



# HIGHGRADER

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## October 14th Outing To Section 28 Huge Success

On Thursday October 12, we ask our neighbor if we could use his tent trailer for a few days, he said yes and we hooked on to it and started packing. We thought we would go over early Friday morning and get in some detecting before the crowd

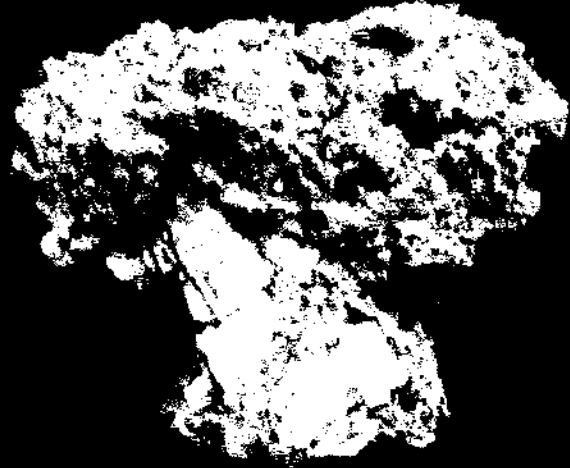
Check out page 18 for a new recipe from Ron Woods

showed up. We was to section 28 by morning, there was of people there for the our local people, we Colorado, Kansas, and Texas. On Saturday, vehicles be the best we appeared to be all. We guess- was about 42 all. Pretty good ing the lack of advertis- dry washed and some detected, and we had at least one that brought a new homemade sluice, that worked amazingly well. Most all of the dry washers that this editor talked to had some color for their effort and one fellow Bill, from

**NEXT OUTING  
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SECTION 34**

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## NOW THIS IS WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR



This nugget was found on 10/1/2000. Total weight = 26 oz, 19 pennyweight... Gold weight = 20 ounce, 6 pennyweight Nugget was found in the White Hills, using a Minelab SD2100 detector. Exact location, "In The Dirt"

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Joe Bahde, was the lucky prospector who found that big hunk of a nugget. Said it was four feet down. With Joe it's not all luck, he really knows how to find those nuggets.  
Congratulations Joe.

**FLASH!! NEWS BULLETIN** Dan Green comes up with a new way to find gold, check out page 15 to see what it is.

## Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Calendar of Events and Meetings

Nov. 15	Mid-Week Outing *
Nov. 18	Outing to Section 34
(Use ONLY SE section, STAY OFF THE TWO WESTERN SECTIONS)	
Nov. 22	Mid-Week Outing *
Nov. 29	Executive Board Meeting
Dec. 8	Christmas Party NV Palace
Dec. 13	Mid-Week Outing *
Dec. 16	Outing to Pahrump
Jan. 03	General Membership Meeting
Jan. 10	Mid-Week Outing *
Jan. 20	Outing Section 28
Jan. 31	Executive Board Meeting

+ For all mid-week outings check with Dan Boone

Board Meeting of Wednesday, Sep. 27, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All Board members present. Motion to accept minutes as presented in the Highgrader passed with no opposition.

The board members discussed a letter received by GSSN regarding our claims on Section 34 Mary 1 & 2. We do not own the claims on this land, nor are we allowed to continue prospecting for gold on it. The BLM says we are allowed to hunt for meteorites, but not gold.

The ownership and maintenance of gold-searchers.com is being discussed. It was understood that the website was donated to GSSN by one of our members, however, that donation is currently being retracted. Is it legal and/or ethical to retract a donation to a non-profit organization? Who currently makes the decisions regarding what is published on the website and how it is edited? Who should make those decisions? The final conclusion has not yet been drawn.

Great improvement regarding publication of the Highgrader. Kudos to the new editor, and all who helped.

Dan Greene, Education Committee is trying to get an astronaut to speak at a GSSN member meeting. His health is fragile, so we can only wait and see what happens with him. Dan is also working on getting Larry Lister, meteorite specialist, to come and give us a lecture.

Nevada Palace informed us that the big TV is available and working if we wish to use it for video presentations.

Willie Biron is working hard to restore our claims in Arizona and Nevada. He is in the process of filing with the BLM and paying the annual dues required. He said the BLM would absolutely love GSSN members to help with clearing the trash from the sites. They have a backhoe and other equipment that we could utilize to make the clean-up project more efficient and timely.

The Board discovered that President Mahoney, prior to this evening's meeting, relieved Librarian Doug Parker of all duties associated with GSSN due to alleged misconduct. After a heated discussion with the Board, the President apologized to Doug and the Board members for

his rash decision. He then asked Doug to please continue with the duties of Librarian and to maintain his prospecting classes as scheduled. Doug accepted the apology and agreed to continue his classes, but refused to continue as Librarian. Treasurer Susan Bengé resigned her position due to her objections regarding this matter, as well as supposed allegations of thievery as published on the website. The President made it clear that he would reiterate his apology at the member meeting in October. We now need volunteers to fill the positions of Treasurer and Librarian. Anyone who may be interested in filling these vacant positions, please contact the Secretary, Vice President, and/or the President.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm. Bridget Pope, Secretary.

### Board Meeting 10/25/00

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All officers present.

Morton LeMonde appointed new Treasurer, Dan Boone appointed new Librarian.

A resolution passed to delete check cashing cards in the names of Susan Bengé, Douglas Parker, Leilani and Roland LeClerc, and to add Morton LeMonde. Motion seconded and passed with no opposition.

Every November, the corporate officers must file for papers in the State Building on Washington Street.

The IRS confirmed that if GSSN does not exceed \$25K gross income, we do not have to file taxes. Once we exceed \$25K, we absolutely MUST file. Our tax ID# is with the corporate papers.

During the next member meeting, the volunteer committees will meet and form. We will have an extended break time in order to designate a Public Relations committee to communicate with and assisting the BLM with cleanup of property, as well as providing publicity to recruit new members. We will also form an Outing committee to plan outings and social events. Willie will provide instructions. Each Committee will appoint a Spokesperson who will report to the

## GSSN OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

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VICE-PRESIDENT

SAM JOHNSON

TREASURER

MORT LEMONDE

SECRETARY

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CLUB GREETER

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NEWSLETTER

RATTLESNAKE BRAD

Board.

The Board is working towards budgeting disbursement of funds towards outings, supplies, claims, and prizes.

A discussion took place regarding the property near Section 28. A motion was made to approve a pre lease agreement for GSSN to rent 5 acres of private property that is rich with gold for five years. The motion passed with no opposition. The lease is in the works, the lease is to be reviewed by an attorney Thursday (10/26/00).

