



Secretary: Marlea Sheridan

Editor: Penny Esplin

DATE: January 24th, 2013

Call to Order: Claudia called the meeting to order, and welcomed members and guests.

In Attendance: There were 16 members and 5 guests. Our guests included: Terrie Fox, Jackie Ray's friend Sandy, Eric and Sue Actman were invited from Willamette Valley Miners, also, Don Esch, and Tim Halder attended.

Meeting Minutes: Penny reported that there were no meeting minutes to read from Nov. or Dec. because we had combined both meetings for our Christmas Party, which we all agreed was a huge success. We all said "Yes!" to having another potluck next Christmas and also throughout the year. We will discuss plans for our next potluck during next meeting. Claudia accepted and the members approved the treasury report.

Old Business: EOMA and Waldo mining is promoting a new **½ pound of Gold Raffle**. There will be 2 preliminary raffles leading up to the Grand Prize raffle at the spring 2014 GPAA Gold Show. **Tickets are on sale thru waldominingdistrict.com.** You can buy 1 ticket, and it's good for all 3 raffles! -The 1st drawing will be held this spring at the GPAA Gold Show (at the State Fairgrounds) this coming March 29th (Friday) and March 30th (Saturday). Grand prize is a 4 inch dredge. -The 2nd drawing will be held at the Golden Jubilee in Baker City, July 21, 2013 -The 3rd and final raffle drawing is for the **Grand Prize of ½ pound of Gold, to be held at the GPAA Gold Show in 2014.**

New Business: ELECTIONS! **Fred Douthit** was in charge of taking nominations, counting votes, and announcing our newly elected officers for 2013. They are:

President- Claudia Wise

Vice-President: Delmon Ray

Treasurer: Joe Greene

Secretaries: Marlea Sheridan and Penny Esplin (Editor)

Website: Barb Parker

Claims Committee: Claudia Wise and Tim Kelly will help with setting up LR2000 (BLM) with information on open and closed claims.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to:

Lynn Baustin for his 10 years of dedicated service to the club by calling all members every month and reminding us of our upcoming meetings. (He is stepping down from this duty, so that position is now open for anyone to take it).

And to **Barb Parker** for her hard and continuous work on our website, and keeping it current and accessible. **The club thanks you both!**

ACTON ALERT!

A slew of new bills have been introduced in the Legislation recently. Most could have the effect of destroying or at least curtailing suction dredge mining in Oregon. We are putting a concerted effort by the mining community to address our legislators. Strategy is still in the making but should be put together soon.

Writing to our legislators is of utmost importance, whether by calling, emails or regular mail. Let's flood them with protest! Let your State Senators and Representatives know if you are their constituents! That will grant you priority above those that are not. Title the letter with the Senate Bill #, requesting their opposition. Using your own words, let them know how the bill affects you as a miner and urge them to oppose each bill, writing a separate email for each Senate Bill. They will not take the time to look at your emails if they include all the bills compiled in one letter. Important: don't forget to include your name and address.

The Senate Bills are listed below, with talking points to use as a guide:

SB 115

- ★ **Prohibits placer mining in Oregon using any form of motorized Equipment.**
- ★ **Prohibits any and all dredging in the state of Oregon.**
- ★ **A maximum of one year in prison and a \$6,250 fine or both.**
- ★ **SB 115 is a taking of all of your mining rights.**
- ★ **SB 115 is a preemption of the Federal Mining Law.**
- ★ **SB 115 will cause state wide takings litigation by miners against the state of Oregon.**
- ★ **The enormous cost to the state defending SB 115 will be prohibitive.**

SB 370

- ★ **Division of State Lands (DSL) to issue commercial placer mining permits**
- ★ **Definition of commercial is: Engaging in Commerce and commerce involves buying, selling and transporting from place to place on a large scale.**
- ★ **Imposes permit fee of \$125 per year on placer mining on Federal state and private land.**
- ★ **Failure of miners to get permits: 30 days in prison and \$1,250 fine or both.**
- ★ **Prohibitive rules yet to be developed by the Division of State Lands.**
- ★ **Dredge nozzle size, plus other requirements are not yet laid out.**
- ★ **You must also conform to other unspecified rules that will later be adopted by the Director.**
- ★ **The state of Oregon imposing restrictive rules and regulations on small miners mining on Federal lands is to say the least problematic.**

SB 401

- ★ **Wild and Scenic creek and river designations prohibit all mining.**
- ★ **Covers all designated waters beds and banks.**
- ★ **Also a setback of 1/4 of a mile on each side above high water mark is an outright taking of Federal mining rights, guaranteed under the law.**
- ★ **SB 401 will create massive takings litigation by miners over the 1/4 mile set back.**
- ★ **SB 401 would stop or curtail most building on private lands.**
- ★ **SB 401 targets most streams in Oregon that are gold bearing.**
- ★ **SB 401 is an overt act by the Oregon Legislature to destroy mining and miners in Oregon.**
- ★ **At a time when Oregon is trying to recover and produce jobs this is a major jobs killing bill.**

These three Senate Bills will kill placer mining in Oregon. It should make you very angry that the environmentalists and their cohorts in the state legislature would do this to us.

