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These are so funny.....The rumor has been around that in Japan, computer error messages appear as Haiku poetry. They were such a gentle way of giving bad news. Here are a few of the actual error messages seen on the computer screens in Japan, where they are written in Haiku. Aren't these better than, 'your computer has performed an illegal operation' ?

★The Web site you seek cannot be located, but countless more exist.

★Chaos reigns within. Reflect, repent, and reboot. Order shall return.

★Program aborting: Close all that you have worked on. You ask far too much.

★Windows NT crashed. I am the Blue Screen of Death. No one hears your screams.

★Yesterday it worked. Today it is not working. Windows is like that.

Contributed By: Bob Barton- Thanks Bob

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Father O'Malley..... Father O'Malley rose from his bed. It was a fine spring day in his new Washington, DC parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his green lawn. He promptly called the US Senate for assistance.

The conversation went like this: "Good morning. This is Senator Daschle. How might I help you?" "And the best of the day te yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Brigit's. There's a jackass lying dead in me front lawn. Would ye be so kind as to send a couple o' yer lads to take care of the matter?" Senator Daschle, considering himself to be quite a wit, replied with a smirk, "Well now father, it was always my impression that you people take care of giving the last rites!" There was dead silence on the line for a long moment. Father O'Malley then replied, "Aye, that's certainly true; but, we are obligated to notify the next of kin."

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PRESIDENTS CORNER.....By: Brett Williams

The Mining season is here, if you don't mind the occasional rain or snow storm.

The bond is taken care of and the Ponds are in at Prospectors Paradise (Thanks Gary Howard for bringing your Excavator). We have also acquired the water permit.

We need some certified straw taken up for a silt trap. Roger Malone has the Straw in Parma, if we could get some help hauling it up.

All high banking needs to be done at the upper pond, with water pumped out of the lower pond. As the water level goes down the ponds will have to be restocked from the creek 200 feet away. We have 3 out of four corner posts put in (thanks Charlie , Warren, Luther, Michael-Ann and Delorme) the fourth one would have been if the crew would of got there feet wet it was only 500 more feet Warren. We also need Testing done all over to find the best spot to start digging lot's of Yellow stuff

I'm putting together a mining guide for the club, would like to include all members phone #'s ,email , address so you can find someone to go mining with give info to Debbie.

Art Church is going to be showing us how to research claims and has found a few for members to look at.

Monthly club meeting June 3 @ 7:30 Lackeys

Ontario Oregon Cultural day panning demo lions Park needs volunteers that are not going to Burnt River

Looks like June is going to be real busy for everyone. So let's have lots of fun and find lots of gold Nuggets.

Brett Williams

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VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER....By: Roberta Malone

The outing on May 10 at Prospector Paradise found several of us not working on the right claim. We need to mark the boarders of our claims better.

I hope to see you at the GPAA Burnt River outing June 11 through the 15. *Have fun finding GOLD!*

Roberta Malone

Vice President Nampa Chapter G.P.A.A.

SECRETARY'S CORNER.....By Deb Anderson

G.P.A.A. MINUTES: May 2003

The meeting was called to order by Brett Williams. There were over 72 in attendance, 8 of which were New Members.

New Business:

Brett announced that Kurt Brown will no longer be serving as Secretary, and has resigned as editor of Gold Fever Newsletter.

Al Malmstrom nominated Deb Anderson for both position. The club members passed this motion.

A motion was made to purchase G.P.A.A.& G.P.A.A. Nampa Chapter Pins. The motion was passed. Pins will cost \$5.00 each.

A motion was made to start a savings account of \$1500.00, which will be used to Bond the Prospectors Paradise Claim. The motion was passed.

Warren reminded everyone of the Blue Bucket Outing that is coming up May 23rd -26th. The Outing will cost \$85.00. Tent spaces are \$12.00, electric is \$16.00. Warren also suggested that you reserved your space as soon as possible. All clubs are invited.

Old Business: None

Treasurers Report:

Beginning balance-1752.82, Income-563.50, Expenses-550.50, Ending balance-1765.82.

A Big Thank You to Megan Rose, who was our guest speaker. Megan shared with us her ideas for Gold Hunting "The Thrifty Way". Megan can be found on Ebay under "Gold Tutor".

The meeting was adjourned.

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NAMPA CHAPTER YARD SALE AND SWAP

What a **GREAT** turn out - lots of folks - lots of goodies - and lots of **FUN!**

\$440.00 has been deposited

THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED ITEMS AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO DONATED THEIR TIME.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Parmesan Roasted Asparagus **Ease of Cooking:** Advanced Cooking

Serving Size: 6 These are simply heavenly. These will be gone as soon as you put the plate down.

