

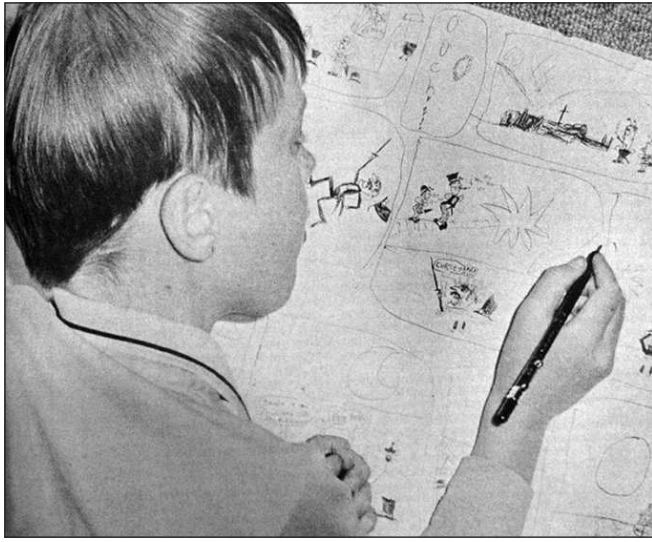
OUT OF THE VAULT

Cartoonists need to eat, too

When 10-year-old Steven Hess got into his groove, remembering to eat wasn't always at the top of his list. But in 1969, the budding cartoonist had already begun a career that would eventually bring him national acclaim.

The son of Henry and Betty Hess of Pendleton, Steve began drawing at a very young age when he saw a little boy's face in a spoonful of peas. His grandmother encouraged him to draw what he saw, and a passion for art was born. "I'll draw all day long until I am real, real tired, then rest," Steve said. "I'll eat, of course, then start drawing again."

By the age of ten Steve had created a comic strip featuring two crickets, Freddy the Freeloader and his rich cousin Richy, and the conniving Baron Von Dudley, who was always scheming to steal Richy's



Steve Hess of Pendleton works on his comic in this Aug. 14, 1969 EO file photo.

money, in a round-the-world chase. "The Baron is real mean, but not tough enough to fight bare-handed," Steve said in an Aug. 14, 1969 interview with the *East Oregonian*. "He sneaks around and carries a sword. The Baron doesn't know

that Richy keeps his money and treasure map in his hat." Steve continued to draw comics throughout his school years, and then studied illustration at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland

and the School of Visual Concepts in Seattle.

Steve didn't always dream of being a cartoonist, though. When he was younger, he wanted to be a comedian. And while stand-up was never in the cards for him, he has made his contribution to the world of comedy, illustrating storyboards, characters and backgrounds for commercials, television shows such as "Saturday Night Live," and Cartoon Network.

Steve worked as a lead illustrator and storyboard artist for Bent Image Lab and Happy Trails Animation in Portland from the early 1990s through 2008, and is currently helping care for his elderly parents.

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DEAR ABBY

Tapped-out dad-to-be looks for an economical push gift

Dear Abby: My wife and I are expecting our first child. A friend of hers pulled me aside to ask if I had already gotten my wife a "push gift." I have never heard of this, but apparently it's supposed to be something nice, like jewelry, to celebrate the birth.

We have already been spending a lot of extra money to decorate a nursery. In addition, the delivery will be costly under our high-deductible health plan. Combined with the fact that my wife just retired from her teaching job, the expenses are starting to freak me out.

In light of this, what do you think of the idea of a push gift? Have you heard any good ideas for a low-cost but appropriate alternative? — **Excited Father-To-Be**

Dear Excited: A push gift can be a piece of jewelry, your first "family vacation," a piece of electronic equipment for your wife or a piece of furniture for the nursery. Some couples prefer some-

thing less materialistic, such as help with baby care or money for the child's education.

Dear Abby: I am a 40-year-old man. I have worked at my current job for two years and love it, even though I earn only two-thirds what I did at my prior position.

My problem is, I think I'm in love with my boss. She's an amazing person — very sexy — and I can't stop thinking about her. The woman I loved died two weeks before I took this job, and I'm still not ready to date again. Oh, my boss is married, so there's no way I can hook up with her.

