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APRIL 20**

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11:00 AM

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Today in History

Just after 9 a.m., a massive truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Okla. The blast collapsed the north face of the nine-story building, instantly killing more than 100 people and trapping dozens more in the rubble; weeks later the death toll stood at 168 people killed, including 19 young children who were in the building's day-care center at the time of the blast. — April 19, 1995

Food 4 Thought

"If the misery of the poor be caused not by the laws of nature, but by our institutions, great is our sin."

— Charles Darwin, died April 19, 1882

The Month Ahead

Continuing through Saturday, May 4

Pentacle Theatre presents Del Shores' *Yellow*, a mature drama about a southern family. Visit pentacletheatre.org for show times and tickets.

Saturday, April 20

Dancing with the Salem Stars, 7:30 p.m., Historic Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$15 to 40. elsinoretheatre.com.

Friday, April 26

Enlightened Theatrics presents *The Odd Couple, Female Version* by Neil Simon, at Salem's Grand Theater. Visit enlightenedtheatrics.org for show times and tickets. Performances through May 19.

The Mid-Valley Literacy Center presents Spotlight on Literacy, an opportunity for supporters to come together and recognize the past year's accomplishments and recognize the progress made by students. The event will be held at Creekside Golf Club, 6250 Clubhouse Dr SE, Salem. The VIP event starts at 5 p.m. and the dinner program starts at 6 p.m. Dinner and program tickets are \$50 or \$500 per table. VIP reception and dinner program \$100 per person or \$1,000 per table.

McNary Vocal Project will present Avi Kaplan's Honor Choir Festival for two performances (6 p.m. and 8 p.m.) in the Ken Collins Theatre. The former Pentatonix member will be backed by a 300 member choir. Tickets are \$20, available at mcnary-theatre.ticketleap.com; proceeds benefit McNary's choir programs.

Sunday, April 28

The 2019 Oregon Ag Fest will be held at the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$9 for ages 13 and up and free for children 12 and under, available at the door. Credit cards, cash, and personal checks accepted. Free parking. Advance tickets available at eventbrite.com, or at any Wilco Farm Store.

Thursday, May 2

The 21st Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Keizer Civic Center to celebrate National Day of Prayer. The event is non-denominational and all are welcome to participate. You can register at keizerchamber.com. Bring peanut butter to benefit Marion-Polk Food Share.

FRIENDS! The Musical Parody, 7:30 p.m., Historic Elsinore Theatre. The show is a comedic musical that pokes fun at TV's Friends. Recommended for mature audiences. Tickets range from \$17 to \$49. elsinoretheatre.com.

Friday, May 3

CASA of Marion County presents *Light of Hope: An Evening with Antwone Fisher* at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$31 to \$46. Fisher is an award-winning film and literary writer. Proceeds will benefit the CASA program.

Sunday, May 5

St. Paul's Music Guild Presents: Extraordinary Young Musicians. Sadie Byler, a cellist from South Salem High School, will perform. Starts at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1444 Liberty Street SE in Salem.

Thursday, May 9

SKIT Theatre will stage the musical, *Annie*, at Salem First Free Methodist Church 4455 Silverton Road NE. Performances are at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 10, Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18. There will also be performances at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11 and Saturday, May 18. Tickets are \$6 for ages 12 and under, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$10 for adults. Group rates are also available. To purchase tickets, visit skitheatre.com or call (503)689-7588.

Saturday, May 11

Keizer's 2019 Distinguished Young Women program at Dayspring Fellowship Church. 7 p.m.

KeizerFEST Kick Off Party (ages 21 and over only). Doors open at 5 p.m. \$5 cover. First 200 people through the door will enjoy a free Adam's Ribs Smokehouse BBQ chicken dinner. Live entertainment includes The FlexTones at 5:30 p.m. and Dancehall Days from 8 until 11:30 p.m. keizerchamber.com.

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day breakfast prepared by the Keizer Volunteer Firefighters, at Keizer Fire station, 7-11:30 a.m., 611 Chemawa Rd. N.E. Proceeds fund volunteer firefighter community projects.

Sunday, June 2

Sacred Vocal Jazz Quartet. Jazz and gospel music performance for the final concert in the 2018-19 Evensong Concert Series. Starts at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1444 Liberty Street SE in Salem.

Parks board backs new look at park host

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

The call to re-examine the caretaker role at Keizer Rapids Park grew out of a request put to the members of the Keizer Parks Advisory Board at a meeting Tuesday, April 9.

