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THE PAHRUMP OUTING

Friday, September 22, and the wind was howling so bad,

Husband and wife both find their first nugget within a month of each other. Hers at the Pahrump outing, on the 23rd. Read their stories, starting on page 12.

we thought the house would lift off the foundation. We thought about the Pahrump outing the next morning. It would be difficult to hear a signal from our detectors in this wind. Should we go? After thinking

about it for a short time we decided to go no matter what. Besides, Yvonne was having prospecting withdrawals. She had threatened death, if I didn't get her out prospecting. At least it wasn't suppose to be as hot as it has been.

We sat the alarm for 4:00 am so we could be there at the break of daylight and hopefully get in some detecting before the wind got to strong again. When my eyes opened, the clock said 6:15, what happened? How did it get so late? Well no reason to

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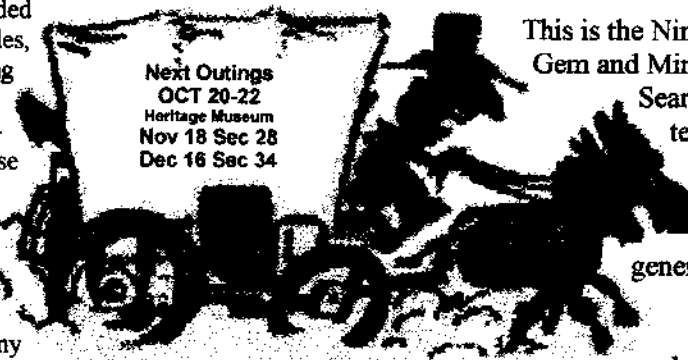
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OCTOBER OUTING AND FIELD TRIP

Each October the GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA joins with the LAS VEGAS GEM CLUB at the CLARK COUNTY MUSEUM, October 20, 21, 22.

Hours are from 9 AM to 4 PM. The Museum is located at 1830 Boulder Highway Henderson, Nevada (near Equestrian Drive)



Next Outings
 OCT 20-22
 Heritage Museum
 Nov 18 Sec 28
 Dec 16 Sec 34

This is the Ninth, Clark County Gem and Mineral Fair. The Gold Searchers will have a tent provided by the Museum to use for panning demonstrations for the general public.

We will need some volunteers to man the tent for panning demonstrations. About 1,000 children are expected to attend on Friday the 20th. They will be there from 9 AM till 1PM. on that day. They will be broken into small groups so that each child will have a chance to pan for some GOLD. They WILL NOT be able to keep the GOLD.

We need the names of those who will help with the panning so that name tags and parking lot passes can be prepared in advance. The passes will be good for all 3 days. Friday the 20th is expected to be the busiest day.

On Saturday and Sunday, we expect to have groups

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Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Calendar of Events and Meetings

Oct. 14	Outing to Section 28
Oct. 18	Mid Week Outing +
Oct. 20-22	Outing to Heritage Museum (for info call Dan Green 795-0383)
Oct. 25	Executive Board Meeting
Nov. 4	General Members Meeting
Nov. 8	Mid-Week Outing +
Nov. 15	Mid-Week Outing +
Nov. 18	Unofficial Outing to Section 34 *
(Use ONLY SE section, STAY OFF THE TWO WESTERN SECTIONS)	
Nov. 28	Executive Board Meeting
Dec. 8	Christmas Party NV Palace
Dec. 16	Unofficial Outing to Pahrump *

Note: Unofficial simply means no prepared food for outing, otherwise the outing is the same as others. See you there.
+ For all mid-week outing check with Dan Boone at

General Meeting Oct. 4 2000
The meeting was called to order by Pres. Frank Mahoney at 7:00 Pm. Frank introduced 10 new members and guests. There were also 113 members present.

Secretary Bridgett Pope was excused due to illness. Lorna Caldwell substituted for her.

A motion was made by Vernon to accept the minutes as printed in the our Beautiful new Highgrader. It was seconded by Dick and passed. Due to recent changes we have a new Treasurer, Mort Le Monde, Librarian, Dan Boone, Membership Chairman and Highgrader Editor is Rattlesnake Brad. Therefore we had no treasurer report until our treasurer has a chance to go over the books.

Frank announced that the S.E section of 34 is straightened out and we have the claim on it secured. He said new maps and a pamphlet on how to get claims will soon be available. Now that we are sharing claims with other clubs everyone must sign a release when they renew their club membership.

Frank also asked if anyone was interested in chairing a field trip committee. Our goal is to have club events planned a year ahead so members could plan to attend on vacations etc.

BLM has offered us a truck and a backhoe to clean up our claims. If you are interested in helping with the cleanup call Frank.

The Mining Expo is Sat. Oct. 7th. If you are interested in free tickets e-mail Frank at Frank@-----om or call him at

Dan Green announced that the Heritage Museum event will be Oct. 20-21-22. There will be 1000 children on Friday, and Boy scouts on Saturday, and Sunday. He needs lots of help to teach them panning. Call him at 795-0383. He also needs help at the McCaw school of mines.

Thanks to Ron MacDonald who arranged for some of our members to do a TV show on Channel 17 about our club. A VCR was arranged for, but wasn't there. It will be shown at the next General meeting.

Willie Byron announced the need for a field trip committee. We need people to contact possible locations for field trips, cook, buy food, and plan field trip events. If you are interested call any member of the board.

Our club gets lazy and thinks one person can do it all, that's just not true. The more help we have the better events we have. He also said that each month there will be a list of

GSSN OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT	
FRANK MAHONEY	
VICE-PRESIDENT	
SAM JOHNSON	
TREASURER	
MORT LEMONDE	1
SECRETARY	
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DAN GREEN	
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door prizes that will be given away at the next meeting, of course we can always use donated prizes anytime. This month Ed Dibble donated a organizer and Don Adams donated a hand made purse.

