

OUT OF THE VAULT

Pendleton man honored for burning car rescue

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A Pendleton man received an award for heroism in June 1967 after he saved a man from a burning car the previous November.

Kirk Leuhrs of Pendleton was working for Boeing Co. in Seattle in November of 1966 and was driving to work when he came upon a traffic accident that left one car in flames. No one had attempted to rescue the driver of the burning car, which had been burning for two minutes by the time Leuhrs pulled over.

Leuhrs tore open the door of the small sedan and found the driver, John Pitcher, also a Boeing employee, wedged between the two front seats, with his head in the back seat and his legs in the front. His clothes were on fire.



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Kirk Leuhrs of Pendleton, center, is awarded the Hartford Heroism Award by Bud Mabry of Pendleton, left, and Robert G. Hanks, Spokane, of the Hartford Insurance Group in June 1967.

The flames from the burning car singed Leuhrs' face and beard, and he shouted for help to extricate the man from the car. After removing

Pitcher from the vehicle, Leuhrs laid him on the ground and patted out the flames on his clothes. While checking Pitcher for broken ribs and other injuries, and preparing to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, Pitcher began breathing on his own and the color returned to his face.

Leuhrs covered Pitcher with a blanket against shock and then continued on his way to work.

The rescue wasn't covered by the media, and Pitcher recovered from the accident. But a mention of the event was written up in Boeing's shop newsletter. Leuhrs was given a letter of commendation by the company.

After Leuhrs moved to Pendleton he was hired by the Hartford Insurance Group. The company awarded him the Hartford Heroism Award and an engraved plaque for his efforts to save his fellow employee.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
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Pendleton is asked by Echo to share in a proposed celebration to be held at the site of the Teel irrigation tunnel sometime during the summer when actual work begins. Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield, Pilot Rock and Pendleton are all expected to share with Echo the commemoration of the starting of work on the two mile hole through the mountains which will divert the water of Camas creek to the lands of western Umatilla county. Hundreds of autos are looked for at the tunnel site and a big program is planned when the first drill is set to the rock.

50 Years Ago
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Hermiston milkman L.B. Nixon, 70, today lost his battle to continue selling raw milk for human consumption. Umatilla County Circuit Judge Henry Kaye enjoined Nixon from continuing that part of his business. The State Dept. of Agriculture had asked for the injunction. It said that when Nixon sold his interest

in 150 dairy cattle in May he no longer fit the producer-distributor definition, the only one by which sale of raw milk for human consumption is allowed. Nixon said that the intent of the law was not being violated, since there had been no change in the milk production or distribution except the transfer to his former partner, Stanley Bassford, of Nixon's interest in the dairy cows.

25 Years Ago
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Milton-Freewater Police Chief Don Witt was suspended from duty Wednesday as the city looks into misconduct allegations. City Manager Jim Swayne would not give details of the investigation, saying in a press release, "Because this is a confidential personnel matter about which I have reached no conclusion, I can make no further comment at this time." Sgt. Bob Dombrosky was named acting chief. Witt, 47, will continue to receive full pay and benefits. Witt became police chief in 1991. He graduated from McLoughlin Union High School in 1964 and obtained a criminal justice degree from Washington State University.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On June 29, 1888, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Morrison v. Olson, upheld the independent counsel law in a 7-1 decision (the sole dissenter was Justice Antonin Scalia).

In 1767, Britain approved the Townshend Revenue Act, which imposed import duties on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper and tea shipped to the American colonies.

(Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament to repeal the duties — except for tea.)

In 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry was made governor.

In 1927, the first trans-Pacific airplane flight was completed as U.S. Army Air Corps Lt. Lester J. Maitland and Lt. Albert

F. Hegenberger arrived at Wheeler Field in Hawaii aboard the Bird of Paradise, an Atlantic-Fokker C-2, after flying 2,400 miles from Oakland, California, in 25 hours, 50 minutes.

