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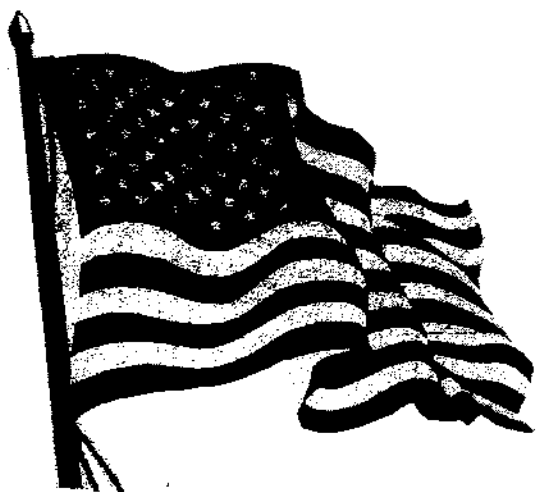
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Over The Land
Of the free, and
The Brave.*



EXTREME PREJUDICE!

You have all heard the joke;
The entire world is crazy except you and me. ?
And I am not too sure about you.!

The world is in a general state of unrest
because of the World Trade Center and the
Anthrax problems.

There are religious extremists here and
abroad. They are mostly bible thumpers and
religious zealots but not always. They come in
all nationalities. Some may even be in our
club.

Next is a rather delicate issue but it needs
to be raised. Americans of Middle Eastern
decent do indulge in detecting and gold hunting.
They should have every right to do.

Race and religion should not play a role
in events such as what is happening now, but
unfortunately they often do. We ask all of you to
be especially careful.

We also ask the club members in those
groups where persons of Middle Eastern decent
are members to gather around them to make sure
their rights are equally protected.

We must always remember that being
an American means more than just a few
words.

Daniel Green

TREASURERS REPORT 10-23-01

Expense.....	
Rental expense-Nevada Palace 9/1-12/1	\$400.00
Office Supplies	\$ 52.79
Telephone expense long distance	\$ 1.23
October outing 10-13	\$200.00
Tips (Nevada Palace) 4 months	\$ 60.00
Printing Highgrader	\$263.00
Total	<u>\$977.00</u>
Income.....	
Members 9 @ \$35.00	\$315.00
Members 17 @ \$20.00 renewals	\$340.00
Door Prizes	\$415.00
Badges	\$ 35.00
Total	<u>\$1,005.00</u>
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PLEASE WRITE TO YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON, DC.

The few minutes that you take to write TODAY, may help to keep the trails and open spaces available for our hobby.

Presidents Message

Christmas comes once a year. We have our Christmas Nugget Tickets will go on sale soon Tickets will cost \$5 a piece, or two for \$9. Buy lots of tickets The money all goes into the club fund.

The Christmas party will be at the Nevada Palace Hotel on Saturday, December the 8th, 6pm to 10 PM. Tickets will cost \$5 for each person. The Christmas nugget will be given away at the party as well as other prizes.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible. More details will be coming at a later date.

Daniel Boone

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 C: Steve Molnar.

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CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Art Becker.

The only significant Claims Committee activity during October was checking out an area near Nelson, where the Posse closed some mines recently. Nelson is one of my favorite spots, mainly because of the history.

It's possible that prospecting started as far as back the Conquistadors, coming up the Colorado River. The area the Committee checked is in the Upper Copper Canyon area. It's said that most gold there is in the form of sulfides. While there might be some placer gold in Eldorado Canyon, that area is pretty much all patented land.

Due to the extremely short notice I had that some of us were needed for publicity purposes, I was only able to tell some of the committee members about the expedition, and only Robert Peterson was able to come along. The good news is that he was a resident of Nelson for many years, and knows the place inside out.

We spent about four hours in the area, metal detecting for three of them. The good news is that this is a target-rich environment. The bad news is that the targets were all junk. Shotgun shells (lots of hunters in the area), shell casings, bullets, barb wire, tin cans, nails, and everything else you can imagine, except gold. I did manage to find a nice pocket knife, a few inches down. Since the blade says it's stainless steel, I don't imagine it is of much historical significance.