Frank said Christmas nugget and dinner tickets are now on sale at the meetings.

Rick VanHorn won tonight's gold pick award, a nice nugget. Door prizes winners:

Wanda Morris—gold sand packet, sniffer

Bill Solman - eye loop, sniffer

Jean Davis - nugget, classifier

Henry Leighow - gold pan

Bob Reed - nugget

Russell Gremore - gold pan

Alex Mullens - organizer

Ron Woods - sniffer

Ron Caldwell - gold pan

Dan Miller - necklace and ring

Carl Richwine - scoop

Robin Gibbons - nugget

Voldsk Banaszdek - purse

Richard Montana - nugget

Larry Nensdiel - bumper sticker

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Minutes by Lorna Caldwell

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of BOY SCOUTS. They will be there to earn a merit badge.

The general public will be allowed to pan for GOLD on all 3 days.

THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE FOR YOU TO SHARPEN YOUR PANNING SKILLS, COME ON OUT AND GIVE US A HAND

This is your chance to see the Las Vegas Gem Club in action with an incredible display of Rocks, Minerals, fossils, books and equipment. Much of it for sale! There will be over 30 vendors. There will be Gem cutting, Lapidary demonstrations, fascinating learning stations and silent auctions. If you like rocks, minerals, and fossils, this program is for you.

NOTICE

THE BOARD MINUTES WILL BE IN NEXT MONTHS HIGHGRADER AS SECRETARY WAS ILL AND DIDN'T GET THEM TO EDITOR

**Friday October 6,
11:39 am Eastern Time**

European gold picks up from lows to end tad firmer

LONDON, Oct 6 (Reuters) - Gold <XAU>remained largely subject to currency movements in Europe on Friday, ending just firmer after spot prices fell through \$270 for the first time since last month's Bank of England bullion auction.

Hovering either side of \$270 throughout the session, bullion prices picked up to end just firmer at \$270.70/\$271.20 from Thursday's New York close of \$270.60/\$271.10.

Its (gold's) continued flirtation with support in the \$268-\$272 band is gener-

See Prices... (Continued on page 8)

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

(Pahrump—Continued from page 1)

worry about it, just get going as fast as we could. Fortunately most stuff was already in truck, so we got on the road very quick. "Watch for cops honey, I am in a hurry." I said, as we flew down the freeway. We managed to get to the Pahrump claim shortly after 8:00 and was we glad we went. The wind had quit, the morning was beautiful, and the temperature was considerably less than it had been. You couldn't of had a better day for prospecting. It started out very cool, but warmed up soon. While it was warm being in the sun, there was little breeze that felt wonderful. Yvonne and I ended up being skunked this day, but who cares, it was a great trip. There was not a big turnout, but twenty or so had a great day, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Best of all GOLD was found!!

We can hardly wait for the next outing, of course, we may have to get in a couple of detecting days before then, as we have GOLD FEVER!!!



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
9-9-00 to 10-04-00**

- Mike Berger
- Dave Schwartz
- George & June Niederriter
- Carl & Lee Haynes
- Orlando Peters
- Barry & Karen Leavitt
- Eddie Basner

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

Membership Chairman Report

Your membership committee collected and deposited the following funds.

25 renewals =	\$500.00
9 New members =	\$315.00
4 Ads =	\$80.00
4 Claim books =	\$4.00
1 Badge =	\$5.00
Total deposited =	\$904.00

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.



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Many things are going on in the club with my push to bring the club into the mainstream.

Many miles have been traveled and hours spent by your members trying to update our claims.

We are going to be looking for volunteers to work on a couple of new ideas:

1. Public Relation Program hand and hand with BLM
2. Outing committee so we can plan outings a year or so in advance. This way you can make plans early.

BLM has sparked an interest with us and offer a truck and backhoe to help with any project.

We would like to hear from you with your input or willingness to help.

Please voice your opinions in the suggestion box not on the Street

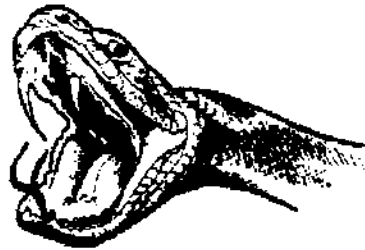
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What do these two
have in common?
GIVE UP?
See box at top right on page 8.



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.

WHERE'S THE GOLD!

The big stuff is here. The club has the gold for the monthly raffles. There will be a minimum of 5 grams of gold nuggets raffled off at each meeting for the next year. This is in addition to all the other items we have purchased like two way radios, Ultra Violet lights, pans, scoops, binoculars etc. etc. different big prizes each month so check the list. Twelve or more prizes each month You asked for it, now you've got it! If you've been putting off buying tickets, now's your chance to take it home. As usual tickets will be available at the door.
by Willie Biron

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

SHRINKING STATE GOLD OUTPUT COSTS JOBS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STATELINE Depressed gold prices hit Nevada's mining industry hard last year, costing one tenth of its workers jobs and slashing tax revenues, industry economist John Dobra said.

Nevada lost 1,320 mining jobs in 1999 with 11,920 people working in the business at the end of the year compared with 13,240 in 1998 and 14,660 the year before that, Dobra told the Nevada Mining Association at its annual meeting here last weekend.

The theme throughout the report is that the industry is changing," mining association President Russ Fields said.

He said industry cost cutting and consolidation are, coming about because of market conditions that have kept gold prices down for three years.