Also, SB 12: would prohibit the gross weight of all ATV's to not exceed 200 lbs. When we all know that the average weight of an ATV starts at 500lbs!

Claudia and Joe have more information regarding email addresses and phone numbers of the targeted State Senators and Representatives. Also, you can go to the Galice Mining website, Waldo Mining or EOMA's website for these **Action Alert** details.

Special Speaker for Feb. 28th Meeting! We are honored to welcome **Tom Bohmker** as our scheduled speaker at our next meeting. He is a member of Willamette Valley Miners, and renowned author of several outstanding books on how and where to pan for gold, including one more recently published titled, **"GOLD PANNER'S GUIDE TO THE OREGON CASCADES: How and Where to Pan, Sluice and Dredge Without a Claim"**. He is well traveled, and is a consultant for many mining companies and claim owners. He has such a wealth of knowledge and experience, and has some really wonderful stories to share. **Please be sure to attend!**

Ideas for Events/Outings: Ken Orndorff is also a member of the Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS), where he is in charge of scheduling their outings. He wanted to know if we were interested in any of the rock-hounding trips they are associated with, such as: Ochoco/thunder-eggs; Bear Creek/petrified wood; Glass Buttes/obsidian; Paulina/limb casts; Maury Mountain or Hampton Butte/green petrified wood, or McDermitt. -We decided to discuss it further during our next meeting in February.

Rocks/Treasures for January starting with "I": Penny brought several faceted specimens of "Iolite" also known as *Cordierite*. It is a lovely violet-blue colored stone that displays *dichroism*; meaning that it has a strong transformation of hue in different crystal directions, changing from violet-blue to grayish as it is turned. It resembles the much more expensive gemstone "Tanzanite". It is a magnesium, aluminum silicate; plus iron, calcium and hydroxyl.



When Leif Eriksson and the other legendary Viking explorers ventured far out into the Atlantic Ocean, away from any coastline that could help them determine position, they had a secret gem weapon: iolite. The Viking mariners used thin pieces of iolite as the world's first polarizing filter. Looking through an iolite lens, they could determine the exact position of the sun, and navigate safely to the new world and back.

The property that made iolite so valuable to the Vikings is extreme pleochroism. Iolite has different colors in different directions in the crystal. A cube cut from iolite will look a violetish blue almost like sapphire from one side, clear as water from the other, and a honey yellow from the top. This property led some people to call iolite "water sapphire" in the past, a name that is now obsolete.

Pleochroism may have been helpful in navigation but it makes things difficult for a gem cutter. If iolite is not cut from exactly the right direction, no matter the shape of the rough, its color will not show to its best advantage.

The name iolite comes from the Greek *ios*, which means violet. Iolite is usually a purplish blue when cut properly, with a softness to the color that can be quite attractive.

Don Esch brought several beautiful specimens of petrified wood, some he found 12 years ago on Rogers Mountain in Scio (now closed to public entry). Also, a piece from Wyoming's "Blue Forest". He had cut and polished each piece himself, he is a master of Lapidary! He also gave us a real informative talk concerning the many rules and regulations imposed on the public in regards to the removal of "souvenir" fossil rocks, driftwood and/or anything from our so-called "public beaches". It sounds pretty restrictive and ridiculously complex. Again, more regulations to enforce; more control!!!!

Special Slide Show: presented by Marlea Sheridan to **CELEBRATE THE LIFE of LARRY SHERIDAN, OUR BELOVED FRIEND AND LONG TIME MILLENNIUM DIGGER MEMBER.** Marlea did a wonderful job of putting it together, along with the music of Elvis Presley, Larry's favorite. We are so blessed to have had Larry in our lives, and thank you Marlea, for the wonderful person that you are! Our fellowship is the connection to our hearts.

Special Thanks!

Marlea wanted to thank the club for the beautiful orchids that were delivered to her and her family! "They are still blooming and a lovely pink!"

February's Letter is "J": Jasper, jade, junk, jewelry, jokes? etc...

Our Next Club Meeting: February 28th @ 7:00

Visit our website at <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/>

The Millennium Diggers Club is a group based in Keizer, Oregon, which is near Salem, Oregon. The club is for people that share an interest in searching for things of value. The club's charter is to provide members with a club that will help promote the hobbies of metal detecting, prospecting, rock hounding, and treasure hunting. Part of our yearly dues pay for mining claims that are available for all club members to use. We use club meetings to share information about locating gold, silver, coins, jewelry, gemstones, fossils and metal detecting. We plan club outings each month where we can help each other learn all aspects of our hobbies. This is a great family activity, bring the kids! Please feel free to drop in on one of the monthly meetings or outings.

We meet the 4th Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:
Clear Lake United Methodist Church
920 Marks Drive
Keizer, OR 97303

We meet in the church's Fellowship Hall; a real a nice meeting place complete with tables, chairs and a kitchen. The church is located across the street from the Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in the church's parking lot.

NOTE:

You can go to the website of the following articles to read them in their entirety by holding down the "CTRL" key and clicking on the link that is in blue and begins with <http://>

81 gold coins found during pub work

Tuesday, 29 January 2013

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/81-gold-coins-found-during-pub-work-16267420.html>



Some of the gold coins found underneath floorboards in a pub in Carrick-on-Suir by builders

Builders carrying out stabilisation work on an old pub building have unearthed one of the most significant finds of gold coins ever recorded in Ireland.