Kudos to the 20+ volunteers who assisted at the Heritage Museum last weekend. It was a great success. Thank you all so much for your time and help. It could not have been such a great success without you.

Plans for the Christmas party are in the works. We need volunteer help. A motion was seconded and passed with no opposition to move the \$250 Annual Picnic budget towards the Christmas Party budget.

A motion was seconded and passed with no opposition to buy 2 outhouse enclosures (with no potty) for \$40.65.

The president of the Mojave County Prospector Association is Gordon Everly. They have two claims. The Board received information regarding this club. They have 155 members and they meet at the VFW every second Tuesday. They are potential allies! Let's work with them. We invited them to a combined outing on November 18 at section 34. Gordon's secretary is a member of a realty group, which could possibly lead to more

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## TONOPAH MINE TOUR

The volunteers who work at the McCaw School of Mines were treated to a wonderful trip through the MINES in the town of TONOPAH.

On November 9th and 10th all of the volunteers who had been working the McCaw Mine had an opportunity to take a bus ride to the Legendary town of Tonopah where Wyatt Earp lived and worked as a U.S. Marshall. Howard Hughes was married there and many other historic events took place in this scenic location. They stayed overnight and returned the next day after visiting the mines. It was an interesting and informative trip. Trips like this and other perks are just one of the benefits of working at the McCaw Mine. The real excitement comes when you reach out and touch a child's life with the story of mining and prospecting for GOLD.

The dates that we need volunteers to conduct tours at the McCaw Mine are: **November 1, 2, 3, - 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, - 21, 22, - 28, 29, 30.**

The tours last just two hours. Contact Dorothy Webb at 558-8501 to be a volunteer.

The mine is located just off of Water Street and Basic Street in Henderson, Nevada. For more information call: Dan Green 795-

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claims.

There was a discussion regarding decals for identification on claims. This will be discussed by the PR committee.

Claims on Sections 28 and 34 are filed and ready to go.

5 grams of gold will be given away as door prizes at each member meeting. All door prizes are already purchased for the next year. A newcomer's kit will be offered to all new members for an additional \$20. A demonstration of the kit will be given at the meeting.

Board meeting adjourned at 8:15, Bridget Pope, Secretary

**NOTICE**  
ALL COMMITTEE HEADS, PART-TIME EDITORS, ADS, ARTICLES AND WHATEVER ELSE YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE PUT IN THE HIGHGRADER, MUST BE IN THE EDITOR'S HANDS NO LATER THAN THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE GENERAL MEETING. PREFERRABLY HIGHGRADER ITEMS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EDITOR BY THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH FOR THE NEXT MONTH, AS EDITOR HAS HIGHGRADER READY TO GO TO PRESS ON OR BEFORE GENERAL MEETING NIGHT.

## NO SMOKING

When we first moved to Nevada Palace, we put in the Highgrader that there was no smoking at the meeting, just like it was at the school where we use to meet. Since then we have become careless and overlooked that rule. If you wish to smoke please go downstairs to the casino. Thank You

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I would like to take a few minutes to thank all the people who have volunteered, this year to make the club what it is today. The new board members, the new committee members, all of you who give of your time at the school, the last panning affair, at the outing, you people who go looking for new claims, the people who teach others, the people who call with ideas.

The club is moving forward and getting on track,  
**BUT WITHOUT YOUR HELP  
THE CLUB IS NOTHING.**

*Frank Mahoney*

**WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS**  
10-05-00 to 10-31-00

Ron & Ginny Baker  
Ron Burris  
Beth Carden  
Paul & Susan Bailey  
Lawrence Wilkinson

**Make these new  
members feel  
welcome and show  
them the ropes.**

## Membership Chairman Report as of Oct 31, 00

Your membership committee collected and deposited the following funds.

32 renewals =	\$640.00
7 New members =	\$245.00
3 Ads =	\$60.00
1 Sweatshirt =	\$15.00
Claim maps =	\$8.00
Tickets various =	\$180.00
Total deposited =	\$1,148.00

*Rattlesnake Brad*

## What Does Your Gold Weigh?

**Do you have a gold  
nugget and don't  
know how much it  
weighs? Bring it  
to the meeting.**

**Rattlesnake Brad  
will have a gold  
scale with him and  
will be glad to  
weigh your nugget  
for you.**

## QUARTZSITE, AZ NUGGET FIND

by Bill Mauger

A fellow prospector and I were out dry washing near Quartzsite at the Spanish Wall area.

We had finished for the day and he needed to go home early. So I finished the dry washing and decided to use my wife's new Gold bug to go over the area we had been working.

Rechecking the area, about 6 inches above where my friend had stopped working, I heard a real heart stopping sound. Figured he had left a tool there or dropped a piece of metal.

To my surprise, a couple of inches into the soil, there it was! It was a beautiful Quartz gold nugget sitting so proud in my hand. Wow! I was so excited. It was a 1/2 oz nugget, after I weighed it. My first big nugget!! I had found smaller ones dry washing.

This nugget did not look like the other gold we had been getting drywashing this hill. It was water worn and shinier. I'd like to think in years past, a miner carrying it in his pocket had lost it there. One for this prospectors tale!

Moral of story is to always check your dry washing area with your metal detector, you may be leaving a big one behind. Happy Gold Hunting, Bill Mauger.



## Club Property

We are taking inventory of all club property, ie: pots pans, gps, whatever. If you have any property belonging to the club please contact President Frank now.

Thank You

## The CHRISTMAS NUGGET

is here!!  
IT'S A  
QUARTER OUNCE  
BEAUTY

Tickets can be purchased at our meetings at two for \$9.00 or \$5.00 each. You can also mail your check to the club and we will enter your tickets in the drawing. There are no restrictions on the number of tickets you can purchase. You do not need to be present to win.

Make sure you give us your full name address and phone number. The winner will be picked at our Christmas party.

## MOVING

If you are planning a move, please send us your new address as soon as possible. You may either send it to clubs address, or send me an e-mail.  
RattlesnakeBrad1

Don't put it off, do it today, so you will not miss any issues of the  
**HIGHGRADER**  
Thank you

## Meetings

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD AT NEVADA PALACE HOTEL & CASINO 2ND FLOOR LOCATED AT 5255 S. BOULDER HIGHWAY, LAS VEGAS, NV ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ALL GUEST AND PROSPECTORS ARE WELCOMED. THE MAP TO THIS LOCATION IS LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THIS PUBLICATION.

