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Quinn: Mining rules will devastate state

Nevada attorney general files suit against BLM seeking to overturn new regulations

By Sean Whaley **Donrey Capital Bureau**
CARSON CITY - Gov Kenny Guinn says new U.S. Bureau of Land Management mining regulations set to take effect today will mean devastation for the industry in Nevada with 3,000 jobs and \$351 million in mining production lost.

"In my opinion the (new) regulations will be devastating to Nevada," Guinn said "The BLM has forecasted in its final Environmental Impact Statement that Nevada would bear 70 percent, or \$351 million, of the total loss in mining production."

Because of concerns over the new regulations, Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa on Friday filed a lawsuit against the BLM seeking to overturn them.

The new rules give the authority to deny a plan of operations if it

would cause "substantial irreparable harm," she said.

The phrase is not defined in the regulations and so could lead to possible abuses by BLM officials, Del Papa said.

**Next outing
is Feb 17-18
at Section 28**



Its surprise appearance deprived the state and others of any opportunity to comment about its potential impact," she said "Congress has clearly recognized the right to search for and develop minerals on public lands. No one questions BLM's ability to regulate mining activity, but an outright denial is hard to justify."

Guinn, in letters sent to Del Papa and Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., on Jan. 2, said he will, also ask other Western governors to join with him in petitioning President Bush to impose a moratorium preventing the regulations from taking effect.

The new BLM regulations have received a mixed review, from environmental groups as well.

Several environmental organizations, seeking to keep strong elements of the new regulations intact, say they will intervene in a lawsuit already ready filed by the National Mining Association against the BLM.

The groups, including Great Basin Mine Watch of Reno and the Mineral Policy Center of Washington, D.C., said they, will also file a separate lawsuit against the BLM to strengthen other areas of the regulations.

"While we support parts of the new regulations, other parts make an ancient mining law and outdated regulations even worse," said Tom Myers, Director of Great Basin Mine Watch.

The groups say the estimates of job losses from the new regulations are "vastly overestimated" because they assume mining practices will remain unchanged. Small changes in gold prices have much more effect on mining activity than any environmental regulations, the groups say.

Doug Driesner of the state Minerals Division said the major problem with the new regulations is that a BLM official could shut down a mine if he believed the environmental controls used by a company were inadequate. This change creates a new level of uncertainty and would have a chilling effect on mining investment and exploration, he said.

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Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Calendar of Events and Meetings

- Jan. 31** Executive Board Meeting
Feb. 07 General Membership Meeting
Feb. 14 Mid-Week Outing *
Feb. 17-18 Outing Section 28
Feb. 21 Mid-Week Outing *
Feb. 28 Executive Board Meeting
Mar. 07 General Membership Meeting
Mar. 14 Mid-Week Outing *
Mar. 17-18 Outing Section 28
Mar. 21 Mid-Week Outing*
Mar. 28 Executive Board Meeting
Apr. 04 General Membership Meeting

* For all mid-week outings check with Dan Boone at _

January 03, 2001 General Meeting called to order at 6:51 P.M.

President Frank Mahoney presented both Jim Miller and Don Adams with engraved copper pans for their dedication to our club.

The treasurer was out of town, so Frank read the report.

Willie announced that we needed three volunteers for an election committee. All positions are open. Volunteers are Hank Leighow, Don Adams and Dick Venzani.

Committee reports,

Claims - no report

Library - March & April open for the detector.

Outing - January 20-21. Two day outing at section 28. This will be a combination prospecting work outing.

Public relations - Gus was also out of town, no report.

Hank Leighow reported that the Metro (Lt. Chaney) said no to us helping on crime scene.

Education - Dan Green gave a report about channel 17 viewing of activities about the club.

Boo-Coo gave a plug for Minelab detectors that are being used to find the gold.

Willie Biron then talked about the five acres we leased from Dave and the plans we have for it. He then requested three volunteers to do the audit of the clubs books. The following volunteered to do the audit.

Bud Keas, Hank Leighow and Gordon Eggleston.

Willie then talked much about the need for some by-law changes. He proposed the changes in the form of a motion, read the entire changes he proposed, (the entire proposal is on page 4). There was a little discussion, which was cut off due to the fact that discussion is suppose to take place after motion appears in Highgrader. The motion was seconded by Fred.

Break at 7:47, back at 8:03.

Dan Green spoke on Col. Gillon's display in Henderson and the changes to the BLM regulations. A parting shot from the Clinton administration. Pray that Bush overturns them.

Following are the raffle winners.

Joy Sixbey - Sluice

Tony Vint - Nugget

Gary Riffle - Headphones

Mark Coffman - Binoculars

Hank Leighow - Nugget

Gerry Montana - Nugget

Bill Sachanko - Mag Glass

Chuck Hartner - Nugget

Tim Ross - Nugget

William Rexford - Nugget

Jenny Pinto - Scoop

Ken Longero - Classifier

James Vedral - Nugget

Frieda Robinett - Concentrates with Gold

Gary Riffle - Pan

Bradley Davis - Pan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

GSSN OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

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NEWSLETTER

RATTLESNAKE BRAD

THANK YOU

Your membership chairman met a couple, Allen & Susy Corneliusen, from Ronan, MT over near the 95 freeway to give them updated membership cards. They was coming down for a few days of prospecting. They gave me a bag of concentrates from claims in MT for the club to raffle off. Again thank you Allen and Susy.