When I'm out metal detecting, I like to take a few baggies with, to sample likely areas. I take a GPS reading, and mark the location on the bag, then fill it up with dirt. When I get home, I pan it out, to see what I got. But, because of the short notice, I wasn't able to plan as well as I would have liked, and I forgot the baggies. I had one that I was using for some equipment, so I was able to move things around in able to use it.

The last hour was spend drywashing. I have a small drywasher, and Robert has an ATV, so he hauled the equipment to a likely looking area. Because of the geography, no matter where I stood, the wind quickly found me, and blew all the dust into my face. It got to be like a Keystone Cops movie.

The bottom line is that we didn't find any nuggets, and only an insignificant amount of color. Interestingly, I found more color in the small baggie sample than I did in the hour's worth of drywashing concentrate.

There are several more areas around Nelson that I want to check out. Most of the area is claimed, but there are a few places that aren't. Of course, there might be a good reason for that, too.

Nelson is worth a half day trip, no matter what. There are plenty of relics in the residents' yards, and lots of old mining structures, in various degrees of bad condition. It's also a dangerous place, with glory holes, shafts and tunnels all over the place. Further down route 165 is the Techatticup Mine and Museum. I haven't had time to visit. A mile past that is where the Lake Mead Recreational Area starts, and no prospecting is allowed. Taking the road to the end gives you a wonderful view of the Colorado River below.

The mouth of Eldorado Canyon, below, is the former site of Nelson Landing. A flash flood once killed several people there. In fact, there was a 20 foot waterfall in the Canyon, but after the flood you couldn't even tell where it was!

<< Art >>

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George & Joyce Ginter

BOOK REVIEWS 11/07/01

by Joe Cathcart.

#33 Guide to Modern Treasure Hunting

by Charles Garrett

Book covers Cache Hunting info and treasure hunting in general. Has good section on Coin Shooting; Antique Bottles; Practical theory, etc. (213 pages)

#25 Gold! Gold! A Beginners Handbook and Recreational Guide (How & Where to Prospect for Gold!) by Joseph Petralia

Book covers How to Pan, Dry Placer Operations, Operation of a Sluice, Dredges, Staking a Claim, Amalgamation, Where to Prospect, etc. Good book of info. (142 pages)

#11 Electronic Prospecting- Gold and Silver Instant Riches- by Charles Garrett

Covers Successful Nugget Hunting Techniques, How to High Grade a Mine, Field Prospecting, etc. Small booklet and fast reading. (81 pages)

#7 The Week-End Gold Miner- by A.H.Ryan Ph.D.

Covers- Where to Look, How to Get It Out, Testing what you find, Mining in the Desert. Fast Reader with interest. (55 pages)

#91 Placer Gold Deposits of Nevada

by Maureen Johnson

Arranged by Counties, History of Placer areas of NV, Each NV County lists Gold Areas, Map showing reported location of Placer gold deposits in NV. Each area is given by geographic area and township and range. Access to each area is indicated by direction and distance along major roads & Highways. Everyone should review this. Real info! (118 pages)

#205 Be expert with Map & Compass by Bjorn Kjellstrom

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Protecting the Environment.

As you know, the Clinton-Babbitt 3809 rules became effective just hours before President Bush took the oath of office. The stated justification for these regulations was to protect the environment.

The money from the environment front groups goes a long way toward closing off the American land from you, the owner of the land. And in many cases, you are made to pay a toll to walk upon YOUR LAND.

The creation of wilderness areas will keep all American's off these designated lands except to travel on foot.

To his ever-lasting credit, President Bush suspended the Clinton-Babbitt land grab.

Senator Reid's office is crafting several compromises to the proposed changes. There have been public hearings where the people have stated their opposition to the changes.

Now, Senator Reid's office has called us to ask for support for a bill to close off public land from collection of fossils.

They were told in no uncertain terms that we are opposed to closing off the American lands for any reason. If they can stop people from collecting fossils, they can stop us from collecting rocks and/or gold.

Senator Reid always leads off his letters and calls with, "as you know, I am a long time supporter of mining in Nevada. If he were, he would throw these burns out. He would shut the door and lead other Senators toward an open land policy.

This is not an invasion of the American Land by an enemy outside of the country. These are enemies from within our country with a lot of money. They are buying away the rights to your land..

President Bush will take care of the enemy from without our land.. We must take care of the enemy within our land.

