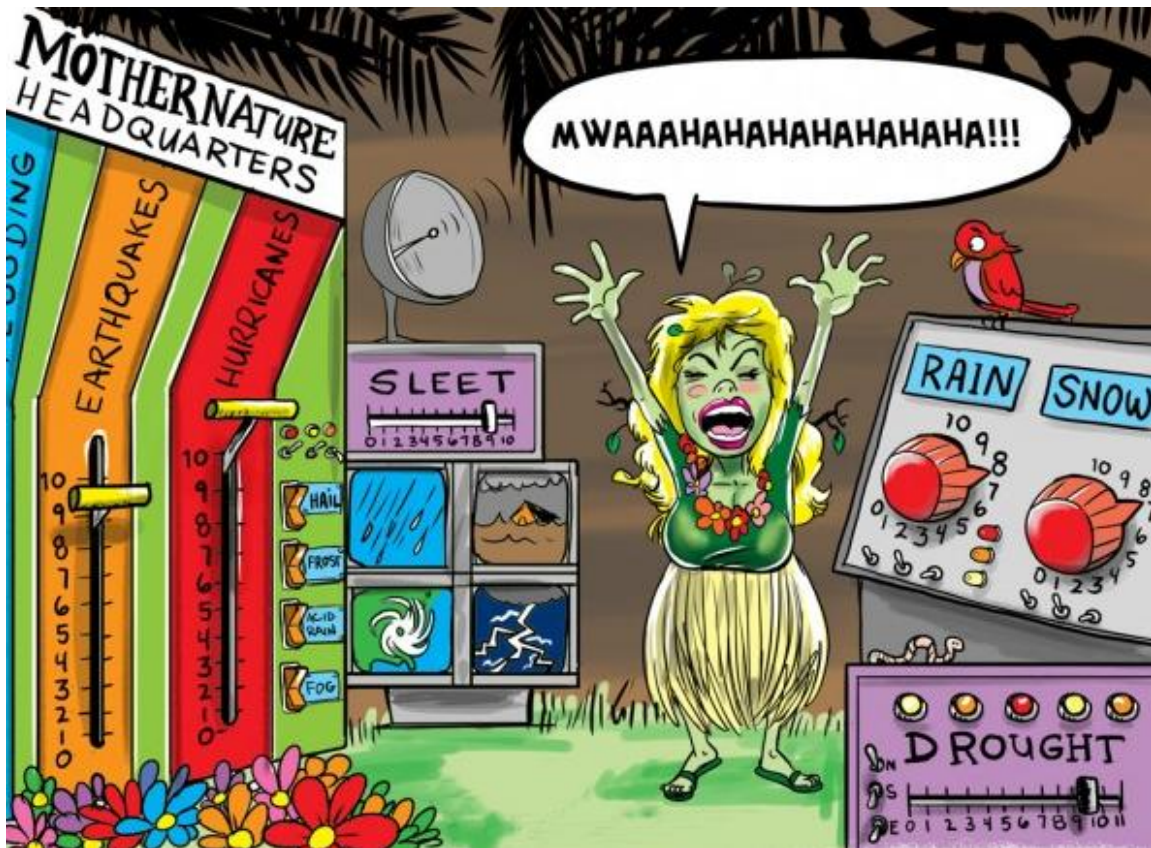




**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



NEWS FLASH!!! Mother Nature wreaks havoc on Oregon and destroys Millennium Diggers 2013 Christmas party.





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PREZ SEZ:

2013 is passing quickly. I don't know where the year went. I missed all the great food at the Christmas potluck this year because of the arctic blast in the Corvallis area and elsewhere. The plumbing in our house is frozen just as hard as the ice on the roads outside and I'm sitting at my dad's house drinking hot buttered rum and keeping warm.

The miners spent a lot of money on court cases this year in an attempt to right the wrongs of the state's agencies and supporting legislature who basically thumbed their noses at their constituency and then told them to sue if you didn't like it. We need to vote for someone that will follow our laws instead of making new unjust ones. I have been told by those with more political savvy than myself we need to spend some to replace these legislators with ones that will defend our rights and uphold our States' and Nations' constitutional laws. It is important to be mindful of voting on issues rather than straight party lines. We will get started on that one next year.

The Millennium Diggers have had some good times together this year and managed to find some of the gold shiny stuff. Obviously considering the number of fires that kept us off our claims we didn't sacrifice enough chickens or other suitable livestock to the gods of fire. Perhaps at one of our future meetings

we can concentrate on pleasing the gods of gold. Maybe one of our elderly members would be willing to jump into a volcano for the good of the group (In case you're wondering I'm not old enough to volunteer).

Our association members are like family, and I have enjoyed all our meetings and outings together. We have picked up a couple of new claims this year and have members coming forward with interesting ideas for future outings. One important outing we will need when the weather allows is to build trails into our new claims. Working together is always a fun time for all and includes lots of shared food to keep us going. Don't forget to bring your nominations to the January meeting for new officers.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New,

Claudia Wise, Millennium Diggers President



"HE'S ABOUT 5' 3", WEARING A
RED JACKET, SMELLS OF BEER,
AND HE SHOT A GUN AT ME"

**Please come visit us at our meeting next year which will be held on
January 23, 2014.**

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.

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It's the Bottom of the Ninth— And Not Just for California

by Public Lands for the People

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Suction dredging is about to disappear permanently in California if Public Lands for the People (PLP) does not immediately obtain substantial additional funding. The California outcome will reverberate throughout all of the states with suction dredge mining. If we lose, the radical environmentalists have a roadmap to replicate their success everywhere.

PLP's preliminary injunction arguing irreparable harm to the small miner was denied by our judge despite the fact that a Siskiyou County case found in favor of irreparable harm to the miners. Our trial is again delayed, this time until May 2014.

Our deep pocket opponents—the radical environmentalists, the Karuk Indians, and the State of California—have no financial issues. Their combined effort to delay our case has successfully run PLP out of money. Without additional funding, PLP will not be able to continue hiring legal representation nor pay our share of the estimated \$100,000 administrative fees required by the State of California to compile the complete record of all the previous trials.

There are two ways for miners to never be able to suction dredge in California again: have our judge rule against us on the merits of the case, which is appealable; or PLP failing to show up for the case because we ran out of money, which is not appealable.

An annual individual membership is \$35.00. That is only 9.6 cents per day per member. Is there any small miner who cannot afford a dime a day? A family membership for \$50.00 is only 14 cents a day. But, why stop there? Imagine what can be done if every small miner gave 30 cents a day. PLP could really go on the offensive and take the small miner fight to the rest of the nation. Thirty cents

is just the change that you take out of your pocket and throw into a jar at the end of your day.

Let's be clear, fellow miners, suction dredging is only the opening gambit in the admitted radical environmentalist effort to eliminate all prospecting and mining in the country, not just California. Highbanking, sluicing, dry-washing, panning and even metal detecting are all on the chopping block. You need to look no further than Oregon to see that prediction coming true.

For this case, it is the bottom of the ninth inning. We either open our wallets or we permanently lose prospecting and small mining in California, and the other states will surely follow. Let's give the radical environmentalists and the complicit government a legal whopping that they won't soon forget.

Editor's Note: From now until December 30, 2013, ICMJ's Prospecting and Mining Journal is offering a \$10 donation to PLP on YOUR behalf—here's how it works:

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**April 5 & 6, 2014
2014 Gold Prospecting & Mining Summit
Eldorado County Fairgrounds
Placerville, California**

Note: Admission \$5 at the door. Fairgrounds charges \$5 parking per day. No pre-registration required for the Mining Summit (April 5 & 6). However, pre-registration is recommended for the Hands-on Training classes -- they tend to fill up long before the show! Pre-registration for Hands-on Training opens January 2, 2014. For the lecture topics, schedule, and registration information, visit <http://www.icmj.com/miningsummit.php>

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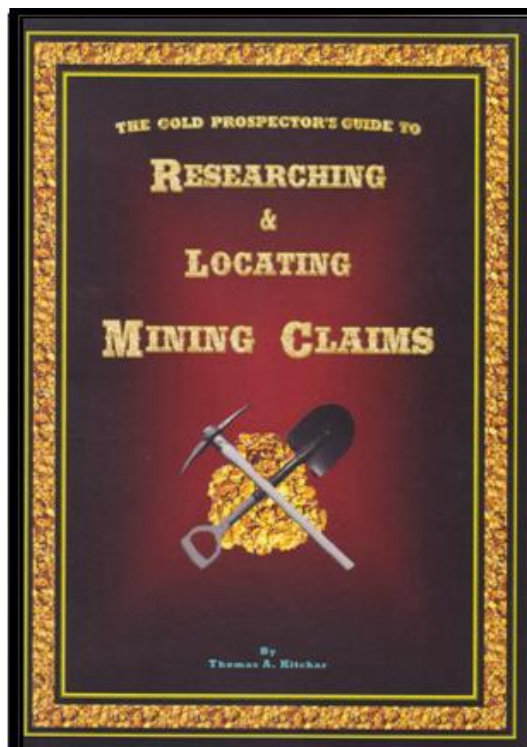
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## Fossils headed to Smithsonian

*By Wyatt Haupt Jr.*

Of the News-Times, Newport, OR October, 23, 2013



**Molars from an extinct hippo-like marine mammal can be seen in this partial skull collected along Oregon's central coast by Kent Gibson of Newport. (Photos by Wyatt Haupt Jr.)**

NEWPORT — About 17 years ago, Kent Gibson was wandering along a stretch of Ona Beach with his dog, Bart, when he came across a rock while looking for agates.

Since Bart liked to play fetch, Gibson picked up the rock and “pitched the thing about 30 feet” and walked to his truck, which was parked nearby.