NOTICE

**DRYWASHERS AND
 METAL DETECTORISTS
 PLEASE FILL
 YOUR HOLES
 ANYONE CAUGHT NOT
 FILLING HOLES,
 DIGGING UP
 CACTUS PLANTS, OR
 LEAVING TRASH
 WILL BE BANNED FROM
 OUR CLUB CLAIMS
 THIS MEANS
 YOU**

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

by Dan Green

February

The guest speaker for February is Gus Lagerstrom, Western Sales Representative for Minelab USA. He will be speaking about Minelab's two latest detectors, the GP Extreme and the Explorer XS.

March

The guest speaker for March is Stanley Paher. Author of many books about Nevada, Gold mining in Nevada and Placer gold fields.

Other future speakers will be; Richard Wyman. Geologist He was one of the more interesting speakers from our past. He will tell us where gold is most likely to be found. He was the owner and operator of the Techatacup Mine in Nelson, Nevada for a long time.

The Stinky Trail West

Imagine the sunburn you'd get from being outside from sunup to sundown every day for six months. No sunblock. No lotion. That was reality for the California-bound 49ers--most wound up with leathery, sunbaked skin. But that was just the beginning.

Imagine sweating profusely in 90 degree heat day after day--but never taking a bath or shower. That too was typical of life on the trail.

And remember, this

NOTICE

All committee chairmen, part-time editors, ads, articles and whatever else you may want in the Highgrader, must be given to editor no later than the 20th of the month. After that, editor will try to get it in, but cannot guarantee it.

NO SMOKING

We are sorry, but due to consideration of others, there will be **no smoking** at the general meeting. If you wish to smoke, go downstairs to the casino please. Thank you.

was before the days of t-shirts and shorts. Women wore long dresses for the most part, and men wore long pants. And there wasn't even much changing of clothes. They wore the same clothes day after day.

Could it get any worse? Yes. They often had no choice but to drink rancid water, which had the inevitable result: diarrhea. For many, it was a chronic condition.

All these factors combined to create some rather deplorable hygienic conditions. Even the native tribes were repulsed by the smell. The Native Americans, who bathed regularly, thought the emigrants were uncivilized because of their poor hygiene.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

12-30-00 to 01-20-01

Dave Lanphere
Mike Nance
John Calzone
Gary & Donna Stafford
Harold & Tina Scarbro
Dale & Joyce Caldwell
Richly & Barbara Abbott
Ed & Joan Philley
James Franklyn
Donald & Susan Lammon
Ryan & Bobbie McGlynn
Jay & Cheryl Witaschek
John & Lori Pascale
Timothy Ross
Karl & Myrtle Fierling
Thomas Griswold
Don & Patricia Gaines
George Watrous
Guy & Beckyanne Smith
Plaz & Juliane Conner
Greg Lammon
R.E. & Helen Powell

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

Membership Chairman Report

Funds collected and deposited through Jan 20, 2001

17 renewals =	\$340.00
21 New members =	\$735.00
6 Claim Books & pstge	\$7.00
14 Badges =	\$70.00
14 Minelab Tickets =	\$64.00
Total deposited =	\$1,216.00

Rattlesnake Brad

November Board Minutes

I regret that we still do not have the November board minutes to publish in the Highgrader. Our secretary, for whatever reason, has again failed to send them to me for publishing. Maybe next month.

R.B

Motion to amend the by-Laws

January 2, 2001

FROM: Willie Biron

TO: Gold Searchers of S.N. Inc.

SUBJECT: Motion to amend the by-Laws of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada

Submitted in accordance with article 8 of the GSSN by-laws.

Members:

Argument for passage:

The by-laws have not been reviewed for several years, and there is a need to clarify who is a member and can vote. For example the rules state a member is a married couple each having a vote but what about the significant other. There are more than one such example where a non married person has become a club officer, without legal membership. Adding significant other would correct this. Also in keeping track of memberships where do you place the name of the non-married spouse? With the paying member, or separately? If separately, they would have to be somehow tied together which becomes unmanageable.

There is also a need to create an incentive to serving our organization which now approaches 500 members. A good way to do this is to exempt certain positions from dues during their tenure. I also feel that the president being the most responsible and taxing position in our club should have a lifetime membership but only after serving two full terms. In order to transact business, a quorum must be present. The present by-laws state that 20% of the membership must be present. Since it is not explained what constitutes an active member for this purpose, I would assume that with a membership of 500, that would mean approximately 1000 members if you count the spouse as stipulated standing rules. This would mean that at least 200 members must be present at the meeting to conduct business. Everyone knows that we have only about 110 at each meeting. This change would bring the count to

10% to more closely match those that attend meetings and also clarify which active member to count for a Quorum.

It also provides for publishing a notice in the Highgrader when a quorum was not present to allow a vote at the next general meeting regardless of the number present.