Daniel Green

J. T. Thompson

Mc caw School of mines.

For all of our members who have never seen the inside of the Mc Caw Mine. Now is your chance.

There will be an open house on November 3 from 9 AM till Noon.

We need some help with panning and on running tours through the mine. You must call **Dorothy Webb at 558-8501 BEFORE** you come out to the mine. She will schedule your time at the mine. It is important to control the amount of people at the mine site.

The program takes about two hours of your time on which ever day you can come out.

The mine is located in Henderson, Nevada near Water Street and Basic Streets. Call Dorothy if you would like to help out on this worthwhile program. Over 20,000 Clark County School Children have come through this mine. This project is **FUN, FUN, FUN.**

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Big October Outing.

They came from near and far to be at the Big Outing. From Meadview, Dolan, Vegas, even Texas. Over 50 people signed up and over 50 showed up. There were some who signed up and didn't make it and some not on the list who did make it.

Based out of the 5 acres we had a great time. There was a panning contest, detector hunt, pot luck dinner with some great steaks, a raffle with some great prizes, a campfire get together with prizes, even a demonstration on how easy it is to change the oil pan on a mini van.

And don't forget the chilli pot on Saturday morning. Thank you to all who helped with the cooking, set up, and those who donated extra prizes for the raffles. Without your help we may not have had so much fun.

George Niederriter

SPECIAL EVENTS NOTICE !

The Federation of Metal Detector & Archeological Clubs Treasure Weekend and Convention.

November 3 & 4, 2001

Free Workshops and Seminars...

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The River Palms Resort and Casino Laughlin, Nevada. www.fmdac.com

This is their 17th Annual Convention and really is worth going to. Further information, call Robbyn after noon please.

Spencer Bryant

HERITAGE MUSEUM REPORT.

The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada were invited to participate in the Annual Clark County Museum Gem and Mineral Fair. This event is in conjunction with 'Heritage Days in Nevada.

Over 1,200 children from the schools in Clark County attended this outstanding event. 650 students were scheduled in the morning and 650 students came in the afternoon. The Clark County Rock and Gem club put on a brilliant display of Polished Rocks, Gems and Artwork.

Space was provided for the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada to do panning demonstrations. The children were divided into groups of 6 to 10 children who had one adult teacher or parent to guide them. Each child and the adults were able to learn how to succeed as a Gold Panner. Talk about Happy kids. Wow!

The members who did the panning were: **Duane Fortin, Daniel Mc Clain, Donna Baird, Gloria Forest, Jack Bond, Jerry Montana, Richard Montana, Roland LeCleric, Bud Linde, Rita Miller, Gordon Eggeston, Daniel Green and Earl Hunter.**

Six new members were signed up at this event and dozens more took applications. Heritage days are happy days in October.

As Chairman of Education, I want to say "Thank You" to each of the volunteers that helped our club work with these children. You made us look good. Earl Hunter.

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Rumors that it could contain a pulse Train interferometer and parameter-matching algorithm library. It may be true; if so watch out everyone.

For more information contact Russell at thunter@pdai.com or call at

He who laughs last.....thinks slowest.

*Everyone has a photographic memory..
Some don't have film.*

QUESTION !

Do you like to talk about our club to your friends and family ? Do you find it exciting to talk about finding GOLD ? Would you like to tell the news media about events BEFORE they happen ?

You could be the person that we have been looking for. **The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada is looking for a person to handle public relations for our club.**

You could write interesting stories about our members and the fun that they are having in their search for GOLD. No special talent is needed. Just a willingness to talk about the thing that you love most. Call if you are interested. Now this could be fun to do.

Larry & Ida Miller

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I don't look for it until the middle of Nov., but may have one at the FMDA show.

So this detector is not only a gold machine it has excellent iron rejection and depth. It handles mineralized soil in auto and manual mode with ease. This detector is MicroProcessor DSP Technology and it's great

It comes with a three-piece handle for easy packing.

The cost is \$995.00

For more information contact Russell at thunter@pdai.com or call 524-1156

November Outing

The November outing is 17 & 18. The weather will be cool and the Gold will be plentiful. As a measure of Thanksgiving, bring home the Gold AND the Turkey. Ron Woods has a special recipe for Turkey. He might just spill the beans if we ask him. October was great. November will be better.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER.