### GSSN BOARD MEETING

GSSN BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK RE BUILDING ON CABANA DRIVE, MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. TAKE DESERT INN TO CABANA AND TURN LEFT GO 1/4 MILE AND TURN LEFT INTO VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. REC BLDG. IS ON LEFT JUST INSIDE GATE.

### CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETING

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. THE MEETINGS ARE AT 8:00 PM. THIS MEETING IS THE SAME LOCATION AS THE BOARD MEETING AND ON THE SAME NIGHT.

THE CLUB'S PHONE NUMBER: 393-GOLD (4653)

PLEASE CALL TO GET HELP ON ANY MATTER.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB.

PLEASE WRITE THE

CLUB WITH

ANY COMPLAINTS

OR

RECOMMENDATIONS

# WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL NOW PLEASE

Your e-mail is very important to us, as well as you. On occasion, events, happenings, impromptu outings, reminders, etc. come up and if we have your e-mail we can get the info to you immediately, so you can participate in whatever the event might be. We simply cannot call all 500 or so members. You will not get needless e-mail from us, only information and reminders of upcoming events.

**YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SOLD OR GIVEN TO ANYONE.**

Don't miss out on these reminders and announcements of upcoming events. If you wish to be included in being reminded of planned events, as well as notified of impromptu events, please send an e-mail to Rattlesnake Brad, with the following message. Add my e-mail to your list for reminders of all upcoming events. Send to: **RattlesnakeBr@** PS don't forget the ( 1 ) at end of name, Thank You

## President Frank

Keeps Campaign Promise!!

One of the complaints that President Frank heard most often, was that the Highgrader was always late, if it showed up at all. Frank promised when he became President, he would see to it, that everyone received the Highgrader in a timely manner and before the activities that was being mentioned in it. HE HAS SUCCEEDED with that promise, Thank you Frank, from all the club.

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Colorado found his first nugget since joining our club. It appeared to weigh in at about 4 to 6 grains. Those that stayed Friday and Saturday nights really enjoyed the campfire and some were roasting hot dogs, others marshmallows, (uumm good) been a long time since we done did that. Yes poor English, but they tasted yummy. On Saturday Willie was kind enough to give both a panning class and a detecting class. All in all, a great time was had by all. Hope to see YOU at the next outing. See pics on pg 6 & 7

Your Editor,  
*Rattlesnake Brad* ✂

December is the Christmas Party and there are no door prizes as such, but watch for some surprise items to be given away at the Christmas banquet. Here is January's door prizes for your consideration.

### January's Door Prizes

1. 10x prospectors loop w/ metal cover
2. Keene Classifier 1/2"
3. Gold Pan, 10" Finishing
4. Gold Pan 14"
5. Gold Concentrates Bag
6. Suction tweezers
7. Pendant w/chain 13mm for flakes
8. 10x25 Binoculars
9. Prospectors light weight pick
10. Plastic Scoop
11. Earphones
12. Mapscale for 7.5 USGS topo maps
13. Lots of gold nuggets up to two grams

## MEMBERSHIP BADGES

WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE AND INCREASE YOUR CHANCES TO BE A WINNER IN OUR RAFFLE.

Door prize tickets are \$1.00 each, but if you are wearing your GSSN Membership Badge you will get 2 for \$1.00

No Name Tag  
\$1.00 each  
No Exceptions



We have a new "WIMPY" in our club. Can you guess who it is? See page 18 for details.

## THANK YOU

**TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP OUT YOUR CLUB A BIG THANK YOU**

**THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 20 WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP IN VARIOUS WAYS AS WELL AS ANOTHER 17 WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP AT THE HERITAGE MUSEUM.**

**THE REST OF YOU PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING AT LEAST ONCE OR MORE EACH YEAR. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM ON PAGE 10 OF THIS PUBLICATION AND MAIL IT IN TO YOUR CLUB NOW.**

**THANK YOU**

# Section 28, AZ Outing Pictures October 14, 2000



At lunch time, Dan Boone brought out ham, bread, and condiments, as well as good hot chili. It was very well received, as the food ran out just before the people did. More next time.



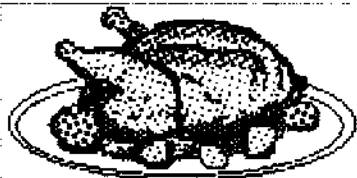
Charles & Janice McCullough were here from their home in Humboldt, Kansas. They did dry washing and really worked hard at it.

Bill & Dee Mauger



Bill & Dee were here from their home in Beulah, CO. Bill found his first nugget on this trip.

Pic to right ->  
George Niederitter and his two sons, Jay and Dan, built their own sluice and had a great time searching for gold. For their first try they did indeed come up with some color for their efforts. What is remarkable is they built the sluice on Friday and according to George was still going to Wal Mart at 2:00 am Saturday morning to get the last parts needed and still got to the outing on Saturday. And found some gold. Great going guys, hope to see you on the November 18th outing on section 34.



Pic to right->  
Here Dan Boone is teaching some new folks the art of panning.



*Have A Great Thanksgiving and it's our prayer that all of us will have a thankful spirit for all we have in this great US of A.*



The turnout was great and there was vehicles parked all over the desert. Hope to see this kind of turnout more often. Several people stayed all weekend.



With several new people present, Willie Biron decided to give some classes. On the left he is teaching a metal detecting class, and on the right he is giving a very thorough panning class. We can be thankful Willie is willing to spend much time teaching and even the old timers enjoy his classes.



← Pic to left.  
Dan Boone feeling his Wheaties took his boombox and sat it next to Willie's Camper, no need for him to sleep any longer. Soon the white flag went up and Willie surrendered so to speak. Note flag top rear of truck.



← Pic to left  
Ron Woods with his homemade dry washer, that he made several years ago. Ron is the one that got a good one on Dan Boone.

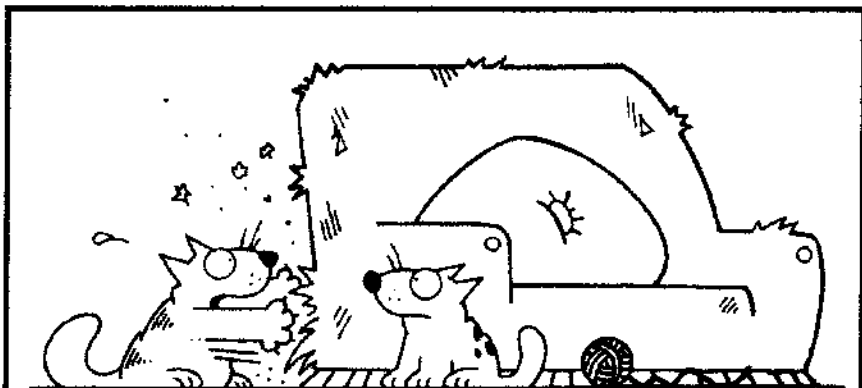
Pic above  
Willie of course figured if he was up that Mort should also be up, so here is carrying the boombox to place next to Mort's camper. Mort was soon up and around.