Prices averaged roughly \$279 last year, compared \$294 in 1998. Gold closed at \$272.80 Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, down 10 cents from Tuesday's close.

Production is down and costs are down, and the changing corporate landscape is an important issue," agreed Dobra, who heads the Natural Resource Industry Institute at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he is an associate economics professor. Dobra said consolidation in the industry will make it healthier in the long

run. He said that means projects such as the Phoenix Project proposed by Battle Mountain Gold Co. have a better chance of going forward, because Newmont Mining Corp. and BMG plan to merge.

Nevada's mining worker count declines 10 percent between 1998 and 1999

The changes also include the emergence of international players such as AngloGold, the world's largest gold producer, as operator of the Jerritt Canyon Mine north of

Elko and Gold Fields of South Africa, which is merging with Franco Nevada Mining. Placer Dome Inc. acquired Getchell Gold Corp. last year. Along with the increase in mergers, low gold prices also resulted in a \$30 million tax reduction in 1999, Dobra said, hurting both the state and local governments.

Net proceeds of mine taxes totaled \$24.94 million in 1999, compared with \$33.27 million in 1998 and \$29.86 million in 1997.

Adding in the other taxes the industry pays, including sales and use taxes, property taxes and business license taxes Dobra said the total amount of taxes paid in 1999 was

\$102.29 million, compared with \$135.9 million in 1998 and \$125.47 million in 1997.

-CATCH THIS SENTENCE-

Nevada remains the third largest gold producer in the world, behind South Africa and Australia.



WILL YOU HELP

Our club is looking for help to run a couple of committees.

a) We need help determining when and where to have our outings, and what we will do at these outings. Our thoughts are to plan major outings 2 years in advance so we can get our act together and make them memorable. This committee will be responsible for brainstorming, and organizing the events.

b) We need someone with people skills and ability to make connections / in our community. As a non-profit we would like to get the local agencies on our side by participating in or setting up activities which benefit our community. We want to set up claims cleanup/ hole filling events, Panning demos, etc. etc.

Anyone wishing to share their expertise, or just partake in our decision making process should contact any Club Officer.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

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. WE NOW WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE BETTER AND BIGGER OUTINGS. THE REST OF YOU PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR.

THANKS AGAIN

IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF GOLD

Gold probably was found on the ground and used by prehistoric man as a tool. Highly sophisticated gold art objects and jewelry discovered by archaeologists in the Royal Tombs at Ur, in what is now Southern Iraq, date back to around 3000 BC. Similarly, goldsmiths of the Chavin civilization in Peru were making ornaments by hammering and embossing gold by 1200 BC.

4000 BC

Gold first known to be used in parts of Central and Eastern Europe.

3000

Egyptians master the art of beating gold into gold leaf and alloying it with other metals.

1500

The Shekel (two-thirds gold) used as a standard unit of measure throughout the Middle East.

1091

Squares of gold are legalized in China as a form of money.

58

Julius Caesar seizes enough gold in Gaul (France) to repay Rome's debts.

1100 AD

Venice secures its position as the world's leading gold bullion market due to its location astride the trade routes to the east.

1511

King Ferdinand of Spain sends explorers to the Western Hemisphere with the command to "get gold."

1717

Isaac Newton, Master of the London Mint, sets price of gold that lasts for 200 years.

1787

First US gold coin is struck by Ephraim Brasher, a goldsmith.

1803

North Carolina site of first US gold rush. The state supplies all the domestic gold coined for currency by the US Mint in Philadelphia until 1828.

1848

California gold rush begins when James Marshall finds specks of gold in tailrace of John Sutter's sawmill near the junction of the American and Sacramento Rivers.

1850

Edward Hammon Hargraves, returning from California, predicts he will find gold in Australia within one week. He discovers gold in New South Wales within one week of landing.

1886

George Harrison, while digging stones to build a house, discovers gold in South Africa.

1887

Glasgow doctors, Robert and William Forrest, and chemist John S. MacArthur patent the process for extracting gold from ore using cyanide.

1896

Two prospectors discover gold while fishing in the Klondike River in northern Canada, richer finds were rumored farther south in Alaska's Yukon, spawning the Alaska Gold Rush in 1898 --the last gold rush of the century.

1900

US adopts the gold standard for its currency.

1903

The Engelhard Corporation introduces an organic medium to print gold on surfaces. First used for decoration, the medium becomes the foundation for microcircuit printing technology.

1922

King Tutankhamen's tomb (1352 BC) opened to reveal a 2,448 lb. gold coffin and hundreds of gold and gold-leafed objects (including the mask pictured at the beginning of this section).

1927

Medical study in France proves gold to be valuable in treatment of Rheumatoid arthritis.

1933

President Franklin D. Roosevelt bans the export of gold, halts the convertibility of dollar bills into gold, orders US citizens to hand in all the gold they possess and establishes a daily price for gold.

1934

Roosevelt fixes price of gold at \$35 per ounce.

1935

Western Electric Alloy #1 (69% gold, 25% silver and 6% platinum) finds universal use in all switching contacts for AT&T telecommunications equipment.

1947

The first transistor, the building block for electronics, is assembled at AT&T Bell Laboratories. The device uses gold contacts pressed into a germanium surface.

1960

Laser invented using gold-coated mirrors to maximize infrared reflection.

1961

Modern-day mining begins in Nevada's Carlin Trend, ultimately making Nevada the nation's largest gold-mining state.

1968

Intel introduces a microchip with 1,024 transistors connected by gold circuits. On March 15, central banks give up fixed price of gold at \$35 per troy ounce and let it free float.