Proposed Amendments / changes to Standing Rules

Article 3: Membership

C. *add* "see standing rules"

Article 4 Meetings and Quorum

A. *Change to read* "There will be at least 1 (one) General Meeting each month. **The December meeting may also be held jointly with the Christmas party.**"

C. *Change to read* "For the transaction of business, there must be at least 10% of the active members present at the time of the meeting. ***The Spouse and prime member counting as 1 member although both have a vote. This will constitute a Quorum for the purposes of transacting business. The Membership chairman will verify at the meeting from the sign in sheet whether or not there is a Quorum and inform the president before the meeting begins. Should a Quorum not be present, there will be no transaction of business, instead a notice will be placed in the highgrader and the old business will be transacted at the next general meeting after publication in the Highgrader. Should a Quorum still not materialize, The members present will rule***"

MEMBERSHIP:

A. A member is one person, a married couple *or significant other*, each having one vote; the children have no vote.

B. A complimentary 1 year membership may be given by the Executive Committee under extraordinary circumstances.

C. To become a member the appli-

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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

Gold Searchers "Code of Ethics"

1. Before searching/prospecting public sites or lands, always check on laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern your search.
2. NEVER Trespass. Always get permission when searching/prospecting private property or claims.
3. Never leave open holes. Try to leave the area as it was. Fill in and/or level your prospect holes and piles. Leave protected flora and fauna alone. **NOTE: Anyone caught not filling holes, will be banned from club claims.**
4. Report the discovery of any item of significant historical value to the local historian or museum.
5. If you discover live ammo, explosives, or a lethal object, DON'T touch it. Mark the site and notify the Police at once.
6. Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your club/sport/hobby. You are an ambassador of our club and a pastime we want to protect and we will be judged by how we act and respond.
7. Do not litter. Pick up your trash and some extra, please.

MOVING

Planning a move, please send us your new address as soon as possible. You may either send it to clubs address, or send it via e-mail to:

RattlesnakeBrad1@aol.com

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

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL 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: RattlesnakeBrad1@aol.com
PS don't forget the (1) at end of name, Thank You

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cant must be 18 (eighteen) years old or older, **complete and sign a hold harmless agreement application.**

D. There are three kinds of membership; Honorary, Regular, and Complimentary.

(1) An Honorary membership is one accorded to a member who has served as President for at least two (2) full terms and is good for life, with waiver of dues.

(2) A Regular membership is that accorded any person who completes an application and pays the dues set by the Executive committee. Membership will cease 30 days after the renewal date unless renewed.

(3) A complimentary membership may be given under extraordinary circumstances by the Executive Committee provided a motion is made, passed and made a part of the board minutes. This type of membership will have a starting and ending date. Additionally, all members appointed to the position of Chairman of a standing committee will have their dues waived while holding that position.

E. The Executive Committee may dissolve committees at any time and appoint another to that position. Failure to produce the results desired of the committee by the Board would be sufficient cause to replace that Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted

Willie Biron

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

Here is February's door prizes for your consideration.

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. Pocket Scale
9. Plastic Scoop
10. Clay Gone 8oz bottle
11. Earphones
12. Mapscale for 7.5 USGS topo maps
13. Lots of gold nuggets up to five grams

SNIPING WITH A DETECTOR & DRYWASHER

By Jim Straight

First, I will define the term "Sniping" as it is used in this article. By sniping I mean to selectively process a small portion which is believed to contain more value than the complete area. I will discuss five forms of sniping. All five forms will relate to desert drywashing sites.

CREVICING

(Detector or Small Drywasher)
This is the same as crevicing bedrock the streams of California's Mother Lode. Crevicing is sniping fractured low angled bedrock exposed in the bottom and sides of gulches, gullies and washes.

Since we are crevicing desert-drywash sites, instead of wet panning with water, a metal detector with a three or four inch nugget coil is used, or a small hand operated drywasher can be used.

The equipment you will need is a small plastic gold bottle, a 10-inch plastic gold pan (or plastic cup), a small good quality trowel, a belt knife and a crevicing tool. A heavy duty screwdriver and small, sturdy one inch paint brush are also recommended.

If the ground in the crevice is dry and hard-packed, a small pick-ax of some sort may be needed. However, go easy with the pick-ax; don't leave any unfilled holes; it's important to backfill and leave the area neat. Sniping is a profession and always must be conducted in a professional way.

Procedure: If you use a detector, dig out the material from the narrow cracks and crevices, and carefully place it into the plastic pan or cup. By carefully panning (shaking) the material in the pan or cup against the coil, any targets can be retrieved by emptying half the contents into your other hand and determining which portion has the target.

By selectively passing the material past the coil and throwing the barren portion away, the target portion can soon be narrowed down to a small pinch of material. Use a detector with fast autotune; ground balance it to neutral. Use headphones and preferably a small nugget coil. Using a magnet will speed up recovery time as common trash is either magnetic iron or lead fragments.

Procedure: If you use a small drywasher, the material must be dry. Place the material dug out from the cracks and crevices in to the hopper of the drywasher and handcrank it through. You may want to catch the tailings in your pan and run them through again. Also, visually check the header material that didn't pass over the riffle tray for a nugget larger than the screen.

HAND OPERATED DRYWASHER

The material found in a small gulch or gully is unsorted because of flash flooding. A small hand operated bellows drywasher is another way to snipe. Instead of tedious crevicing the operators snipe around large boulders, exposed bedrock and localized landslides, seeking small localized "pay streaks" that prior experience has taught them to be productive.

They may only work a few cubic feet of material at a site and return to the same spot year after year, depending upon annual flash floods to replenish the gold. Using a small drywasher allows an operator to snipe areas where larger machines can't be used.

METAL DETECTING

Gulches and gullies can also be worked by a detector. Use the detector instead of the small drywasher described in the procedure above. The flash floods have scattered the gold instead of concentrating it.

The washed away sides of the gulch and any exposed bedrock, especially if it is tipped at a high angle and broken up, can hide nuggets in the cracks. By the very nature of a gulch, small search coils of 3 to 4 inches may work best.

These small coils can work the tight areas that predominate, and since the gold is scattered more than concentrated, flakes and nuggets can be found on or near the surface.

DETECT DRYWASH PILES

If you are reworking large drywash areas that have been extensively worked before, any drywasher "header" pile is worth spreading out and detecting. The header piles were scalped off the upper coarse "grizzly" screen (usually a 1/4 to 3/8 inch screen).