Ingredients:

2 ½ lbs. fresh asparagus -- (about 30 large)

2 Tbsp. olive oil

½ tsp. kosher salt

1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

½ C. freshly grated Parmesan cheese

2 lemons cut in wedges -- for serving

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

If the stalks of the asparagus are thick, peel the bottom half of each. Lay them in a single layer on a sheet pan and drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle, with salt and pepper. Roast for 15 to 20 minutes, until tender. Sprinkle with the Parmesan and return to the oven for another minute. Serve with lemon wedges.

CONGRATULATION!

May Winners

\$30.00 Gold Nuggets.....Joey and Roger

Gold Nugget.....Stan Maden- *NEW MEMBER*

Door Prize Nugget.....JeffMcCord

Buckets.....Gloria Hatworth, Bob Barton, Dwayne, Warren, Curtis, Max Huffmaker, LeAnn Rollins, Rusty Williams, Kayla and Jeff McCord

Mystery Prize.....Bob Barton

Telephone System.....Gloria

Alaska pop.....Darrell Larsen, Rusty Williams, and Derek

Pop was donated by: Jim Newby Thanks Jim!

Rock Book.....Jim Avery

Pry Bar Kit.....Gene Clefmen

Socket Set.....Bob Barton

Cheese Plate.....Jim Newby

Spot Light.....Joe Tierina

Drill.....Ed

Wood Chisel Set.....Kayla (Lackey's Waitress)

Screw Driver Set.....Jim Avery

Drill.....Dick

May 50\50 Winner..... Michael Williams **\$37.00**

May Auction:

Bag of Gold.....GaryHoward

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Thanks to all who volunteered to teach the children gold panning! What a GREAT EXPERIENCE!!



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Thanks Bob Barton

History Of Placer Gold Mining

Placer gold mining in the United States spans a period of nearly 200 years. Earliest mining took place in the Eastern States and particularly in the southern Appalachian region during the late 1700's and early 1800's, but the richer deposits were soon exhausted, and interest turned to the West. The earliest production of any note in the West was from the Old and New Placer Diggings near Golden, Santa Fe County, N. Mex. These deposits were worked as early as 1828. A few other deposits were mined in the succeeding years until the first discovery of major importance, that of James Marshall on January 24, 1848, on the American River at Coloma, Calif. This discovery was a major factor in the rapid settlement of the West and triggered the first of the great gold rushes in the United States. Because of the lure and excitement of gold mining, prospectors spread throughout the West and in subsequent years many more rich placer gold deposits were found. A selected listing of discoveries subsequent to Coloma follows:

- 1848-49....California.....Trinityand
Klamath Rivers.
- 1849.....Nevada.....Gold Canyon.
- 1852.....Oregon.....GrantsPass
district. Montana.....Gold Creek.
- 1857.....Nevada.....Six-Mile Creek.
- 1858.....Arizona.....Gila City.
Colorado.....Cherry Creek,
Ralston Creek, Platte River.
- 1858-60....Washington.....Blewett Pass
(northern and central parts of State).
- 1859.....Colorado.....Clear Creek,
Blue River, Arkansas River.
- 1860-61....Idaho.....Clearwater
River, Pierce City, Orofino,
Elk City, Florence, Warren.
- 1862.....Montana.....Bannock, Alder
Creek.....Idaho.....Boise Basin.
Arizona.....La Paz district.
- 1863-64....Arizona.....Weaver Creek, Lynch
Creek
Utah.....Bingham Canyon.
- 1864.....Montana.....Helena.
- 1867.....Nevada.....Tuscarora
district New Mexico.....Elizabeth town
district.
- 1874-75....South Dakota.....Black Hills,
Deadwood Gulch.
- 1876-77....Nevada.....Copper Mountain
(Charleston district), Osceola.
- 1881.....Nevada.....Spring Valley.

In Alaska, gold occurrences were reported as early as 1848, and gold was found in the Yukon region about 1878; but not until the fabulously rich finds in 1897-98 in the Yukon's Klondike (in Canadian territory) did placer miners really begin to exploit the Alaskan deposits. In rapid succession, miners stampeded in 1898 to rich discoveries in the Nome area of Alaska, then in 1902 to the Fairbanks area; the Fairbanks placers were among the last of importance to be discovered.

Any history of placer mining would be incomplete without a word on dredging, which marked a major turn in operational

efficiency. Dredging offered a way to handle tremendous quantities of material at a low unit cost and made it possible to mine where gold values were as little as a few cents per cubic yard.