WALTER LOMBARDO who is Chief, Southern Nevada Operations and the Senior Geologist, Nevada Department of Minerals will be the guest speaker for our November meeting.

He has spoken out on issues that affect miners and prospectors in the past. He attended the open meetings of Senators Reid and Ensign. He spoke out on the need to keep miners and prospectors active and against creating more unneeded wilderness areas.

He has an important message for all of us.

Noah Webster: *"The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword, because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band or regular troops."*

President Theodore Roosevelt: *"In a civilized and cultivated country, wild animals only continue to exist at all when preserved by sportsmen"*

Call- a- friend !

We **DO NOT** want to keep the club a secret from the world, so call a friend and invite them to the meetings. We are asking that each member call at least 5 people. We have 540 members now. Wouldn't it be nice to have a club of 1,000 by the end of the year !

I then plug in the hot plate and allow the nitric acid to boil. After about 15 minutes, I hold my breath and walk over to take a look into the dish. The beautiful gold is all cleaned; the mercury has gone into solution with the nitric acid and has been encapsulated into the nitric acid. Unplug the hot plate and allow it to cool down. The mercury will not re-collect onto the gold as the nitric acid cools down to where you can handle it. I might add at this point that you should keep a mixture of bicarbonate of soda and water handy in the event you get any nitric acid on your hands, you should immediately dip them into this solution. It will nullify the nitric acid. It does take nitric acid a few minutes before it will burn. After I have poured the nitric acid off the gold button, I flush it thoroughly with water and possibly even some bicarbonate of soda. Then the gold, which is beautifully cleaned, is ready for sale or whatever.

This is called amalgam or sponge gold. To recover the balance of the mercury that is in the nitric acid, all you have to do is insert a copper rod, and all of the mercury will attach itself to the copper.

However, most of the mercury has already been recovered through the mercury press, and all that is left is just a thin coating that was still attached to the gold.

At this point, the nitric acid should be flushed away with some bicarbonate of soda to nullify it before it is dumped out. I don't try to save the nitric acid to use a second time, however, I have heard it is possible to do so. Nitric acid is very reasonably priced, and with one batch I can boil off something in the neighborhood of an ounce to two ounces of gold.

I hope that this method will be of use to you and help you in separating your fine gold from your black sand, because as we say up there at our gold mine, "Buzzard's Roost". "Man does not live by nuggets alone, but he must have concentrates." Good luck for now.

NOTICE: Because we have no control over how you physically go about using materials or in following our instructions, we cannot be responsible as to the results you get or any injury you might cause yourself or others, or property damage that might occur to you or others property.

Submitted by
Thunter@

MEETING

General membership meeting

Our Monthly Membership Meeting is held at NEVADA PALACE HOTEL 2nd Fl. 5255 S Boulder Highway First Wednesday each month 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM All guests and prospectors WELCOMED.

BOARD MEETING

GSSN board meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month Valley Vista Mobile Home Park Rec Building on Cabana Drive Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. All Members are welcome. Take Desert Inn to Cabana. Turn left. Go ¼ mile and into gate. Rec Bldg. In on left, just inside the gate.

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BLACK SAND CONCENTRATES by BUZZARD

When you're running your sluice box, dredge, shaker table, drywasher or just gold panning, you'll be developing concentrates along with larger flakes and nuggets that you take out. How to deal with these concentrates is a big question. Many miners and prospectors have their own methods.

Many mining methods of cleanup and extracting the gold from these concentrates are dangerous. I'd like to share with you the method that I use.

After our season is over, we bring our concentrates home and prepare for our winter's work. Usually I wind up with two 55-gallon barrels of black sand with gold concentrate, which I work out during the wintertime. I do this by running the black sand through the following process.

First, I start with a rock tumbler and deposit the black sand in it, and put about 1-2 parts mercury to the amount I estimate that there should be in gold. Usually my black sand runs about 4-5 pennyweights per batch (I have a small rock tumbler and run about 10 pounds of black at a time.) I let this run in the rock tumbler for about 48 hours.