Bart brought it back, then Gibson did the same thing. “I pitched it twice,” said Gibson with a grin as recalled the outing earlier this week. But this was no ordinary rock that Gibson was tossing around the coastline. The rock turned out

to feature a remarkably rare piece of marine history — the fossil of an extinct dolphin relative that roamed coastal waters off Oregon millions of years ago.

“That is how all this (stuff) started for me,” said Gibson who has been collecting, documenting and caring for fossils he has found along the central coast ever since.

His extensive collection of marine fossils is so extraordinary that it has captured the attention of paleontologists and researchers from coast-to-coast.



**Kent Gibson of Newport holds the partial skull of an extinct dolphin relative. The fossil was the first major find for Gibson, who located it along Ona Beach.**

And in what is likely the ultimate nod to the scope of his collection and work, a number of pieces are being readied for shipment to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

The fossils include the partial skull of an extinct baleen whale, the nearly complete skull of an extinct seal relative, and the partial skull of an extinct hippo-like marine mammal that clearly shows the mammal's molars and other features. The fossils are believed to be in the range of 15 to 22 million years old.

Gibson said he spent about 120 hours working on the hippo-like marine mammal's partial skull at his workshop in Newport in order to bring out the detail. He uses air scribes and a mini-sandblaster to clean off the fossils, which when finished, are works of art.



**A partial skull of an extinct marlin relative is shown. The fossil weighs in excess of 50 pounds. (Photos by Wyatt Haupt Jr.)**

Gibson said he's pleased to be able to donate the fossils to the Smithsonian.

Kirk Johnson, director of the National Museum of Natural History, said Thursday that researchers would study Gibson's fossils for years because of their immense scientific value.

"These are extinct animals known only from the Oregon coast. They are quite important as for our global understanding of marine evolution," said Johnson, who has been out to Newport a couple of times to examine Gibson's work.

He added, "It really is a nice thing to see Kent's collection coming out to the Smithsonian."



The fossils will fit nicely with an epic compilation from renowned fossil collector Doug Emlong of Lincoln City, who died in 1980. Most of Emlong's fossil collection is in the hands of the museum.

"He was an amazing guy," Johnson said.

The museum's collection numbers more than 126 million artifacts and specimens — the biggest at the Smithsonian. The museum attracts about 7 million visitors a year and has an annual budget of about \$68 million, according to data from the institution.



**A collection of fossils is shown inside the Newport workshop of Kent Gibson.**

Museum personnel recently shipped a wooden crate to Gibson, who plans to pack and send the fossils to the Smithsonian within the next couple of weeks. The carefully packed crate is expected to weigh about 200 pounds.

"It's going FedEx," Gibson said.

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### **A 93-Year-Old Prophecy Comes To Pass**

*"As democracy is perfected, the office of the President represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day, the*

*plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be occupied by a downright fool and complete narcissistic moron."*

~ H.L. Mencken, The Baltimore Evening Sun, July 26, 1920

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## **Gold Making People Crazy in Search for Sunken Treasure**

By Vernon Silver, Bloomberg Personal Finance, Nov 13, 2013

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-11-14/gold-making-people-crazy-in-search-for-sunken-treasure.html>

Captain Robert Mayne stands at the wheel as he guides the steel-hulled Aqua Quest from the docks in the Florida Keys, pointing the vessel toward what he's been assured is a gold-laden shipwreck that may be worth tens of millions of dollars.

Mayne, 60, says experience has taught him such gold hunts can be perilous: inspiring obsession, sending treasure hunters on endless journeys and blinding them to reason.

"Gold makes people crazy," says Mayne, who in his youth smuggled marijuana, and now has neatly combed, greying hair. "They become lost in their dream."

Even he finds the pull irresistible. Investors who hold rights to the site southwest of Key West say it may be the resting place of a galleon sunk by a 1622 hurricane. Mayne has agreed to cover the cost of the excursion in exchange for half of any treasure.

Gold's draw is a powerful one that drives both dreams and financial markets. It helped create a bubble in global gold prices, which gained more than sevenfold over a 12-year period. After peaking at \$1,921.15 an ounce in September 2011, gold fell to as little as \$1,180.50 in June. It closed at \$1,281.83 on Nov. 13.

The drop is battering fortunes, from individuals who bought coins through TV offers to billionaires who bet wrong. The gold fund of John Paulson, the New York hedge fund manager, declined 62 percent this year through September.

Yet for treasure hunters, the recent drop hardly makes a dent in their ambitions. Gold prices are still higher than when they began their quests, years or decades ago.

## **Treasure Map**

The 65-foot Aqua Quest and its crew of salvage divers chug into open seas, the Gulf of Mexico to their right and the deep Gulf Stream far to their left. The water ahead is pale blue, like in Caribbean resort brochures.

The investor who struck the exploration deal with the firm Mayne founded, Aqua Quest International Inc., is Kenny Rose, a retired real estate agent and former bartender who has spent 33 years looking for the wreck.

He began his search after a chance meeting with a man on the Key West waterfront who had a treasure map. Rose and other investors have poured \$1.23 million into the hunt over the decades, he says. They owe \$320,000 in legal fees for securing rights to the site.

"I started when I was a young guy," says Rose, 69. "You want to get famous. You want to do something with your life. Wine, women and song."

Rose, who sports a mustache and a patch of hair beneath his lower lip, rattles off the specifications of what the divers should be prepared to find. "Twenty-three tons of silver, 22 bronze cannons," he says. "Hundreds of pounds of gold."

## **El Dorado**

A sheaf of papers, he says, holds evidence he's on the right track, including sonar scans that indicate the site, 50 feet down, is encased in the remains of wood worms.

"My theory is that's crust from worms that ate the boat," Rose says. The treasure should be under that layer of shell-like tunnels the creatures create as they consume wood.

Gold's mystique lies in the unique values attributed to it for millennia: a store of economic value; portable wealth that transcends political change and war; a prestige item for display; the stuff from which idols are made.

The element also seduces. El Dorado, as the legend goes, lies deep in a jungle in the Americas, filled with gold. Almost as soon as Spanish explorers arrived, lives were lost chasing the mirage. The real treasure was in mines, whose metals got loaded onto ships. In 1622, a fleet setting out to Europe from Havana, 90 miles south of Key West, sank in a hurricane, leaving rich underwater remains.

## **Gold Fever**

Today the U.S. treasure hunting industry ranges from small operators like Rose to Key West's Mel Fisher group, known for finding the 1622 Spanish Atocha wreck in



1985, to Tampa, Florida-based Odyssey Marine Exploration Inc., with a market value of about \$180 million.

The gold is out there, found through a combination of archival research, high-tech tools, luck and obsessive persistence.

“At some point in life, everyone dreams about finding gold,” says Kim Fisher, chief executive officer of Mel Fisher’s Treasures LLC and a son of the late treasure hunter. “It’s gold fever.”

For Rose, now twice married and with an adult daughter, his search has become about “vindication,” he says, “that I didn’t waste my life chasing this treasure, that there actually is something there.”

### **Sharks**

On the expedition’s first day last July, it takes almost two hours to reach the site. Along the way, Mayne, who grew up on Cape Cod and is CEO of Tarpon Springs, Florida-based Aqua Quest International, says gold alone can’t pay the bills.

“Treasure hunting is a broken business model,” like playing the lottery, he says.

The reliable income is in less-shiny metals, such as the 10 tons of lead bars he pulled from a World War II-era shipwreck, or the copper ore he found in a ship’s open holds beneath the Atlantic, guarded only by sharks, he says.

To make his point, he tells the story of how he once spent two years helping investors seek Nazi gold off the coast of South America -- gold that, most likely, never existed.

Mayne says hunts like that happen all the time.

Slowing down, the Aqua Quest approaches the locus of Rose’s dream. Mayne uses a global positioning system to anchor above Rose’s wood worm crust. Then the mundane reality of treasure hunting starts.

Divers take shifts, beginning with Mayne. The ocean floor is a dead zone, with no sea grass. An occasional stingray glides by, barely visible against the sand.

### **Evidence Found**

The men excavate with a rigid vacuum tube, about 15 feet long and the width of a grapefruit. It works by forcing pressurized water down a fire hose and into

the bottom of the tube. As water escapes up through the tube toward the surface, it creates suction.

After a few hours, the first mate, James Kelly "Boo Boo" Garrett, 52, comes up with encouraging evidence: a handful of chalky, corkscrew-shaped tubes. It's the worm crust.

"That was wood down there at some time," Mayne says.

Still, by sunset when he steers the Aqua Quest into the marina, Mayne says the day has gone slowly. The next morning he has a solution: a rented air compressor the size of a hot dog cart. Back on site the next day, the crew attaches it to a bigger tube, a 40-foot-long, white, plastic column as wide as a bowling ball.

### **Rusty Crowbar**

They slide the tube into the water and Mayne dives down 47 feet. At the bottom, he pulls a handle to release the air. Silt and rubble shoot toward the surface. Underwater, it looks like a factory smokestack.

After 40 minutes, Mayne surfaces. "This is getting work done," he says. "Like a hot knife through butter."

He's exposed a patch of crust about 5 feet across. After eating a sandwich for lunch, Mayne picks up a 5-foot, rusty crowbar with a pointed tip.

He's going to start opening up the crust he says, smiling.

When he surfaces, it's with bad news. The crust is at least a foot thick. The crowbar is useless.

Later, diver Kevin Kirk, 43, announces he's gotten his hands underneath a hole in the crust.

"I could feel like edges of something, you know, almost like shale," he tells Mayne.

"That could be ballast," Mayne says, stones ships carry to improve stability. "Exciting."