Eighty-one coins, mostly guineas and half guineas dating back to the 17th century, were dug up from clay underneath floorboards in a fire-damaged premises on Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co Tipperary.

Marie McMahon, curator at South Tipperary Museum in Clonmel, held the coins in storage before they were handed over to the National Museum of Ireland.

"We were told that they were gold and you never really believe it, normally you would find silver, but they were in fantastic condition," she said.

"There are one or two coins buckled and one tarnished, but overall fantastic condition. They'd be incredibly valuable but legally we would not be allowed to discuss that."

Experts at the National Museum, which is putting the coins on show for the first time on Wednesday, described the find as the most important in decades.

"No comparable 17th-century hoard of gold coins has been found in Ireland since the discovery in Portarlinton, Co Laois, around 1947, of a hoard that contained little over 100 gold coins as well as some silver coins," a spokeswoman for the museum said.

The find is considered as important as the Derrynaflan Chalice for the Tipperary region.

The collection depicts the reigns of Charles II, James II and Mary and William III, who are featured in a joint portrait.

The hoard was unearthed by builders on January 14 as they lifted floorboards during groundworks at Cooney's pub in the town.

Coming Short Squeeze in Gold to Shock The World

Today the outspoken hedge fund manager out of Hong Kong, who recently lit the gold world on fire with his comments about a coming short squeeze in gold, told King World News that managed money around the world is already beginning to convert paper claims on gold into physical metal. Kaye, who 23 years ago worked for Goldman Sachs in mergers and acquisitions and who is now the founder and principal shareholder of Pacific Group in Hong Kong, strongly believes that "only a small fraction of investors in the world need to do what we are doing to create an enormous short squeeze" in gold.

KWN will be releasing a series of written interviews today with Kaye which discuss the coming global systemic meltdown, and how it will impact investors and key markets around the world, including gold and silver. Here is what Kaye had to say in part I of this exclusive interview: "**We know the claims on gold in the marketplace exceed, depending on various estimates, 100 to 150 times the amount of physical gold known to exist.** So when a credible country like Germany has sufficient concerns about whether they can get physical possession and safe storage of fully allocated gold, it's our contention that any prudent investor should be concerned." The full article can be read here

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/1/29_Exclusive_Coming_Short_Squeeze_In_Gold_To_Shock_The_World.html

Default Coming as 850 Tons of Gold Supply Vanished

Today billionaire Eric Sprott told King World News that the massive plunge in gold scrap recycling may be removing as much as a staggering 850 tons of gold from world supplies each year. Sprott, who is Chairman of Sprott Asset Management, also warned of a coming default on the COMEX, "And when it (the default) happens, there will be a substantial move in the price of gold (and silver). We'll make up for these last two years in no time."

Eric King: "KWN has been receiving information from refiners for quite some time, and this was from one of the largest metals refiners in the world, "The secondary market, which is scrap, business is down almost 50% year over year, and the previous year was already a down year. The only supply now is coming from the miners. This applies to both gold and silver. Gold and silver bar and coin demand is very strong and the supply has essentially dried up." Read the full article here:

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/2/11_Sprott_-_Default_Coming_As_850_Tons_Of_Gold_Supply_Vanished.html

Global Monetary System Headed for Collapse

James Rickards

The world currency system is riding down the road to catastrophe, says James Rickards, senior managing director of Tangent Capital Partners.

The world already has entered a currency war that began in 2010 on the heels of the Federal Reserve's massive easing program, he tells Wall Street Journal Digital Network. Since then, plenty of nations have joined in, including Brazil, Switzerland and Japan, says Rickards, author of "Currency Wars: The Making of the Next Global Crises."

"All major central banks are easing," he says. "Eventually so much money will be printed that this will lead to inflation. The endgame is collapse of the international monetary system — sometime sooner than later."

His currency view makes Rickards a huge bull on gold. His long-term price estimate is \$7,000 an ounce, more than four times the current price of \$1,677. Gold could trade in a range between \$3,000 and \$10,000, Rickards says. "We're not going to get there all at once."

This absolute must read commentary was posted over at the *moneynews.com* Internet site at http://www.moneynews.com/FinanceNews/Rickards-monetary-system-collapse/2013/02/06/id/489253?s=al&promo_code=125B7-1

Nothing Is Real In Markets Any More, This Will End Badly

Today Egon von Greyerz told King World News that when it comes to markets, "... nothing is real." Greyerz, who is founder of Matterhorn Asset Management in Switzerland, also believes we are seeing a sucker's rally in stocks. Here is what Greyerz had this to say: "Eric, I believe investors are focusing too much on the short-term movements in the precious metals. Gold is up seven times in 13 years, and it's likely to go up much more than seven fold in the next 4 years."

Egon von Greyerz continues:

"So the fact that we've consolidated near the highs for 17 months is only positive. That will generate massive energy for the next move, and that move is coming soon. So instead of looking at the short-term, we must step back and analyze what's actually happening in the world.

My conclusion is that nothing is real....

