

New foundation will provide outside aid to Keizer Fire

Present and past members of the Keizer Fire District Board of Directors and other civic-minded leaders have joined together to form the Keizer Fire Foundation.

The mission of the foundation is support the training of Keizer Fire District firefighters and medical personnel, provide equipment and to provide supplemental support for the emergency services activities of the district for the residents of the Keizer area.

The foundation will promote the firefighting, lifesaving and education efforts of the Keizer Fire District.

Eventually the foundation will solicit project ideas from the public.

Currently financial donations may be mailed to PO Box 20183, Keizer, OR 97307. The board is asking Keizer residents to honor the foundation with bequests. Life-long supporters of the Keizer Fire District can be confident that their donations will have positive effects on the district and the citizens of Keizer.

Dave Bauer, a volunteer with the district for 30 years, a former Salem-Keizer School Board member and co-owner of R. Bauer Insurance, serves as president of the Foundation. Other officers include vice president Shawn Lapof, a Keizer resident, member of the board of directors of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce and secretary-treasurer Chet Patterson, a member of the Keizer Fire District board of directors; he also served as one of Keizer's first city councilors in the early 1980s.

Other board members include: Victoria Shinn, Karen Van Meter, Garry Whalen and Lyndon Zaitz. Keizer Fire District Chief Jeff Cowan serves as an ex officio member of the foundation's board.

The foundation's first project will be announced in the summer of 2018 and begin soliciting donations. Donations may

be mailed to: Keizer Fire Foundation, P.O. Box 20183, Keizer, OR 97307.

Keizer Fire Foundation

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

McNary student earns her way to Europe
Cassandra Jones, 16, spent the last five months doing bake sales and yard work to raise the \$5,000 needed to fund a trip in Europe as part of a music tour by Voyageurs International.

10 YEARS AGO

Planned statue will honor city's namesake
A selection committee has been formed to choose the artist who will sculpt the statue of Thomas Dove Keizer for the new civic center.

15 YEARS AGO

Stun gun robbery report unravels
Police believe an apparent robbery outside the Wells Fargo Bank branch in Keizer was actually staged to cover up the attempted theft of a local restaurant's deposit. Two employees of Taco Bell were arrested.

20 YEARS AGO

Council resorts to drawing to fill vacant position
The city councilors deadlocked on several ballots to fill a vacant seat. Split 3-3 between applicants Lore Christopher and Jacque Moir, Police Chief Marc Adams came up and picked a name out of a 5-gallon bucket. That's how Christopher won appointment.

2018 OFYC Policy Recommendations

OFYC members spent the weekend of July 21 hashing out policy recommendations for lawmakers, DHS higher-ups and service providers to improve the system in a way that will have the greatest impact on youth in foster care. Here's the full list of recommendations:

- Increase funding for Independent Living Program (ILP) services, including services for foster youth exiting treatment centers.
- Increase funding for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) and increase the diversity of CASA volunteers.
- Create sexual awareness classes provided by DHS caseworkers with curriculum designed by doctors, psychologists, and those with lived experiences, with a focus on the mental and emotional aspects of sexual health.
- Expand Oregon Health Plan (OHP) coverage to include more options for alternative mental health services and treatment, and improve access to dental specialists such as orthodontics.
- Provide youth in care with a complete list of mental health resources and all available mental health services.

• Establish crisis plans in order to facilitate permanency by preventing unnecessarily moving foster youth from their homes.

• Youth transitioning into care must receive mental health counseling and foster parents and the caseworker must interact with youth for one month before conducting the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment.

• Hire former foster youth to bridge communication barriers between DHS and current foster youth so youth know their rights and opportunities for obtaining housing.

• Foster youth must receive an in-person meeting at age 14 informing them of housing opportunities, followed by a mandatory follow-up meeting every 6-12 months to document progress. Prioritize the housing needs of youth with a higher risk of houselessness, including LGBTQIA2S youth and youth of color.

• Support relationships and bonding between foster parents and foster youth by requiring caseworkers to provide classes, trainings, and resources regarding religion, lifestyle, and bonding in easy to access formats such as posters, packets, and websites.

McMahon, the program director, said that's what the best thing about a youth-led program like OFYC is: empowering youth to be the change. “I'm not the decision maker for this program, and it's amazing for the youth to feel that,” she said. “I think they really feel that they're directing and owning it.”

Policymakers, both within DHS and at the Capitol have been surprisingly open to youth involvement, McMahon said. They've welcomed youth voices in policy meetings and in presentations to train DHS employees, among other areas. Every bill OFYC

has championed at the State Capitol has been signed into Oregon law. But McMahon wants to see youth involvement go beyond a seat at the table.

Of DHS Child Welfare, McMahon said, “The agency was really ready to have youth at the table and now I'm trying to shift that to having a table of youth.”

For more information or to support OFYC, visit ofyc.org.

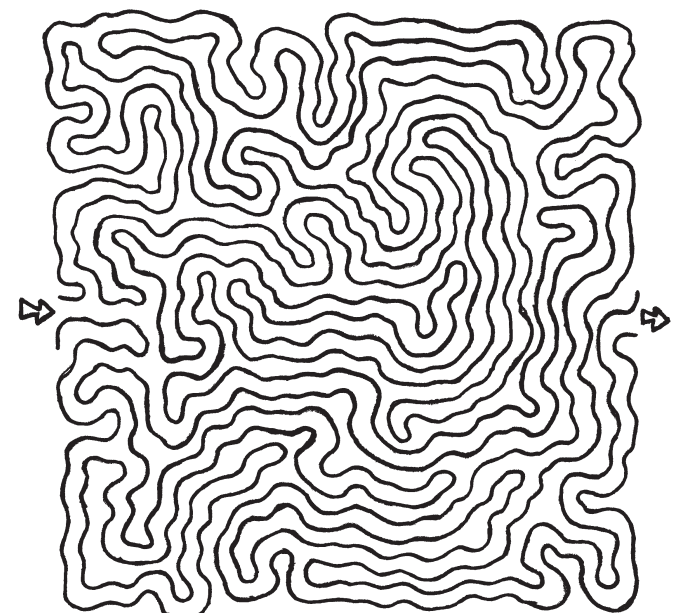
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struggles likely lie ahead, said Glen Bolen, a senior planner with OTAK, a consulting firm helping Keizer plot the path forward.

“Costs will be higher because everything will need to be built from scratch. Fees would have to increase dramatically. Demand for property may not be sufficient to support infrastructure costs, and homes may not be affordable to current (Keizer) residents,” Bolen said.

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Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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Web Poll Results

Should the Salem-Keizer School District have its own police department?

63% – No
37% – Yes

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