E. B. Shedd



E. B. is from Amarillo, TX and comes out west to prospect a few weeks every year. He also went up to Rye Patch with a few of us and found a nugget there.



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# HOW GOLD IS PRODUCED

## EXPLORING

Explorers have searched for gold for thousands of years. It was first found in the beds of rivers and creeks. Our image of the great California gold rush of 1848 is of hardy prospectors panning for gold, sometimes, in water up to their waists. Even today, individual prospectors still pan for gold in remote locations. Gold can still be found this way. The gold in riverbeds is known as alluvial gold. But over the years, most of the gold close to the surface has been found.

Today, to meet growing world demand, gold has to be mined. It is found in veins of rocks, sometimes thousands of feet below ground. How do we know it is there? How do we know where to mine?

Exploring for gold today is very different from the past. It involves the very latest technology, sometimes beginning with infrared photographs of the earth taken from space satellites.

The U.S. Geological Survey makes these maps available to geologists who specialize in looking for anomalies in the earth's surface that indicate gold might be present below the surface. Close-up aerial photos of these areas are then taken and carefully analyzed. Eventually, drilling equipment is moved to the most promising sites.

## DRILLING AND ENGINEERING

The drills bring up samples of rock which are carefully examined to see if they contain gold, at what depth, and of what quality or grade. The samples are chemically analyzed in a laboratory. The drilling takes place in several locations to help determine the size of the deposit and how it varies in depth and quality. When the areas have been mapped in this way, mining engineers decide whether or not the value of the gold deposit will be greater than the cost to develop and operate the mine.

Then they decide which would be the best kind of mine to design for this location. They take many things into account, including the depth of the gold deposits, the surrounding terrain, potential difficulties in reaching and bringing out the gold, the presence of water, where to put in roads and buildings, and - among the most important of today's considerations - the potential impact on wildlife and the environment. The mining engineers work closely with surveyors, environmental scientists and government officials.

When the gold deposits are not too far below the surface, the engineers usually design an open pit mine, in which the pit is worked downwards in a series of steps or benches. When the deposits are deeper, they may design an underground mine.

In the western United States, open pit mining is usually chosen whereas in South Africa, most mines are underground. The engineers use computers to help them determine the precise design

and measurements of the eventual mine.

## CONSTRUCTION

Even for an open pit mine, the construction phase is complicated and can take well over a year. Roads have to be built. Buildings have to be erected to house and maintain all the engineering and processing equipment. Offices have to be built for the technical and administrative personnel. And the processing equipment - in which the raw rock is crushed and then processed to release the gold - must be installed.

None of this construction can begin right away. First, to ensure the plans meet zoning regulations and adequately protect the environment, they must be submitted to the authorities - the federal, state and local agencies that govern mining operations. The mining company also must set aside adequate funds to pay for reclaiming the land after the mining is eventually finished. Only when all this is completed and all the necessary permits have been issued can construction begin.

The time between first discovering gold deposits and actually beginning to mine the gold can be as long as five years. This planning and preparation process is also expensive, often requiring an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars before the first ounce of gold can be produced.

## MINING AND PROCESSING

1) Once the mine has been designed and built, holes are drilled for blasting, and samples of ore are examined to determine grade and metallurgical characteristics. The broken rock is marked by type for efficient processing.

2) Based on its metallurgical make-up, a dispatcher directs truck operators to deliver the ore to the correct processing location.

3a) **LOW GRADE ORE** is roughly broken into small chunks and placed on carefully lined pads where a dilute cyanide solution is distributed over the surface of the heap. The solution percolates through the heap and the cyanide dissolves the gold. This solution containing dissolved gold is then collected.

3b) **HIGH GRADE ORE** is delivered to a grinding mill where the ore is pulverized to a powder. Depending on its metallurgical characteristics the ore may be treated in one of three recovery circuits.

1. Oxide ore is sent directly to the leaching circuit where cyanide dissolves the gold.

2. Refractory ore containing carbon is roasted to over 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, burning off the sulfide and carbon. The product of this process is an oxide ore, which is routed to the leaching circuit.

3. Sulfide refractory ore without carbon is oxidized in an autoclave to liberate the gold from sulfide minerals, then it is sent to the leaching circuit.

4) Treated, high-grade ore is leached with cyanide. The gold is absorbed (collected) out of solution onto activated carbon. The remaining cyanide solution is

recycled.

5) The gold-loaded carbon is moved into a vessel where the gold is chemically stripped from the carbon which is then recycled.

6) Gold is precipitated from the solution electrolytically or by chemical substitution.

7) The impure gold is then melted into dore bars containing up to 90 percent gold. Dore bars are then sent to an external refinery to be refined to bars of 999.9 parts per thousand pure gold.

## REFINING

Refining is the separation and purification of gold from other metals, as distinct from smelting which is the separation of gold from mineral impurities. Gold going through refineries may either be recycled scrap being purified and up-graded or on the final stage of its transformation from ore in the mine to bullion bars.

Final refining of gold is normally a two-step process:

First, the crude gold is melted and chlorine is bubbled through the molten metal converting all the other metals to chlorides which are floated off. This yields 99.5 percent pure gold which is cast into anodes.

The anodes are placed in an electrolytic cell and on passing a current, 99.99 percent pure gold is deposited at the cathode.

Most gold products and alloys require 99.99 percent gold as their starting material.

## RECLAMATION

Every mine has a limited working life. After a number of years, when most of the available gold has been removed, a mine is said to be exhausted. In the old days, exhausted mines were just abandoned. But today is very different. Stringent environmental and mining standards require that the land on which mining has taken place be reclaimed, or restored as closely as possible to its natural state.

Detailed plans for reclamation have to be submitted to the government before permits are issued for mining to begin in the first place, and progress is closely monitored by environmental scientists and engineers. During the life of the mine, strict measures are taken to protect wildlife, particularly any endangered species. Wetlands and other natural resources are fully protected. And even before mining has ended, work begins on reclamation - recontouring the land, planting trees and grasses, and reintroducing wildlife.

Reclamation of the land has become such an important part of the modern mining process that, when completed, it is often impossible to tell that a mine was ever there. Some reclaimed areas are often left more beautiful than before, with woods, lakes, and abundant wildlife. Reclamation is the final step in today's gold mining process.