Mayne is smiling again.

"Tomorrow's going to be a very interesting day," he says.

## **Waterfront Meeting**

Kenny Rose, the retired real estate agent behind Mayne's expedition, first saw Sam Kirby in 1977. Kirby, who rarely cut his wild wisps of white hair, was standing on the deck of a partly sunken shrimp boat off Key West's waterfront, wrestling a bronze propeller shaft out for salvage. Rose, 33 that year, was cruising by on his bike.

"I got off and helped lift," Rose says. The men became friends.

After growing up in New York's Long Island suburbs and graduating from Adelphi University there in 1968, Rose had followed his parents to Florida and migrated to Key West as a boat carpenter.

On a Sunday at the local flea market in 1980, he and Kirby sat on the back of Rose's Toyota station wagon. Kirby, who was 62 that year and made his living sketching caricatures for tourists in bars, explained he'd found a wreck.

## **Priest Researcher**

Rose said Kirby told him a priest did research for him in Jesuit archives. Based on those leads, Kirby, diving alone, had located the ship's plate room, a section that held the most precious cargo -- gold and jewels -- accessed through the captain's quarters.

Rose wanted in. He agreed to invest, and they began their search.

It got off to a slow start. For about three years, they tried and failed to assemble a salvage ship from rotting hulls.

They contracted with a salvage company in 1984 and got immediate results, finding a 2,300-pound anchor, Rose says. Over the next two years, they raised two crucial artifacts: a metal strap and a smaller anchor, about 8 feet long.

With those two pieces, in 1986, they laid claim in Miami federal court to the site's "wrecked and unidentified sailing vessel." The claim helped Rose bring in \$40,000 in investments from family members and friends. They used the money to build a ship, La Grande Derriere, he says.

## **Cut Adrift**

Work could be dangerous. In one incident, in November 1986, Kirby was anchored overnight at the site on La Grande Derriere when someone cut the lines, setting him adrift. The boat had no working engine.



The Coast Guard launched a search, using a Falcon jet, according to a United Press International report at the time. After four days, a cutter found Kirby halfway to Havana, according to Rose.

The breaks came slowly. In 1989, a company working with Kirby discovered a beam of wood embedded in the worm crust. It was carbon dated to 1588, plus or minus 50 years, Rose says.

Two years later, I met Kirby as a reporter at the Key West Citizen newspaper. He lived in a shack in a rooster-infested slum of Key West. Sores on his ears wept, unbandaged, presumably damaged by years of exposure to the sun. His tales verged on the fantastic.

“At one time you could walk on the deck,” he said of his sunken ship. He described diving his site alone using an air tube connected to his 13-foot boat, and wearing overalls instead of a wetsuit.

Atocha Remains?

He also claimed his ship was at least part of the Atocha -- the very same wreck treasure hunter Mel Fisher had already found in 1985.

Kirby made the claim even though markings on Fisher's silver bars matched the Atocha's manifest.

“He did claim a couple times that what we found wasn't the Atocha,” says Kim Fisher, who doesn't rule out that Kirby's site might have a different 1622 wreck on it. “We just kind of ignored it because it was just so far out in left field.”

Rose believed Kirby about finding a wreck despite being unable to verify very much about the man.

Kirby told Rose he was born in Brooklyn, escaped from an orphanage when he thought he'd killed a man, worked making newsreels in the 1930s, captained an Australian combat ship in World War II and inspired a Joni Mitchell song, to name a few highlights.

“I know he made up stories and embellished,” Rose says. “He was a weaver of words.”

## **Evidence**

That is, for all these years, Rose has been following the dream of a fabulist.

When asked why he'd knowingly do this, Rose explains it's the archaeology that drives him, not the man. "Occasionally I get a little drink of evidence, and it keeps me going," he says.

Kirby died in 2001, Rose says.

Rose has continued the hunt, setting aside whether Kirby dreamed up any of it, and making fitful progress. In 2006, divers who punched a small hole in the worm crust came up with what Rose says is evidence of ship life: a nut, some coal and a square object he calls a rosary box.

For day three of the Aqua Quest expedition in July, the captain comes up with something to crack the crust: a rented jackhammer that works underwater. As the day goes by, the tool rattles divers' bones and widens the hole, yet reveals no treasure or ballast.

### **'No Sign'**

On day four, at 4 p.m., Mayne surfaces from his last dive.

"There's no sign of a shipwreck."

He's done, but he has one last idea. If the crust is a fossil shipwreck, there'd be nails in it.

The divers float jagged chunks of crust to the surface. On deck, they break them with the jackhammer and hold the pieces to a metal detector. Each piece passes without a beep.

One at a time, they toss the crust into the wake as the ship heads toward Key West.

The Aqua Quest's expedition is over.

Rose keeps going.

"After 33 years, I'm not quitting," he says.

A few weeks later, in August, he commissions a scan with a device called a Pulse 10, which when dragged along the sea bottom can use electric current to detect nonferrous metals -- gold and silver.

After surveying an area half the size of a football field, the Pulse 10 discovers only a modern, metal pipe.


Then, in September, Rose tries a different device, which uses radio waves. Just point it over the surface of the water. Rose says the equipment sensed possible gold and silver in the area.

"Things are flowing along as we ready our new workboat," he said via e-mail. "The beat goes on."

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## **'Cultic' Temple, 10,000-Year-Old House Found in Israel**

By Megan Gannon, News Editor, 



This image shows the 10,000-year-old house, the oldest dwelling to be unearthed to date in the Judean ...

Archaeologists say they've uncovered some stunning finds while digging at a construction site in Israel, including stone axes, a "cultic" temple and traces of a 10,000-year-old house.

The discoveries provide a "broad picture" of human development over thousands of years, from the time when people first started settling in homes to the early days of urban planning, officials with the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) said.

The excavation took place at Eshtaol, located about 15 miles (25 kilometers) west of Jerusalem, in preparation of the widening of an Israeli road. The oldest discovery at the site was a building from the eighth millennium B.C., during the Neolithic period.

"This is the first time that such an ancient structure has been discovered in the Judean Shephelah," [archaeologists](#) with the IAA said, referring to the plains west of Jerusalem.

The building seems to have undergone a number of renovations and represents a time when humans were first starting to live in permanent settlements rather than constantly migrating in search of food, the researchers said. Near this house, the team found a cluster of abandoned flint and limestone axes.

"Here we have evidence of man's transition to permanent dwellings and that in fact is the beginning of the [domestication of animals and plants](#); instead of searching out wild sheep, ancient man started raising them near the house," the archaeologists said in a statement.



Archaeologists think this standing stone, which is worked on all of its sides, is evidence of cultic ...

The excavators also say they found the remains of a possible "cultic" temple that's more than 6,000 years old. The researchers think this structure, built in the second half of the fifth millennium B.C., was used for ritual purposes, because it contains a heavy, 4-foot-tall (1.3 meters) [standing stone](#) that is smoothed on all six of its sides and was erected facing east.

"The large excavation affords us a broad picture of the progression and development of the society in the settlement throughout the ages," said Amir Golani, one of the excavation directors for the IAA. Golani added there is evidence at Eshtaol of the rural society making the transition to an urban one during the early Bronze Age, 5,000 years ago.

"We can see distinctly a settlement that gradually became planned, which included alleys and buildings that were extremely impressive from the

standpoint of their size and the manner of their construction," Golani explained in a statement. "We can clearly trace the urban planning and see the guiding hand of the settlement's leadership that chose to regulate the construction in the crowded regions in the center of the settlement and allowed less planning along its periphery."

The buildings and artifacts were discovered ahead of the widening of Highway 38, which runs north-south through the city of Beit Shemesh.

Throughout Israel, construction projects often lead to new archaeological discoveries. For example, during recent expansions of Highway 1, the main road connecting Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, excavators discovered 9,500-year-old animal figurines, a [carving of a phallus](#) from the Stone Age and a ritual building from the First Temple era.

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## **'Earliest shrine' uncovered at Buddha's birthplace**

By James Morgan Science reporter, BBC News, 25 November 2013

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-25088960>



The remains lay buried beneath the present day Maya Devi Temple

Archaeologists digging at Buddha's birthplace have uncovered remains of the "earliest ever Buddhist shrine".

They unearthed a 6th Century BC timber structure buried within the Maya Devi Temple at Lumbini in Nepal.



The shrine appears to have housed a tree. This links to the Buddha nativity story - his mother gave birth to him while holding on to a tree branch.

Its discovery may settle the dispute over the birth date of the Buddha, the team [reports in the journal Antiquity](#).

Radiocarbon

Every year thousands of Buddhists make a holy pilgrimage to Lumbini - long identified as the birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama, who became the Buddha.

Yet despite the many texts chronicling his life and teachings, it is still uncertain when he lived.

Estimates for his birth stretch as far back as 623 BC, but many scholars believed 390-340 BC a more realistic timeframe.

Until now, the earliest evidence of Buddhist structures at Lumbini dated no earlier than the 3rd Century BC, in the era of the emperor Ashoka.

To investigate, archaeologists began excavating at the heart of the temple - alongside meditating monks, nuns and pilgrims.

They unearthed a wooden structure with a central void which had no roof. Brick temples built later above the timber were also arranged around this central space.

To date the buildings, fragments of charcoal and grains of sand were tested using a combination of radiocarbon and optically stimulated luminescence techniques.

"Now, for the first time, we have an archaeological sequence at Lumbini that shows a building there as early as the 6th century BC," said archaeologist Prof Robin Coningham of Durham University, who co-led the international team, supported by the National Geographic Society.



### **The holy site remained open for meditation while archaeologists excavated**

"This is the earliest evidence of a Buddhist shrine anywhere in the world.