1969

Gold coated visors protect astronauts' eye from searing sunlight on the moon (Apollo 11 moon landing).

1970

Charged coupled device invented, using gold to collect electrons generated by light, eventually used in hundreds of military and civilian devices, including video cameras.

1971

The colloidal gold marker system is introduced by Amersham Corporation of Illinois. Tiny spheres of gold are used in health research laboratories worldwide to mark or tag specific proteins to reveal their function in the human body for the treatment of disease.

1974

On December 31, US government ends its ban on individual ownership of gold.

1980

Gold reaches intra-day historic high price of \$870 on January 21 in New York.

1986

Gold-coated compact discs are introduced.

1987

Airbags are introduced for cars, using gold contacts for reliability.

1996

Mars Global Surveyor launched with an on-board gold-coated parabolic telescope-mirror that will generate a detailed map of the entire Martian surface over a two-year period.

1997

Congress passes Taxpayers Relief Act, allowing US Individual Retirement Account holders to buy gold bullion coins and bars for their accounts as long as they are of a fineness equal to, or exceeding, 99.5 percent gold.

OCTOBER the FUN month!!

By Dan Green

The heat of summer is over. Now the fun begins. October will be a busy month for mining and prospecting. Here are just some of the events of OCTOBER.

- October 03, McCaw School of Mines Field Trip
- October 04 General Membership Meeting Nevada Palace
- October 05-06 McCaw School of Mines Field Trips
- October 07 Open House at the McCaw School of Mines. Bring your friends
- October 08 National mining Hall of Fame banquet at Las Vegas Hilton
Honoring the McCaw Mine. Presenter will be the Astronaut Harrison Schmidt
- October 09-13 McCaw School of Mines Field Trips
- October 14 Outing to Section 28
- October 16-20 McCaw School of Mines Field Trips
- October 20 Clark County Museum. Las Vegas Gem Club and the Gold Searchers 3 day event. Gold Panning for 1,000 students. (we need help on this)
- October 21-22 Gold Panning for 200 Boy Scouts at the Museum
- October 23-26 McCaw School of Mines Field Trips
- October 25 Executive Board Meeting
- October 30-31 McCaw School of Mines Field Trips

Now in between, while you're not doing much, we hope that you are getting ready for a busy November. Gold Luck and GSG. (GET SOME GOLD) Hit the hills, cover your holes.!

This is a re-print of an article that appeared in the NATIONAL MINING HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM fall edition 2000. The Hall of Fame will be making some awards and presentations in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 8, 2000. The Astronaut Harrison (Jack) Schmidt who is a geologist, will be doing the honors. Some of the children from the McCaw School will be featured along with the McCaw Mine for a special honor. The Astronaut will appear in his space suit for pictures and autographs. Astronaut Schmidt was not able to appear as our guest speaker for the October meeting because of previous commitments. Perhaps another time

McCaw School of Mines a "Desert Jewel"

Elementary School Site of Mock Mine

AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in Henderson, Nevada, has built a mock underground and open pit mine on the school property. Called the McCaw School of Mines, the project provides a quality, hands on educational experience for children and a public relations opportunity for the mining industry.

In recognition of their unique endeavor, the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum has invited students and staff to be out guests at the Induction Banquet in Las Vegas.

Curr Charkson has arranged for Newmont and Placer Dome to host two tables, with corporate representatives seated with the kids.

J.R. (Bob) Clarkson, a 1999 Mining Hall of Fame inductee, a Life Member, and founder of The Clarkson Company

will sponsor a table for the University of Idaho School of Mines, while Barrick Gold will host a table of students from the Mackay School of Mines at the University of Nevada/Reno.

The remarkable project includes artifacts, mining memorabilia, mineral samples, interactive computer displays, and models of mining operations. More than 20,000 school children have toured the 4,600 square foot facility since it opened in 1996.

More than \$1 million has gone into developing the project, with numerous corporations, small businesses, and individuals contributing to a non profit foundation involving 150 volunteers. No taxpayer money is included.

Retired mining engineer Ron Naftal volunteered his time and expertise to

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The Golden Onion

By H. Jerry Cohn

"Eureka", was the appropriate word for James Wilson Marshall, a foreman at Sutter's Mill in 1848, to shout when he first observed flakes in the mill's race. Within days of



"GOLLY I LOVE TREASURE
AND NUGGET HUNTING"

this occurrence, Henry W. Bigler made a similar discovery while foraging for game to replenish the mill larder.

News of these events reached the settlements surrounding the San Francisco Bay in weeks. "The Gold Rush" was on.

Immigrants from all points of the compass funneled into California's gold fields. Rough, rowdy and ramshackle mining camps erupted from pristine forests. Unruly, unclean and unreasonable residents of these clapboard and tent communities squandered the golden bounty of the placers on liquor, high stakes gambling and other activities of low moral standard.

The prospectors who resisted the temptations of these putrid colonies faced numerous difficulties on the journey home. These difficulties included encounters with Indians, robbers, and pirates. In the 1880's the placers petered out. The prospectors left the shanty towns and "The Gold Rush" ended.

However for all its glory "The Gold Rush" that started at Sutter's Mill was not the first gold discovered in California.

Years earlier, in 1842, Francisco Lopez, a vaquero searching for stray cattle, seated himself under a cool shade tree of the de Valle Ranch for his midday meal. Seeking to enliven his fare, Francisco pulled a wild onion from the earth. Clinging to the bulb of the onion plant were glittering particles of gold; thus "The Golden Onion".

Answer to question on page four.

What do these two have in common?

