

OUT OF THE VAULT



EO file photo  
Fire crews battle a blaze at the Western Milling Company flour mill on July 21, 1947, on Southeast Court Avenue and Southeast Fifth Street in Pendleton.

Explosion, fire demolish Pendleton flour mill

A dust explosion on the second floor of the Western Milling Company flour mill on July 21, 1947, and the ensuing conflagration leveled the facility and caused fires that threatened a southeast Pendleton residential neighborhood and the county courthouse.



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The explosion at 12:35 p.m. sent a super-plume of smoke into the air reminiscent, according to witnesses, of the mushroom cloud of an atomic bomb. The fire spread so fast that the entire mill complex was on fire within 15 minutes. The suction created by the flames, which shot hundreds of feet into the air, dispersed burning embers over several city blocks to the south and east, bringing residents outside to defend their homes with garden hoses. One grass fire raced up the south hill and threatened the city water reservoir before being doused by volunteers.

Fire Chief William Batchelor directed four fire trucks at the scene, including one from Pendleton Field, and brought the department's entire supply of hoses — 13 lines — to bear, hooking up to two of Pendleton's wells, a booster pump and an upriver intake, pouring enough water on the blaze to lower the level of the south hill reservoir by two feet. The heat was so intense for a time that firemen used solid wooden doors borrowed from the nearby Oregon Lumber Yard and other makeshift shields to protect them from the searing flames. Plate glass windows at Comrie Motors and the Leo Goar plant across Court Avenue were cracked from the heat. Utility poles burned, and some of the cable pairs melted, and Pacific Power and Light shut off power to the area until the fire was brought under control. Union Pacific Railroad lost some track at the mill property but rail cars were moved out of danger.

Traffic snarled as Court, Dorion and Emigrant avenues were shut down near the fire scene. But most of the problem was caused by gawkers who drove as near to the fire as they could and then abandoned their cars. Several thousand people surrounded the fire, and policemen with

bullhorns kept the crowd out of danger. Hundreds of onlookers lent a hand as needed to help stamp out smaller fires so fire crews could focus on the main blaze. Prisoners in the Umatilla County Jail, located in the Umatilla County Courthouse across the street from the mill, were evacuated to the city jail for safety, and some volunteers moved files and furniture out of the courthouse while others battled spot fires on the roof.

The following day, firemen were still pouring water on what was left of the mill, and mill officials deemed it a total loss to the tune of more than \$500,000. The main mill, two warehouses and an almost-finished wooden elevator were destroyed, along with 75,000 bushels of premium wheat and 700,000 pounds of flour. But not a single person died in the blaze — all the employees were out of the building for lunch. And Chief Batchelor said his crews suffered only minor burns, cuts and bruises.

The only fatality, in fact, was nowhere near the mill at all. Sister Mary Doreen, 29, of the Order of St. Francis, a lab assistant at St. Anthony Hospital, rushed to the outside balcony of the hospital to watch the fire, lost her balance and fell 35 feet to the pavement below. She died of head and internal injuries about three hours later. This was not the first fire at the mill site, either. The original stone mill, then known as Byers Mill, burned to the ground almost 50 years before the 1947 fire, and that blaze almost took the courthouse with it. The stone building at one time was used as a fort during an Indian scare in Pendleton's earliest days.

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5-		3÷	6+	4	12X
1-				15+	
30X	4	1-			
			3÷	2÷	1-
3-		3			
6	20X			6X	

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**RULES**  
1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.  
2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.  
3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

**7 LITTLE WORDS**

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

**CLUES**  
1 "Bolt" star John (8)  
2 bolt from the blue (9)  
3 English playwright Bolt (6)  
4 bolted (8)  
5 bolt-on (10)  
6 bolthole (6)  
7 Bolt on the track (5)

