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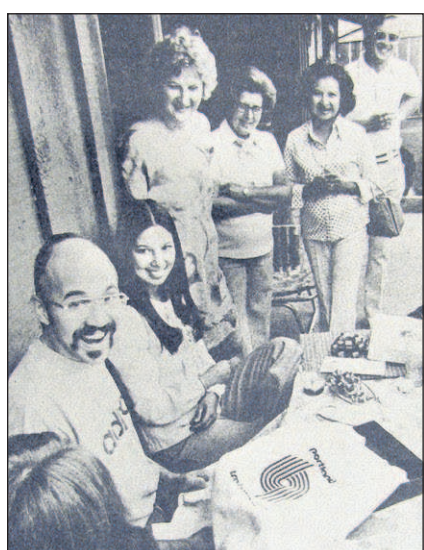
Birthday surprise is just what the doctor ordered

A 19-year-old Pendleton man received a once-in-a-lifetime birthday surprise from his music teacher in September 1974 while recovering from brain surgery.

Matt Neal's 19th birthday party on Sept. 7, 1974, was a casual affair, attended by his family and a few local celebrities, including Pendleton football coaches Don Requa and Gary Yates and state superintendent of public instruction Jesse Fassold, friends of the Neal family. A bevy of Neal's admirers of the female persuasion perched about the room.

Also in attendance was Shirlene McMichael, Neal's piano teacher for eight years and the director of the Pendleton High School orchestra, for which Neal played string bass. McMichael brought a very special gift to the party: a white sweatshirt signed by players on the Portland Trail Blazers professional basketball team.

When his sister Darcy pointed out a small "Bill Walton" on the sweatshirt, Neal's eyes grew several sizes larger and the biggest smile of his life flashed



EO file photo
Matt Neal of Pendleton, left, is all smiles after receiving a sweatshirt autographed by the Portland Trail Blazers for his birthday Sept. 7, 1974.

Neal met the former UCLA All-American and NBA legend in a Portland hospital after a relapse from surgery to remove a brain tumor in March 1974. Walton was in the hospital recovering from knee surgery. The two became fast friends. McMichael contacted the Trail Blazers with the idea of an autographed sweatshirt to help speed Neal's recovery, which doctors cautioned could take several months.

"Sports is just about that kid's whole life," McMichael said. "I thought it would be a neat thing to do for him, especially since he already knows Walton."

Not all of the Blazers signed the sweatshirt, since most were out of Oregon for the off-season, but McMichael did manage to get signatures of John Johnson, Rick Roberson, Greg Smith and Larry Steele, in addition to Walton's. A representative of the Blazers organization was working with McMichael to gather the rest of the players' signatures when they returned for fall training camp in Portland.

across his face. "That's pretty nice," he said softly.

DEAR ABBY

Woman feels long-distance relationship is one-sided

Dear Abby: I am in a long-distance relationship. I live in Kansas; he's in Michigan. Because we are 720 miles apart, phone calls, text messages and Skype are vital to the health of our relationship. I make it a priority to text or call "Good morning" or "Good-night." Unlike me, sometimes he's consistent and sometimes not, especially on weekends.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

He says he falls asleep, but it continues to happen, and I'm getting tired and frustrated about not being a priority.

I have been as patient and nice as I can be, as well as continuing to tell him how much I love him and want our relationship to work. I would love to hear your advice. — **Faithful But Frustrated Girlfriend**

Dear Girlfriend: I know you love this man, but take a step back. You may be smothering him. Stop doing all the work in maintaining the romance and give him some space. If you do, he may realize he needs to step up and devote more energy to your relation-

ship. Communication has to be voluntary, not mandatory. If you continue to pursue him the way you have been, you won't draw him closer; you will drive him further away.

Dear Abby: My father is nearing the end of his life. I'm an only child with no family nearby. When my mother passed away, many people reached out to me, and I know their intent was to comfort me. However, most of the time I ended up comforting them! I would try to escape by saying things like I had a task to take care of, but when people are crying hysterically on the phone or in my kitchen, they don't seem to hear. How can I politely tell people like this that I'm not their therapist, and they are not comforting me? — **Taking Care Of Dad**

Dear Taking Care: All you need to say is you can't talk right now, and you will call them back later. Period. Then hang up. If someone is having an emotional meltdown in your kitchen, you

have the right to tell the person you can't deal with it right now, you'll visit with her — or him — "another time," and guide them to the door.

Dear Abby: I am a man who has read your column for more than 40 years and have often thought your advice is reasonable, although not always exactly what I would have advised. Now that I'm retired, I find myself composing little "Dear Abby" conversations in my mind as I go through the day and meet small challenges or hear about them from acquaintances. You know what I mean — what should Tom do about his abusive daughter, how should I address the neighbors' habit of feeding the deer and squirrels, or what should I do with this latest bit of gossip? I literally ask you for guidance, then argue with the advice I think you would give — sometimes out loud. Is this a sign of creeping insanity or something worse? — **Blabbering In Missoula**

Dear Blabbering: It isn't a sign of creeping insanity. It's a sign that you may need another woman in your life besides Dear Abby.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 8-9, 1918

From 35 to 40 head of outlaw horses are at the Round-Up grounds. They were brought in the other day from the range where they have been running wild on good feed for the past 11 months. They're all in good shape and full of pep. The horses will be tried out this week to see if they have lost any of their tricks under the saddle. Broncho Bob Hall is looking after the buckers and will have charge of the try-outs. These buckers, which belong to the association, will be supplemented by the best buckers in the Eddie McCarty and Charles Irwin strings, both of Wyoming, and the George Drumheller horses of Walla Walla.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 8-9, 1968

The next time Gordon Greenwood, president of the Main Street Cowboys, hands a trophy to the Echo Fire Department, he will stand back. Way back. Then he may stay dry.