How can I stop having feelings for my boss? Should I just quit? I attempted to a month ago, but she gave me a raise. — **Crushing In Minnesota**

Dear Crushing: If you are crushing on your boss and fantasizing because you think she's "amazing and sexy," I beg to differ with you. You ARE ready to date.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 29-30, 1917

George W. Beller of Freewater was the holder of the first draft number drawn from the glass bowl at Washington, No. 258, and William N. Royer of Pilot Rock is the holder of the last number that affects Umatilla county, No. 2205. This means that Beller will be the first summoned to appear before the local exemption board and Royer will be the last. Beller is a married man and has two children. In filling out his registration card, however, he stated he did not claim exemption. Royer is so far down the list that he doesn't have to worry whether he has grounds for exemption.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 29-30, 1967

Umatilla County wheat growers feel about the 1967 crop like the guy who was all set for a big date with his best girl and had it called off ... disappointed. Disappointing is the term most often used to describe this year's Umatilla County harvest which neared the midway mark this week. Farmers were all set for a bumper crop about month ago, but then hot weather hit and turned what looked like a dandy year into a harvest that is at best a little below average. "Overall our crop isn't too bad, but we came within a month of having a real bumper on our hands," said Don Cook, grain manager of Pendleton Grain Growers.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 29-30, 1992

Confessed murderer Donald Glenn Richardson was sentenced a second time today for the 1990 slaying of his wife. The 44-year-old Umatilla man was again handed a life sentence by District Court Judge Richard Courson, this time with a minimum of 25 years in prison as mandated by state statute. Richardson was given an additional 12 months for abusing his wife's corpse, which will be served consecutively. In May 1991, Courson tried to hand Richardson a "life sentence" after Richardson confessed to the murder. Declaring the state's sentencing guidelines unconstitutional, Courson sent Richardson to jail for the rest of his life, without defining a minimum term he was to serve.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 210th day of 2017. There are 155 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 29, 1967, an accidental rocket launch on the deck of the supercarrier USS Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin resulted in a fire and explosions that killed 134 servicemen. (Among the survivors was future Arizona senator John McCain, a U.S. Navy lieutenant commander who narrowly escaped with his life.)

On this date: In 1030, the patron saint of Norway, King Olaf II, was killed in battle.

In 1588, the English attacked the Spanish Armada in the Battle of Gravelines, resulting in an English victory.

In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh, 37, died of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers-sur-Oise, France.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service in the U.S. became operational with the first test conversation between New York and San Francisco. Massachusetts' Cape Cod Canal, offering a shortcut across the base of the peninsula, was officially opened to shipping traffic.

In 1921, Adolf Hitler became the leader ("fuehrer") of the National Socialist German Workers Party.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, creating NASA.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford became the first U.S. president to visit the site of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland.

In 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer in a glittering ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (However, the couple divorced in 1996.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum-Baker is 85. Actor Robert Fuller is 84. Former Sen. Elizabeth H. Dole is 81. Actor David Warner is 76. Actress Roz Kelly is 75. Rock musician Neal Doughty (REO Speedwagon) is 71.

Marilyn Tucker Quayle, wife of former Vice President Dan Quayle, is 68. Actor Mike Starr is 67. Documentary maker Ken Burns is 64. Style guru Tim Gunn is 64. Rock singer-musician Geddy Lee (Rush) is 64. Rock singer Patti Scialfa (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 64. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nellie Kim is 60. Actor Kevin Chapman is 55. Actress Alexandra Paul is 54. Actor/comedian Dean Haglund is 52. Country singer Martina McBride is

51. Rock musician Chris Gorman is 50. Actor Rodney Allen Rippey is 49. Actor Tim Omdundson is 48. Actor Wil Wheaton is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Wanya Morris (Boyz II Men) is 44. Actor Stephen Dorff is 44. Actor Josh Radnor is 43. Hip-hop DJ/music producer Danger Mouse is 40.

Thought for Today: "An idea is not responsible for the people who believe in it." — *Don Marquis, American journalist-author (born this date in 1878, died 1937).*

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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 number in the top-left corner.
3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

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- Seven even numbers □□□□□□□
- Four three-syllable animals □□□□
- Two words with X in the middle □□
- Two four-letter colors □□
- Pier □

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: FOUR SIX EIGHT TWENTY TWO TWENTY THREE THIRTY / OATLEAFNE KANGAROO ANTELOPE OCTOPUS / TOXIC PIXEL GRAY / TEAL / DOCK

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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 | SOLUTIONS |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Beetle manufacturer (10) | _____ |
| 2 Mosquito Coast country (9) | _____ |
| 3 flea market purchases, often (8) | _____ |
| 4 "Ant-Man" star Paul (4) | _____ |
| 5 butterfly press, for one (8) | _____ |
| 6 Bee Gees surname (4) | _____ |
| 7 2015 Cricket World Cup champ (9) | _____ |

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