Carefully spread the piles out with your feet or digging tool while detecting.

It is sometimes worthwhile to check the "tailing" piles also. If the ground was damp, or the operator careless, a flake or nugget could have slipped through.

DETECT UNPROCESSED OVERBURDEN

I include processing the overburden as part of sniping because the overburden is a small part of the area.

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conducted in a
professional way

Unprocessed overburden was thrown up as high as possible on each side of the gully to get it out of the way as the "old timer" drywash operators only ran the material directly above bedrock through their drywashers. They were only interested in the richer material above the bedrock.

The overburden was left on the sides of the wash, and formed flatter contours. After a few years, the overburden grew brush and vegetation and now closely resembles the surrounding undisturbed ground.

Nuggets of all sizes may have been shoveled out as part of the overburden because desert drywash gold is scattered throughout the alluvium. Seek out this unprocessed overburden and carefully detect its surface. You might even consider it worthwhile to process all overburden through a motorized drywasher. It may now be the richest ground left, such as the pillars in underground mining.

SUMMARY

Actually, a drywasher and detector complement each other as equipment used in desert drywashing. A detector can be used to locate possible areas in which to drywash. A detector is limited to the shallow surface or a dry placer area. IN the years past this shallow surface was removed as part of the overburden before serious mining was conducted.

A modern, heavy duty, well made motorized drywasher is capable of processing all of the material one or two operators can shovel in a day.

When detecting and drywashing, follow all rules and regulations. Don't dig up roadways, as they may be the only access road into the broader area. Leave vegetation alone. Cover all holes. Leave the area cleaner and neater than it was before you worked it. Remember, mining is a profession to be conducted in a professional manner.



Tim Cody's Lost Ledge

In 1908, after the great strikes of Tonopah, Goldfield and Rawhide had drawn tens of thousands of people into the Nevada deserts, prospectors continued their search for bigger and better finds. Tim Cody was one such prospector and was that year camped at Stewart Springs some 15 miles from Goldyke. Using the springs as base, he systematically covered all of the surrounding country for signs of Ore.

Eventually his supplies began to run low, so he decided to travel to Goldyke to obtain more. On that day, an overcast winter morning, he set out on foot for the store, 15 miles away. It was just his luck that the overcast blew into a storm and Cody got lost.

He located an abandoned mine tunnel and spent the night there somewhat protected from the storm. The following morning, with a clear sky, he started to climb a ridge nearby to get his bearings. Partway up he happened to stumble upon a rich gold vein in a quartz outcrop. Cody picked up a few ore samples and continued up the ridge.

From the top, as he later stated, he could clearly see Paradise Peak as well as Rawhide Peak to the northwest. But even knowing the landmarks did not seem to help and he soon became lost again, reaching Goldyke after much difficulty.

Once resupplied, Cody tried time and time to find the goldladen quartz and always ways failed. Eventually after he gave up, and moved on, the story became just another half believed Nevada legend. Then in 1949, three men appeared in the area searching for the lost ledge. Evidentially Cody had told someone about it who believed him, the three men had a map drawn by the prospector to guide them.

But Cody couldn't find the gold and his map couldn't lead anyone to it. Somewhere in the hills south of Gabbs the ledge is still there. It may take someone getting lost to find it again.

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DISTRESSING NEWS

This is the first word to reach San Francisco of the great human disaster later known as the Donner Party. It was published in the "California Star" shortly after a rescue party left Sutter's Fort to search for survivors in the Sierra.

Distressing News, by Capt. J.A. Sutter's launch which arrived here a few days since from Fort Sacramento—we received a letter from a friend at that place, containing a most distressing account of the situation of the emigrants in the mountains, who were prevented from crossing them by the snow,—and of a party of eleven who attempted to come into the valley on foot. The writer, who is well qualified to judge, is of the opinion that the whole party might have reached the California valley before the first fall of snow, if the men had exerted themselves as they should have done. Nothing but a contrary and contentious disposition on the part of some of the men belonging to the party prevented them from getting in as soon as any of the first companies.

The follow particulars we extracted from the letter:

The company is composed of twenty three waggons, and is a part of Col. Russell's company, that left the rendezvous on Indian Creek near the Missouri line on the 13th day of May last. They arrived at Fort Bridger in good time, some two weeks earlier than the last company on the road. From that point they took the new road by the south end of the Great Salt Lake, which was then being marked out by some seventy five waggons with Messrs. Hastings and Headspath as pilots.

They followed on in the train until they were near the "Weber River canon," and within some 4 or 5 days travel of the leading waggons, when they stopped and sent on three men, (Messrs. Reed, Stanton and Pike) to the first company, (with which I was then travelling in company,) to request Mr. Hastings to go back and show them the pack trail from the Red Fork of

Weber River to the Lake. Mr. H. went back and showed them the trail, and then returned to our company, all of which time we remained in camp, waiting for Mr. Hastings to show us the rout.

They then commenced making the new road over the Lake on the pack trail, so as to avoid the Weber river canon, and Mr. Reed and others, who left the company, and came in for assistance, informed me that they were sixteen days making the road, as the men would not work one quarter of their time. Had they gone on the road that we had made for them, they would have easily overtaken us before we reached the old road on Mary's river. They were then but some 4 or 5 days travel behind the first waggons, which were travelling slow, on account of being obliged to make an entire new rout for several hundred miles through heavy sage and over mountains, and delayed four days by the guides hunting out passes in the mountains, and these waggons arrived at the settlement about the first of October. Had they gone around the old road, the north end of the great Salt Lake, they would have been in the first of September.