When Greenwood handed the Echo firemen their first place trophy in comic division entries in the Dress-Up Parade Saturday, they let him have it — it being lots of water.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 8-9, 1993

An inmate at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution who tried to take advantage of a takeover rumor has been charged with possession of weapons, Robert Hill, deputy district attorney, said Tuesday. The Umatilla County grand jury has indicted Richard Schoonover, a 46-year-old inmate currently serving a 51-month sentence at the medium-security prison in Pendleton. Hill said Schoonover tried to capitalize on a rumor of an inmate riot by volunteering two butter knives to authorities while implicating prisoners who posed a threat to him. "It appears he cooked up the story and produced the weapons, which he claims they (other inmates) gave to him," Hill said. Schoonover may have promised other inmates contraband drugs, Hill said, then found himself in trouble when he failed to make good on his promise.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 8, 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted a "full, free, and absolute pardon" to former President Richard Nixon covering his entire term in office.

On this date:

In 1504, Michelangelo's towering marble statue of David was unveiled to the public in Florence, Italy.

In 1565, a Spanish expedition established the first permanent European settlement in North America at present-day St. Augustine, Fla.

In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

In 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion."

It went: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.

In 1930, the comic strip "Blondie," created by Chic Young, was first published.

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, a Louisiana Democrat, was shot and mortally wounded inside the Louisiana State Capitol; he died two days later. (The assailant was identified as Dr. Carl Weiss, who was gunned down by Long's bodyguards.)

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared a "limited national emergency" in response to the outbreak of war in Europe.

In 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began during World War II.

In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 49 nations in San Francisco.

In 1994, USAir Flight 427, a Boeing 737, crashed

into a ravine as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

Today's Birthdays: Ventriloquist Willie Tyler is 78. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is 77. Secretary of Defense James Mattis is 68. Singer Aimee Mann is 58. Alternative country singer Neko Case is 48. Actor Martin Freeman is 47. Actor David Arquette is 47. TV-radio personality Kennedy is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pink is 39. Actor Jonathan Taylor Thomas is 37. Rapper Wiz Khalifa is 31. Actor Gaten Matarazzo (TV: "Stranger Things") is 16.

Thought for Today: "Fools act on imagination without knowledge, pedants act on knowledge with-

out imagination." — *Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician (1861-1947).*

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- Five four-letter words ending with X □□□□
- Five words rhyming with "cringe" □□□□
- Enterprise captain: _____ □□
- Three forms of precipitation □□□
- Ceres and Pluto: dwarf _____ □

ANSWERS TO Saturday's puzzle: COVAX LYNX XNOV XHOX CRUX / TWINGE / FRINGE BINGE HINGE SINGE / JAMES TIBBERUS KIRK / SLEET SNOW RAIN / PLANETS

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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.

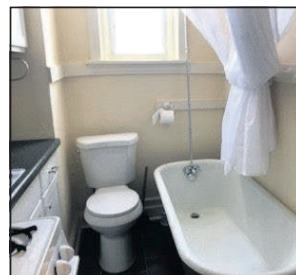
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1 road to Trafalgar Square (9)	_____
2 cone alternative (4)	_____
3 Great Pyramid builder (5)	_____
4 triangle player's group (9)	_____
5 Ovaltine flavorer (4)	_____
6 encircle (8)	_____
7 they may work on cylinders (9)	_____

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Today's Answers: 1. WHITEHALL 2. DISH 3. KHUFU 4. ORCHESTRA 5. MALT 6. SURROUND 7. MECHANICS

ODDS & ENDS

Apartment with kitchen-bathroom combo rented out in St. Louis



ST. LOUIS (AP) — A St. Louis man is the new tenant of a tiny apartment with a unique layout — the kitchen and bathroom are in the same place.

Yep. The toilet, bathtub, oven and sink are all in one room. The 200-square-foot apartment is in St. Louis' tony Central West End.

The ad and photo for the \$525-per-month apartment appeared on several websites and had people flush with excitement. Harold Karabell of S.F. Shannon Real Estate Management says the new tenant loves it.

The 111-year-old building originally housed 12 luxury apartments. Karabell says that around the time of

S.F. Shannon Real Estate Management

This photo from a rental ad provided by S.F. Shannon Real Estate Management LLC shows a toilet and bathtub in the kitchen of a 200-square-foot apartment in St. Louis. The toilet, bathtub, oven and sink all share a room.

the Great Depression, it was remade into 50 small units, the studio the smallest among them.

Toilet/kitchen combo aside, Karabell says the apartment has a lot to like, including refinished hardwood floors and new windows.

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