We don't want either one to take a **BITE** out of us

(Continued from page 3) Prices...

ating conflicting views," said one analyst.

"While the professional market is short and some physical demand is developing at these levels and adding something of a cushion, the existence of sell stops below the \$268 spot equivalent is raising the spectre of further weakness."

Australian dollar <AUD=softness against the U.S. dollar, combined with low borrowing rates was also raising fears of Australian producer selling at these levels.

In other currencies, the euro's <EUR=continued poor performance after yesterday's 25 basis point rate hike by the European Central Bank was also seen keeping gold prices down.

But strong physical demand coming in at the lower levels was helping prop up prices, but so far not sending them higher.

While banks in the U.S. will be closed on Monday for the Columbus Day holiday, NYMEX will remain open. But with London Metal Exchange (LME) week beginning in London, along with the Yom Kippur fast day, next week was expected to be quiet.

National holidays in Japan and Canada, also on Monday, mean those markets will be closed.

Silver <XAG=remained largely unchanged throughout the day, ending unchanged at \$4.86/\$4.88 after thin business. Earlier, it fixed at 485.50 cents a troy ounce, down from 487.50 cents. Firmer sentiment characterised the platinum group metals (PGMs), with platinum higher despite news from South Africa's Anglo American Platinum Corp that more striking employees returned to work as the dispute over wages entered its 19th day.

Platinum <XPT=was last at \$580.00/\$586.00 from \$577.30/\$587.30 and seen continuing steady.

Palladium <XPD=was also firm, but business was thin. Spot metal was last traded at \$743.00/\$753.00 from \$739.00/\$759.00

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lucky winner. Tickets are first come first served,
so get your money in the mail now!! No limit.

November 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. Pocket scale
9. Ribbed matting 12 x 36"
for sluices
10. Plastic scoop
11. Clay Gone 8oz bottle
12. Mapscale for 7.5 USGS
topo maps
13. GSSN Sweatshirt your
size
14. GSSN Cap
15. Folding chair
16. Lots of gold nuggets up
to two grams.

Get your tickets at the door,
these are great prizes

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

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BADGE AND INCREASE YOUR
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GENDER HUMOR

A pastor of a church, who was previously a sailor, was aware that ships are addressed as "she" and "her". He often wondered what gender computers should be addressed. To answer that question, he set up two groups of computer experts. The first was comprised of women, and the second of men. Each group was asked to recommend whether computers should be referred to in the feminine gender or the masculine gender. They were asked to give four reasons for their recommendation.

The group of women reported that computers should be referred to in the masculine gender because:

1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data, but still are clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer you could have had a better model.

The men, on the other hand, concluded that computers should be referred to in the feminine gender because:

1. No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

Free Tickets

Did you find your name in this month's HIGHGRADER? If so, you are a winner of 7 free Door prize raffle tickets!!!! There are 5 names hidden throughout the newsletter. This is what you do. Locate your name in the Highgrader. It will look like this

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

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

"Chucks Gold Trapper"

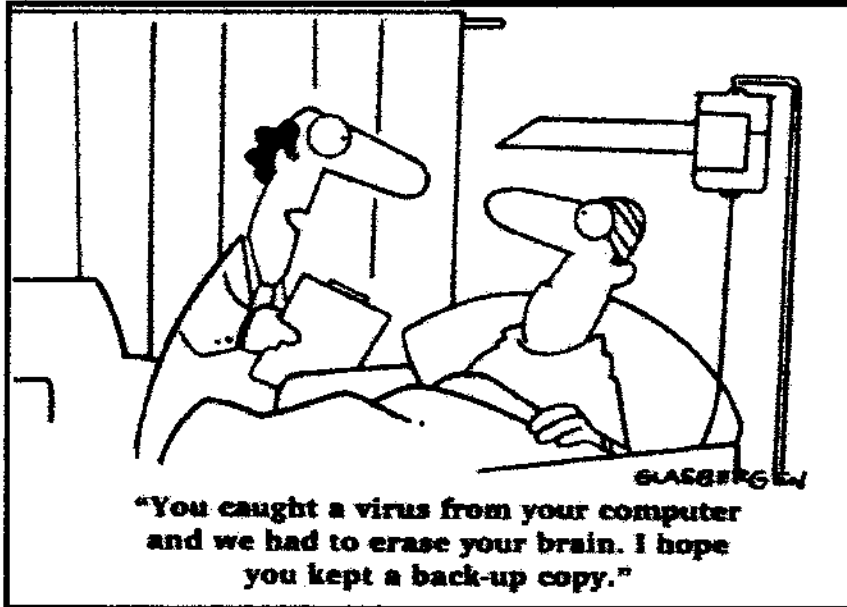
Revolutionary Hand Dredge

See field test report in April 8, WEGM Newsletter.

This sand pump actually really works. It has a diaphragm check valve built into the bottom cap. This allows you to suck up sand and gold under a rock in a stream and transport it to a bucket or sluice without losing any of your sample. It will suck sample out of a three feet deep hole and lose any of your gold. I also have a crevice tool attachment for the bottom that will allow you to suck up gold out of bedrock crevices under water or extend the "GOLD TRAPPER" from 3_4 1/2 feet. 100% satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. I will guarantee the workmanship and materials of the "GOLD TRAPPER" (used under normal use) for one year.

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SO YOU THINK YOU'RE COMPUTER-ILLITERATE?

Check out the following excerpt from a
Wall Street Journal article.

1. Compaq is considering changing the command "Press any key" to "Press the Enter key" because of the flood of calls asking where the "any" key is.

2. Gateway support had a caller complain that her mouse was hard to control with the dust cover on. The dust cover turned out to be the plastic bag the mouse was packaged in.