Continue reading the Egon von Greyerz interview at:

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/2/12_Nothing_Is_Real_In_Markets_Any_More%2C_This_Will_End_Badly.html

Putin turns black gold into bullion as Russia out-buys world

When Vladimir Putin says the United States is endangering the global economy by abusing its dollar monopoly, he's not just talking. He's betting on it.

Not only has Putin made Russia the world's largest oil producer, he also has made it the biggest gold buyer. His central bank has added 570 metric tons of the metal in the past decade, a quarter more than runner-up...China, according to International Monetary Fund data compiled by Bloomberg. The added gold is also almost triple the weight of the Statue of Liberty.

"The more gold a country has, the more sovereignty it will have if there's a cataclysm with the dollar, the euro, the pound, or any other reserve currency," Evgeny Fedorov, a lawmaker for Putin's United Russia party in the lower house of parliament, said in a telephone interview in Moscow.

No surprises here...and if Russia and China are buying physical metal with both hands...you should be doing the same as well. This **must read** *Bloomberg* story was posted in a GATA release on Sunday...and the link is here.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-02-10/putin-turns-black-gold-into-bullion-as-russia-out-buys-world.html>

The Greatest Bubble in History Will Lead to a Gold Explosion

With continued volatility in key markets, including gold and silver, today Michael Pento has written exclusively for King World News about the greatest bubble in history and how it will lead to an explosion in gold. Here is Pento's tremendous piece: "Ben Bernanke was instrumental in creating a bubble in U.S. Treasuries. His actions have served to inflate it to the point that it has now become the greatest bubble in the history of global investment." Read the article here:

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/2/2_The_Greatest_Bubble_In_History_Will_Lead_To_A_Gold_Exposion.html

West Headed Into Orwellian Nightmare & Bankruptcy

Today Nigel Farage told King World News he is deeply concerned about Orwellian developments, and military interventions. He also believes the world will witness a massive spike in the gold price as the West marches towards bankruptcy, and financial crisis once again engulfs the world. But first, Farage, who is Britain's very popular MEP, gave this entertaining response when asked what has him worried right now, "Joe Biden (laughter ensues). What a ghastly man. What have you done in America to deserve such an appalling bloke? We've had a special relationship between Britain and America going back over very many years."

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/2/5_Farage_-_West_Headed_Into_Orwellian_Nightmare_%26_Bankruptcy.html

World's Supply of Silver Dangerously Low

Today the Godfather of newsletter writers, Richard Russell, warned his subscribers "... the world's supply of silver has grown dangerously low." Russell also had some fascinating comments regarding gold, and stocks, including some great charts. Here is what Russell had to say: "If a problem has no solution, it may not be a problem, but a fact -- not to be solved, but to be coped with over time." (Shimon Peres) As I read the quote, I relate it to the FACT of the US's debt. This is a situation that can never be solved honestly -- it's a fact. A fact that our children or

our grandchildren will have to cope with. How they cope with it will set the course of the world of tomorrow." The full article can be read here:

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/2/5_Richard_Russell_-_Worlds_Supply_Of_Silver_Dangerously_Low.html

Bipolar Silver, How to Profit

It is often said that those who are ignorant of history are doomed to repeat it. It's also said that while history never repeats exactly, it sure rhymes a lot. So, while looking at previous bull markets doesn't prove anything about the current one, it does offer a reasonable basis for guiding expectations. This is what Jeff and Alena have done in the article below, as regards volatility in silver and gold prices. Their conclusions are well worth taking to heart. Read the article here:

<http://www.caseyresearch.com/cdd/bipolar-silver-how-profit#section0>

Don't Sell Your Gold and Silver Coins

By Dan Weil, Wednesday, 06 Feb 2013

http://www.moneynews.com/InvestingAnalysis/Rogers-sell-gold-silver/2013/02/06/id/489120?s=al&promo_code=1258E-1

Demand for gold and silver coins is raging, and given the weak outlook for paper currencies, investors should hold on to these coins, says star investor Jim Rogers, chairman of Rogers Holdings.

Gold coin sales hit a 19-month high last month, while silver eagle sales climbed to a record peak. "You can't get [silver coins]. They sell out," Rogers tells Yahoo. "Several mints have run out of coins, ... because everybody's worried about the future of the world."

Spot gold stood at \$1,671.80 late Tuesday, down 13 percent from the record high of \$1,921.15, set in September 2011.

Rogers says he "wouldn't rush in right now" to buy more coins, but would consider purchasing gold if prices fall further.

A correction is likely, he maintains. "Gold has been up 12 years in a row, which is extremely unusual for anything," Rogers points out.

The long term looks bright for precious metals, he says. "There is no paper money in 2014 or 2015 that will be worth much of anything."

As for the short term, some gold market participants have their doubts about the precious metal. "Central banks have been buying gold for months now, and we [gold futures] really haven't moved," Comex gold options floor trader Jonathan Jossen tells Reuters.

"To me it's bearish, as I would think that we should be much higher."