"It sheds light on a very long debate, which has led to differences in teachings and traditions of Buddhism.

"The narrative of Lumbini's establishment as a pilgrimage site under Ashokan patronage must be modified since it is clear that the site had already undergone embellishment for centuries."

The dig also detected signs of ancient tree roots in the wooden building's central void - suggesting it was a tree shrine.

Tradition records that Queen Maya Devi gave birth to the Buddha while grasping the branch of a tree within the Lumbini Garden.

The discovery could aid [conservation efforts at the holy site](#) - which has been neglected despite its Unesco World Heritage status.

"These discoveries are very important to better understand the birthplace of the Buddha," said Ram Kumar Shrestha, Nepal's minister of culture, tourism and civil aviation.

"The government of Nepal will spare no effort to preserve this significant site."



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**Archaeologists hope their discovery will aid conservation efforts at the site**

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## **Investors Flock to Silver Coins**

Arpan Mukherjee, The Wall Street Journal, Money Beat, Nov 14, 2013

<http://blogs.wsj.com/moneybeat/2013/11/14/investors-flock-to-silver-coins/>

Silver coins are gaining favor among investors and sales could rise to a record high in 2013, thanks to a sharp fall in the precious metal's price.

Demand for silver, which is sought after by investors and industrial users alike, is expected to rise, consultancy Thomson Reuters GFMS said in a recent report. The industrial sector accounts for about 45% of global silver consumption, it said.



**One-ounce silver bullion coins at the U.S. Mint.  
Bloomberg News**

"Physical demand [for silver coins] surged this year, and is expected to grow by 19% year on year," the consultancy said.

Spot silver traded on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange fell to \$18.24 a troy ounce in late June, the lowest in almost three years, boosting its attractiveness to investors. The metal was down around 32% at \$20.71 an ounce Thursday.

But sales of silver coins are "poised to match record sales levels witnessed in 2011," Thomson Reuters GFMS said, adding that spot silver prices are likely to rise and average \$24.24 an ounce in 2013.

Already, sales of the U.S. Mint's American Eagle silver coins have surpassed 2012 levels, as investors are snapping silver coins up "at a breakneck pace," said Dallas-based precious metals dealer Dillon Gage Inc.

The dealer expects American Eagle silver coin sales in the U.S. to exceed a record of 39.868 million troy ounces set in 2011. Silver coin sales totalled 39.17

million ounces in the 10 months ended Oct. 31, eclipsing the 33.74 million ounces sold in 2012, it said.

"Eagles are one of the most convenient ways to invest in silver bullion. They are much easier to sell, store and transport than large silver bars," said Terry Hanlon, president of Dillon Gage.

In Asia, silver coin demand has been increasing since the start of the year, said Zane Lim, regional manager at precious metals dealer Bullionstar.com.

"American Eagle silver coin is the most popular product in our portfolio," Mr. Lim said. "For a new investor, silver is attractive and coins are easier to purchase with greater liquidity compared to bars."

Coin buyers are usually long-term investors, analysts said, and global economic uncertainties have pushed investors toward gold coins. Data from the U.S. Mint showed demand for [American Eagle gold coins](#) is on track to exceed last year's, with 752,500 ounces sold between January and October, just short of 2012 sales of 753,000 ounces.

Worries about the stability of the U.S. federal government amid a 16-day partial shutdown in October helped boost American Eagle gold-coin sales to 48,500 ounces last month, more than triple the 13,000 ounces sold in September.

But demand for silver coins remains stronger than that for gold coins, partly because each ounce of gold costs about 60 times more than silver. Also, silver's greater volatility compared to gold makes it attractive to investors with a large risk appetite, Thomson Reuters GFMS said.

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**Mom's get out and shop for Christmas. Mother Nature is providing perfect weather to care for your children while you frantically attempt to fill all of the Christmas wishes.**

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## **ECONOMIC FORECASTER ON THE FED**

**MELMAN MINUTE** *By Leonard Melman*

**November 29th, 2013**

<http://www.themelmanreport.com/minutes/minute1013.html>

I have just finished studying a commentary by economic trend forecaster Chris Martenson which was published by the Von Mises Institute, a free-market think tank. Many of the facts reported by Martenson regarding the growth of America's total outstanding debt which has been accumulated in response to Federal Reserve Board actions and policies are real eye-openers.

First, Total Credit Market Debt (TCMD) including corporate, state, federal, and household borrowing, when measured against America's total Gross Domestic Product (GDP), has soared from 160% in 1980 to an astonishing 360-380% in the present time frame. In raw numbers, TCMD has exploded upward from 'barely' **\$10 TRILLION** in 1987 to an astonishing **\$58 TRILLION** at present. He also notes

that if TCMD continues to grow over the next thirty years at the same compound rate as the past thirty years, that debt figure will reach almost **\$600 TRILLION** and I would add that the American public had then better get used to a new number not yet in common usage, namely **ONE QUADRILLION DOLLARS**.

He notes that a quantum change has overtaken the Fed in the past few decades as the current economic leadership attained their university degrees and gained their actual experiences in the era SINCE 1987 **when such growth rates were regarded as 'normal'**. However, as Martenson notes, such growth rates are NOT historically normal and, outside of the immense bubble of the 1920's when TCMD/GDP ratios reached the 300 level, that figure stayed remarkably close to the 160 level from 1870 through 1980.

It is his opinion that given the new leadership's propensity to maintain the new 'norm' in terms of monetary growth, the inescapable conclusion is that the policies of the past 30 years will be continued into the future and, "...For the Fed to achieve *anything* even close to the historical (last three decades) rate of credit growth, ***the dollar will have to lose a lot of value. This may in fact be the Fed's grand plan...***"

**In our opinion at The Melman Report, that manner of thinking is consistent with an enormous future bull market in the precious metals.**

It is all a question of timing.

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# POPE FRANCIS' COMMENTS

MELMAN MINUTE By Leonard Melman

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Please understand that what follows is an ECONOMIC commentary as I would never presume to make any religious statements in this place. Nothing is more personal and perhaps more vital to a good life than an individual's religious preferences.

However, when one of the world's most prestigious individuals makes an official statement outlining economic doctrine, that becomes a matter of considerable public attention. Such was the case earlier this week when the Catholic Church released Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, "Evangelii Gaudium" or, in English translation, "The Joy of the Gospel." This encyclical contains many expressions of economic thought and is so pronouncedly anti-capitalist that two major publication carried articles on the Pope's statements under headlines such as, "Pope Francis Criticizes Economic Inequality in Mission Manifesto" (*Canada's Financial Post*) and "Pope Blasts 'Idolatry of Money' in First Document Outlining Papacy." (*Wall Street Journal*)

For our purposes, I can only suggest that the Pope's statements will provide a further impediment to the growth of free-market capitalism which, in my opinion, has been the greatest generator of wealth in the history of the world and his comments will provide aid and comfort to the forces of the Socialist Left which, again in my opinion, have instituted some of the most destructive forces which in effect diminish economic growth and the accumulation of economic wealth.

Our intellectual argument comes in this form: the Pope argues for increased care for "...the weakest members of society, particularly the homeless, the addicted, refugees, migrants and elderly..." I do not doubt at all that these are magnificent goals, but what better way to enable them than to have the most prosperous economy possible throwing of the greatest amount of wealth which then becomes available for such noble purposes.

In my opinion, socialism is not that system.

From the precious metals point of view, it may eventuate that the Pope's words will provide further difficulties for the world's economies to prosper, thereby requiring the continuation of the pattern of government stimulation, money creation, deficits and debt - **all historically long-term positive indicators for powerful precious metals bull markets.**

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## **The Mercury "Gold Rush" Is On**

Placerville Newswire, In Eldorado County, InEDC.com

<http://www.inedc.com/1-6913>

**Western Mining Alliance | Nov 22 2013 | News Release**



**Environmental groups are rushing to grab a share of the millions allocated to cleanup mercury left over from the gold rush days. The necessity and value of these cleanups is being debated.**

A recent article in USA Today has portrayed a pending crisis in mercury contamination based on a recently released paper by Dr. Michael Singer of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

In the six page study, costing nearly \$280,000, Singer found floods cause erosion and redistribute gravel. Singer found floods erode the gravel in the valleys and release small amounts of mercury which travel in the watershed. The study concluded, based on the small amount of mercury moved each flood, it will take 10,000 years for the gold rush mercury to wash from the valleys. Environmental groups have seized on this report as evidence even more money needs to go into the study and cleanup of this mercury from the California gold rush days.

### **A Lot of Gravel was Washed from the Mountains**

The U.S. Geological Survey estimated nearly 1.3 billion cubic yards of gravel were washed from California mountains between 1855 and 1910. That's the equivalent of 80 million dump trucks.

Environmental groups seek funding to continue studying the mercury in the gravels. Grant requests submitted by environmental groups seek over \$6 million in funding to process 160,000 cubic yards of gravel in Lake Combie. Based on the cost of the project the mercury is valued at \$8,000 per ounce, or about seven times the price of gold.

Using the environmentalist approach it would cost 53 billion dollars and 40 thousand years to clean all the residual gold rush gravels. Or we could let nature take care of it for free in less time.

### **Mercury is Naturally Occurring**

Regions of California have an abundance of natural mercury. The California Coastal Range was the source for the majority of the mercury used in gold mining operations. Scientists admit even if all the gravels, rivers and reservoirs were cleaned, there would still be mercury in the sediments.

Mercury is toxic to humans if consumed in sufficient quantities. Most of what we know about mercury poisoning is based on industrial dumping in Minamata Bay, Japan. In the 1950's an industrial plant dumped tons of mercury into the bay where it converted to a toxic form. This toxic form can cause neurological damage to humans.