Here's what happens: The fine gold has a fine organic film which surrounds it. This causes the mercury to roll over the top of the gold unless it is scared up. I have found that the black sand concentrate which the gold is found in is the best abrasive there is; and that by using it in the rock tumbler, it will scar it just enough to allow the mercury to adhere to the gold that is in the tumbler. (This is precisely why many prospectors have had trouble in collecting all of the gold out of their black sand just by swishing the mercury around in their pan.)

After about 48 hours, I dump this batch back out into my gold pan and I concentrate or pan it out so that I have only mercury left. If I have problems at this point with separating the mercury into a lot of fine beebees, I cool the temperature of the black sand somewhat, about 50 degrees, by putting it in the refrigerator. Then I put down a larger glob of mercury to pick up all of the small beebees that have separated by the agitating process of the rock tumbler. Now the mercury must be squeezed or strained through a silk cloth or a shammy. However, I have found that either method of straining creates some problems, so I have built myself a mercury strain, or a little press that presses the mercury through a skin shammy, which has been dampened. This process takes off most of the mercury

and saves most of it. It allows me to have a silver bullet or button with the gold on the inside and the mercury on the outside. At this point I am ready to retort off the mercury.

There are many methods that one can use to boil the mercury off the gold, but anytime you raise the temperature of mercury above 550 degrees, it will vaporize and mercury vapor is as deadly as cyanide gas. I never use that method. There has been much talk about the baked potato method, and about the use of retorts. However retorts are expensive to purchase, especially for the small prospector and recreational miner. So I have discarded this also, as both methods again take the mercury above 550 degrees.

I use the following method. I procured a small hot plate and a Pyrex dish. It must be Pyrex because glass will break. I put the Pyrex dish on a hot plate out in the backyard where there is plenty of ventilation. I fill the Pyrex dish $\frac{3}{4}$ full with the nitric acid (about a 90 percent solution). Then I deposit my gold button coated with mercury on it into the nitric acid. This immediately starts an action and fumes begin to rise from the nitric acid. These fumes are toxic. They may not be fatal, but they can make you sick, so be sure to stay away from them.

DRYWASHING

BY GEORGE MULLEN

PUFFING FOR GOLD

Most traditional methods for recovering gold from gravels need an ample supply of water. However, an old prospector's adage has it that gold is where you find it. In the southwest, the "where" is all too frequently situated miles from even a trickle of water. Dry washing of gold bearing soil or gravel provides an effective solution to this dilemma.

The Spaniards used a scheme similar to the winnowing of wheat from the chaff and straw. Two men would grab the corners of a blanket upon which a small quantity of fine gold bearing material had been placed and repeatedly would toss it upward into the air. The wind would blow away the lighter fraction, and any gold and black sands would fall back onto the blanket. Wool blankets worked best, as the static electrical charge generated tended to hold fine gold at the blanket's surface.

The modern prospector uses an efficient tool called a dry washer to extract the ever elusive gold particles from screened gravels or other material. Dry washers can range in size and complexity from shovel fed models, to large machines serviced by wheeled or tracked front end loaders. All require a low-pressure, high-volume air source. At the low-cost end, this can be provided by a bellows linked to a hand crank or motor driven fly wheel. At the higher-cost end, the air source is typically a gasoline engine driven blower. The remaining components of a dry washer are a sloped screen or grizzly which routes the fines to a pneumatic sluice box where a mechanically modulated air stream accomplishes the separation.

A dry washer for recreational prospecting might consist of a rectangular screen with 1/2 inch openings over a sloped trough. The screened material would pass from the lower end of the trough to the head end of a sloped riffle tray consisting of cotton fabric stretched over an inner frame. The tray includes sides to contain the flowing material, and its surface is interrupted by



Dry washer, light and portable.

five crosswise riffles. Under the tray is a hollow box and the mechanism which modulates air flow through the tray at a rate of about 200 puffs per minute. The rate of air flow is designed to be sufficient to lift lighter material over the riffles while the gold remains trapped behind. When everything is working right, the flow of material through the riffle tray resembles water flowing through a conventional sluice box.

My dry washer was built from a plan published by Carl Fischer. It is mostly constructed of wood and is extremely portable. A small gasoline engine drives the air box via a belt and pulley speed reducer, producing the needed 200 puffs of air per minute. The end result is an efficient separator which saves the finest of gold. I have checked the tailings on numerous occasions and have yet to find any significant amount of gold in them.