Gold Flow East & Silver Squeeze to Create Surge in Metals

Today acclaimed money manager Stephen Leeb told King World News there is an investment and industrial squeeze taking place in the silver market. Leeb stated, "The coming move in gold

and silver will mark a major turning point in what will probably be the greatest bull market people will ever see in their lifetimes." Here is what Leeb had to say: "I think the key to this market is understanding when commodities are going to breakout and how high they will go. Investors need to understand that once commodities breakout, the higher prices will be a constraint on growth going forward." Read the full article here:

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/2/4_Gold_Flow_East_%26_Silver_Squeeze_To_Create_Surge_In_Metals.html

Key Charts, Propaganda, Gold, Silver and the Ongoing Collapse

As investors get ready to kiss the month of January goodbye, today Egon von Greyerz sent King World News 2 tremendous charts and gave one of his most powerful interviews ever. Here is what Greyerz, who is founder of Matterhorn Asset Management in Switzerland, had this to say in this exclusive interview: "Eric, back in 2009 I wrote an article titled, 'The Dark Years Are Here.' In that article I said 2011 to 2012 would be the start of economic, political, and social upheaval. I noted that this could last for a couple of decades." Read the full article at:

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/1/31_Key_Charts%2C_Pr opaganda%2C_Gold%2C_Silver_%26_The_Ongoing_Collapse.html

Danger for Stocks, Gold & Silver Ready for a Big Move

On the heels of MEP Nigel Farage telling King World News that the West is headed into an Orwellian nightmare and bankruptcy, today 56-year market veteran and analyst Ron Rosen sent King World News exclusively three outstanding charts and commentary for our global readers. This will give KWN readers an important snapshot of of the extraordinary roadmap he sees going forward for key markets such as gold and silver. The full article can be read here:

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/2/5_Rosen_-_ Danger_For_Stocks%2C_Gold_%26_Silver_Ready_For_A_Big_Move.html

We're Facing a 1987 Selloff and Eventual Hyperinflation

Today the man who counsels prominent hedge funds, investment banks, institutional money managers, mutual funds, pension funds, and high net worth individuals across the globe, told King World News that he believes we are facing a 1987 type scenario where the markets will get badly shaken. Belkin, President of Belkin Limited, also believes we are eventually headed for a destructive hyperinflation where gold will have an extended upside move.

Here is [what Michael Belkin had to say in this powerful interview](#):

http://kingworldnews.com/kingworldnews/KWN_DailyWeb/Entries/2013/2/1_Belkin_-_ Were_Facing_A_1987_Selloff_%26_Eventual_Hyperinflation.html

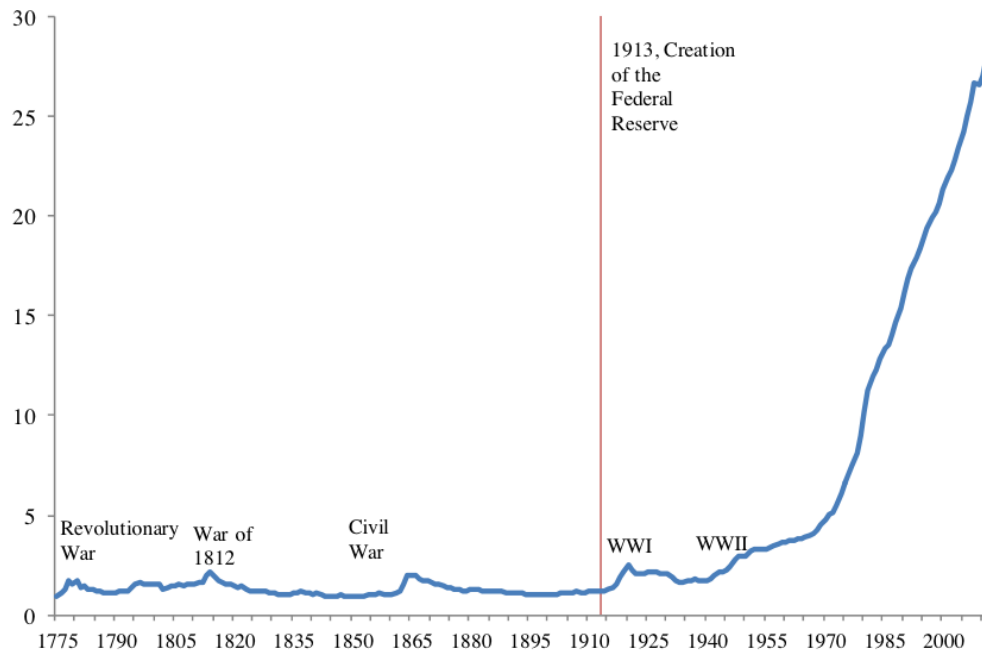
Inflation Since the American Revolution

Submitted by [Tyler Durden](#) on 01/07/2013,
Via Michael Krieger of [Liberty Blitzkrieg blog](#),

As is clear by this chart, inflation was virtually unheard of until the [Creature from Jekyll Island](#) (the Federal Reserve) took over. However, more importantly, things didn't really start to get bad until

the 1970's right after [Nixon took the nation off the gold standard](#) in 1971. Since that time, America has seen [a period of non-existent real wage growth](#) and a huge gap grow between the rich and the poor ever since. Nothing like livin' the debt slave dream!

Figure 1. Consumer Price Index, United States, 1775-2012
(level, 1775=1)



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Historical Statistics of the United States, and Reinhart and Rogoff (2009).

