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6:00 PM

Ad Astra (PG-13)

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Saturday, NOV 23, at 11:00 am
MOVIE: ABOMINABLE [PG]
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LIVE STAND UP COMEDY
Lights, Comedy, Laughs! Saturday, Dec. 7

SUSAN RICE & PHIL KOPCZYNSKI will perform at 7pm and 9pm. Admission is only \$10. Ages 21 & over only. Reserved seating for this show. Purchase tickets at box office or at our website.

Today in History

The murders of the Clutter Family in Holcomb, Kansas were discovered, inspiring Truman Capote's non-fiction book *In Cold Blood*.

— November 15, 1959

Food 4 Thought

“Life is a moderately good play with a badly written third act”
— Truman Capote, author

The Weeks Ahead

Saturday, November 16

Dance & potluck at the Keizer/Salem Area Seniors center at 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. featuring music by Charles and The Angels. Admission is \$5.

Wednesday, November 20

Boy Scout Troop 105 is partnering with Papa's Murphy's in Keizer on a fundraiser. Papa Murphy's will donate 10% of the day's sales to fund a scout camp.

Saturday, November 23

Dance and potluck at the Keizer/Salem Area Seniors center at 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. featuring music by The Country Gents. Admission is \$5.

McNary Holiday Bazaar, more than 100 vendors assemble to help McNary students raise money for a variety of clubs and activities. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, November 24

Annual BBQ chicken dinner at Sacred Heart-St. Louis Parish in Gervais. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 485 7th Street. Adults \$12, children 12 and under \$7. Dine in or take out.

Elsinore Theatre, Chorale Oregon: Bach Christmas Oratorio, 4 p.m. Listening to Johann Sebastian Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" is a holiday experience like no other. Festival Chorale Oregon will perform the first four parts of Bach's choral masterpiece, in English.

Thursday, November 28

Turkey Dash, presented by the Keizer Chamber of Commerce. 6th Annual 5K fun run-walk. Registration opens at 7 a.m., race starts at 8 a.m. Visit www.keizerchamber.com for more information.

Thanksgiving Brunch, leave the cooking to the Oregon Garden Resort as they provide all the traditional Thanksgiving dishes and more, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Oregon Garden Resort, 895 W Main St., Silverton. Adults \$32.95, seniors \$27.95, children \$19.95, age 5 and under free. Reservations are required at www.oregongardenresort.com/dining.aspx or by calling 503-871-2500.

Friday, November 29

Santa arrives aboard the Carousel Express at the Salem Carousel. Begins at noon. Complimentary hot cocoa, face painting, Santa visits and photos. 101 Front Street in Salem.

Friday, November 29 – Saturday, December 1

Pentacle Theatre's *Dashing Through the Snow* by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, Jamie Wooten. Directed by Deborah Johansen. It's four days before Christmas in the tiny town of Tinsel, Texas, at the Snowflake Inn. Trina, the harried yet upbeat innkeeper of this B&B, has more than she can handle coping with her eccentric, nuttier-than-a-fruitcake guests who include Mrs. Claus and one of Santa's elves, a troupe of pompous B-level actors, a feuding family and a wacky wedding party. A fun-filled way to ring in the Christmas season. Suitability: This comedy is suitable for teenage and older audiences who can handle references to alcohol consumption and silly sexual innuendo.

Friday, November 29 – Sunday, December 22

Ken Ludwig's *Twas the Night Before Christmas* performed by Enlightened Theatrics. Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. The wild holiday adventures of a mouse, an elf, and a spunky little girl who just won't take no for an answer, on their quest to find out why Santa missed their house last year. Matinees Sundays at 2:30 p.m. enlightenedtheatrics.org

Saturday, November 30

Dance and potluck at 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. featuring music by Lee Nicholas and Diane. Admission is \$5

Sunday, December 1

Holiday Open House at Deepwood Estates, 1116 Mission Street S.E., Salem, from 1 - 4 p.m. The event is free.