Prospecting for gold in the desert uses techniques similar to those used to locate placer gold on flowing streams or old stream channels. You want to sample dry washes on pediments to mountains, feeder can-

nyons in the mountains, and ancient stream beds. Another old prospector's adage suggests that one should look for gold where it has been found before. This is still sound advice!

At many sites in the northwest, very fine gold is typical, and the usual methods of recovery—gold wheels for example, do not usually work very well. I have found that screening and drying of dredge or highbanker concentrates and then running them through my dry washer really works well. I use a metal detector to monitor both the feed and the tailings, and after running for about an hour, clean up the riffles to check your finds. I use a Garrett pan for the final clean up and have operated all day on a gallon of water.

We—my wife and friends and I—run either a suction dredge and/or a highbanker during the summer where there is a good supply of water. My dry washer allows me to stay active in the winter, usually at Quartzsite, Arizona. My prospecting and mining provide enjoyable activity as well as any profit which may result.

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Annual Christmas Party Update

The Annual GSSN Christmas
party details have been finalized.

**WHERE.... NEVADA PALACE
WHEN.... DECEMBER 8 AT 5:30 PM
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The party will be at the Nevada Palace Hotel and
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- ◇ **Great Family Fun**
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See you there!!!!



**GOLD
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*What is the Gold Searchers
of Southern Nevada?*

It is a local, non profit, Las Vegas Club comprised of members from all walks of humanity. Be it young "Greenhorns" or "Seasoned Prospectors." Some members are experts in such fields as Geology, Mineralogy, and even Mine Engineering. Some are Couchpotatologists. But most of all, members have a common love of their freedom to explore the "Great Outdoors."

GOLD FEVER spurs a lot of us to get out and extract enjoyment out of our mother earth, and learn more about her hidden wealth. There's a wealth of knowledge to be obtained, and friendships to be made. Lest we forget, the wealth of excitement in finding that beautiful, yellowish metal called **GOLD!**

Though finding **GOLD** is not our sole priority (we do public service for the mining industry, such as teaching scouts, and public school

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students how to pan gold), it is, however a lot of what we are about.

We are a fun-loving bunch that welcomes new members, and we gather together on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45 PM, at NEVADA PALACE HOTEL AND CASINO, 5255 S. Boulder Highway, Las Vegas We voice our opinions as one on such matters as land use, and mining laws. Also, to help others who have become aware of our recreation or livelihood. We teach how to use mineral rights without abusing them, and work to protect our rights to continue in our prospecting interests. The majority of our members own a Metal Detector. Our Club plans field trips where such an instrument could help unearth that precious metal. Others in our Club put more trust into known gold extracting equipment, such as Dry Washers or Recirculating Sluices. Some of their equipment is handmade, and some of it is store bought. Being in a local Club, such as ours, can help you to see and use a variety of mining equipment first hand in a location known to produce **GOLD.**

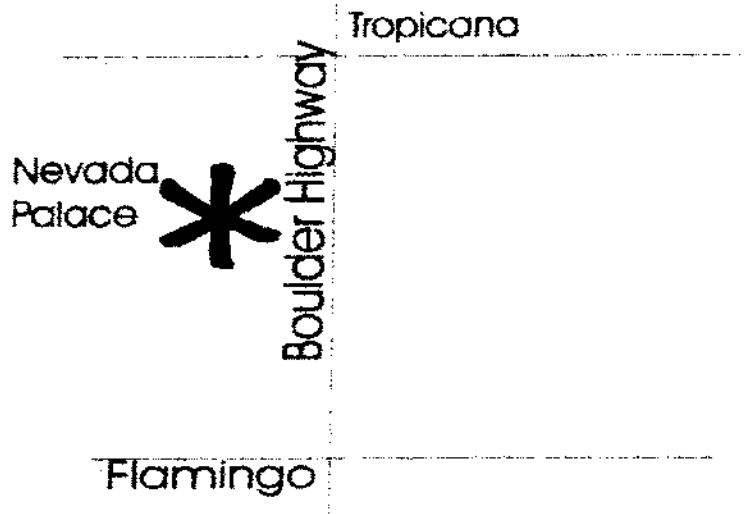
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