**SOLUTIONS**

BS	FAS	LL	UGE	TA
AL	US	TRA	NED	TE
ERT	REF	BOM	ADD	IT
HE	VOL	AIN	ION	ROB

Today's Answers: 1. TRAVOLTA 2. BOMBSHELL 3. ROBERT 4. FASTENED 5. ADDITIONAL 6. REFUGEE 7. USAIN

Sunday Morning August 14, 2016

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Paid	Bible	Pets.TV	Ag PhD	Fox News Sunday	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	USGA Golf	
FOX	3 KPTV	3 Fox News Sunday	Good Day Oregon				Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	USGA Golf	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Paid	Measure	CBS Sunday Morning (N)		Face the Nation		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CBS	19 KOIN	19 KOIN Local 6 at 6		CBS Sunday Morning (N)		Face the Nation		Money	Paid	P. Blues	P. Blues	Resorts
NBC	25 KNDU	6 The Good Wife	Wake Up	NdlDdl		Rio 2016 Summer Olympics Athletics (W) Marathon						:15 Rio 2016
NBC	8 KGW	8 KGW News at Sunrise				Rio 2016 Summer Olympics Athletics (W) Marathon						:15 Rio 2016
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Abbott	Matter	GMA/Sunday		This Week		GoodNews Homeown.	LatNation	Latino	LOL: Latinos Out Loud	
ABC	5 KATU	5 GMA/Sunday		KATU News This Morning				Your Voice Measure	This Week		Paid	W. America
PBS	31 KTNW		Sid	Peep	Sesame St. W.World	Cyberch.	Bob Build	Antiques Roadshow	Eyes on the Prize			Wildest Islands
PBS	59 OPB	13 Peg + Cat	T.Edison	Mr. Rogers	Arthur	Thomas	Bob Build	Stevens'	Travels	Life of the Cat		Is Your Brain

AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 USGA Golf U.S. Senior Open Site: Scioto Country Club (L)					Paid	Friends	Teen News	2½Men	LivDream	2 Broke G.
FOX	3 KPTV	3 USGA Golf U.S. Senior Open Site: Scioto Country Club (L)					☼ *** The Dead Zone	Martin Sheen.			Paid	Next Stop
CBS	19 KEPR	2 PGA Golf John Deere Classic Site: TPC Deere Run -- Silvis, Ill. (L)					Paid	Paid	Inside Ed.	Paid	Judge Judy	Judge Judy
CBS	19 KOIN	19 PGA Golf John Deere Classic Site: TPC Deere Run -- Silvis, Ill. (L)					S.Sci. "Baseball Pitch"		Paid	Insider	Raw Travel	News
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Rio 2016		Rio 2016 Summer Olympics		Rio 2016 Summer Olympics			Rio 2016 Volleyball (W)	United States vs. China		
NBC	8 KGW	8 Rio 2016		Rio 2016 Summer Olympics		Rio 2016 Summer Olympics			Rio 2016 Volleyball (W)	United States vs. China		
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Paid	Xterra	Paid	Wrld.Adv	Paid	Paid	X Games	X Games	McCarver	Together	Middle News
ABC	5 KATU	5 Paid	Paid	Paid	Measure	Paid	Paid	X Games	X Games	Paid	Old House	News News
PBS	31 KTNW		Religion	ToCont (N)	Mind	American	Columbia Basin (N)	Call the Midwife	Billions to None		Wealth (N)	Newshour.
PBS	59 OPB	13	Great Performances at the Met	"Eugene Onegin"				FocusEu.	Religion	ToCont (N)	BBC News	CharlieR Newshour.

EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Mike & Molly "Yard Sale"	Two and a Half Men	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers "Stand By Gene"	The Simpsons "To Courier With Love"	Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Hostage Situation"	Family Guy "An App a Day"	Last Man on Earth "Fish in the Dish"	FOX News First at Ten	Interest	Friends "The One With the Birth"
FOX	3 KPTV	3 Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	The Simpsons	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Family Guy	Last Man on Earth	10 O'Clock News	Sports Final	Everybody Loves Ray
CBS	19 KEPR	2 CBS Weekend News	Action News at 6:30 p.m.	60 Minutes This hard-hitting news show features investigative reports and interviews.	Big Brother A group of strangers lives together in a house outfitted with cameras & microphones.	Big Brother (N)	Madam Elizabeth devises a plan to get a terrorist group to release captive schoolgirls.	Madam Secretary "Desperate Remedies"	BrainDead (N)	Brain Rochelle & Gustav capture & question a man they suspect is infected by the bugs.	Action News at 11:00 p.m.	Full Measure
CBS	19 KOIN	19 KOIN Local 6 at 6	Weekend News	60 Minutes	Big Brother (N)	Madam Secretary "Desperate Remedies"	BrainDead (N)	BrainDead (N)	KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 Game On		
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Local News		Rio 2016 Summer Olympics Diving (W) Springboard Gold Medal Final, Athletics (M & W) Gold Medal Final, Gymnastics Individual Event Gold Medal Final, Beach Volleyball (W) Quarter-final								
NBC	8 KGW	8 NBC News	KGW News Special	Rio 2016 Summer Olympics Diving (W) Springboard Gold Medal Final, Athletics (M & W) Gold Medal Final, Gymnastics Individual Event Gold Medal Final, Beach Volleyball (W) Quarter-final								
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Excalibur Auto Group	The Insider Weekend	America's Funniest Home Videos The grand prize winner is announced.	Celebrity Family Feud Paula Deen's family takes on Carson Kressley's family. (N)	Celebrity Family Feud (N)	The \$100,000 Pyramid Actor Steve Schirripa and actress Melissa Peterman face off. (N)	Match Game Celebrity panelists: Ellie Kemper, David Alan Grier, Jack McBrayer, Jerry O'Connell.	Castle A hit man stages an escape during a hearing.			
ABC	5 KATU	5 KATU News at 6	America's Funniest Home Videos	Celebrity Family Feud (N)	The \$100,000 Pyramid (N)	Match Game (N)	KATU News	:35 Castle				
PBS	31 KTNW		Doc Martin :50 Doc Martin "Erotomania"	:35 Red Green	Dancing on the Edge (N)	Masterpiece Mystery! Lewis: Magnum Opus (N)	Inspector The Tunnel (N)	Variety Studio				
PBS	59 OPB	13 Oregon Art Beat	Outdoor Idaho	Crown "Travelling Companions"	Dancing on the Edge (N)	Masterpiece Mystery! Lewis: Magnum Opus (N)	Inspector The Tunnel (N)	Film School				

STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52	Escaping Polygamy "Trouble For Mom"	Intervention "Brittany"	Intervention: Then and Now "Michelle" (N)	Intervention "Megan" (N)	Escaping Polygamy (N)	The First 48 "Desperate Moves"						
AMC	60	Walking Dead :25 The Walking Dead "Twice as Far"	The Walking Dead "East"	The Walking Dead "Last Day on Earth"	Walking Dead "Season 7 Preview Special" (N)	Geeking Out (N)	Walking Dead						
ANPL	24	Alaskans "The Hunted"	The Last Alaskans	The Last Alaskans	The Last Alaskans	The Last Alaskans	:05 The Last Alaskans						
CMT	43	The King	Broken Skull Challen	Still King	Still King	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
CNBC	72	The Profit	Boss "Hudson Group"	Boss "True Value"	Boss "Gigi's Cupcakes"	Under Boss "DirecTV"	Paid	Paid					
CNN	68	The Hunt (N)	Declassified (N)	Declassified (N)	The Hunt John Walsh	Declassified	CNN Newsrroom						
DISC	51	Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid XL (N)	Naked and Afraid						
DISN	26	:10 ☼ *** Monsters University	Billy Crystal.	Underc.	Bizaard.	Friends	StuckMid	Bunk'd	Girl World	Underc.	Bizaard.		
ESPN	33	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs Site: Wrigley Field -- Chicago, Ill. (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter							
ESPN2	34	Arm Wrestling	Arm Wrestling	E:60	ESPN FC	30Shorts	MLB Baseball St. Louis vs Chi. Cubs						
FNC	66	The Kelly File	Greg Gutfeld Show	Legends & Lies	Hannity	The Kelly File	Fox News Sunday						
FOOD	61	Chopped "Grill It"	Game "Whiz Kids"	Guy's Game (N)	Chopped (N)	Cooks vs. Cons (N)	Cooks vs. Cons						
FREE	32	☼ *** Pitch Perfect ('12, Com) Anna Kendrick.		:45 ☼ *** The Blind Side ('09, Sport) Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron, Sandra Bullock.									
FX	65	☼ *** Captain America: The First Avenger		☼ ** The Other Woman ('14, Com) Cameron Diaz.		☼ ** The Other Woman							
GOLF	88	PGA Golf	Feherty			Rio 2016 Summer Olympics Golf (M) Final Round Site: Olympic Golf Course -- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil							
GSN	76	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Winsanity	Baggage	Baggage	Baggage	Newlywed	Newlywed	
HALL	87	☼ October Kiss	☼ A Country Wedding ('15, Dra) Jesse Metcalfe.	Chesapeake Shores "Pilot" (P) (N)	Island (N)	Island (N)	G. Girls	G. Girls					
HGTV	62	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Mexico (N)	Mexico (N)	Island (N)	Island (N)	H.Hunt	House	
HIST	50	American Pickers "Great Minds Ink Alike"	American Pickers "A Colonel of Truth"	Star Trek Celebrate the 50th anniversary through interviews with cast and crew members. (N)	OzzyJack "Unidentified Flying Ozzy" (N)	:05 American Pickers "They Boldly Go"							
LIFE	29	☼ Stolen from the S...	☼ Hidden Truth ('16, Thril) Diana Hopper.	☼ *** Taken ('08, Thril) Liam Neeson.		☼ Hidden Truth							
NICK	27	H.Danger	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	Nicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends 1/2
ROOT	37	MLS Soccer Portland Timbers at D.C. United	Timbers Post-game TV (N)	Ship Shape	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Oakland Athletics Site: Oakland Alameda Coliseum -- Oakland, Calif.	Mariners	LFL-Us	Post-game	Football				