In Minamata Bay a huge amount of mercury was dumped into a closed bay in a short period of time. In California small amounts of mercury are leaching over a large period of time.

### **Do We Need to be worried about Mercury?**

Researchers debate whether this mercury poses a threat. New research has led the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) to revise their consumption criteria for fish. The updated guidance increased the recommended consumption amounts significantly. So is mercury in California, as the environmentalists claim, a problem?

"It depends," says Dr. Nicholas Ralston of the University of North Dakota, the leading biological mercury researcher in the US, "In the past several years there has been tremendous progress in understanding the mercury issue. Mercury can be a problem if you are exposed to a big dose, but in the small doses that are encountered under these conditions there is very little risk. If all the residual



mercury from the gold rush was dumped in the bay at one time we could see harm, but certainly not if it is delivered in small amounts per year."

Dr. Ralston's position is supported by California Water Board research on mercury. The California Water Board has studied this problem for over ten years and their research appears to conclude the majority of gold country rivers are under EPA established thresholds. The California Department of Health has no records of anyone, anywhere, in California suffering mercury poisoning from eating fish. While environmental groups claim the mercury ends up in the food chain, the Water Board studies don't prove this link across California. In the valley regions, where water temperatures are warmer some fish are exceeding the EPA thresholds causing advisories for consuming fish caught from lower elevations. In the higher elevations streams the fish are consistently below EPA thresholds.

"It's a solution in search of a problem." said Craig Lindsay, president of the Western Mining Alliance. "There's a lot of money involved in mercury cleanup and environmental groups have their hand out, hoping they can receive millions to study a problem which hasn't resulted in a single case of harm, ever."

- See more at: <http://www.inedc.com/1-6913#sthash.XNCSTJAo.pMwj1RIG.dpuf>

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## ***Comex Precious Metals Price Rigging***

*Ed Steers Gold and Silver Daily, The Wrap, 11/12/2013*

*I would have thought it would be crystal clear by now to the majority of precious metals observers (and not just subscribers) that gold and silver prices are rigged and artificially set on the Comex. The game is simple – big speculators that we call commercials (and are lead by JPMorgan) trick other speculators (mostly technical funds) into buying or selling futures contracts, by rigging short term prices through the means of computer algorithms (HFT). The commercials rig prices lower to induce the tech funds into selling so that the commercials can then buy and then reverse the process to the upside. That's it; that's the price rig.*

*Proving Comex price rigging is the mechanical process of artificial pricing is easy; all you have to do is look at the government-published trading data in the COT and Bank Participation Reports. On big price declines, the technical funds are always the sellers and the commercials are always the buyers. On price jumps, the technical funds are always the buyers and the commercials are always the sellers. Because the commercials are always buying on sell-offs and selling on rallies, they appear to many to be operating legitimately. But when*

*you glimpse slightly beneath the surface and see that the commercials control short term pricing, it should be clear that the commercials are nothing more than puppet masters; controlling how the technical funds will dance. - Silver analyst Ted Butler: 09 November 2013*

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## **Rosia Montana project in Romania**

**Leonard Melman ,MELMAN MINUTE, November 12th, 2013**

<http://www.themelmanreport.com/minutes/minute1006.html>

On behalf of all my colleagues who also participate in the struggle to evaluate and report on progress - or lack of same - for prospective projects within the metals markets, all I ask is a bit of understanding, given the trends which have developed over the past few decades.

Strange as it may seem to market newcomers, there actually was a time when metals markets evaluations concentrated on such outdated data as quality and extent of ore bodies, exploration progress, mining economics, management expertise and other similarly antiquated considerations. However, it is becoming evident that obtaining approval for the opening of a mining

enterprise now seemingly rests on a different set of criteria. At least, that could be a justifiable conclusion after evaluating the latest developments at Gabriel Resources' giant Rosia Montana project in Romania.

As reported in the mining media over the weekend, the Romanian government put the 'kabosh' on the project (at least for the relatively near future) by rejecting a bill designed to outline future project progress. This decision appears to be the negative culmination of a 14-year struggle to advance the project toward ultimate production.

Ironically, no one disputes the economics of the mine where the discovery process has outlined **reserves of over ten million ounces of gold** and total resources of over seventeen million ounces. Similarly, no one disputes that the mine could operate profitably and employ substantial numbers of Romanians and also make huge contributions to the local, regional and national economies.

However, none of that seems to matter as the project has been rejected solely on the political power of the international environmental movement which has made Rosia Montana one of their primary targets during the lengthy permitting struggle. As an Associated Press article stated, "...The government of Prime Minister Victor Ponta...changed its mind **after weeks of protests over environmental concerns and criticism that Romania would earn too little from the deal.**"

And so it appears that, at least as this Romanian project is concerned, **economics and job/wealth creation be damned and environmentalism and government greed should become the new bases for final judgement of a project.**

If true, this is a lesson that should not be ignored by the mining management community.

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## **Before You Buy Gold Stocks... Read This**

By Matt Badiali, editor, *S&A Resource Report*, November 20, 2013

<http://us-mg4.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=9d96erhkjhm6i#mail>

Right now is a good time to buy gold stocks.

Sentiment toward the sector is terrible... and many are trading for bargain prices.

But make sure you buy the right gold stocks. If you buy the wrong ones, you could still lose a lot of money...

With falling gold prices (the metal hit a low of \$1,200 per ounce in June) and high production costs, many big gold miners are struggling. Some mines have even become unprofitable as production costs outpace gold prices. So miners have scrambled to cut costs.

For example, giant gold miner Newmont Mining had two of the most expensive mines in the industry. About 14% of Newmont's gold production (about 184,000 ounces) in the second quarter cost \$1,496 per ounce.

However, in the third quarter, Newmont decreased the total costs at all its mines. None of its mines' costs were above \$1,200 per ounce. That's a dramatic improvement. But not all the big miners achieved equal results.

Two of the largest gold miners in the world, AngloGold Ashanti and Newcrest Mining, each had mines that cost over \$1,200 per ounce in the third quarter. And well-known mining companies Harmony Gold and Coeur Mining also continued to operate unprofitable gold mines.

As you can see from the table below, some of these companies' mines are still well above the current gold price of around \$1,280 per ounce as I write...

| <b>Company</b>    | <b>Mine</b>   | <b>Q3 Production</b> | <b>Cost Per oz.</b> |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| AngloGold Ashanti | Sadiola       | 48,800               | \$1,770             |
| AngloGold Ashanti | Yatela        | 12,500               | \$1,558             |
| AngloGold Ashanti | Great Noligwa | 17,000               | \$1,513             |
| AngloGold Ashanti | Obuasi        | 68,000               | \$1,475             |
| AngloGold Ashanti | Sunrise Dam   | 62,000               | \$1,412             |
| Newcrest Mining   | Bonikro       | 17,784               | \$1,945             |
| Newcrest Mining   | Hidden Valley | 49,852               | \$1,721             |
| Harmony Gold      | Hidden Valley | 49,852               | \$1,721             |
| Coeur Mining      | Kensington    | 29,049               | \$1,625             |

And these mines represent a good chunk of most of the miners' total gold production.

For example, nearly 25% of AngloGold Ashanti's gold production (253,000 ounces) cost more than \$1,488 per ounce in the third quarter.

Meanwhile, 7% of Newcrest Mining's total gold production (586,573 ounces) from the Hidden Valley and Bonikro mines cost \$1,721 and \$1,945 per ounce, respectively, for the third quarter.

Eight percent of Harmony Gold's production (309,773 ounces) cost \$1,721 per ounce. And Coeur Mining's \$1,625 an ounce production at its Kensington mine represents 46% (63,766 ounces) of its gold output.

As you would expect, the high costs of production have had an impact on these companies' total earnings.

Harmony Gold only generated \$1 million in earnings in the third quarter. To put that in perspective, the company generated \$60 million in earnings in the third quarter of 2012.

AngloGold Ashanti was only able to turn a profit after cutting significant costs in many other areas. And Coeur Mining lost \$46 million in the third quarter, with more than \$20 million of the loss due to its gold production.