How to clean up abandoned mines, without landing in court

Emily Guerin, February 04, 2013

http://www.hcn.org/issues/45.2/how-to-clean-up-abandoned-mines-without-landing-in-court?utm_source=wcnl&utm_medium=email

Peter Butler's late October tour of abandoned hardrock mines began high on Red Mountain Pass near Silverton, Colo., off a highway so narrow that, in places, its shoulder crumbles off cliffs. Butler, a water wonk with springy silver curls, is the co-coordinator of the Animas River Stakeholders Group, a local watershed group, which has been cleaning up abandoned mines for 18 years. Standing on a buried mine waste pile, he pointed at a success story: Twelve years ago, an unlined ditch leaked water into the San Antonio Mine and reacted with pyrite -- fool's gold -- creating sulfuric acid. The acid dissolved naturally occurring metals, such as aluminum and zinc, dyeing the water that leaked out fantastic colors. "People looked at it and went, 'Wow, that's really pretty,'" Butler said. But it helped make the river below nearly lifeless for miles. So ARSG bought the water rights, filled in the ditch and diverted the water, keeping it from becoming contaminated.



Gushing drainage at the Red and Bonita Mine

Acid mine drainage is a major problem in the West. In Colorado, over half of impaired streams are contaminated by metals, many from draining mines. Groups like Butler's want to help with simple solutions like this one, which has significantly reduced downstream levels of zinc, copper and cadmium. But overall, their impact is limited because many draining mines need actual water treatment -- something that small environmental groups won't do because: (a) it can be really expensive; and (b) they could be sued if the water still doesn't meet federal standards.

Under the Clean Water Act, "Good Samaritans" who try to clean up a mine's drainage may become liable for any pollution that continues to flow from it. In the Animas River Basin, Butler's group has only worked on five of the most-polluted draining mines; they're afraid to touch the 28 others. Attempts to change the law have failed repeatedly. Last month, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a memo that attempts to clarify Good Samaritans' liability. But environmental groups are still unsure, or downright skeptical, that it will help.

"We've done the best we can with what's available to us," says Bruce Stover, who directs the inactive mine reclamation program for the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety. "(But) the lion's share is still left to do."

One group that doesn't have to worry as much about getting sued, and has therefore made progress, is the Bureau of Land Management. The agency is already liable for what happens on

its land, allowing it to be more experimental than Good Samaritans. Near Silverton Mountain ski area, Butler pointed out a white box on a forested hillside filled with charcoal-like materials that precipitate metals out of mine drainage. Another BLM experiment involves a limestone-coated channel that raises the pH of water draining from a mine.

Solutions like these, which improve water quality but remain imperfect, are too risky for small groups like Butler's. Instead, they perform legal workarounds -- trying to keep water from getting contaminated in the first place. They move mine waste out of the path of runoff, or keep water out of mines like the San Antonio. Still, the line between removing pollution from water, which is risky, and pre-empting pollution, which is not, is often blurry. Over apple pie, Butler and Steve Fearn, his group's co-coordinator, confessed that, at a different mine, they had added lime to acidic water to neutralize it.

"That could be considered treatment," Butler conceded.

"Oh," Fearn responded, "I could be sued," and they both laughed.



DEFINITION OF A VETERAN

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, National Guard or Reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life."

That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.



“Save America – Deport an Environmentalist”

March 24, 2012 by [ppjg](#)
from – *The Parallax Prophecies* -
By Ron Ewart, President

National Association of Rural Landowners
and nationally recognized author on freedom and property rights issues.
We are helping to spread freedom and liberty around the globe.

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<http://ppjg.me/2012/03/24/save-america-deport-an-environmentalist/>

“Never before, in the history of America, has a movement done more to destroy individual liberties and property rights, as has the environmental movement. In the name of social justice and environmental protection, as crafted by the United Nations at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 under the Agenda 21 Accord and signed off by over 160 nations, including the United States, radical environmentalism has become a planet-wide, quasi-religious cult, that survives by propagating myths, lies, distortions and propaganda, for the sole purpose of stripping America of its resources, its wealth, its freedom and its sovereignty. In an evil public-private

partnership with government, it moves by stealth, subterfuge, indoctrination and political and legal skullduggery. It fills the heads of little children with misinformation and fear. The movement is extremely well funded by national and international interests, is powerful and politically influential and has managed to brainwash an entire planet with scientific hogwash and end-of-the-world scenarios, to scare a naive populace into submission, capitulation and eventual slavery. It is a worldwide, money-making, snake-oil con game that is sucking the very life out of liberty. Radical environmentalism could very well be more dangerous to American freedom than all of the Islamic terrorists combined. We either tame it or defeat it, or, in the end, radical environmentalism and its evil brother, social justice, will bury America in the deep and forgotten grave of its final resting place as a third-world nation in an oligarchy-elitist-run, socialist model, global government." Ron Ewart

NOTE: And the UN is at it again! Rio + 20, a sequel to the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 which gave birth to Agenda 21, is now scheduled for June 22, 2012. Preliminary conferences are already underway in preparation for Earth Summit 2 and America is participating. They even have a day counter on their website, counting down to the June 22nd conference, labeled as: "___ number of days to the future we want." But the real questions are, who is "WE" and what kind of "future" are they talking about? "WE" certainly isn't the American people and "their" future would likely dissolve American sovereignty.