After crossing the long drive of 75 miles without water or grass, and suffering much from loss of oxen, they sent on two men (Messrs. Stanton and McCutcher.) They left the company recruiting on the second long drive of 35 miles, and came in to Capt. J. A. Sutter's Fort, and asked for assistance. Capt. Sutter in his usual prompt and generous manner, furnished them with 7 of his best mules and two of his favorite Indian vaqueros, and all of the flour and beef that they wanted. Mr. C.S. Stanton, a young gentlemen from Syracuse, New York, although he had no interest in the company, took charge of the vaqueros and pro-

visions, and returned to the company. Afterwards, Mr. Reed came in almost exhausted from starvation; he was supplied with a still larger number of horses and mules and all the provisions he could take. He returned as far as the Bear river valley, and found snow so deep, that he could not get to the company. He cached the provisions at that place and returned.

Since that time (the middle of November,) we heard nothing of the company, until last week, when a messenger was sent down from Capt. Wm. Johnson's settlement, with the astounding information that five women and two men had arrived at that point entirely naked, their feet frost bitten—and informed them that the company arrived within three miles of the small log cabin near Trucky's Lake on the east side of the mountains, and found the snow so deep that they could not travel, and fearing starvation, sixteen of the strongest, (11 males and 5 females) agreed to start for the settlement on foot. Scantily clothed and provided with provisions they commenced that horrid journey over the mountains that Napoleon's fete on the Alps was child's play compared with.

After wandering about a number of days bewildered in the snow, their provisions gave out, and long hunger made it necessary to resort to that horrid recourse casting lots to see who should give up life, that their bodies might be used for food for the remainder. But at this time the weaker began to die which rendered it unnecessary to take life, and as they died the company went into camp and *made meat of the dead bodies of their companions.* After travelling thirty days, 7 out of the 16 arrived within 15 miles of Capt. Johnson's, the first house of the California settlements; and most sin-

gular to relate, all the females that started, 5 women came in safe, and but two of the men, and one of them was brought in on the back of an Indian.

Nine of the men died and seven of them were eaten by their companions— The first person that died was Mr. C.S. Stanton, the young man who so generously returned to the company with Capt. Sutter's two Indian vaqueros and provisions; his body was left on the snow. The last two that died was Capt. Sutter's two Indian vaqueros and their bodies were used as food by the seven that came in. The company left behind, numbers sixty odd souls; ten men, the balance women and children. They are in camp about 100 miles from Johnson's, the first house after leaving the mountains, or 150 from fort Sacramento. Those who have come in say that Capt. Sutter's seven mules were stolen by the Indians a few days after they reached the company, and that when they had left, the company had provisions sufficient to last them until the middle of February.

The party that came in, were at one time 36 hours in a snow storm without fire; they had but three quilts in the company. I could state several most horrid circumstances connected with this affair: such as one of the women being obliged to eat part of the body of her father and brother, another saw her husband's heart cooked &c; which would be more suitable for a hangmans journal than the columns of a family newspaper. I have not had the satisfaction of seeing any one of the party that has arrived; but when I do, I will get more of the particulars and sent them to you.

As soon as we received the information we drew up the appeal of which I enclose you a copy, calling a meeting in the armory of the Fort, explained the object of the meeting and solicited the names of all that would go. *We were only able to raise seven here*,—they started this morning for Johnson's to join the party raised there. Capt. J.A. Sutter

in his usual generous manner ordered his overseer to give this brave band of men, all the provisions they could carry. They took as much beef, bread, and sugar, as they thought they could carry and started in good spirits on their long and perilous trip. Capt. Kern the commander of the Sacramento District, will go up as far as Johnson's tomorrow to assist in starting the party, and may go as far as the Bear River Valley.

California Star
February 13, 1847

A minor footnote to the Donner Party disaster occurred 73 years after those hapless emigrants began their trek over the Sierra. The February 1919 *Grizzly Bear*, magazine of the Native Sons of the Golden West, contained this obscure Donnerania buried on page 16, in columns devoted to Parlor happenings around the state:

PIONEER MOTHER SENDS GREETINGS.

Truckee—In June of last year, when the Grand Parlor dedicated the Donner Monument, one of the honored guests of the occasion was Mrs. Frank Lewis of Santa Cruz, one of the survivors of the party which suffered such hardships at the monument site during the winter of 1846-47. Recently she sent this letter of greeting to President F. A. Wilson of Donner 162:

At Home
November 23, 1918

Mrs. F. A. Wilson,
President, Donner Parlor, Truckee

Dear Native Son of Our California:

I Love California.

In June, 1918, three of my children accompanied me to witness the unveiling and dedication of the grand monument, erected upon the

spot of ground where my own little feet tried to make prints onward and out of the deep, deep, snow, to California, a land of "Plenty of Beef and Wheat."

Yes, but this is a note of most grateful thanks to all of the Native Sons and Daughters of California. Mr. McGlashan, and all faithful workers, to gain a monument to the Pioneers' memory. The monument is magnificent, the pride of our State of California.

I desire to send greetings to you, and each member of your Parlor; yes, glad!

Thanksgiving Greeting!

Hip Hip Hurray! The war [World War I] is over. Peace! Joy, gladness, come to every one of our noble Native Sons. God has been our guide; not through snows and THE starvation, but through the bloodshed of war.