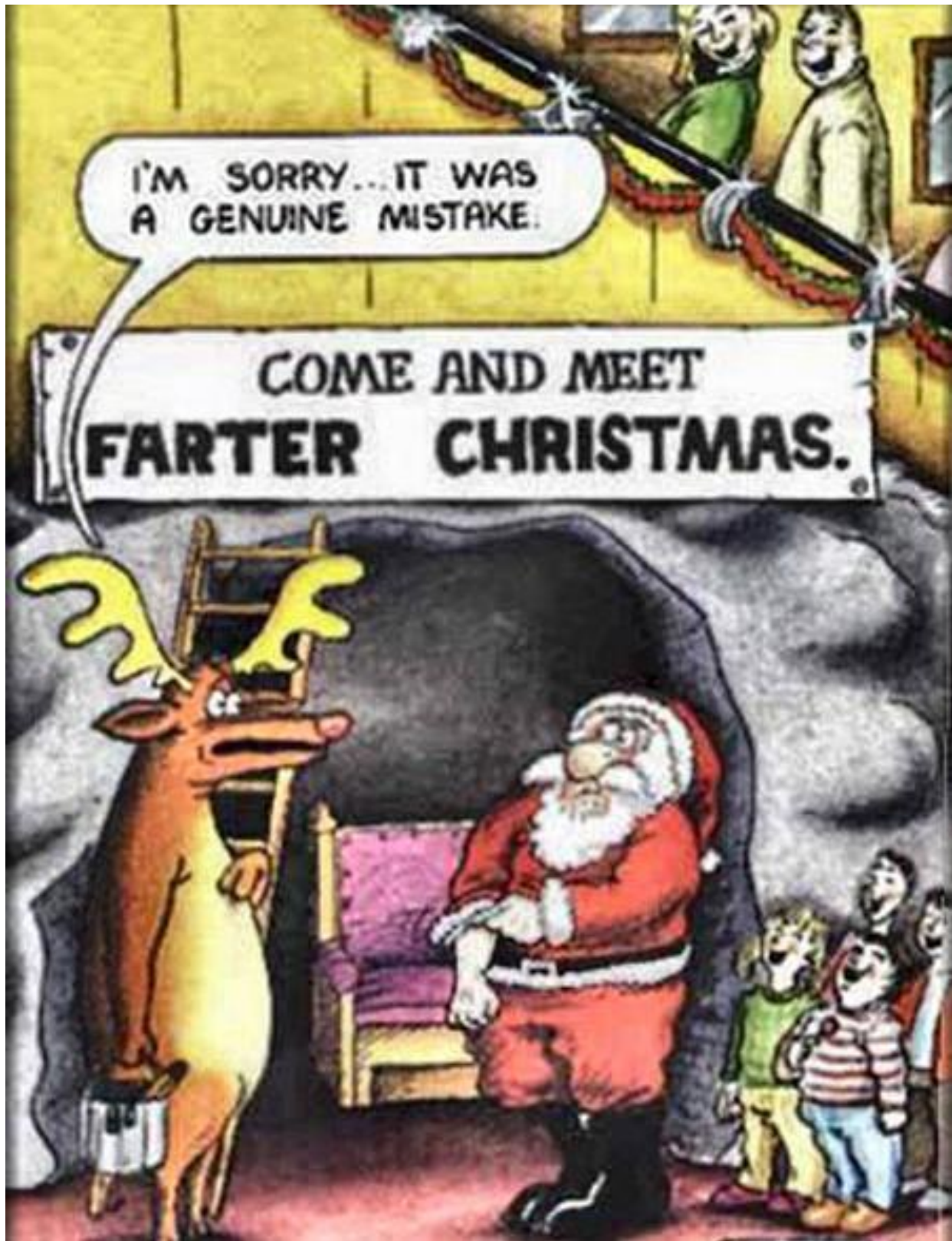
If gold stays around its current levels, these big mining companies will continue to lose profits on their high-cost mines.

In short, make sure the gold stocks you're buying are still making money at lower gold prices. Some aren't... and those are the ones you want to avoid.

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## **This could be the real reason for the crash in gold**

From *The Gold Report*: November 18, 2013  
<http://www.theaureport.com/pub/na/15720?>

Demand for gold bars, coins and jewelry increased to multiyear highs in the first half of 2013, but was offset by outflows from exchange-traded funds, according to the World Gold Council, which produces a quarterly Gold Demand Trends Report and recently released the first-ever Direct Economic Impact of Gold report.

Sprott Securities founder Eric Sprott questioned those statistics in a callout on his website. He figures that the demand for gold is actually 3,000 tons more than the annual supply, and therefore the gold price will soon be much higher.

What is the true demand for gold? How much is really available in any given year? Does supply and demand really determine the price of gold anymore? *The Gold Report* called Sprott and John Gravelle, global and Canadian mining leader for PwC, which produced the report for the World Gold Council, to find out.

**The Gold Report:** Eric, you published an Open Letter to the World Gold Council saying that the massive imbalance between supply and demand is not reflected in prices because available statistics are misleading, and that is the most important obstacle to a healthy gold mining industry. Why has it been so difficult to get accurate statistics and what should be measured to get a better picture of demand, particularly in emerging markets?

**Eric Sprott:** I have always had a dispute with the data that Thomson Reuters GFMS Gold Survey puts out, which the World Gold Council uses as the basis for its analysis of gold.

Since I've been involved in the gold market, the supply always magically equals the demand. Of course, we know that's almost impossible.

The report has two what I call fudge numbers. One is recycling, which is a very big item. The report suggests it could be upward of something like 1,600 tons some years. I don't know how it would possibly come up with that number. I find it very difficult to get numbers on recycling in any country, let alone all countries.

Two, the report always uses what it calls a net investment demand or supply. It's the plug number to make supply equal demand. Many times I think that the investment number is understated.

Furthermore, as I wrote in "[Do the Central Banks Have Any Gold Left?](#)," we have seen a net increase in gold demand over the decade of at least 2,000 tons per year (2,000 tpa). China's demand alone is going up 100%; jewelry demand is up 50%. Mine supply has essentially been flat at 2,700 tpa, or 2,100 tpa for Western consumption because China and Russia don't export the gold they produce. As we move into 2013, we start to see significantly higher imports of gold into the Asian countries. That makes the shortages even more extreme. We could see demand of 5,100 tpa. That would result in a 3,000 tpa shortfall, not a balance. How can all these people be buying all this gold per year when the supply hasn't gone up? That is why I question the GFMS data. I think it is flawed.

Read more at: <http://www.theaureport.com/pub/na/15720?>





# **China is fully aware of gold price suppression and planning to overthrow it**

Cpowell, 2013-12-01, GATA

Back in October gold researcher Koos Jansen and Jan Skoyles of The Real Asset Co. in London called attention to commentary by Zhang Jie, deputy editor of the Chinese publication Global Finance and a consultant to the China Gold Association, which cited the Federal Reserve's manipulation of the gold market to protect the U.S. dollar's standing as the world reserve currency.

Jansen has obtained a much better English translation of this Chinese commentary, and it includes this observation about gold leasing by Western central banks: "Through continuous gold leasing the gold in the market can be circulated and produce derivatives, creating more and more paper gold. This is very significant for the United States. Gold leasing is a major tool for the Federal Reserve and other central banks in the West to secretly control and regulate the gold market, creating gold credit derivatives and global credit conflict."

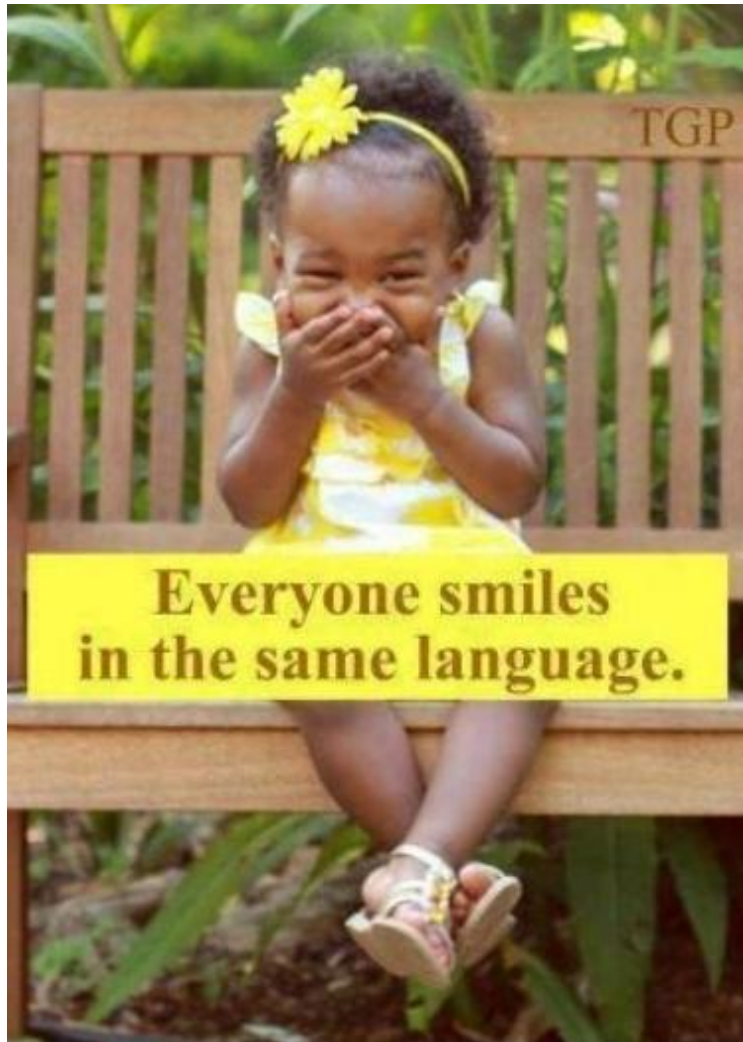
The new translation, headlined "Gold Leasing Is a Tool for the Global Credit Game," is posted at Jansen's Internet site.

There's a lot more in this GATA release than what is mentioned in the above three paragraphs, as Chris Powell has a fair amount to say...and a few other links as well. This is certainly **worth your time**.

[Read more...](http://www.gata.org/node/13314) <http://www.gata.org/node/13314>

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## **Consensus on gold equities suggests buy now before the great reversal**

***There seems to be an increasing sense among pro-gold mining analysts that the bottom is nigh and now is the time to buy as downside increasingly limited – particularly if some gold price scenarios happen.***

Lawrence Williams, 27 Nov 2013, MineWeb, LONDON

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/content/en/mineweb-gold-analysis?oid=219632&sn=Detail>

Judging by the keynote presentations at the San Francisco Metals and Mining Investment Conference, there seems to be a bit of a consensus developing among the pro-gold mining analysts. They all do seem to feel that now may well be the time to take the plunge back into gold stocks, although one needs to be highly selective when it comes to the juniors – perhaps less so if going for



the Tier 1 producers. Never mind that some have been preaching similar views throughout the way down, but seldom has there been such close correlation in their opinions.