We have a saying:
"Protecting the environment is laudable.
Trashing the Constitution to do it is treasonous!"

But unfortunately, the religious cult that is internationally-driven radical environmentalism, has no qualms or compunction about burying the U. S. Constitution in a blizzard of social justice and environmental protection laws and court precedents, that come from a litany of never-ending environmental lawsuits, brought by environmental groups that apply for federal grant money and then use that money to sue the government. Environmental groups and their lawyers have become filthy rich from these lawsuits because government constantly passes complicated, often conflicting, environmental laws that become a gold mine for money-hungry lawyers.

From property rights, to energy, to alternative energy, to food, to water, to fish, to endangered species, to blocking resource production, radical environmentalism and environmental law are sending America reeling into the dark ages, while the rest of the world is having a free-for-all developing new petroleum, natural gas, hydro, coal and nuclear energy, along with exploring for new natural resources. Much of our trace and scarce minerals come from China. China is building one coal-fired power plant every week. It built the giant 3 Gorges dam that provides a massive source of electricity, flood control and agricultural irrigation.

And China has bought up \$1.2 Trillion of our national debt. Who is subservient to whom in a lender-borrower relationship? Just try telling your bank you don't like the terms of your mortgage loan that you have signed and find out just who is subservient to whom! Remember the 1950's song that Tennessee Ernie Ford sung, "Sixteen Tons" where he said, "I owe my soul to the company store." That's right, we owe our soul to China.

Russia, on the other hand, is going after more on-shore and offshore energy production with a vengeance. Neither China or Russia worry one bit about their discharges into the atmosphere, or into rivers, lakes, or the ocean. Meanwhile, we lock up our resources by environmental law, or by putting the brakes on the resource permitting process.

Environmentalists have stopped oil refineries and nuclear power plants from being built for 30 years. Hydroelectric dams, the cheapest form of high-efficient, renewable energy, are now impossible to build because of environmental law. Forget nuclear and coal. Instead, at the incessant lobbying by radical environmentalists, government uses billions of our tax dollars to subsidize wind and solar power, that provide less than 1% of the total energy production in America, while they do everything in their power to limit petroleum, coal-based, hydro and nuclear energy production. And we are letting them do it.

That's why a gallon of gas is now over \$4.00 in most places (headed for \$5.00) and will not likely come down. That's why our power capacity is at or near maximum. Environmentalists, in concert with radical international environmentalists, are trying to lock up private lands in the U. S. for biospheres and wildlife corridors without compensating the owners of the private lands they want to take. They accomplish this lock up with ridiculously wide buffers and conservation easements.

The ever-present **environmental lobby** is responsible for stopping drilling for oil in areas of known oil reserves, thus making us more dependent on foreign sources and driving up the cost of oil and oil-associated products, accordingly. The unnecessary cost for overt and radical environmental protection has been in the trillions of dollars since international environmentalism rose its ugly head back in the 60's.

And then there is "climate change!" What happened to man-caused global warming? Why now "climate change?" Is that because "climate change" doesn't have a negative connotation yet? After all, the climate does change and we can't argue with that now can we? However, many scientists and credible researchers debunk the so-called facts on man-caused global warming and the affects of CO2 on the atmosphere and infrared trapping, almost every day. But still this con game is pushed down the throats of the naive without any mention of the fact that the science on man-caused global warming is far from settled. We wrote a guest editorial that appeared in the Seattle Times in December of 2005 entitled GLOBAL WARMING, A FARCE that once more debunks this government propaganda, designed to extort more money from the general public in a world wide, grand re-distribution of wealth scheme.

To make matters even worse, we starve highly fertile agriculture land of its lifeblood of water for a 2-inch fish, thereby decreasing food production and driving up food prices and unemployment. Instead of building more dams for electricity generation, flood control and irrigation, we tear them out for fish. It has been estimated that the work being done on the Columbia River drainage basin in the name of salmon habit restoration, runs in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000 per fish. (So much for a cost benefit analysis.) But the fact is salmon are not endangered. Only native salmon are supposedly endangered. There is plenty of hatchery salmon but environmentalists won't let native and hatchery salmon mingle. So they actually kill hatchery salmon, downstream from the hatchery, so they can't mingle with the native salmon, in their efforts to return spawning river habitat to its pristine condition. Oh, and if you live on a spawning river or stream, you can forget about property rights. You have none. Environmental, salmon recovery and endangered species law supersede your property rights.

The U. S. Forest Service, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the **Bureau of Land Management** and the **Environmental Protection Agency** and God knows how many other government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGO's), are but skills for the environmental lobby. Whatever the environmentalists want, these agencies and the NGO's bend over backwards to give it to them. They care nothing about constitutional property rights. They care nothing about the law that requires them to go through a step-by-step procedure to promulgate new rules and they are promulgating new rules almost every day. Their public

hearings are for show only to make the public feel like they had a say. Government already has its mind made up well before the public hearing or written testimony process begins. How do we know? Because we have seen it in action, first hand.