3. A Compaq technician received a call from a man complaining that the system wouldn't read word processing files from his old diskettes. After troubleshooting for magnets and heat failed to diagnose the problem, it was found that the customer had labeled the diskettes and then rolled them into the typewriter to type the labels.

4. Another Gateway customer was asked to send a copy of her defective diskettes. A few days later a letter arrived from the customer along with Xeroxed copies of the diskettes.

5. A Dell technician advised a customer to put his troubled floppy back in the drive and close the door. The customer asked the technician to hold on, and was heard putting the phone down, getting up and crossing the room to close the door to his office.

6. Another Dell customer called to say he couldn't get his computer to fax anything. After 40 minutes of troubleshooting, the technician discovered that the man was trying to fax a piece of paper by holding it in front of the monitor and pressing the "Send" key.

7. Another Dell customer needed help setting up a new program, so a technician suggested he go to the local Egghead. "Yeah, I got me a couple of friends," the customer replied. When told that Egghead was a software store, the man said "Oh, I thought you meant for me to find a couple of geeks."

8. Yet another Dell customer called to complain that his keyboard no longer worked. He had cleaned it by filling his tub with soap and water

The "foot pedal" turned out to be the mouse

and soaking the keyboard for a day, then removing all the keys and washing them individually.

9. A Gateway technician spoke to a customer who was enraged because his computer had told him he was "bad and an invalid." The technician explained that the computer's "bad command" and "invalid entry" responses shouldn't be taken personally.

10. An exasperated caller to Dell couldn't get her new computer to turn on. After making sure the computer was plugged in, the technician asked her what happened when she pushed the power button. Her response was "I pushed and pushed on this foot pedal and nothing happened." The "foot pedal" turned out to be the mouse.

11. A customer called Compaq to say her brand new computer wouldn't work. She said she unpacked the unit, plugged it in and sat there for 20 minutes waiting for something to happen. When asked what happened when she pressed the power switch, she asked "What power Switch?"

12. This guy calls in to complain that he gets an "Access Denied" message every time he logs in. It turned out he was typing his user-name and password in capital letters. Tech Support: OK, let's try once more, but use lower case letters. Customer "Uh, I only have capital letters on my keyboard."

13. True story from a Novell NetWare technician: Caller: "The cup holder on my PC is broken and I'm within my warranty period. How do I get it fixed?" Tech: "I'm sorry, but did you say a cup holder?" Caller: "Yes, it's attached to the front of my computer." Tech: "Please excuse me if I seem a bit stumped, it's because I am. Did you receive this as part of a promotional, at a trade show? How did you get this cup holder? Does it have any trademark on it?" Caller: "It came with my computer. don't know anything about a promotional. It just has '32X.' on it." At this point the technician had to mute the caller, because he couldn't stand it. The caller had been using the load drawer of the CD-ROM drive as a cup holder, and had snapped it off the drive!

**Admit it, you feel just
little superior after
reading these,
don't you?!**

Dick and Karol Vezzani both found their first nuggets in the past month. Both have kindly consented to write a story for the Highgrader. Read each of their stories and share their first nugget finds with them. Ed

Great joy was experienced the day I found my first nugget. It is still the only

one I have found with my Minelab detector and I had been looking for over a year. I was told by a detector hunter that you will probably dig 35 to 50 holes before you get a nugget. Well I guess I dig over 500 by this time. What a learning experience.

To find that nugget I had read the manual several times trying to get the proper sounds and ideas of what it is that you are supposed to hear. I read more articles and booklets than you can imagine. Each had its own special technique and helpful information. I had visited with detector sales people at 3 gold shows and been in 4 vendors businesses. I was



Dick's nugget was a beautiful quartz specimen with gold running through it

running out of ways to learn.

Then I used one of the most interesting tips. That was practice using a nugget taped or glued to a chip or card. Toss it out or bury it or have someone do that for you and then try to find it. I must say that this probably helped me more than anything. Trouble was I still had doubts and trouble identifying the sounds and I was digging so much garbage that I was ready to give up.

The day that I found my first nugget there was no wind, it was cool and I was hopeful. I got the detector out and put on my headphones and

JOY OF FIRST FIND

by Dick Vezzani

started out. The ground was so quiet that I was wondering if the detector was working, so I threw my nugget out and passed the detector over the



top of it and sure enough it sounded off.

So I started detecting and heard a faint change in sound. I passed over that sound area again and it still was there. Faint but you could tell that it was different. I turned 90 degrees to the sound and it was still there. I figured where the middle of the target was and started to dig. I dug a couple of inches of soil and checked the material for a sound. None. So I

checked the hole and the sound was still there and perhaps a little louder. The funny thing was I thought that it sounded louder, but I was not sure, it still didn't sound like my nugget on the

chip.

You can dig a lot of crap in a year. Well this was my


day. At about four to five inches below the surface I found a piece of quartz with a vein of gold in it. I was so excited that I almost forgot to pick up that chip with my test nugget on it.

I hunted for another three hours and found nothing. The wind had started and it had gotten warmer. I spent most of my time working small flow areas adjacent to the wash that I found the nugget in to see if there might be a source for that nugget. But of course that was wishful dreaming.

I plan to go back to that area and work the wash. I can find it because I took my GPS and marked the spot. I hope to find a "patch" there and clean it out. I hope. So if you see me in that wash, don't let me know. I want the whole thing for now.

When testing the material I use a plastic scoop and a small plastic bucket. I keep the metal shovel and

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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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(Continued from page 12)

pick away from the detector. In this manner I can pass my magnet thru the material and test the container or the scoop with the detector quickly so that I process material carefully and rather quick. That is the only tip that I have gained in the ton of garbage that I have processed up til now.