What does also seem to have been of particular note about the recent event is the big fall in numbers of attendees and in participating junior mining companies. Even a year ago when the industry was depressed already, numbers of both at this event remained reasonable, although far from breaking any records. What will be really interesting now is how much lower the attendances will be at the Minerals Exploration roundup in Vancouver in January and at the PDAC in Toronto in March. While both these events see major participation from the manufacturers and the Canadian provinces, one suspects that overall numbers will likely be down – perhaps quite severely and there will be many juniors staying away altogether given they are in cash preservation mode and the cost of attending these events, particularly when one adds in time and accommodation as well as exhibit and booth design costs, starts becoming significant when the treasury may be down to a few thousand dollars. While not many quoted companies have yet fallen off the exchanges as unable to meet requirements, the attrition rate is likely to start to increase strongly in the next few months if the gold price, in particular, stays at around current levels – or, horror of horrors, dips further.

Gold is such a key element in the exploration sector though, that one forgets that some other metals and minerals have suffered even bigger percentage losses. Gold is 'only' down about 35% from its peak. Some other industrial metals have fallen much more – think uranium or molybdenum or cobalt, all down around 70% from their peaks – you get the picture. The major base metals haven't fared quite so badly – copper down around 30%, nickel – the worst performer in the base metals sector which has halved from its peak - while lead and zinc have come back between 25 and 30% respectively. But all in all, the whole mining sector remains in the doldrums and the effect on juniors is far worse than on the bigger producers.

Some juniors can hang on quite well on very limited funding, but those which are trying to fund a new mine will be having problems. Stocks are generally too low to contemplate an equity funding option – at least not without hugely diluting existing shareholders – and banks are loath to lend to small companies with what they view as risky projects. That mostly leaves private equity, streaming or royalty sales as ways of raising finance and private equity finance at the moment can drive a very hard bargain indeed.

Be that as it may, key when looking at the junior sector is, as Rick Rule commented in his San Francisco presentation that investors need to seek junior

companies that have three factors in common: have a management team that owns a lot of stock in the company; make sure the company has a good property; and last, but not least, does that company have working capital?

Wherever the gold price is headed now, the downside risk would seem to be becoming increasingly limited and upside potential is great. There is a growing feeling that those who have been forcing the price down through offloading large amounts of gold at times of day when there is virtually no market activity, which seems to be happening with increasing frequency, are doing their very best to force the remaining weak gold holders out of the market. In this they are being extremely successful as witness the continuing exodus of gold from the big ETFs. But what is the end game? When the weak holders have gone – and most of their gold has found its way to China – many analysts now believe that the reverse process will be introduced with big buy orders at illiquid times in the markets thus driving the price up in exactly the same way as the sell orders have been driving prices down. If and when that day comes we will see some very large gold price climbs indeed.

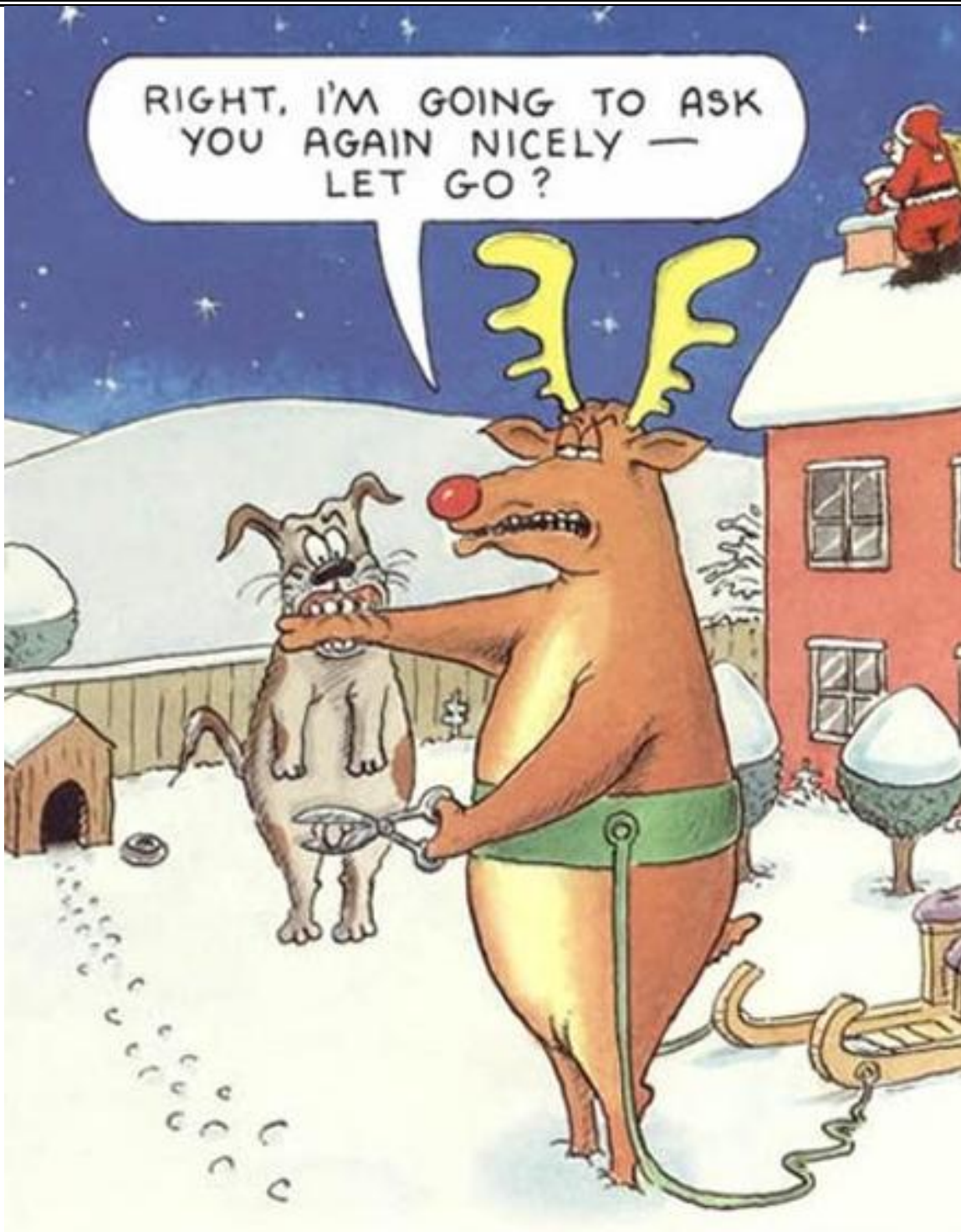
Some cynics now think that China may be behind some of the machinations in the gold market as a means to the end of driving more and more western gold eastwards. And then, when the time is ripe, announce a very substantial increase in its gold reserves leading to a big upwards price revision at a time when ever increasing doubts are being raised over the state of western central bank gold holdings. Is it all really there, and even if it is who actually owns it? Such a move might see a flight back to gold in the West, but with little or no physical gold left to satisfy a sudden increase in demand, price rises would be dramatic, thus hugely boosting not only China's global financial position, but dramatically increasing the wealth of its people who have been persuaded to invest in gold by China's state-controlled institutions.

If this Machiavellian scenario is indeed Chinese policy, and plays out, it would also boost hugely China's internal marketplace and thus substantially reduce its industries' reliance on exports at one fell swoop. What a coup that would be!

But this is, of course, pure speculation but in these days where absolutely every financial market seems to be being manipulated by some group or other, who knows? – Except the Chinese perhaps!

If this does happen in some form or the other those who would benefit in the West would be holders of gold and silver bullion and of those gold stocks which have managed to survive the downturn – and a holding in a surviving 'good' junior could then see rises of hundreds of percent. Such are fortunes made in the markets – but you have to pick likely survivors first.

RIGHT, I'M GOING TO ASK  
YOU AGAIN NICELY —  
LET GO?



## **Those environmental and human costs are central banking's, not gold's**

Cpowell, 2013-12-01, GATA- Gold Anti-Trust Action Committee

How studiously Western journalists strive to miss the crucial point about gold.

One of them, Matthew Hart, who is touring news media outlets to promote his new book about the monetary metal, whose excerpt in Vanity Fair magazine was brought to your attention a couple of weeks ago went on National Public Radio in the United States for five minutes on Sunday and lamented the extreme human and environmental costs of getting the metal out of the ground.

NPR's interviewer, Scott Simon, eagerly suggested that the metal isn't worth the trouble: "Hearing what it takes to get gold out of the ground might make people look down at, let's say, a gold wedding band on their finger and wonder if it's really worth it."

Yes, Mr. Simon, **let's stop mining gold and continue to allow central banks to set the value of all capital, labor, goods, and services in the world -- and not only to set those values but to set them surreptitiously and undemocratically.**

Here is another on-the-money commentary by GATA's secretary/treasurer Chris Powell. There are various links in this GATA dispatch as well...and it's **worth reading**. [Read more... http://www.gata.org/node/13316](http://www.gata.org/node/13316)



## **MODERN-DAY LUDDITES IN MORA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

William Perry Pendley, Esq., President and Chief Operating Officer, December 02, 2013  
<http://us-mg5.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=7d1i9si0aqhei#mail>

President Reagan would not have been surprised by the 2-1 vote of the Mora County, New Mexico Commission in April 2013 prohibiting oil and gas activities, not just those using hydraulic fracturing, and waging war on corporate entities. Reagan would have called them “modern-day Luddites.” “For those who don’t know,” Reagan explained, “the Luddites were people who wanted to stop the industrial revolution back in the last century. They took to the streets and tried to smash factory machinery then.”