We are raffling off a Minelab Musketeer Colt

This detector retails for \$399.00

Tickets are only \$5.00 each or two for \$9.00.

Get yours while they last, only 125 will be sold.

Drawing will be at Christmas party if all sold.

**YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

Can't make the meetings, you can send your ticket money to:

GSSN, P.O. Box 96732, Las Vegas, NV 89193

We WILL put your tickets in the drawing. Make sure you give us your phone number when ordering tickets, so we can call you if you are the lucky winner. Tickets are first come first served, so get your money in the mail now!! No limit .

## Traffic On The Trail


Bumper-to-bumper highway congestion isn't just a modern phenomena. Rush hour traffic on the Oregon-California trail was just as bad--probably worse.

The image of a lone wagon on the endless prairie is largely myth; it's more accurate to imagine a moving city. Many reported seeing wagons all the way to the horizon day after day.

And just like today's highways, there was quite a bit of jockeying for position. The goal was to get in front of the pack because anyone who was behind had to eat the billowing dust kicked up by the wagons ahead. Competition was fierce; those in the back often had to put on goggles just to see.

The crowded conditions got even worse in the evening when the wagons came together to camp.

Many 49ers discovered that previous wagon trains had overgrazed the prairie, and so there was no remaining grass for the oxen and mules to graze. So it was not uncommon for 49ers to venture miles off the trail in the evening in search of grass for their animals.

A more serious consequence of all this crowding was poor sanitation. Each new wagon train dug their latrines near the previous group's--and there was often leakage into the water supply. The result was illness and death. 

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I will help at least once a year in the areas I have marked. Instructions: please mark your first choice with an 1 and a second choice with a 2 and so on and every attempt will be made to put you on your first choice.

1. Planning club outings \_\_\_\_\_ this would involve dates to go and what activities to have
2. Planning treasure hunts \_\_\_\_\_ This would include what to search for, putting items out before the search, and what prizes to award.
3. Food committee \_\_\_\_\_ This would include, what to serve, buying food, taking it to outing and preparing food.
4. Claims committee \_\_\_\_\_ This would include working with claim chairman deciding where to look for claims, checking site to see if enough gold is present to make a claim.
5. Education committee \_\_\_\_\_ This would include helping chairman with scheduling speakers, and whatever other activity needed
6. Sergeant at arms committee \_\_\_\_\_ This would involve keeping quiet at meetings and preventing any smoking during meetings.
7. Newsletter committee \_\_\_\_\_ This would involve taking digital pictures at outings, getting a short story to go with them when possible, and finding articles for Highgrader
8. Club property \_\_\_\_\_ This involves storing and maintaining club property, pots, stove etc. and seeing that someone takes items needed to outing.
9. Metal Detecting \_\_\_\_\_ Be willing to give a short lesson on metal detecting at an outing.
10. Dry Washing \_\_\_\_\_ Be willing to give short lesson on using a dry washer at outing and allowing new comers to join in where possible.
11. McCaw School \_\_\_\_\_ This would involve mainly demonstrating panning to school children for at least a couple of hours a day
12. Public relations \_\_\_\_\_ This would involve helping to organize people to clean up claims, fill in holes etc. As well as helping local law enforcement with the use of metal detectors.
13. Other help \_\_\_\_\_ Just say to our president, I will be available on occasion to help as needed.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WILLING TO HELP AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE YEAR. TO THE REST OF YOU DON'T SIT AROUND AND COMPLAIN IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO HELP.**

We realize that a few people due to hours worked or health etc. are not able to help, that's OK it's your club to,

but for the rest of you

**PLEASE HELP**

**THE HERITAGE MUSEUM  
OUTING A  
HUGH SUCCESS !**

The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada members scored big at the Heritage Museum. October 20, 21 and 22 will go down as days to be remembered.

We had more volunteers this year than we have had in any of the previous years all put together! We collected dues from a number of new members as a result of this activity.

We passed out membership applications and newsletters to a large number of people who may join because of the enthusiasm and chatter of the panners.

On Friday we processed over 350 children as well as a large number of adults.

On Saturday we ran a number of boy scouts and cub scouts along with their parents and friends.

There were a large number of Rock and Gem friends and neighbors who all had a chance to pan for GOLD. Everyone had a great time ( including Boo Coo).

Sunday was windy and we had a chance for rain. This did not stop the Gold Searchers. They kept up the panning and some additional memberships came in.

The entire 3 days were fun, fun, fun. I look forward to next year. The Gold Searcher members who had all of the fun this year were: President Frank Mahoney who directed the show. Gene and Gloria Forest, Jack Bond, Harry and Jan Reiter, Gene Altobella, Roland and Lailoni Lecleric, Fred Zajac, Bill Sachenko, Donna Baier, Jerry Montana, Wanda Morres, Richard Montana, Daniel Green, Bud Keas, Boo Coo, James Johnson, Gordon Eggelston, and others who came and left.



*Thanks to Dan Green who worked tirelessly to make event happen.*

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**\*Smith, John\***

And can be anywhere. Circle it and take it with you to the next meeting. Locate the person selling tickets that evening and tell him, "Guess what, my name is in the Highgrader, (show him your name) as a winner of seven free door prize tickets. You will then receive the seven Free tickets and you may well win one of the many door prize items to be given away that evening. What a deal, and it's free to you, those whose names appear in the HIGHGRADER

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## Desert Survival Notes

by Jack Hickman

### Before You Leave Home

1. Leave a note and directions to where you're going and when you expect to be back.
2. Leave emergency key to your house or apartment with a friend or neighbor and advise them of your plans.
3. Obtain seven day supply of non-perishable food such as granola bars or trail mix.
4. Take ample water supply for seven days, minimum of one gallon per person per day.
5. Have emergency kit for vehicle ie: duct tape, engine oil, jumper cables, coolant, and tire fix, bar of soap to seal oil or gas leaks.
6. Good spare fully inflated.
7. Double check everything as you load vehicle.

### On The Road & at Your Claim

1. Before you grab your equipment and take off in search of the grand daddy of all nuggets, stop, look and take notes.
2. Using your topo map and compass, take sightings on major land marks and note on your map where your base camp is.
3. If someone will be staying at base camp arrange for a timely radio check via the hand held CB radio. Every half hour is best and normally there is no need to leave radio turned on until time to check in. Otherwise you will run the batteries down.
4. Very Important!! If for what ever reason, you change your plans and go to another site find a phone and call your emergency contact and advise them of the change. If you have an answering machine on your phone, call your own phone and leave a message on the answer machine.
5. If you have done all the above and trouble does rear it's ugly head, stay where you are and let help come to you. Exceptions would depend on your particular emergency.
6. Be prepared!! Good old boy scout motto, but very sage advice for anyone who likes to get away from it all. If you haven't taken an emergency first aid course lately then please do so. These courses are available through the American Red Cross. Remember if you invite others to share the joy of the outdoors then you must be responsible for their safety and their welfare.