I am not going to give up detecting. The wait and thrill of the first find has renewed my desires. In fact the wife wants to get into detecting. I just need several more tons of gold before I can finance both of us.



BEGINNERS LUCK

by Karol Vezzani

After lunch at the Pahrump Claim on September 23 two ladies decided to take a walk together in search of the nuggets that had eluded the entire group. Yvonne and I took off talking up a storm and getting to know one another.



Karol's nugget was not as big as hubbies, but appeared to be solid gold.

We had a Minelab Explorer XS metal detector we were sharing. We ladies took turns searching as we

GREAT RESULTS BEGIN WITH.....

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by Dan Green.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark; professionals built the Titanic. For some of us, just getting out to look for Gold on a regular basis... IS A NEW EXPERIENCE!

The successful Gold Searchers that we have all seen and heard of, seem to have one thing in common. They go out on a regular basis. They never give up and are not discouraged. One of the important points the Don Gaines made when he spoke at our meeting, was to go out often, **EVEN IN THE RAIN!** He covers his search coil with a plastic bag and keeps on trucking.

As he would swing his search coil over the ground, he moved his coil back and forth quickly. He would listen for sounds as his coil came to a target.

The sounds that come from his detector as he **APPROACHES** the target are positive sounds and they indicate **GOLD!** The sounds that he hears as the detector leaves the target are negative sounds. These indicate iron and other substances but **NOT GOLD.** Keep that search coil close to the ground.

ALL of the metal detector companies recommend that you use ear phones to conserve battery life. There are as many kinds and types of earphones as there are detectors on the market. The ear phones that Don Gaines uses are the type that come with a portable radio. With this type, he can hear others talking, rattlesnakes shaking and the sounds of **GOLD.** As the weather cools, let us heat up the metal detectors, oil the dry washer and head for the hills. Watch out for the dust of the dry washers. That dust is not good to breathe! See you at the next meeting.... Bring a friend..... Tell us how much **GOLD** you found. Stories about **GOLD** make my feet itch and make me look to the hills.....**GOLD**

walked along. Suddenly that special sound interrupted the walking and talking. Down to our knees we went to start digging and checking the scoops of material over the detector. Very carefully we turned up a piece of wire! (found lots of it all day long with my other partner) We re-checked the hole and we still had a sound.

That brought in a husband (Brad) and he assisted us by carefully scooping and checking the material. When he checked the last half scoop

of real fine dirt lo and behold a shiny nugget in the bottom of the last scoop. Gold fever has hit another spouse.

I was very impressed and thankful that Yvonne and Brad Fine let me use and enjoy her detector. I am glad I went with my husband Dick and look forward to more detecting.

This was great and to find a nugget my first time out blew their socks off.



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EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN



Belinda Mulrooney crossed over the Chilkoot Pass in search of gold and made a fortune building road houses and hotels.

Belinda Mulrooney was a favorite subject of newspaper and magazine writers. Scribner's Magazine called her the "richest woman in the Klondike." In an interview she gave in 1962, Mulrooney said that reporters paid attention to her because "the truth is there wasn't enough to write about those long winters in Dawson." Reporters, she claims, wrote about her with such compliments because she fed and housed them while they were up in the gold fields. "Give us a room, Belinda," she noted they would say, "a few good meals and credit at the bar. Take it out in write-ups. We'll write a real story about you."

Of all the legends associated with Belinda Mulrooney, (and there are

Belinda Mulrooney The Richest Woman in the Klondike

many), one that typifies her bravado and self-assurance was oft told by the woman herself. According to Mulrooney, when she finally reached Dawson and the gold fields after months of hard travel, she tossed her very last coin, a 25-cent piece, into the Yukon River for luck. She was 26 years old.

Belinda had more than just luck on her side -- she was determined to become a success. Mulrooney, the daughter of a Pennsylvania miner, had left home when at 21. She displayed her entrepreneurial bent from the very beginning. She ran a sandwich stand in Chicago during the Colombian Exposition. From Chicago she moved to San Francisco where she ran an ice-cream parlor. When the parlor burned down, she got a job working as a stewardess for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

There had been gold strikes in Alaska and the Yukon before August 1896. These smaller strikes had attracted those who had paid attention. An earlier strike in Juneau, Alaska, encouraged Mulrooney to head north in 1896. While there, she worked in a small clothing store. When Mulrooney heard about the fabulous new gold strike in the Klondike, she did not waste any time.

Thinking ahead, she theorized



"Count" Carbonneau and Belinda.
Photograph from the
Seattle Times

that it would be the niceties, and not the necessities of life that would bring a fortune in the remote and barren gold fields. She left for the Klondike with many of the necessities other stampedeers were bringing, but with items few had the time, money or will to carry - silk underwear, bolts of cotton cloth and hot water bottles. She chose well--and made six times her cost back in profits. Mulrooney used that money to open a restaurant in Dawson, charging between \$1.50 - \$4.50 for a meal.

Belinda soon turned her attention to the gold fields themselves. Instead of trying to dig gold out of the ground, she mined the miners. Catering to the crowds in the gold fields, 15 to 30 miles away from Dawson, Mulrooney built a two-story roadhouse at the junction of the two most profitable creeks--Bonanza and El Dorado.