Friday, December 6 – Saturday, December 7

Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a free toy swap in partnership with Marion County Environmental Services. On Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the public can donate their gently used, clean toys. Participants then come back on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. to shop for free toys.

Friday, December 6 – Sunday, December 8

Keizer Homegrown Theater presents a staged reading of *The Santaland Diaries*, an essay by David Sedaris about his stint working as a Christmas elf in "Santaland" at Macy's department store. Visit www.keizerhomegrowntheatre.org for showtimes.

Saturday, December 7

Countryside Christian Church Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 50 or so vendors will feature handmade goods in addition to a gourmet bake sale.

Saturday, December 7 – Sunday, December 8

Two-day holiday market at Deepwood Estates, 1116 Mission Street S.E., Salem, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

Holiday Open Houses at Deepwood Estates, 1116 Mission Street S.E., Salem, from 1 - 4 p.m. The event is free.

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CHARTER,

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task force requested a host of additional information: a look at where all candidates for council originated from in the city, a look at voter turnout in Keizer precincts and more.

“The National League of Cities has a report on some of the pros and cons of at-large and district voting that we could use as a primer,” said Pat Fisher, a member of the task force.

Some of considerations for at-large elections found in the report include:

- An at-large system can be more impartial, rise above the limited perspective of a single district and concern themselves with the problems of the whole community.

- Vote trading between council members may be minimized in at-large bodies.

- There tend to be more candidates in at-large elections.

For district-based voting:

- District elections give all legitimate groups, especially those with a geographic base, a better chance of being represented on the city council,

especially communities of color.

- District council members are more attuned to the unique problems of their constituents, such as crime levels, small lot development, trash pick-up, potholes, and recreation programs.

- District elections may improve citizen participation overall.

There are also about 20 percent of municipalities that use a mix of the two voting systems. No decision on a recommendation was made during the meeting, but some members of the task force seemed open to a much broader discussion.

Regarding how long mayors should have to sign ordinances passed by the council, the current charter requires a signature within three days.

Task force member Zaira Flores-Marin questioned whether that was too short a window.

“It’s good to have a time limit so a mayor can’t get uppity and decline to sign something because they don’t agree with it,” Johnson said.

The task force ended its first meeting with a discussion of what constitutes a quorum. The current charter states: “A

The Keizer Charter Review Task Force spent time on topics other than the ones highlighted in the story. Here is some of the other language in the charter that led to discussion.

Current charter language	Task force discussion
At its first meeting of each odd-numbered year, the council by ballot shall elect a president from its membership. In the mayor’s absence from a council meeting, the president shall preside over it. Whenever the mayor is unable to perform the functions of the office, the president shall act as mayor.	This section sparked a discussion regarding the uses of the word “ballot.” As a policy, the council presidency falls to the most senior member of the council who has not been president previously. But the use of the word ballot dictates using paper to elect the council president. The term “vote” could be put in its place, but the change is more than a minor distinction. “In a roll call vote, you can look at the other person. A ballot lets you vote your own mind,” said City Attorney Shannon Johnson.
The mayor, upon his or her own motion may, or at the request of three members of the council shall, by giving notice thereof to all members of the council, call a special meeting of the council for a time after the notice is given.	The verbiage that drew attention of task force member Shannon Flowers here was the use of “his or her.” Flowers and Zaira Flores-Marin, another task force member, advocated for gender neutral language, such as “they/them” here and throughout the document. They cited both the desire to be more inclusive and the ease of reading as reasoning.

majority of the incumbent members of the council shall constitute a quorum for its business, but a smaller number may meet and compel the attendance of absent members in a manner provided by ordinance.”

It never led to a crisis, but there was a month, a few years ago, when one councilor resigned and another stepped away for health reasons. Had the two absences overlapped, a quorum might have been

as few as three members and Johnson questioned whether that was enough to represent all city residents during a major decision.