Greetings with all kindest wishes to you and each member of the Donner Parlor of Truckee. I trust we shall meet again, clasp the hands of friendship, and be glad.

I am your old Pioneer friend.

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THE LEASED FIVE ACRES



Above..

Mitch gets started removing the sage brush from the area we plan some shade buildings and camping.

Left..center

Here he is continuing to clear the area, leaving the Joshua trees and large cactus plants, to help beautify the area. Each of us before we leave should dump any spare water on the plants, which will help them even more.

Left-bottom

By the end of the day, Mitch had cleared enough area for several campsites. Will do more at a later date.

On January 6-7 a few club members went over to the leased five acres to watch and help the start of the project. Mitch had called me on Wednesday and said he would be at the site around 8:00am on the 7th.

Saturday night had been cool, but we built a small fire and were able to sit outside until 10:00pm. The sleeping bags were very cool as we slipped between them, but in a few minutes they had warmed and we was quite comfortable.

Dave had told us that in the mornings it would be very cool until the sun came over the hill. He was right. We had crawled out of the sleeping bags a little before the sun came up and it was very cool, but as soon the sun came slipping over the hill, what a difference it made. Warmth. Loved it. We had a quick breakfast and took out cups of chocolate over to talk with the others enjoying the sun.

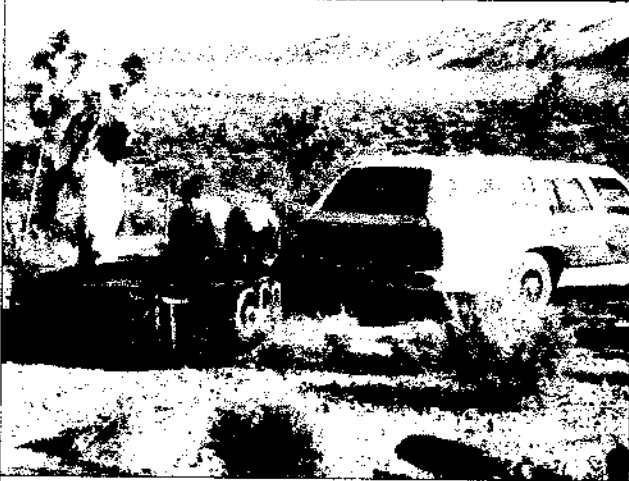
It was almost 8:00am and as we looked off in the distance we could not see a dust cloud. Dave had said he could see vehicles coming a long way off by watching for the dust cloud. I was asked, "Do you think Mitch will show?" I said, "Hey! he is pulling a heavy load and has many hills to get over and it is slow going." "He will show." Shortly after 8:00am we could see a truck pulling a backhoe just past section 28. He had arrived and only a few minutes later than he had guessed it would take to pull that machine to the five acres site.

As you can see he accomplished a considerable amount of work. Mitch is used to working hard and his company can plum several pools a day.

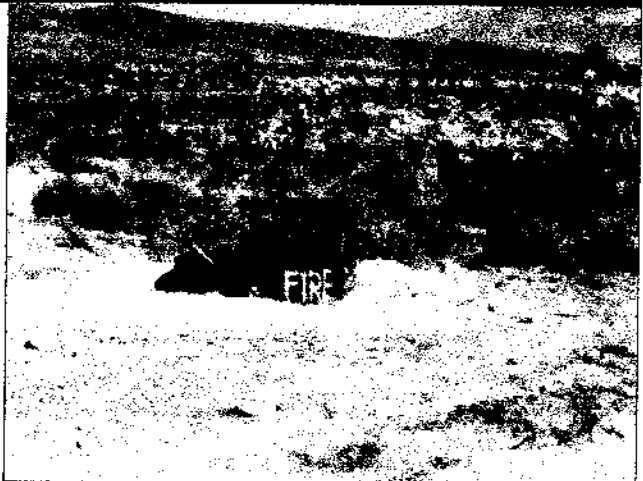
Thank you Mitch to both you and your family for all the work you have done at this site.

Lets pitch in now and finish this project by all doing our part.

THE BEGINNING !!!



Dave took a chain and hooked it to the fire pit and his station wagon and within minutes it was moved to its new location on the five acre parcel we leased.



Mitch dug down a ways and then used his backhoe to push the fire pit into it. He then shoved a lot of dirt back up and around it.



On Sat evening a couple of prospectors stopped to say hello. One was Gary Cameron from Idaho City, ID. His wife had recently found the larger of the two nuggets shown in these pictures. With a Minelab of course. It was estimated to weigh a pound and a half. Where found you say? The best we could get was south of here in the mountains. Makes me jealous. How about you?

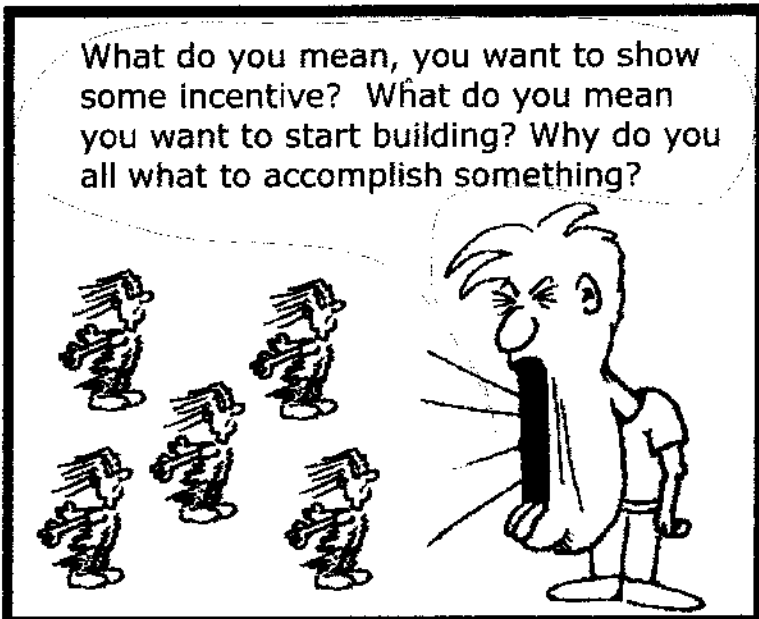


Dave is the one that leased the five acres to us. When in Gold Basin, be sure and go by his trailer and say hi.