Her Grand Forks Hotel and restaurant was an immediate success. Always one to recognize opportunity, Belinda ordered that sweepings from the floors be run through a sluice--bringing her as much as \$100 a day from the gold dust that fell from miner's pockets and clothing. In addition to the traditional profits from the hotel and restaurant, Mulrooney was able to profit from information gathered from miners sitting around talking about the digs. By the end of the year, she owned

Wilson, Sherri



A small town, also known as Grand Forks, sprang up around Mulrooney's Hotel. Photograph courtesy of: Special Collection Division, University of Washington Libraries, Child 3

five mining claims either outright, or in partnership.

With the success of the Grand Forks Hotel, Mulrooney was able to buy a spot of land in Dawson on the corner of Princess Street and First Avenue. She sold the Grand Forks Hotel for \$24,000 and put her profits into creating the most impressive building in Dawson. Only the best would be good enough for Mulrooney's new hotel.

Everything had to be ordered from Skagway or Seattle. Freighting such exquisite goods over the passes or up the Yukon River and into Dawson in 1898 was an achievement in itself. Mulrooney ordered cut glass chandeliers, silver and china linens and even brass bedsteads for her rooms. On July 27, 1898, the Fair View Hotel opened to enthusiastic and impressive reviews. The three-story hotel held thirty guest rooms and a restaurant.

Among those who visited the hotel in its first days were Mary Hitchcock and Edith Van Dorn, who were "doing" the Klondike as tourists. Hitchcock included a description of the Fair View in her book, "Two Women in the Klondike."

Mulrooney worked hard to ensure the success of the Fair View Hotel and maintain it in grand style.

She traveled down the Yukon River to Skagway to purchase the highest quality provisions and furnishings available for her showpiece. In 1899,

she even sailed down to Seattle to select plate glass windows, lumber and a steam heating apparatus for the building.

Appreciating her keen business sense, a local bank chose Mulrooney to run the Gold Run Mining Company, then deeply in the red. She pulled the company into the black in 18 months.

By the end of the century, Belinda



Mulrooney's Fair View Hotel was the most prominent building of its time in Dawson.

Photograph courtesy of the Special Collection Division, University of Washington

Mulrooney's hotels and mines had brought her a considerable fortune. They also brought her to the attention of Charles Eugene Carbonneau, a French-Canadian by birth, he claimed to be a French aristocrat. "Count" Carbonneau, as he was known in Dawson, had gone north as a campaign salesman. Unkind tongues claimed he was only a barber from Montreal. Whatever his original circumstances, Carbonneau achieved moderate success in Dawson as a mine owner and promoter. Belinda had worked with "Count" Carbonneau on occasion in Dawson and the two were drawn to each other. Their marriage in Dawson on October 1, 1900, was the social event of the season. The pair traveled to Paris, wintering there and returning to Dawson in the summers.

But, not all was well with the couple and in the summer of 1903,

Belinda returned to Dawson alone.

Two years later, Charles, still living in Paris, was charged with embezzlement and fraud. By 1906, Belinda, fed up with her artificial count, divorced him. These were rough years for Belinda, aside from the strains of her disintegrating marriage, she had been sued by owners of the Gold Run Mine for improperly letting lays on mining properties. In addition, the bank holding the mine's mortgage sued her for the debt.

Understandably tired of Dawson by this time, she decided to try and build back her fortune in the gold fields near Fairbanks, Alaska in 1904. Mulrooney set up the Dome City Bank in Fairbanks. Her touch was still golden and she made a second fortune. She took her money and moved to eastern Washington state.

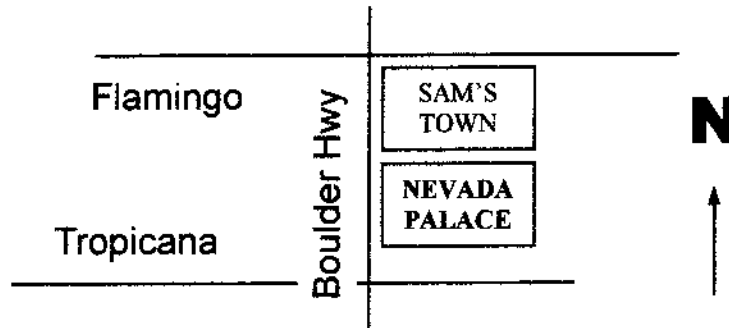
Even though she was no longer even an artificial countess, Mulrooney wanted to live in style. She moved to eastern Washington and built herself a castle near Yakima, living there with her siblings until the late 1920s. When her fortune was depleted, Mulrooney was forced to rent out the castle. She spent the rest of her life in Seattle, where she gave interviews from time to time, talking about her life during the gold rush. She died in Seattle in 1967 at 95 years of age.



Interior of Fair View Hotel Photograph courtesy of: Special Collection Division, University of Washington Libraries, Larss & Duclos 22

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Pahrump Outing Pictures September 23, 2000



Dan Boone besides going out week days to look for new claims, also is faithful to show up at outings early and put out signs to help the rest of us find the outing location. Thanks Dan



Levi Tiberi (Left) And Spencer Tiberi (right) At the Pahrump outing metal detecting. Dad, Mitch Tiberi says proudly that they are learning quickly and find many targets to dig, but so far that elusive gold has yet to be found by the two boys. Keep it up boys, it's just a matter of time and you will find your first nugget.



William Powell, after those elusive nuggets and he had a great idea. He brought along an entourage to do the digging when he had a signal. Some of us with a few gray hairs could learn a valuable lesson here.



Mitch & Carol Ann Tiberi at the outing. Mitch bought himself a new Minelab 2200 a while back and after he found a nugget five minutes out of the truck, Carol Ann decided to claim that new detector for her own, so Mitch did some drywashing this day and ended up with some good color for his efforts.



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by Willie Biron

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