That was where former city councilor Richard Walsh first aired his concern regarding the ending of the caretaker program.

At that meeting, Walsh said the biggest cause of concern was how a renter could change the culture of the park, especially as it pertains to the noise features like the amphitheater and Big Toy can create.

"The biggest challenge is that it is the closest neighbor. The noise variance is based on the closest neighbor and the house is right next to the amphitheater," Walsh said.

Rather than convert the caretaker home (Buchanan House) into a rental property, Walsh said the public was better

served by re-instating the caretaker role at the park, which the city ended last year.

"We also saw a huge benefit to having a caretaker down at the park. The more the eyes and ears there the less likely people will go there to do nefarious activity," Walsh said.

He added that with recent changes to laws governing rentals, and evictions, were also a concern. As an alternative, Walsh suggested modeling a revived caretaker program after the host and caretaker program offered in Oregon State Parks.

Parks Supervisor Robert Johnson suggested quick action.

"Our plan now was to make it a straight rental. [The board] should pursue a recommendation quickly because we were looking at putting it on the market within a month," Johnson said.

The board had already requested the city take another look at reinstating the caretaker role, but it was denied quickly

before the Oregon Legislature revised laws dealing with rentals and evictions.

"I think it as least worth recommending given the new circumstances," said Dylan Juran, a parks board member.

Board Member Donna Bradley said the board has the best interest of the park at heart while the city is wary of spending money. Both, she said, deserved airing.

"I think it's important, but the city has some good reasons, too. I would like you to take this to the council as soon as possible," Bradley said.

Johnson added that a caretaker would be helpful with the recent addition of a public restroom with flushing toilets.

"We went in the weekend after Spring Break and it was rough. There was no toilet paper left," Johnson said. "A caretaker could help with those kinds of things."

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agreement to sell the property to someone else who plans "in good faith" to live there.

Instead, Walsh said, the city should restore the caretaker program at the park that ended last year.

That proposal met with some skepticism from the council, including Mayor Cathy Clark, as well as City Manager Chris Eppley.

"We have to have clear expectations about what a [park] host can and can't do. My other concern is that the house is vacant and I'm not comfortable with that. If it means getting a renter in there so the house is occupied, that is important," Clark said.

If the caretaker position was reinstated, Eppley said forgiving the \$1,500 monthly rent in exchange for providing hosting or maintenance duties didn't amount to much equivalent labor, "about two hours a day. And we can't expect them to be there sun-up to sundown."

Numerous neighbors of Keizer Rapids Park and the leadership of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA) turned out to support the idea. WKNA voted unanimously to support the reinstating of a caretaker at its meeting last week.

The council requested that city staff bring back a report on the pros and cons of both renting and reviving the caretaker position.

ORIGINAL INTENT

As the city assembled the various properties that became Keizer Rapids more than 15 years ago, it two homes remained on the park property. One known as the Charge

House and the second known as the Buchanan House. The Charge House remained occupied by members of the Charge family until their death. The Buchanan House had another purpose from the outset, said Walsh.

"A lot of people and organizations have invested a lot into that park and the Buchanan House is in view of virtually all of them," said Walsh.

In the city's parks master plan, the Buchanan House is designated as a home for a park caretaker.

For many of the neighbors, having a caretaker residing in the park alleviated some concerns.

"This is important to the neighborhood to feel that there is somebody at the park who can feel out the place when the police department can't," said Rhonda Rich at the city council meeting, Rich is a nearby resident to the park.

"I think it benefitted the community," added Garry Whalen.

While the city supported the caretaker role for more than a decade, it was a source of consternation from the get-go. The city solicited applications for the caretaker position and the Keizer Volunteer Coordinating Committee vetted the applicants. In the end, a longtime employee of the city was selected as the ideal candidate.

There were no public complaints about his service but, given the dual roles, there were questions about the propriety of the process, how the care-

takers hours should be tracked and whether they should be incorporated in assessment of his overall performance.

"The initial reason the host was put into place was to put a face to the project as it was developed. It really morphed into a labor relationship," said Eppley.

Given those concerns, the council opted to end the caretaker position last year with the notion of renting the home to someone else and funneling the rental revenue back into the maintenance of the park.

RENTAL WORRIES

The greater concern that arose out of the city council meeting was turning the Buchanan House into a rental property, particularly given recent changes enacted by the Oregon Legislature aimed at protecting renters.

