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 heir father, John Kilkenny, in 1914 from Preston

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. Greenup said that many people, from all over the country, phoned for permission to search the ranch and others simply showed up at

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. One of the pieces, with an 1891 mint date, was valued at \$500.

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

COFFEE BREAK

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. Another said that each member of the family could keep one piece. With three owners and 12 children between them, there weren't enough coins left to go around.

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

WORD ★Roundup

Find and Circle...

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

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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. My problem is he has this ex who wants to get back together with him. They broke up because she was staying out all night and

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. But when we see each other he starts flirting again, and we just click. We make sense.

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? — Uncertain

Dear Uncertain: Announce your feelings for the guy if you wish, but do not expect him to drop everything and rush to you. If he were interested in more than a workplace flirtation, he would be paying the same kind of atten-

100 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian

March 3-4, 1918

Claud Sloan, is lying near to death at a

hotel in Echo while Ira Miller, another

herder, is held by the sheriff, without

bail, on a charge of having stabbed his

fellow worker in a quarrel that occurred

in Juniper canyon early Saturday

morning. The story as received here

is that there had been trouble between

the two men before and that it came to

a head at breakfast Saturday morning.

The men, with George Harding accom-

panying them, were four or five miles up

Juniper canyon, trailing the Sloan sheep

from Touchet to Cold Springs. Just how

the fight started was not clear but in the

melee Miller stabbed Hotchkiss several

times with a kitchen paring knife.

He stabbed him several blows on the

body, some of the wounds being above

and below the heart. The condition of

M.E. Hotchkiss, sheepherder for



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. Set your sights on someone else.

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. If we try to confront her on anything, all she does is

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. Where do I even start? Missing Her While She's Here

Missing: Rather

"confront" your mother, ask her what may have changed in her life since she took that job. Her focus may have shifted because that's the center of her

Conversations are two-way, and this may be all she feels she has to contribute on her end. As to her "hiding" behind Facebook rather than carry on a conversation with you, like many people, she may have become addicted to it and unable to tear herself away. However, you will never know unless you ask her calmly.

Dear Abby: I've gone to licensed mental health professionals on and off since I was 7. Talk therapy has been ineffective. What do you do when talking to a licensed therapist doesn't work? — Wants To Know In New Mexico

Dear Wants: Sometimes a combination of talk therapy and medication can be more helpful than talk therapy alone. Because the many years of talk therapy alone haven't been effective, consult a psychologist who works with a psychiatrist, who can prescribe medications that may help you.

LITTLE W©RDS

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 1 famous British Columbia lake (7)

- 2 "Stronger" singer Clarkson (5)
- 3 ground force (4)
- 4 Popeye's girlfriend (5)
- 5 nut grown in Iran (9)
- 6 commedia dell'arte character (9) 7 baby's food container (6)



Today's Answers: 1. EMERALD 2. KELLY 3. ARMY 4. OLIVE 5. PISTACHIO 6. HARLEQUIN 7. BOTTLE

JEANNE **PHILLIPS** Advice

In New York

DAYS GONE BY

Hotchkiss is regarded as critical. 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 Witheritte of Butter Creek gathered recently for a "house-razing." The old house in which the Witherittes had lived for the past 16 years was built in 1884 by John Thomas Galloway, for Ezra Kelty. Mr. Kelty and Jonathan T. Hoskins were partners in the sheep business and upon dissolving partnership Hoskins bought the house. It was moved a quarter-mile down the creek from its original site, where it was the home for the Hoskinses for many years before being purchased by Will Wattenburger. The house changed hands several time in succeeding years. After furniture and other belongings were removed from the house by the Witherittes, neighbors used

tractors, cables and other equipment to pull the old house down, haul it to a place near the creek and burn it. Several square nails were saved for souvenirs.

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. The truck, bound for Richland, Wash., slid off the icy road and was bumped by another truck that also went off the road. There were no injuries and no sign of a release of the truck's cargo, Oregon State Police said. State police blocked traffic until a tow truck could arrive and return the truck to the road. The waste — stored inside a cask — was identified as hastelloy steel and graphite, a solid form of nuclear waste. The shipment was on its way to a low-level waste burial ground located at Hanford.

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, and 17 percent had no opinion.

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

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doesn't accurately reflect the town's economics.

The nickname is a tribute to wealthy out-oftowners, called "cottagers," who built mansions during the gilded age and employed the locals.

SOLUTIONS

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.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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

History: On March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner' became the national anthem of the United States as Presi-

congressional resolution. On this date:

Today's

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

dent Herbert Hoover signed a

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, which ended Russian participation in World War I. (The treaty was rendered moot by the November 1918 armistice.)

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, which was being used as a wartime air raid shelter.

In 1959, the United States launched the Pioneer 4 spacecraft, which flew by the moon. Comedian Lou Costello died in East Los Angeles three days before his 53rd birthday.

In 1960, Lucille Ball filed for divorce from her husband, Desi Arnaz, a day after they had finished filming the last episode of "The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Show" ("Lucy

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 yearlong 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. Twenty-five people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

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, despite a Canadian memo indicating otherwise. Four adults and two children were found slain in a Memphis, Tennessee, house; three children survived the rampage. (The brother of one of the victims was convicted of murder and sentenced to death.) A gunman opened fire inside a Wendy's restaurant in West Palm Beach, Florida, killing a paramedic who'd gone back to fetch a missing meal

toy for his child; the gunman

wounded five others before

turning the gun on himself.

Operatic tenor Giuseppe Di

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. The SpaceX company's Dragon capsule made good on its latest shipment to the International Space Station, overcoming earlier mechanical difficulty to deliver a ton of supplies. Bobby Rogers, a founding member of Motown group The Miracles and a songwriting collaborator with Smokey Robinson, died at his suburban Detroit home; he was 73.

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. The Nintendo Switch, a hybrid game machine that works as both a console at home and a portable tablet on the go, made its debut.

Birthdays: Today's Socialite Lee Radziwill is 85. Singer-musician Mike Pender (The Searchers) is 77. Movie producer-director George Miller is 73. Actress Hattie Winston is 73. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 71. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 68. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 65. Actor Robert Gossett is 64. Rock musician John Lilley is 64. Actress Miranda

Richardson is 60. Rock musician John Bigham is 59. Radio personality Ira Glass is 59. Actress Mary Page Keller is 57. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee is 56. Former NFL player and College Football Hall of Famer Herschel Walker is 56. Actress Laura Harring is 54. Contemporary Christian musician Duncan Phillips (Newsboys) is 54. Rapper-actor Tone Loc is 52. Actress Julie Bowen is 48. Country singer Brett Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 47. Actress Jessica Biel is 36. Musician Brett Hite is 32.

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).



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