Probably the first successful bucket line dredge in the United States was operated in 1895 on Grasshopper Creek near Bannock in Beaverhead County, southwestern Montana. Others quickly followed, until by 1910, use of dredges had grown so that in California alone about 100 were in existence, of which 63 were reported in operation.

The first gold dredging in Alaska occurred about 1903, and the number of Alaskan dredges grew, until in 1914, 42 were in operation. The peak number of active dredges, 49, was not reached until 1940; World War II then interrupted most operations. Costs rose beyond profitable levels after the war, and only a few of the deactivated dredges were returned to service.

All gold dredges of any significance in the United States have been shut down, and most have been dismantled or sold abroad. Placer gold production today is primarily a byproduct of washing sand and gravel for use as an aggregate in the construction industry. Commercial placer mining by other means continues only at a few locations.

Total placer gold production in the United States from 1792 through 1968 is given in table 1. California and Alaska have accounted for more than three fourths of the total production of record. A large share of the overall production, it should be added, has come from dredges.

TABLE 1. - Placer gold production, by States, 1792-1969

State	Placer gold production, thousand troy ounces	Rank as placer producer	Placer share of all gold produced in State, percent	Placer share of all gold produced in country, ¹ percent
Alabama.....	15	18	30.0	Negligible
Alaska.....	21,130	2	70.2	6.7
Arizona.....	500	10	3.7	.2
California.....	68,470	1	64.3	21.7
Colorado.....	1,798	7	4.4	.6
Georgia.....	600	8	68.8	.2
Idaho.....	5,625	4	67.7	1.8
Montana.....	9,001	3	50.8	2.9
Nevada.....	1,901	6	7.1	.6
New Mexico.....	505	9	22.0	.2
North Carolina.....	245	13	20.5	.1
Oregon.....	3,500	5	60.2	1.1
South Carolina.....	52	15	16.3	Negligible
South Dakota.....	351	11	1.1	.1
Utah.....	75	14	.4	Negligible
Virginia.....	50	16	29.8	Negligible
Washington.....	275	12	7.0	.1
Wyoming.....	43	17	97.6	Negligible
Total².....	114,136	-	-	(¹)

¹Based on total gold production of 316.77 million ounces, including 4.65 million ounces from undesignated sources. Placer share of all gold produced in country was approximately 37 percent.

²Exclusive of small production not identifiable by States.

Source: Based on data in table 6 of Bureau of Mines IC 8331 (24), with addition of production for 1965-69 as reported in the Minerals Yearbooks for those years.



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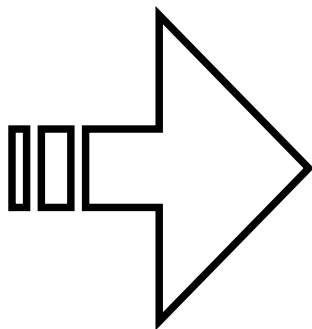
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DEB

P.S.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR LADY (OH, AND YOU MEN ALSO!) MEMBERS - PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT ANY RECIPES ! I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT. THANKS DEB



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OUTINGS 2003**

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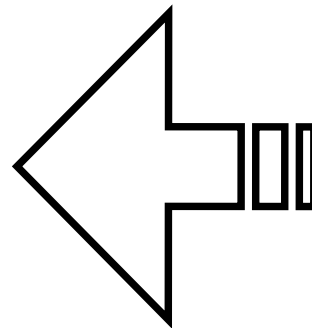
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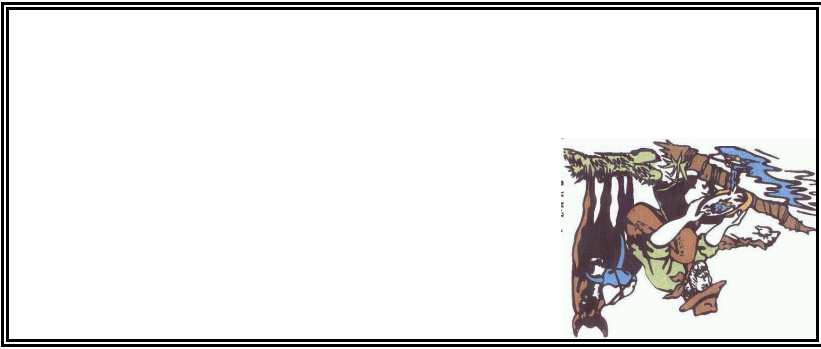
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