Councilor Elizabeth Smith, a branch manager for home loan business, said she made calls to some of the property managers she works with for their take on the rental scene.

"All said don't get involved in the landlord stuff right now. I think we need a little more information before making that kind of decision," Smith said.

She was backed by Councilor Dan Kohler who said experiences with his parents' rental properties made him wary of treading down that path.

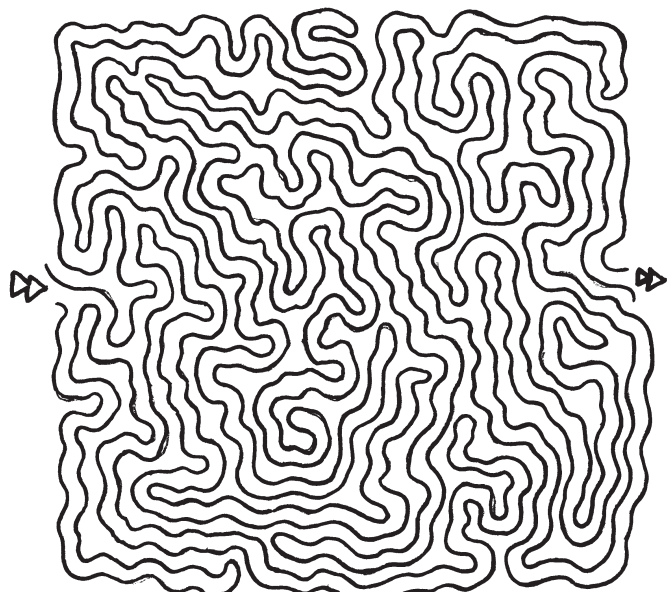
City Attorney Shannon Johnson said, "I do have some concerns, but not enough for it to be a gamechanger [regarding rental]."

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Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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wrote Sercombe.

Moreover, the courts found "the city's regulation of the [owner's] land usage in general, and the preservation of low-income housing in particular, are well within the city's longstanding delegated authority under the state statutes and administrative rules."

In other words, Wilsonville's reasons for preserving the manufactured home park because it represented a form of low-income housing were valid.

By the time the courts had weighed in on the validity of the local ordinances, the damage was already done in Wilsonville. Thunderbird became one of more than 50 mobile home parks to undergo mass evictions at the height of the housing boom of the early 2000s, and it was one of the largest. The former residents who hadn't been able to sell or relocate had to settle for a little more than a third of the value of their homes, and even that only came after Wilsonville went to bat for the residents and won a settlement, according to reporting by *The Oregonian*.

Still, the courts opened the door for municipally-enacted protections for tenants of manufactured home parks. Whether Keizer has the political will to walk through it is another question entirely, but there is a hint that they might be.

In recent documentation provided to a committee examining housing needs in Keizer, a portion is dedicated to policy changes that could keep a thriving mix of housing available. Within that, there are comments added from someone within city hall.

They read, "The preservation of manufactured home parks, a form of naturally occurring affordable housing may be a valuable addition for Keizer's housing strategy."

Chicks Connect retreat planned

K-Town Chicks and Dream Chicks, two chapters of the networking organization Chicks Connect, will host their two and a half day Embrace the Journey retreat from Thursday, April 25 to Saturday, April 27 at Aldersgate Retreat Center 7790 Marion Rd SE, Turner, Ore.

The event will provide opportunities to network, listen to speakers, participate in a charity dessert bar, and more. Participants will also have all meals included as well as a two-night accommodation.

To purchase tickets and for more information, visit chicksconnect.com.

Chicks Connect retreat planned

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

REI set to open May 2

The REI store in Keizer station is about to open.

10 YEARS AGO

Transportation plan goes to city council
A roadmap to Keizer's transportation future for the next two decades goes before the City Council on Monday, April 20.

15 YEARS AGO

Knights rule the boards at Kennedy
When it comes to elementary school chess clubs, there is only one game in the mid-valley; Pringle Elementary School. But the Kennedy Elementary School Knights are hoping to change that.

20 YEARS AGO

Clear Lake teacher heads east with reservations at the White House
Keizer will soon get some time in the national spotlight because of the city's most famous teacher. Dave Berthold, who teaches fifth grade at Clear Lake Elementary School, was named Oregon Teacher of the Year last year.