## MINING EXPO 2000

Mining Expo 2000 was held again at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The MINING EXPO is held every 4 years, usually in Las Vegas, Nevada. The next show will be in 2004, same place, same month of October.

This year a number of us were able to obtain passes to see the show. For those that were able to get in, it was an worthwhile experience. Every question that was asked, was answered. (All except....where's the GOLD).

The Mc Caw School of Mines had a booth where we were able to hand out information. October 11th was an open day at the mine.

All of the show vendors were able to travel by chartered bus to the mine and were given a complete tour of the mine.

Each was afforded an opportunity to pan for GOLD. Needless to say, they were impressed by the mine and with the concept of field trips to the mine for the children of Clark County.



## MY FAVORITE EXERCISE PROGRAM

Physical exercise is good for you. I know that I should do it daily, but my body doesn't want me to do too much, so I have worked out this program of strenuous activities that do not require physical exercise. You are invited to use my program without charge.

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- 3) Climbing the walls
- 4) Swallowing my pride
- 5) Passing the buck
- 6) Throwing my weight around
- 7) Dragging my heels
- 8) Pushing my luck
- 9) Making mountains out of molehills
- 10) Hitting the nail on the head
- 11) Wading through paperwork
- 12) Bending over backwards
- 13) Jumping on the bandwagon
- 14) Balancing the books
- 15) Running around in circles
- 16) Eating crow
- 17) Tooting my own horn
- 18) Climbing the ladder of success
- 19) Pulling out the stops
- 20) Adding fuel to the fire
- 21) Opening a can of worms
- 22) Putting my foot in my mouth
- 23) Starting the ball rolling
- 24) Going over the edge
- 25) Picking up the pieces

### Annual Christmas Party Update

The Annual GSSN Christmas party details have been finalized.

Nevada Palace—Dec 8 AT 5:30 PM—\$5.00 Per Person

The party will be at the Nevada Palace Hotel and Casino, upstairs in our meeting area. Dinner at 6:00PM

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See you there!!!!



## ANOTHER WAY TO FIND GOLD

by Russell Gremore

Sniping and crevicing for gold nuggets can pay quite well today, and several friends tell me they can find more than an ounce of gold a day with a metal detector.


Flour gold and gold nuggets are probably being found in more places and in more states today than ever before because of the modern electronic metal detectors.

The best place to search for gold is where it has been found in the past.

The old time prospectors didn't have the modern metal detectors that we have today and the majority of their finds were with the use of a gold pan, if, when, and where water was available.

Today you can still find this flour gold for yourself, right there on the spot.

Just take along a baby jar or equivalent, take a sample of the fine sand/gravel or black sand mix, and fill the jar about 3/4ths full. Then add water until the jar is completely full. Put the lid on it and shake it vigorously to where the mix looks like its floating in the water and immediately start to spin the jar in your hands, several times. After a few spins centrifugal force moves the heavy gold to the outer edge of the jar making the gold visible.

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## Dredging'

by Joe Cathcart

### DRY WASHING

Dry washers can be operated by one or two men. One cranks the wheel while the other feeds the gravel into the hopper.

Some dry washer operators pour a little mercury behind the riffles to catch flour gold since a dry washer can lose flour gold along with the light minerals.

If you have a manual dry washer, consider connecting a small gas motor to the pulley, saves hours of hard labor.

If you are adding the motor, you must figure the right pulley for the motor shaft as it should only run an average speed that was used with hand cranking. Otherwise too fast would blow it all over riffles and too slow wouldn't lift it over riffles.

The larger dry washers now have added the electrostatic process to their units, which improved recov-

ery of flour gold by an average of 85%. An ordinary dry washer recovers only about 20% of flour gold.

In one day, a dry washer can process at least two cubic yards of gravel. When the riffles are loaded with black sand concentrates, remove the concentrates and then pan them out, preferably over a portable tub or over another pan so they can be run through again for smaller gold that might be missed.

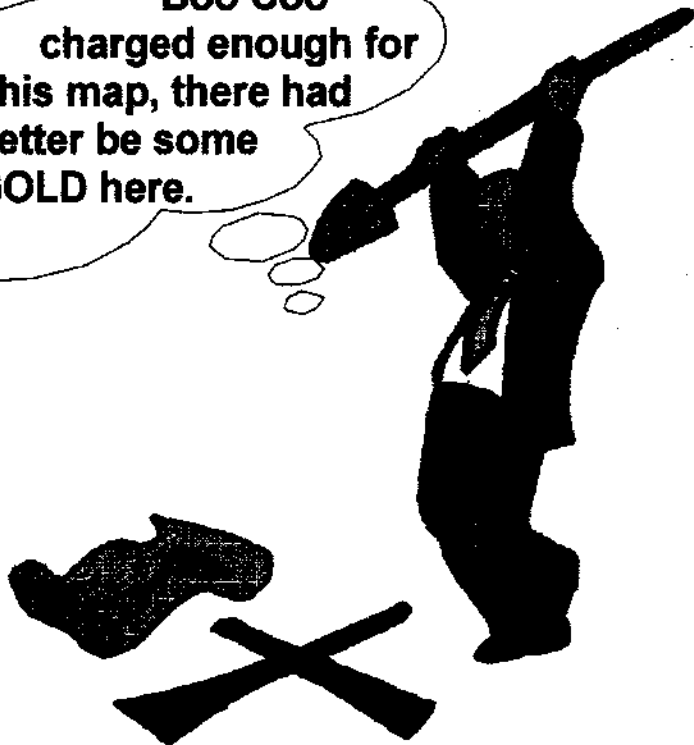
Some panners like to add a small amount of mercury in the last panning process to pick up the flower gold to save in a separate bottle.

For the dry washer to operate efficiently, the gold bearing gravel must be very dry. So dry that it's hot and dusty.

Damp gravel will not pass through the riffles as fast as it should; and gold sticks to damp

*(Continued on page 15)...See DRY*

**"Boo Coo"  
charged enough for  
this map, there had  
better be some  
GOLD here.**



# EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

After placing her kids in the care of friends in Seattle, Washington, Harriet Pullen traveled to Skagway seeking to settle in and make a living to support her four children.



