

Hubby's hankies help hide hideous hair

Sudden questions throw me for a loop. The other morning my husband's first words were, "Who's got a cold now?" I had to stop and think, but for a short period of time, no one was sick.

"If nobody has a cold," he went on persistently, "then why don't I have any handkerchiefs in my dressers?" Relieved to hear that his nerves could be calmed with a wave of a handkerchief, I told him he could find one in my scarf drawer. Momentarily he reappeared, flaunting a stack of red and blue kerchiefs and pointed out that he found more than one — in fact, it seemed like I had the majority of his hankies.

Unsatisfied to drop the subject, super sleuth decided to probe a little deeper and said, "Since you live with a box of tissues under your arm or at your fingertips, why is it that you're in possession of all my kerchiefs?"

I tried to get off the hook by saying the girls had put the laundry away and got the drawers mixed up. My oldest daughter's ears perked right up as soon as she heard an incriminating word aimed toward her. "Hold it right there," she said. "You wear those scarves on your head so much, it's hard to tell if they belong on your head or Dad's nose."

She was right, the handkerchief had become a security blanket to me. I was coordinating my clothes around the color of scarf I would be wearing that day. The real problem, of course, was that my hair needed some drastic attention. I decided to either shave it off, go bald or get a permanent.

I toyed with the idea of being bald, but figured I'd just

end up wearing my husband's handkerchiefs again and I'd be creating more work because my head would be just one more thing I would have to dust. I bought a home permanent kit, locked myself in the bathroom, ripped off my scarf and was shocked to see the state of my hair. I had unconsciously avoided looking



Margaret Schmale's Bits and pieces

Her soft, bouncy curls cascaded about her head, framing her face with a magic I knew was soon to be mine — once I got all that goop off my head.

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Not having mirrors on my ceiling, I was unable to accomplish step one according to the picture. Step two was the rolling up of the hair and it went about as well as step one. Instead of looking like rows of neatly parked cars, the curlers on my head looked like a game of pick-up sticks.

By the time I got to step three, I was close to a nervous breakdown. My arms were drenched with waving solution and the floor of the bath was covered with soggy papers. I wasn't sure if I had enough strength to apply the neutralizing solution. The thought occurred to me to just drink it and hope for naturally curly hair in the hereafter.

Three hours later, I emerged from the bathroom in a cloud of fumes that wilted my house plants. My family had gathered outside the door, to see the results I assumed, but the girls zipped past me without a second glance.

My husband leaned against the opposite wall and asked, "Just what kind of magic did you say was in that box? As long as nobody has a cold, I guess I can share a few scarves with you."

The last coherent thing I said to him was, "How many handkerchiefs would it take to make a noose?"

National Metric Week declared by agency

May 10-16 has been designated as National Metric Week.

National Metric Week has been expanded to a full, seven-day week this year. Efforts have been made by several organizations, including the U.S. Metric Board, to extend participation beyond the classroom and into the American home. The majority of countries

in the world are using the metric system, but conversion has been slow in coming in the United States.

Other organizations supporting the week are the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, American National Metric Council, National Education Association, National Science Foundation and National Bureau of Standards.

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Lions schedule 'White Cane' drive in May

Lions Clubs throughout the state of Oregon will unite May 1-10 for the 1981 Oregon Lions White Cane Drive.

Proceeds from the White Cane Drive will be used for local sight conservation projects, to support the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation projects and in aiding the activities of the state's sight and hearing impaired.

In particular, the foundation funds the Oregon Lions Eye Bank at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. The foundation also supports patient care, eye research, equipment purchase and construction projects at Devers Memorial Clinic at the hospital.

Locally, funds from the White Cane Drive are used by Lions clubs to provide free eye exams to the needy and to supply them with glasses when required. Local Lions also refer scores of patients each year to Devers Clinic for complicated surgery involving detached retinas, treatment for diabetes-related diseases, removal of cataracts, corneal transplants and eye muscle defects.

The Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation conducts other projects for the blind or visually impaired. It sponsors an annual retreat on the McKenzie River for blind Oregonians who attend the summer camp for two weeks. The Southern Oregon Lions Blind Center also receives funds from the foundation as does the Oregon Council for the Blind through grants-in-aid program.

Among the ways local clubs help the blind are by the purchase of Braille writers, books, alarm clocks and reading machines.

During the White Cane Drive, Lions Clubs will collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids at various businesses and will make eye donor cards available to persons who request them.

For further information, contact members of the Sandy Lions Club.

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