

# MST3K: 'It's part of my history now'

(Continued from Page A1) are among the most dedicated fans, became interested in the show in the early 1990s. Production actually started in 1988 as a local cable show in Minneapolis, Minn. It made the leap to Comedy Central in 1989 and then the Sci-Fi (now Syfy) Channel in 1997. Not long after reaching the wider audience, it became a cult hit.

For Kimberlie, watching MST3K was a family affair. When Paul was working on Friday nights, MST3K was must-see television for Kimberlie and her older kids, Jasmine and Desmond.

"It was something for us to do together. I didn't drive, so we would get all the

chores done, pop popcorn and put on our pajamas and watched it in bed," Kimberlie said.

When Jasmine and Desmond started to "poop out" on the show, Kimberlie enlisted the couple's youngest daughter, Calista.

"She's like my sidekick, and she got into it even more," Kimberlie said.

Calista said she wasn't sure what interested her at the outset, but the show now part of a shared family fabric.

"I think it was just ingrained at a young age and it's

our thing. I don't know if I would have been drawn to it on my own, but it's part of my history now," said Calista, a senior at McNary.

Kimberlie has also tried to rope in her grandkids, Elissa, 9 and AJ, 3. AJ seems to be the most promising prospect.

Calista and Kimberlie were both somewhat skeptical when they tuned into the latest version of the show on Netflix. For those more familiar with old hosts - Joel Hodgson, the show's creator, and Mike Nelson, as well as the original voices of the bots (Trace Beaulieu, Kevin Murphy and Bill Corbett) - the recast voices and faces were something of a record-scratch on what had been a long-standing melody. But, eventually, Kimberlie and Calista settled back into tradition.

"The first time we watched the new show, we didn't like it. The first impression, was that it wasn't going to be good, but we gave it time and the Bigfoot episode (*Cry Wilderness*) was one of my favorite. The costume was just horrible. He just looked like something that got burned and sent to a mountain," Kimberlie said.

The decrepitude of some of the films the MST3K crew gets subjected to - from costumes to story to choice of shot framing - is most of the point, but it also makes it a heavy lift for newcomers.

"It's definitely a certain kind of personality. You're watching it because it's a bad movie," said Kimberlie.

Paul is on the other side of the fence. Despite years of trying, he's still not a fan.

"I tried to get into it, but I think I'm funnier and my comments are always vulgar," said Paul. "I always saw the great fun they had watching it and wanted to be part of it, but I feel like I'm bringing Kimberlie's party down."

Instead, he tries to support the show that's brought his family together

in other ways, even if it means painting the blinds.

"I always hoped someone was going to go by and know what it is. That was kind of the point," Paul said.

Who knows?

Maybe, someday, a fellow fan will leave a letter on their door asking if he can write about them for the local paper.

# TASK: No date yet set for first meeting

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Keizer Development Director Nate Brown said he specifically looked outside the usual suspects when deciding who to pick.

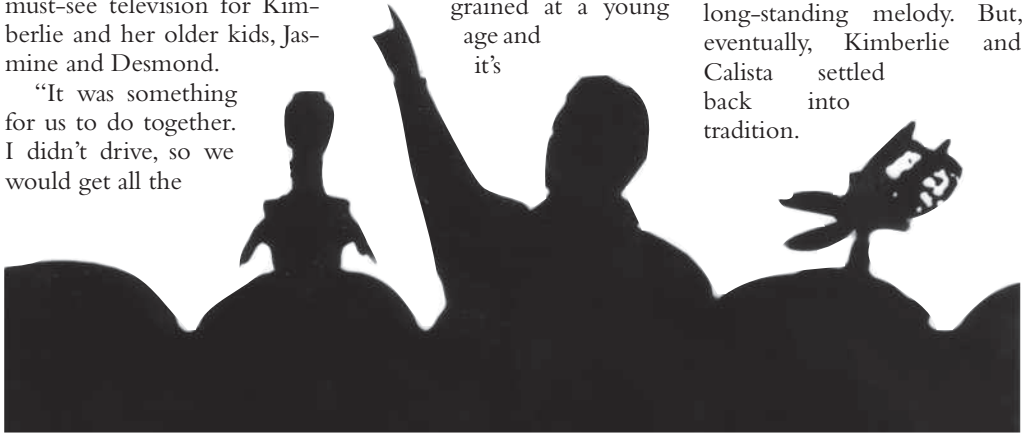
"We decided not to put city councilors or planning commissioners on the committee, but we are hoping members of both attend the meetings," Brown told the planning commission last week.

James Hutches, Danielle Bethell, Ron Bersin, Blaze Itzaina, Carol Doerfler, Felicia Squires, Nick Stephenson, Stefani Iverson, Rick Kuehn, David Dempster, and Mike Kerr are all expected to be part of the committee. City Councilor Laura Reid will be council's liaison.

Brown said he expects the committee to begin work in

December with a total of four or five meetings.

Brown said citizen input is desired and will be welcomed at every meeting.



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By Charles Preston

### ACROSS

- 1 Five or nine, e.g.
- 5 Colleen
- 9 Chess ending
- 13 Tuscany river
- 14 Military groups
- 16 Yours and mine
- 17 Uruguayan capital
- 19 Exodus author
- 20 CT town
- 21 Ship's weight
- 23 Court divider
- 27 Scrooge's expletive
- 30 Dictum
- 31 Tabasco, e.g.
- 35 Styptic
- 37 Juarez worker
- 38 Roofer's supply
- 39 \_\_\_ de Beauvoir
- 41 Actor Ed, and kin
- 42 Nerdish
- 43 Elevator brake inventor
- 46 Hook's go-fer
- 47 Slow, to Masur
- 48 Snooped
- 50 Four-legged toter
- 51 Amuse
- 54 *The Concord Hymn* author
- 57 Flower part

### DOWN

- 1 Pacify
- 2 Aphrodite's cherub
- 3 Miller and Beattie
- 4 Chamber group
- 5 British endearment
- 6 Black bird
- 7 Drummer Catlett
- 8 Western headwear
- 9 Rockies, e.g.
- 10 Nimbus
- 11 Neat
- 12 Actual being
- 15 Before long
- 18 Divorcees
- 22 Where swallows wal- low?
- 24 Mane site
- 25 Louis or Carrie
- 26 Equal: prefix
- 27 Spice rack item
- 28 Precisely adjust

- 29 Subject to error
- 32 Moslem scholars
- 33 Demeter's counterpart
- 34 Slalom bends
- 36 Capital of Nuevo León, Mexico
- 40 Night lights
- 41 Cruising
- 43 *Johnny* \_\_\_
- 44 Craggy hill
- 45 Follower
- 49 Platter
- 52 Cats and turkeys
- 53 Gets closer
- 54 Napoleon slept here
- 55 Repast
- 56 Countess's husband
- 58 Wave breaker
- 59 High: L.
- 60 Swag
- 63 Vote
- 64 0ñ0 or 1-1
- 65 "Amen!"; e.g.

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