She arrived there with just \$7.00 in her pockets. Captain William Moore, a founder of Skagway, hired her almost immediately to cook, at \$3.00 a day, for his pier-building crew.

A wily entrepreneur, she used her

Harriett Pullen only got as far as Skagway before she settled in and began to make a living to support her

spare time to collect empty tin cans, which she beat into pie pans. Before long, she was making a good profit by selling apple pies to stampeders.

As the crowds flooded the town, she recognized that the real money was to be made not in looking for gold miles away, but by tending to the needs of stampeders on their way into the fields.

She used her pie money to set up a freighting business. She still owned seven horses from her farm at Cape Flattery, Washington, and sent for them. Her freighting outfit over the White Pass trail was successful from the start, bringing her as much as \$25 a day.

When freighting stopped paying off, Pullen used some of her profits to open a hotel.

## Harriet "Ma" Pullen

She bought Captain Moore's home and turned it into the Pullen House Hotel, which she opened a year after she arrived. Her busi-

ness had achieved success with her freighting company and hotel, her husband arrived in town.

Instead of staying and demanding part of her Skagway profits, Harriet Pullen's husband decided to seek his fortune in the



Harriet Pullen posed on her coach in front of her hotel, "Pullen House." Photograph courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Klondike. Harriet remained in Alaska, transforming Pullen House into an elegant hotel filled with the finest china and silver, soft beds and what was a supreme luxury for the time, bathtubs. Harriet Pullen was a strong supporter of Skagway's gold rush history.

nesses were extremely profitable and before long she was able to send for her children.

The hotel-keeper became famous for her hospitality, and became known as "Ma" Pullen.

Harriet's neighbors believed her to be a widow - either by assumption, or her own claim. But, after she

As the town waned in the 1930s, she continued to collect gold rush memorabilia and artifacts. During tourist seasons, she personally greeted each boatload of visitors, regaling them with stories of the town's wild history. "Ma" Pullen died on August 9, 1947 and was buried near the site of her hotel.



"Ma" Pullen in front of the "Pullen House Hotel" Photograph courtesy of Library of Congress



My mistake, I should have said that Dan Green came up with a way to DREAM about gold, not a new way to find gold. Dream about big nuggets for all of us Dan. We are glad you could make it out to the outing. RB

Editor's note: In Sep. Dan Boone wrote that the board members were not in attendance at the Lida outing. President Frank had a rebuttal in which he said a board member was given the job of being at the outing. This is (VP) Sam Johnson's rebuttal to those letters.

Sam's rebuttal:

The three day outings are traditionally scheduled in September in order to plan for an extensive weekend at an area further away than the usual Pahump/ N. AZ area. Labor Day weekend allows for an extra day of planning and traveling for those members who still work and still have children in school. The trip to Lida is traditionally by invitation only specifically on the Labor Day weekend. Since the owner of the traditional property has passed away, our members must find a different plot of land on which to prospect. This tradition was simply being observed when the suggestion to plan a trip to Lida was made.

It has been noted at the board meetings as well as on the suggestion form that outings in the desert during the hot summer months should be reconsidered. The problem is that to our knowledge, no gold bearing areas at higher elevations exist within 3 hours of Las Vegas. If any member has any knowledge of contradiction to this statement, please let the board be aware. As always, any suggestions are welcomed and required if we are to schedule such an event.

Unfortunately, I was appointed man-in-charge of the Lida outing when I was not present to accept the responsibility. Instead of flat out rejecting all responsibility, I made contacts and arrangements to the very best of my ability. I sus-

pected, based on a full month of Chicken Pox between my two small children, that I would not be able to attend the outing. I did not realize that I would be publicly attacked if I did not make an announcement regarding my children's illness. To whom should I report when I am unable to attend an outing in order to ensure proper relief? And where does it state that every or any board member is required to attend all outings? Here is my public commitment to attempt to forecast my children's health in a manner more acceptable to an irritated GSSN member. Shall we apply this new rule to each and every board member present and future?

Perhaps the specific suggestion to move the Lida outing to June or July should be expressed on the suggestion form provided to you at each and every board and member meeting. Perhaps those members who have concerns should attend the board meetings to express your concerns. Board meetings are open to each and every member of GSSN, and attendance is encouraged. The board cannot be held responsible for issues that are not confronted. The tactlessness of the public attack of your board members is unwarranted and offensive, especially when no concerns were mentioned at either meeting, not until publication of the newsletter. Keep in mind that YOU, the members of GSSN, voted last April. Please, work with us to make this club better instead of this nonsense bickering.

I apologize for not being present in Lida. Next time, I will make sure to publicly apply for an excused absence when there is a possibility of ill children or any other warranted circumstance.

Sam Johnson

(Continued from page 13)...DRY gravel.

Depending on the district one goes to, one may wish to attach a finer mesh screen to the hopper, so that he won't have to process thousands of worthless almond-sized rocks.

Most gold in dry\_placer districts is no larger than BB 's, so a finer mesh (1/4") would be most expedient to save time and effort.

As for the gravels to be worked, the best places are on bedrock, and/or in crevices, ledges, cracks, and natural riffles.

Working into the bank of a wash may not be worth it. Stay with the lowest and deepest parts of washes, as the gold was concentrated there by erosion.

Try the dumps of underground dry\_placer workings. Remember, the top of the dump came from the bottom of the shaft.

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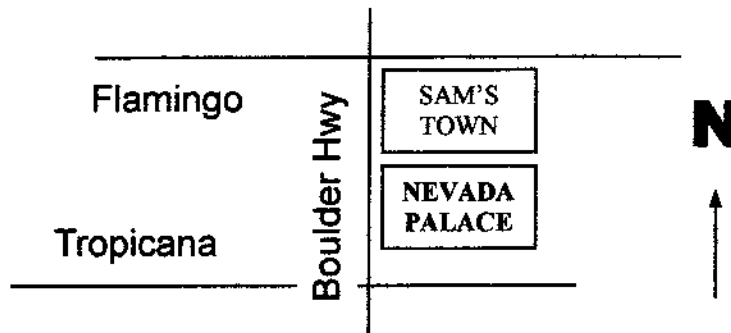
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## LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

### Bush probably could take back monuments. But would he?

Salt Lake City, UT (AP) George W. Bush might be able to undo some of the West's new national monuments if elected president, according to a public land law expert, but it is unclear what the political aftershocks would be.

GOP vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney said a Bush administration would review and possibly rescind some of the national monuments President Bill Clinton has created.

George Coggins, a professor at the University of Kansas School of Law, said it would probably be possible to annul some of the monuments.