The other nugget belonged to John Siple. He had gotten it in California, but I did not get the particulars. It was a beautiful piece of crystallized gold though. The coin in the one picture is a nickel.

Mitch is the one that did all the backhoe work. When you see him at the outings, be sure and thank him for a job well done.





FROM OUR PRESIDENT

January 15, 2001
 President George W. Bush
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
 Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President;
 I am the President of the Gold

Searchers of Southern Nevada. Our organization is made up of over 500 citizens who live in fear of unreasonable actions being brought by the Bureau of Land Management. President Clinton's last order to the BLM which is to take affect on January 20, will effectively stop all prospecting for minerals in the United States.

As a metal detector hobbyist, I wish to express my opposition to the proposed rules and amendments to laws already in place. Not only am I deeply concerned about my rights as a taxpayer and hobbyist, but also about the rights of thousands of others who use this vast natural resource to pursue their livelihood Taking into consideration the hundreds of unresolved issues, coupled with overwhelming public opposition and the fact that the laws already provide maximum environmental protection. I feel that the timing on these orders is intended to cause you embarrassment and at best, are premature. At worst, it is completely unnecessary and a perfect example of fixing something

before it is broken.
 Thank you in advance for your consideration of this problem.

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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

Ice Cream From God?

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six_year_old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice_cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart," the man replied. Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kid's

Ignorance is Bliss

Want to be happy in your old age? Don't pay attention to any one else's advice.

That's the word from the *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, by way of a study done at Hofstra University in New York.

Researchers studied the "inner ages" of various volunteers -- in other words, how old they felt, regardless of what their drivers' licenses said.

They found that the signs of a happy, youthful inner age were: being venturesome, *giving* advice and keeping fit.

But the signs of being old and unhappy were: *taking* advice, being a homebody and having health worries."



ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

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EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

Soon spring was very near, and Clarence was making ready to go to Alaska again. Ethel did hate to be left at home;

yet she knew what a hard trip it would be. If it was anything like the first one--well once in a lifetime was enough. Clarence bade his family and friends goodbye and left in good time, as he had many things to buy for the journey as well as for the claim before the boat sailed. Then, just a week before the boat was to sail, he sent a telegram to Ethel telling her to come along, as it was too lonesome to go alone. At the end of the telegraph he added: "Bring Tot." I jumped up and down, saying: "May I? May I go, mother?" and just as calm as could be she answered "We shall see," as though I had asked to go to the barn. But Ethel knew she was going. As soon as father came in, he said that he had no objections. That was one thing about our parents, they scarcely ever said no, but took it for granted that we had our lives to live and were always ready with their help.

I was sent to town to buy blue flannel to make us each two suits to wear after leaving Seattle, just a sort of middy blouse and skirt, rather short, for ease in walking. I was so excited that as soon as I was in the store, I had to tell the clerk before I could ask for the flannel. I said: "I'm going to Alaska, and I will see the ocean and sail on a boat!" "Oh," he said, "I suppose you will help to sail the boat." Not knowing any better, I replied: "Maybe the captain will let me help." After getting all my things together, I hurried out and put them in the cart standing nearby; some one told me that was the Nelsons' cart. I took the bundles out and put them into my cart and picked up the reins ready to leave. Somebody else called: "Hey! you'd better untie the horse first!" No, I wasn't one bit excited! We worked all day and part of the night before we decided that we

Ethel Berry Ethel Goes to the Klondike

could not finish in time and would have to get a woman from town to help, as it would be time to start in twenty-four hours.

It was a wonderful trip--two whole days and nights on the train, and in the Pullman this time! Some of the places put me in mind of Towle. We saw snow-capped Mt. Hood and Mt. Shasta, and wonderful trees and ferns. I told Ethel it was a shame to go to sleep.

With only a day and a half to outfit ourselves, we went right to work, C.J. keeping right at our heels to see we bought the proper things--

Mind this--all of our provisions and equipment, tin cups, tin plates, spoons, a sheet-iron stove and a handful of cooking pans, would have to be pulled miles and miles over frozen trails.

overshoes, gum boots, heavy socks, parkas, and flannels. We could take only the things that were really needed; we could not add an extra pound of anything. Each of us had a heavy canvas bag in which to carry our belongings, as these bags would carry well on a sleigh. At the time, we thought C.J. was rather hard on us; but before we reached Dawson I wished that we didn't have any sacks, as many times we were obliged to get into the dog-harnesses to help pull the sled.

There were ten of us in the party, including Clarence, Ethel, William Berry (C.J.'s father), Charley Dearing and myself. We traveled together, ate together, and pitched camp together. The other five had their own tents, sleds, and supplies. Charley was on the train with us, while Pa Berry had gone ahead with Clarence. Seattle was full of people going to the mines. Some had just

enough money to get to Seattle and were begging someone to take them, or pleading for a loan to buy a ticket. The boat was already crowded

and no more were allowed on it.