“It’s a question of how low do you go,” said Fisher.

Johnson said he wanted to take another run at the language, but the task force could recommend that a quorum never be smaller than a group of four councilors.

The task force meets again at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

OSTA: Residents will need to join before chapter is established

Prior residents had established an OSTA chapter at the park, but none of the former chapter’s members are currently residents of McNary Oaks, which means starting over from scratch.

OSTA provides regular newsletters and a hotline that homeowners living in manufactured home parks can use to learn about the unique position they are in as homeowners living on rented land.

“That is why we have an entire chapter of Oregon law that details how our rights differ from those living in apartments or condos,” Loberger said.

More than 62,000 Oregon residents live in manufactured

home parks or marinas that are governed by Oregon’s Chapter 90.

Another path the residents might take is forming a Committee of Seven. A Committee of Seven would be elected by all residents of the park to act as the voice of the resident homeowners. They could meet with property managers at least once a year and as often as twice annually to discuss maintenance issues or park rules and rule violations.

Forming the committee would mean finding candidates willing to represent the park as a whole and then sending out ballots to every resident, but even that requires neighbors getting to know – and trust – each other, Loberger said.

“We would love to have 10 of you sign up to be members tonight, but now you need to go out and talk to your neighbors about what we’ve talked about. Some of them who are homebound would probably liked to have been here so go spread the word,” Loberger said. “The businesses that own manufactured home parks are expanding. It’s a cash cow, and it’s all the more reason you should know your rights and responsibilities under the law.”

“Our rights are different from those living in apartments.”

— Rita Loberger

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

Eye on the big picture
Curriculums and academic goalposts at times seem to change with the wind, but Gubser Elementary School teacher Melissa Frank keeps her sights set on a bigger picture. “The biggest thing is the just instilling confidence in working at a task.

10 YEARS AGO

At ‘Living History,’ a dose of reality
At McNary’s annual Living History Day – honoring American military veterans – students in Heidi Tavares’ English class got a strong dose of reality.

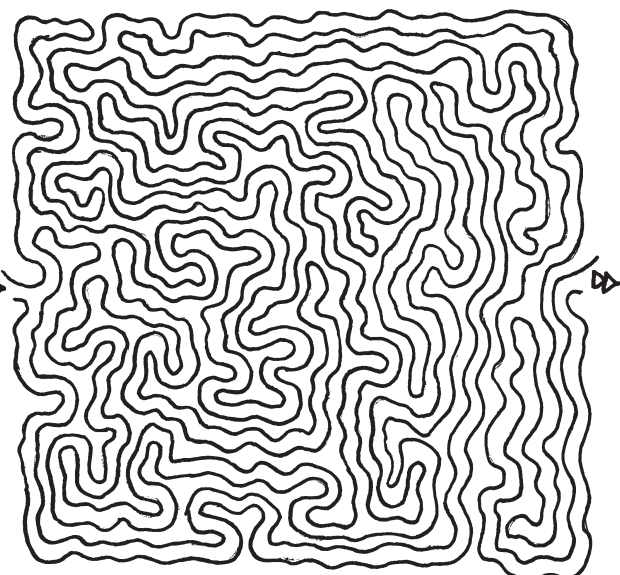
15 YEARS AGO

New strategy helps Celts cage cats in Redmond game
Tyler McCann – he’s our man – if he can’t do it, no one can. Just ask McNary Celt fans. For the second straight week, the McNary senior put up huge yards for his team, as a little-used offensive plan stymied the Redmond Panthers in the Celts’ 31-21 win.

20 YEARS AGO

At long last, old school comes to life
Monday, Keizer will open a new community center in an old school house that was once the heart of the town. Now, it will be once again. The Keizer Heritage Community Center will be home to the Heritage Foundation, the Keizer Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, the Reading Connection library, the Keizer Art Association gallery, and the new Keizer Heritage Museum.

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Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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