Many of you have heard of the battle that the Sacketts of Idaho have had with the Environmental Protection Agency over trying to build a home on a lot they owned. Every other lot in the subdivision had a home on it already, but the EPA went after the Sacketts for filling in a wetland. The *Pacific Legal Foundation* took the case to the U. S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Sacketts and the court just handed down a decision that would appear to be a victory for the Sacketts but is it? For those that are interested in the case, we discuss some of the issues "HERE", which includes an announcement from Pacific Legal about the decision and a copy of the actual Court decision in PDF format.

Only America has to succumb to reductions in CO2 emissions and Cap and Trade insanity, while gutting our energy production. Only America must protect endangered species when the fact is that 99.99% of all species that ever lived on earth are now extinct. What makes us think that today's species are sacrosanct and must be saved by trashing the constitution? Only America must save every wetland, when 10,000 years ago one third of the earth's land surface was covered in an ice sheet over one mile thick where there were no wetlands. How did the earth ever survive this dearth of wetlands? Only America must tie its hands and feet on the false God of radical environmentalism.

Ladies and gentlemen, have Americans become suddenly infected with a stupid gene? Or is there a yellow streak running down their backs? Have we lost the fire in our bellies to challenge a bully, after too many years of the easy life? "Whatever we do, let's not rock the boat. God forbid, someone might get hurt!" People are already getting hurt by government actions and especially environmental actions. Most people just don't know it yet, especially urban dwellers who don't care what happens to those that choose to live in the rural areas and grow the nation's food.

Do you want to know whom to blame for fuel and food costs going up? Blame an environmentalist and the government that aids and abets them. Do want to know why property rights only exist in the minds of Americans who haven't discovered yet that the 5th Amendment protections against government takings has been declared null and void by virtue of environmental law. Blame an environmentalist. Radical environmentalism has severely weakened our economic engine, reduced our power capacity and eroded our constitutional form of government almost beyond repair. Environmental actions, laws and restrictions have contributed heavily towards the national debt. Because of radical environmentalism, we have gone from a country of YES WE CAN to a weakened nation of NO WE CAN'T.

But radical environmentalism has worked beyond their wildest dreams. It seems that almost everyone is now on the "GREEN BANDWAGON!" If we hear of one more person, company, or organization "going green", it is quite possible we will lose our lunch.

"Save America – Deport an Environmentalist!". Now there is a thought. "**The Parallax Prophecies**" predicts that if we could deport every environmentalist and every illegal alien, America would become much more manageable and we could then muster enough votes to payoff much of our debt, reduce the size of government, reclaim freedom and restore our Constitutional Republic, probably in one 4-year term of a new conservative president. Unfortunately, environmentalists, socialists, people with their hands out to government and many illegal aliens get to vote, since U. S. Attorney General Eric Holder has ruled that they don't have to provide photo ID. Until we solve this vexing problem of whom gets to vote, our chances to save America

for current and future generations are up for grabs, unless free-loving Americans finally get a spine, that is if there are enough free-loving Americans left. We strongly believe that there are.

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Project 60: China Buying Idaho?

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The following excerpts are from an article in the Boise (Idaho) Examiner will not make it to the mainstream media. The article details how Idaho's Governor, Butch Otter, has teamed up with the Obama agenda of globalization. This article is most likely just a first peek at what's in our future. You may as well kiss the good 'ole' USA good bye. Just my opinion....William McCullough

Fifth Column – Definition: a group of people who act traitorously and subversively out of a secret sympathy with an enemy of their country....Dictionary.com

Idaho To Be First Chinese State

Bill Turner – Boise Examiner, May 31, 2011

Governor Butch Otter, in league with....(Barack) Obama, has hatched a plan to make Idaho the first Chinese owned state in America. Otter and company have named this Project 60. Sounds innocent enough, until you realize that Otter and his minions are afraid to call it what it is, globalization of America and surrender of sovereignty. If it were called that someone may want to charge Otter with sedition. Under....Obama it has become increasingly difficult to do business in America, unless you are from a foreign nation. Idaho, under the stewardship of Governor Butch Otter, has opened the door for a Chinese invasion wherein the sovereignty of Idaho and America will be sodomized by all parties involved.

Project 60 takes advantage of a federal program that grants permanent residency to foreign nationals, in this case, Chinese. This program comes with special tax exemptions to the foreign firms moving here. American companies do not get the tax exemptions; So much for the Constitution and equal protection. Idaho is struggling financially and it is widely known that America is broke, so why tax breaks for the Chinese?

China wants to limit its exposure to America's debt. China needs to maintain its trade deficits, so it does not collapse like a house of cards. In order to accomplish this, China must unload currency and excess dollars. Buying Idaho is a good way to accomplish this. But, do not worry, China is looking at buying Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania as well. China will not allow its currency to become stronger, so it must eliminate some of America's IOU's. What better way to do this than buy America?

Top Idaho officials have been traveling to China and entertaining the Chinese here, in order to help facilitate this. Idaho is a resource rich state and the Chinese know it, as does Obama, who

keeps snatching Idaho land. Otter, Obama and the attack on business in America paves the way for China to own us. A Chinese firm is building a fertilizer plant in American Falls Idaho. Ironic. China has bought fifty square miles of land south of Boise, thirty thousand acres of Idaho gone to foreign nationals. Governor Otter says this will help reinvigorate our American industrial base. Just how this will do it, since the plants will be staffed with foreign nationals is a question that remains unanswered.
