

OUT OF THE VAULT
Heppner 'gold strike' creates havoc for landowners

Heppner ranch owners who discovered a cache of gold coins on their property in March 1968 quickly discovered the "strike" was almost more trouble than it was worth.

Mary Colleen Greenup, her sister Ilene Wyman and brother Bob Kilkenny owned a ranch purchased by her father, John Kilkenny, in 1914 from Preston Thomson.

Rumors abounded for years that Thomson had buried money on the place, and a 1968 article in True West magazine brought fortune hunters to the property in droves.

Two men from Minnesota who read the article teamed up with Greenup in the first week of March 1968 to search for the buried treasure, first with metal detectors and finally with a bulldozer.

A cache of 28 coins was found buried under the ranch's fish pond, with dates ranging from 1870 to 1896. Fourteen of the coins were \$20 gold pieces, nine were \$5 coins and five were \$10 coins, for a total face value of \$375.

And it wasn't the first find on the ranch. Ten years previously, two grade school boys fishing at the pond found four gold pieces. They kept them, and

Greenup at the time didn't try to recover them.

Greenup split 14 coins of the new stash between the two men (whose names were not available when the March 9 article was published). An advisor later said the government would require the money to be turned in, the finders receiving only 15 percent.

Considering the two finds, it is reasonable to assume that the hunt for treasure continued.

WORD ROUNDUP

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Find and Circle...

- Five shapes
Five countries starting with L
Three punctuation marks
Seven-letter card game
Possibility

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: TRIANGL E OCTAV E SQUARE CIRCLE COMMA / TVAO E LCRL E NOVOLO E OCTA ...

Word search grid with words circled: LIBERIA, COMMALNEZN, LAVB, TGE L BDO, UICLS, NHCA, AOG, ABKA, APRNT, NIA, RYNI, YI, JAVORT, EARHC, RHH, INEC, CTLO, OSBC, AVPO

DEAR ABBY
Flirtatious co-worker dials back after his ex returns

Dear Abby: I have a crush on a guy I work with. I'm 19, and he's 26. He has a kid, which actually doesn't bother me. I love kids and have taken care of them most of my life.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

He used to flirt with me and text me all the time and offer me his hoodie. Now she's sort of back in the picture and he ignores me and doesn't return my texts.

I guess my question is, should I tell him how I feel before it's too late or just keep it to myself? Should I risk everything and go for it?

Dear Uncertain: Announce your feelings for the guy if you wish, but do not expect him to drop everything and rush to you.

tion to you that he did before. Because he isn't, you need to understand that he and his ex obviously have some unfinished business together, regardless of her history of infidelity.

Dear Abby: All my mom does is talk about work. If we are having a conversation, she links every topic to her work and her co-workers.

It is alienating my sister and me. When we tell her things about our kids — her grandkids — she still relates it to work.

Another thing: She's constantly on her tablet for work or on Facebook. I live seven hours away from her. When we make the drive down, I don't want to watch her on her tablet.

Mom and I had a good relationship before she took that job. Now she's so negative that it's difficult to want to talk to her.

Dear Missing: Rather than

"confront" your mother, ask her what may have changed in her life since she took that job.

Conversations are two-way, and this may be all she feels she has to contribute on her end.

Dear Abby: I've gone to licensed mental health professionals on and off since I was 7. Talk therapy has been ineffective.

Dear Wants: Sometimes a combination of talk therapy and medication can be more helpful than talk therapy alone.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 3-4, 1918

M.E. Hotchkiss, sheepherder for Claud Sloan, is lying near to death at a hotel in Echo while Ira Miller, another herder, is held by the sheriff...

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 3-4, 1968

It was not uncommon in pioneer days for neighbors to gather for a house-raising, but neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Witherites...

tractors, cables and other equipment to pull the old house down, haul it to a place near the creek and burn it.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 3-4, 1993

A section of Interstate 82 was closed this morning when a truck carrying nuclear waste slid off the road about 10 miles south of Umatilla.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 62nd day of 2018. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States.

In 1791, Congress passed a measure taxing distilled spirits; it was the first internal revenue act in U.S. history.

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

In 1918, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, the Ottoman Empire and Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk.

In 1923, Time magazine, founded by Briton Hadden and Henry R. Luce, made its debut.

In 1943, in London's East End, 173 people died in a crush of bodies at the Bethnal Green tube station.

In 1959, the United States launched the Pioneer 4 spacecraft, which flew by the moon.

In 1960, Lucille Ball filed for divorce from her husband, Desi Arnaz.

Meets the Mustache") on Arnaz's 43rd birthday.

In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

In 1985, coal miners in Britain voted to end a year-long strike that proved to be the longest and most violent walkout in British history.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

In 2002, voters in Switzerland approved joining the United Nations, abandoning almost 200 years of formal neutrality.

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said his campaign had never given Canada back-channel assurances that his harsh words about the North American Free Trade Agreement were for political show.

Today's Birthdays: Socialite Lee Radziwill is 85. Singer-musician Mike Pender (The Searchers) is 77. Movie producer-director George Miller is 73.

Stefano died in Santa Maria Hoe, Italy, at age 86.

Five years ago: Vice President Joe Biden led civil rights leaders and national political figures in a ceremonial crossing of a Selma, Alabama, bridge where voting rights marchers were beaten by law enforcement officers in 1965.

One year ago: President Donald Trump toured St. Andrew Catholic School, a private religious facility in Orlando, Florida, praising it as an ideal institution for "disadvantaged children" while re-emphasizing that his education agenda would focus on school choice.

Richardson is 60. Rock musician John Bigham is 59. Radio personality Ira Glass is 59.

Thought for Today: "Some people stay longer in an hour than others do in a month." — William Dean Howells, American author and editor (1837-1920).

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution.

Table with 2 columns: CLUES and SOLUTIONS. Clues include 'famous British Columbia lake', 'Stronger singer Clarkson', etc.

Word bank grid with letters: OL, QU, IVE, TT, LLY, AR, PI, HIO, AC, LE, ER, KE, HAR, EM, BO, LE, ALD, ST, MY, IN

ODDS & ENDS

School to keep 'Millionaires' mascot name

LENOX, Mass. (AP) — Students at a Massachusetts school want to remain Millionaires.

The Lenox Memorial Middle and High School student council on Wednesday announced that a poll found a majority of students want to keep the sometimes contentious Millionaires mascot.

About 96 percent of the school's 438 students voted last month. Fifty-one percent voted to keep the nickname, 32 percent wanted to change it.

Students last spring voted to change it because it is divisive, leads to taunts from opposing schools, and

doesn't accurately reflect the town's economics. The nickname is a tribute to wealthy out-of-towners, called "cottagers," who built mansions during the gilded age and employed the locals.

Man with sauce on face charged in meatball theft

HAZLE TOWNSHIP, Pa. (AP) — Police say a clue led to the arrest of a man charged with stealing a pot of meatballs — red sauce smeared on his face and clothes.

Authorities charged Leahman Glenn Robert Potter for allegedly swiping a pot of meatballs from a man's garage on Monday.

BINGO advertisement for Boulevard featuring \$1,000 will go!, Saturday evening, \$5.00 buy-in, and 12:30 & 6:30 sessions.

UNIVERSAL REALTY advertisement with slogan 'Your Move Is Our Priority!' and contact information for listings.

Commercial Land for Sale advertisement: 2.74 ac. Zoned Retail Sales Commercial, 300 ft. of highway frontage on U.S. Hwy. 395.

ALIVE & WELL advertisement: March 4th - 9th, \$1.00 off on Veggie Juice and Great Start Smoothie.