In 1967, actress Jayne Mansfield, 34, was killed along with her boyfriend, Sam Brody, and their driver, Ronnie Harrison, when their car slammed

into the rear of a tractor-trailer on a highway in Slidell, Louisiana. Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

Thought for Today: "Begin somewhere; you cannot build a reputation on what you intend to do." — James Russell Lowell, American essayist (1819-1891).

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 karaoke accessories (11)	_____
2 one raised speaking French (11)	_____
3 protest leader's amplifier (9)	_____
4 spelled the way it sounds (8)	_____
5 instrument with wood bars (9)	_____
6 ewe, yew and you (10)	_____
7 drew off liquid (8)	_____

FRAN	SIP	COP	ROPH	ME
ETIC	GAP	ONES	XY	ONES
HONE	MOPH	HONE	LOPH	PHON
HO	HO	NED	MIC	ONE

Today's Answers: 1. MICROPHONES 2. FRACAPPHONE 3. MEGAPHONE 4. PHONETIC 5. XYLOPHONE 6. HOMOPHONES 7. SIPHONED

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

- Nine four-letter words starting with GO
- Sitcom set in Mayberry: "The _____ Show"
- Two five-letter languages
- Two U.S. coins
- Two four-letter bodies of water

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: GOAT GOAL GOLF GOOF GOOD GONE GOON GONG / ANDY GRIFFITH / GREEK LATIN / PENNY DIME / COVE
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Universal Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Yes, ___"
 - 5 Many involve wiring money
 - 10 One changing a diaper
 - 13 lams alternative
 - 14 2020 candidate Kamala
 - 16 Anticipatory night
 - 17 Accessory for Frosty
 - 19 Sleep stage letters
 - 20 Rages quietly
 - 21 Horned heavyweight, informally
 - 23 Accessory for Woody
 - 27 Hypotheticals
 - 29 Soda fountain fixture
 - 30 Must have
 - 31 Speedy sharks
 - 34 Leaves out
 - 36 Resist authority, and a hint to 17-, 23-, 51- and 60-Across
 - 42 Stunning weapon
 - 43 Split to get together?
- DOWN**
- 1 Computers that run Mojave
 - 2 Soothing substance
 - 3 Lodge social activity
 - 4 Thailand setting
 - 47 Bridge support
 - 50 Pick, with "for"
 - 51 Accessory for Shrek's friend Gingy
 - 55 "Therefore ..."
 - 56 Amorphous seat
 - 59 However, briefly
 - 60 Accessory for a 40th Anniversary Ken Doll
 - 64 Solo of "Solo"
 - 65 You might get an "E" for it
 - 66 James of "The Godfather"
 - 67 Had
 - 68 Mike and Alex Doonesbury, e.g.
 - 69 TV prize
 - 4 Pride ___ (June)
 - 5 Stable workers
 - 6 Goes by taxi
 - 7 Dadaist Jean
 - 8 Scan for a break, maybe: Abbr.
 - 9 Taste of champagne
 - 10 Mock
 - 11 Get payback for
 - 12 Showed, as new software
 - 15 Belgrade native
 - 18 Guevara in a beret
 - 22 Gretel's brother
 - 24 Pedicure part, perhaps
 - 25 Angst about not having fun, in modern lingo
 - 26 Narrow opening
 - 27 Web chats
 - 28 Like a slim chance, ironically
 - 32 Groups of eight
 - 33 Reggae relative
 - 35 French for "tea"
 - 37 :, in an analogy
 - 38 Maryland athlete, briefly
 - 39 Ray of light at night
 - 40 Instagram, e.g.
 - 41 Table tennis barrier
 - 44 Author Christie
 - 45 Headwear for the burn-wary
 - 46 "That's enough for me"
 - 48 Bribe to commit perjury
 - 49 Surgical insertions
 - 52 Garment that comes with a belt
 - 53 What you may get without a 45-Down
 - 54 Chilling
 - 57 Composer Khachaturian
 - 58 Millennials, informally
 - 61 Frequently, in poetry
 - 62 Supposed Roswell sighting
 - 63 ___ funny for words

"SEE ATTACHMENT" By Ross Trudeau

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UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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