"The law gives the president the power to withdraw and reserve lands as national monuments," Coggins said. "It doesn't say anything about the power to 'de\_withdraw' an area, but it is likely that would be implicit in the law."

In fact, 10 national monuments were eliminated between 1930 and 1994, according to the National Park Service. Those lands which included an area with abundant cactus in southern Arizona, caves in Montana and Wyoming, and human artifacts in New York and Colorado were transferred by Congressional action to either a state or another federal agency, such as the U.S.F.S. or the B.L.M.

Under the 1906 Antiquities Act, a president can create national monuments protecting areas of historic or scientific importance by simply signing a decree. Since taking office, Clinton has used the act to create or add to 10 national monuments covering nearly 4 million Western acres.

Some including Utah's 1.7 million acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, which Clinton set aside in 1996 have angered residents and local politicians.

"There may finally be enough disgust with the way these things are being done to take a look at whether these monuments really meet the standards of the Antiquities Act," said Mark O. Walsh, associate director of the Utah Assoc. of Counties.

Walsh said it would be "awfully difficult to undo" Grand Staircase-Escalante, but said Bush might trim back some of the boundaries to exclude areas with thick deposits of coal. A future president could also order federal managers to pay closer attention to the needs of nearby communities when deciding how the monument

will be managed.

### Oregon Group Needs Your Help

Another monument proposal is sitting on Babbitt's desk. This proposal may put over one million acres of southwest Oregon off limits to mining, grazing, farming, off road vehicles, recreational and commercial use of federal land.

The "Siskiyou Wild Rivers National Monument" is being promoted by the World Wildlife Fund, the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club and the Wilderness Society, in brochures distributed by the Siskiyou Project.

Jim Nolan and Ron Smith started a local chapter of People for the USA to help fight the project and they need your help. You can view their web site at [www.pfusorca.com](http://www.pfusorca.com) or contact: Jim Nolan, V.P. PFUSA\_ORCA, PMB 134, PO Box 1459, Cave Junction, OR 97523 (541) 592\_6004

### Critical Habitat Proposed for California Redlegged Frog

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to designate 5.4 million acres as critical habitat for the threatened California red legged frog.

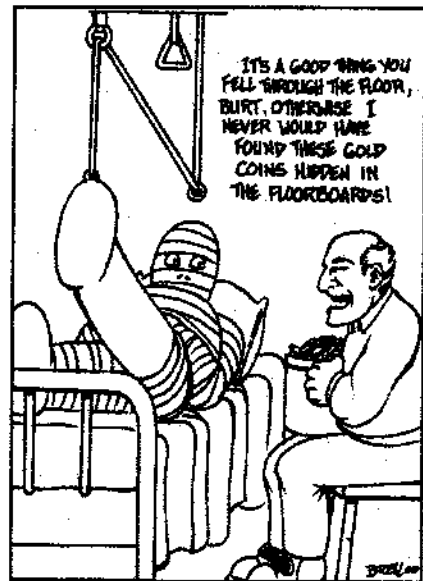
The designation was deemed to be unnecessary as recently as 1996. In March 1999, the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, on behalf of the Jumping Frog Research Institute, the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity and the Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation, filed a lawsuit in the Northern California District Court against the Service

and the Secretary of the Interior for failure to designate critical habitat for the California red legged frog. In December 1999, the Court ordered the Service to propose critical habitat for the species by August 3 1, 2000 and to issue a final rule by December 29, 2000.

The government report states, "...the California red legged frog is found primarily in coastal drainages of central California.

Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties support the greatest amount of currently occupied habitat." The report also states that the red legged frog has been confirmed to be in only "four areas," yet there are 31 counties they want to regulate as part of this proposed critical habitat designation. The stated goal is, "...protecting existing populations by reducing threats; restoring and creating habitat that will be protected and managed in perpetuity; surveying and monitoring populations and conducting research on the biology of, and threats to, the species; and re-establishing populations of the species within the historic range."

Copies of the proposal are available from the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office at the address below. The proposal is also available online at <http://www.rl.fws.gov> under the category of "News Releases." Comments are due by October 11, 2000, and need to be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W\_2605, Sacramento, California 95825. Comments may also be sent by e\_mail to: [fwlcrfch@fws.gov](mailto:fwlcrfch@fws.gov)



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to  
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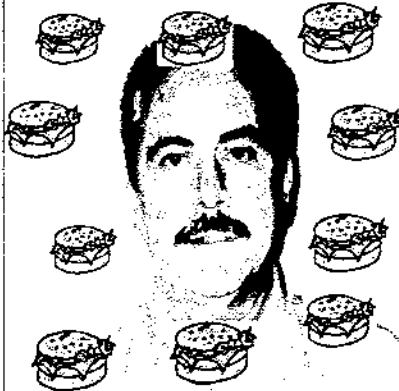
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On a recent trip to Rye Patch to look for those elusive nuggets, a few of us stopped at the McDonalds in Hawthorne, NV. Mort (below) bought several of the special .29¢ hamburgers. Every time it was time for lunch, dinner etc. Mort would be chowing down on one of those burgers, so we all voted him the WIMPY of the Gold Searchers Club.



**MORT SAYS:** "Burgers, burgers, gotta have more of those burgers." Sounds like the Wimpy I remember from all those old Popeye cartoons of more years back, than I care to remember!!! I bet most of you remember those cartoons also.

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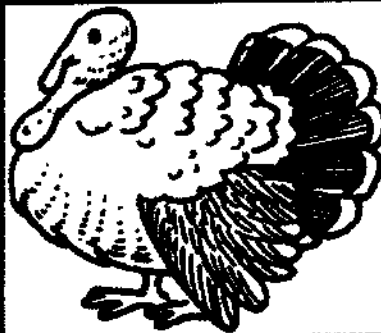
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**RON WOODS NEW TURKEY SOUP RECIPE**

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(be sure to write this one down all you cooks out there) **READ ON**

On our recent outing to Section 28, Ron Woods worked feverously on a great looking dinner dish. He cooked chicken and rice made from scratch. He walked over to a few of us sitting around the fire and offered his chicken and rice soup to any of us that would like to eat some. Dan Boone, spoke up and said, "I don't like chicken, it has to be turkey for me to eat it." Ron Woods replied, "YOU CAN have turkey soup, as soon as YOU jump in the pot." Dan Boone usually can come up with a quick comeback to anything, but Ron had him speechless with this one. Of course Ron quickly added a, "Goble Goble" to rub it in a bit further, before he went back to his dinner. Good One Ron!!!!

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WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR RENEWAL NOTICE  
Please help by filling out the form and sending it and your  
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Thank you for your COOPERATION.

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