How beautiful the ocean looked! I could not wait to explore every inch of the boat, as it was the first time in my life that I had seen one. Our course was called the inland route, as we could see land most of the way, the water usually being as still as a mill-pond. The only place it was likely to be rough was in Queen Charlotte Sound.

I enjoyed every minute of the day, for there were many people to talk to, and there was much to hear. Many on the boat told me it was their first trip also. I spent hours asking questions of the crew.

Arriving at Skagway, we had to take a smaller boat to Dyea, then to Sheep Camp, where we cached our bags and supplies. This was the gold rush of 1898. At every port were thousands of men and only a few women. All the men looked alike, each wore a beard or fuzz on his face to keep him warm, a heavy flannel shirt, parka, and boots. In one line the men were loaded with goods, while in the other they were returning for more.

Sheep Camp was just at the foot of Chilkoot Pass, where everyone was waiting to cross. The weather was still very cold, snow was everywhere, and the lakes we had to cross were still frozen over. We were impatient to be moving, but the Indians had warned us all that the Pass was too dangerous to risk; at any time there might be a snow slide.

I was delighted when we pitched camp on the main street, for I had been afraid C.J. would pick a place 'way back and I should miss seeing things. Everything was new to me and most exciting. We had one tent for cooking and one for sleeping.

Mind this--all of our provisions and equipment, tin cups, tin plates,

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(Continued from page 14)... KLONDIKE
spoons, a sheet-iron stove and a
handful of cooking pans, would
have to be pulled miles and miles
over frozen trails.

It was hard work cooking for so
many with the same kind of food
every day and so few utensils. Ethel
and I did the cooking for our crowd.
We had to set up everything twice
for each meal, as we didn't have
enough dishes. We had brought one
sack of potatoes; and when these
were used, we should not eat pota-
toes again until we returned to the
States. The cooking smelt so good
to strangers passing the tent that
they would poke their heads in to
ask if it was a boarding-house.

The tent where we dressed had a
double flap on the entrance, pinned
with six-inch safety pins. Even with
that one of us had to stand guard
while the other bathed and put on
clean clothes. Someone would work
at the door trying to get his head in,
just to see who lived there. We
would call out: "You can't come in!
This is private." Then he would ask:
"What the hell is that?" One day
when a man was talking back to us
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rence stepped up and landed a good
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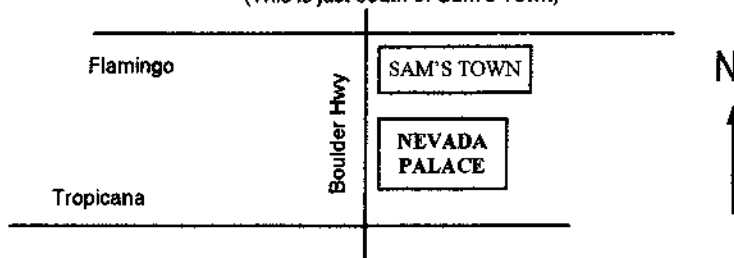
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It could save your life - II

One of these days, gold may save your life. In ancient times, the glittering metal that never tarnished was believed to bring good fortune, to ward off evil spirits, to help heal the sick. Today, increasingly, it is healing the sick and saving lives.

Surgeons use gold instruments to clear coronary arteries. Injection of microscopic gold pallets helps retard prostate cancer in men. Women with ovarian cancer are treated with colloidal gold. Gold-coated lasers literally give now life to patents with once inoperable heart conditions and tumors.

Because it is biologically benign, biochemists use gold to form compounds with complex materials like proteins to create now lifesaving drugs. One experimental now gold compound being tested for AIDS blocks virus replication in infected cells.

Because of gold's unsurpassed ability to reflect infrared radiation, it has become an important biomedical tool for scientists studying why the body behaves as it does. For example, by attaching a molecular marker to a microscopic piece of gold, scientists can follow its movement through the body. And because gold is readily visible under an electron microscope, scientists for the first time can now see whether and where a reaction takes place in an individual cell.

Some researchers are placing gold on DNA to study the hybrid genetic material in cells. Others are using it to determine how cells respond to toxins, heat and physical stress. Still others are studying the chemical changes that occur in normally functioning cells.

One of the most promising now areas of medical research is with lasers whose interior surfaces are coated with gold to control the focus of the beam. In one develop-

ment, gold vapor lasers create a high intensity red light with the required wavelength to seek out and selectively destroy cancerous cells without harming their healthy neighbors.

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President George Bush Takes Action!

by Dan Green

After taking the oath of office as President of the United States, President George W. Bush walked off the podium and into the Oval Office. As one of his first acts as President, he REVERSED THE ORDERS OF THE PREVIOUS PRESIDENT, PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION!

President Bush had been contacted by your President, Frank Mahoney, Governor Guinn and the National Mining Association regarding the order to the BLM to stop all mining in the United States. The order to the BLM would have devastated the state of Nevada and all prospecting for gold or minerals of any kind.

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by Peg Wager, Newcastle Reporter

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According to the article, President Clinton learned there were 100,000 cattle guards in Colorado. Since Clinton was so upset with ranchers' protests over his grazing policies, he told U.S. Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt to fire half the cattle guards immediately.

Before Babbitt could proceed with the President's wishes, Colorado representative Pat Schroeder intervened with a request that before any were fired they would be given six months of retraining.

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