SPIKE	42	Bar Rescue "Jon vs. the Hurricane"	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue "The Perks of Being a Wallpaper"	Bar Rescue "Wheels of Misfortune" (N)	Bar Rescue "Ripper's Rookie Hour"	Bar Rescue "Take Me Out of the Bar Game"						
SYFY	67	☼ Tremors	☼ *** The Bourne Identity ('02, Act) Matt Damon.	☼ *** The Bourne Supremacy ('04, Susp) Matt Damon.		☼ *** The Bourne Supremacy							
TBS	59	☼ Rush Hour A Hong Kong police inspector is paired with an L.A. detective to investigate a kidnapping.	☼ ** Now You See Me ('13, Cri) Jesse Eisenberg. A team of illusionists pull off bank heists during their performances.	☼ ** Now You See Me ('13, Cri) Common, Jesse Eisenberg.		☼ ** Now You See Me							
TCM	56	☼ ** Bandwagon Kevin Corrigan.	☼ It's Always Fair Weather World War Two buddies get mixed up with gangsters & an egotistical TV star.	☼ Party Girl A lawyer must testify against a gang boss, on condition that police protect a showgirl.		☼ *** Tension ('50, Susp) Richard Basehart.							
TLC	49	American Gypsy Wedd	American Gypsy Wedd	American Gypsy Wedd	Return to Amish (N)	Amer. Gypsy Wedd (N)	:05 Return to Amish						
TNT	57	Movie	☼ *** Wanted ('08, Act) Morgan Freeman, James McAvoy.	The Night Of	The Intern ('15, Com) Robert De Niro.	Murder in the First (N)	Last Ship "Paradise"						
UNI	21	Durmiendo	Noticiero	Aqui y Ahora	Va por ti	Sal y pimienta	Durmiendo	Noticiero					
USA	58	SVU "Witness"	Law&O: SVU "Ace"	Law&O: SVU "Gray"	SVU "Reparations"	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Motive (N)						
WE	118	CSI "Dead Ringer"	CSI "A Few Dead Men"	CSI "Blown Away"	CSI: Miami	CSI "Killer Regrets"	CSI "By the Book"						
WGN		Blue Bloods	☼ ** The Bodyguard ('92, Susp) Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston.	Elementary	Elementary								
STZ ENC	644	:05 ☼ ** I, Robot ('04, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.	☼ *** The Spy Who Loved Me Roger Moore.	:10 ☼ *** For Your Eyes Only Roger Moore.									
HBO	518	☼ No Reservations	:05 ☼ Brooklyn ('15, Dra) Saoirse Ronan.	The Night Of (N)	Ballers (N)	VicePrin	LastWeek	Ballers					
HBO2	520	☼ Entourage Adrian Grenier.	Last Week	The Night Of	☼ The Intern ('15, Com) Robert De Niro.								
HBO3	521	☼ Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials	:25 ☼ ** The Boy Next Door	☼ Looking: the Movie		☼ *** Ghost Patrick Swayze.							
MAX	549	Outcast	:25 ☼ What We Do in the Shado...	:55 ☼ *** Sin City ('05, Cri) Mickey Rourke.	☼ ** Ali ('01, Bio) Will Smith.								
SHOW	578	☼ The Gift	Ray Donovan	Roadies	Ray Donovan (N)	Roadies (N)	Donovan "The Texan"						
STARZ	621	☼ The Equalizer ('14, Act) Denzel Washington.	Power	Power "Help Me" (N)	Remorse	Power "Help Me"	Remorse						

NIGHT OWL

STATION	12 AM	12:30	1 AM	1:30	2 AM	2:30	3 AM	3:30	4 AM	4:30	5 AM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Mother	Anger M.	CR TV Featuring a selection of products and services.								CR TV
FOX	3 KPTV	3 Loves Ray	Queens	Raising J. Impe	☼ ** Charlie's Angels II: Full Throttle	Minute	News	Good Day Oregon at 5				
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Closer "Cherry Bomb"	NameG.	CBS Overnight News								
CBS	19 KOIN	19 RawTrav.	:35 Bomb	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:05 Insider	:35 CBS Overnight News	News	News	KOIN 6 News at 5 a.m.		
NBC	25 KNDU	6 :05 News	:35 Rio 2016	:35 Rio 2016 Summer Olympics								