“Modern-day Luddites,” however, need not take to the streets; instead, they can rush to a courthouse. Declared one, **“We’re crazy to sit in trees when there’s this incredible law[, the Endangered Species Act (ESA),] where we can make people do whatever we want.”** Therefore, as Stephen Moore wrote in the *Wall Street Journal*, **environmental groups, using the ESA, sue federal officials who in turn quickly settle the lawsuits, pay off the groups and close lands to oil and gas activity.**

Meanwhile, encouraged by the lawlessness in Washington, D.C. where federal officials imperially channel Humpty Dumpty (“When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less.”), local officials who want to stop energy development adopt a “sue us if you dare” strategy. Using a perfect storm of environmental extremism, leftwing political demagoguery, and runaway NIMBY-ism (not-in-my-back-yard-ism), **these officials blatantly ignore constitutional guarantees and federal and State laws.**

Thus it was that Mora County, New Mexico, population 4,881, which sits astride I-25, assisted by a radical “environmental” group from Pennsylvania, adopted a “local bill of rights” that bars use of hydraulic fracturing, forbids all oil and gas development, and strips corporate entities of their constitutional and legal rights



across the county's 1,993 square miles. The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, which drafted the ordinance and 150 others like it around the country, says it is part of a "growing people's movement for community and nature's rights."

Although some ordinance supporters are dismayed that Mora County is being used by an outside advocacy group as a "soapbox," especially given its potential cost—\$100,000, even with free lawyers—others are eager to slug it out in court. "We're ready for this fight," said one commissioner in response to a lawsuit filed in November by three landowners and a trade organization—the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico—asserting a host of constitutional violations and breaches of federal and State law.

Much is at stake. New Mexico has been a major producer of oil and natural gas since their discovery in the State in the 1920s; they are a lynchpin of the State's economy and are essential for its continued fiscal health. In 2012, 27 percent of New Mexico's general fund revenues came from taxes and royalties on oil, natural gas, and carbon dioxide production. Over the years, oil and gas activity has contributed over 90 percent of the principal in the Severance Tax and Land Grant Permanent Funds, the earnings on which are used to fund schools, special charities and institutions, and other state governmental operations. Other petroleum tax receipts go directly into the State's general budget. More than 88,000 New Mexican citizens are employed directly by the oil and gas industry.

Since 1978, that industry has been regulated by the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act, which created the Oil Conservation Commission and Oil Conservation Division; they have complete "jurisdiction, authority and control" over the development of oil or gas. The Division regulates these activities to protect fresh water, public health, safety and the environment and issues rules for "safety procedures for drilling and production of oil and gas wells."

The battle in Mora County is not about protecting people, land, or water; that is obvious from the ordinance's narrow, oil patch, focus. Instead it is over the primacy of the Constitution and the rule of law or whether America devolves into Chicken-Little Mob Rule.

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# **How the federal government, through Obamacare and destroying the resource use of timber, has effected his and his family's lives**

**Letter from Mark Johnson to  
Oregon State Representative Dennis Richardson 11/15/13**

I cut timber, or used to. Anyway, I had a good job with a small local logging company here in Grants Pass. I didn't participate in the company health plan with Pacific Source, as my work as a log cutter was very uncertain as far as cash flow. The plan was ok for the drivers and equipment operators, folks with a steady pay check.

I was paid a very generous per day wage. I used that to buy a 80/20 \$7,500 deductible policy from BC , 3 people... \$450 per month. 4 visits free per year, \$200 lab fees free... per. Good deal.

I received the Obama care letter from BC. ~\$1,150/month or similar 70/30!!! and \$3,500 or whatever deductible. "Bronze Plan" Ask for a raise...you find yourself out of work.

It was working pretty good before they fixed it. I filled out the cover Oregon paperwork... maybe Medicaid... unless Uncle John K wants' to take some of his nephew's State unemployment check.... I'll be on the welfare medical plan.

To add salt to the wound... the Feds also have ruined the timber industry. No work via the government "central planning office"

If I could figure a way to get even with the Marxists that control the govt.... Dennis... I'd do it. There are many of us... the vote fails us as the urban is liberal..... we are considering our next move against the government that refuses to represent our interests. This is in Salem also.

There will be a reckoning with these people for the bodies piling up in places like Cave Junction..... the kids they put on METH... go talk to CJ...go see what is happening in Rogue River School districts with the hopelessness and drug addiction.....to those of us workers they have thrown away in the trash like so much garbage.

I disagree strongly with Bates on land and water use issues.

I believe the Federal govt wants control over glass of water, every tree and every private acre.

I think Peter Buckley should be in prison for his anti constitutional firearms confiscation stance.

We got a fight coming boys....and it's about to become "non polite". You got my job, you have my health insurance. You're tanking my family...my loved ones...and my people.

And Peter Buckley...what the hell is going on in what we once knew as America..... Your witnessing the death of the republic:

You want that gun Peter... it's you or me. We are all waiting for you.... cross the line partner. Your attempt to send the OSP door to door for "in home gun inspections" could be considered Nazi Germany tactics.

I still have a Bible... of course the abortion, contraception and euthanasia mandates in Obama Care wants that also. I suppose there is the Christian health care exchange option....with a job.

I am pretty pissed off at the "Democratic" party.

Keep up the good work Dennis.

Any man that continues attempts to find some sort of middle in this mess is a better man than I.

Mark Johnson - Grants Pass





## **Obama's 'clandestine' plan to make bullets vanish**

### **Allen West warns of back-door attack on guns**

Former U.S. Rep. Allen West, WND Exclusive, December 02, 2013

<http://www.wnd.com/2013/12/obamas-clandestine-plan-to-make-bullets-vanish/#iKqQv45Kw5al5Bd.99>

Former U.S. Rep. Allen West, R-Fla., is joining the National Rifle Association and other gun-rights groups to warn about a back-door attack on the Second Amendment by the Obama administration's Environmental Protection Agency.

[In a column posted on his website Sunday](#), West wrote about the Doe Run company's lead-producing plant in Herculaneum, Mo., which is being forced to close after the EPA required it to spend up to \$100 million on upgrades.

Doe Run, the last primary lead smelter in the United States, has been around since 1892 but is closing on Dec. 31.

West accused Obama of using the EPA to advance “backdoor gun control ... while we are all distracted with Obamacare and Iran nuclear negotiations.”

West argued the Obama administration’s “new extremely tight air-quality restrictions” have led to the end of lead as the primary metal in bullets — making ammunition much more expensive and less accessible and leaving America no choice but to turn to overseas operations to produce lead bullets, a situation West says is akin to a federal power grab on guns.

“Come 2014, all ammunition sold to civilian gun owners in America will have to be imported, a result of President Obama’s crackdown on sulfur dioxide and lead emissions and accompanying harsh Environmental Protection Agency regulations,” wrote West.



**The Doe Run smelter opened in 1892**

“[This] will surely increase the price and possibly come under government control,” Mr. West warned, according to a Breitbart.com report. “It seems this is fully in concert with the U.S. military and Homeland Defense recent purchase of large quantities of ammunition.”

He said the “chilling effect” is that while the closure of the smelt plant doesn’t take guns out of the hands of Americans, it does put in jeopardy ammunition supplies.

As the largest lead producer in North America, Doe Run was embroiled in a decade-long battle between angry parents, government regulators and



environmentalists, who argued the plant was responsible for high levels of lead in the blood of children in the area, [according to an August story on Mid-Missouri Public Radio.](#)

The battles over contamination in the town pitted neighbor against neighbor and culminated in a flurry of lawsuits. One of them singled out the EPA and forced the federal government to revise the national air pollution standard for lead, tightening it by a factor of ten.

The NRA-ILA [issued a press release in response to Doe Run's closing:](#)

*Doe Run made significant efforts to reduce lead emissions from the smelter, but in 2008 the federal Environmental Protection Agency issued new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for lead that were 10 times tighter than the previous standard. Given the new lead air quality standard, Doe Run made the decision to close the Herculaneum smelter.*

*Whatever the EPA's motivation when creating the new lead air quality standard, increasingly restrictive regulation of lead is likely to affect the production and cost of traditional ammunition. Just this month, California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a bill that will ban lead ammunition for all hunting in California. The Center for Biological Diversity has tried multiple times to get similar regulations at the federal level by trying, and repeatedly failing, to get the EPA to regulate conventional ammunition under the Toxic Substances Control Act.*

"You can own all the guns you want, but if you can't get ammo, you are out of luck," West wrote, on his blog. **"Remember when President Obama promised his minions that he was working on gun control behind the scenes? Welcome to it. The result is that all domestically mined ore will have to be shipped overseas, refined and then shipped back to the U.S."**

West warned: "Not only will ammo be even harder to come by, the demand and the process of supply will cause the price to skyrocket even more. And ponder this: There is an excellent chance that Obama will rig the market to where all ammo has to be purchased from the government, instituting an ammo registration. ... So America, backdoor gun control is moving forward ... [and] **our Second Amendment rights are undergoing an assault by clandestine infiltration.**"

West concluded his editorial by bashing the president's "progressive socialist acolytes" for destroying the Second Amendment before telling fellow GOP politicians, **"Now it's our move in 2014."**

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## **THE NEXT BLACK SWAN, A DOLLAR CRISIS**

Toby Connor, Gold Scents, December 03, 2013

Analysts everywhere appear to be wondering what could possibly be the catalyst to turn the gold market around. I maintain it's the same catalyst that drove the gold bull market from 2001 to 2011. Out of control currency debasement.

Does anyone seriously think that we can print trillions of dollars out of thin air for five years and not eventually have something bad happen? The next the black swan is already staring us in the face. It's going to be a collapse in the purchasing power of the US dollar.

Since the beginning of the year the dollar has been showing signs of extreme stress as it began to oscillate violently back and forth in what is known as a megaphone topping pattern. When this pattern breaks to the downside it is going to initiate the beginning stages of what will likely be a fairly severe currency crisis by next fall.



In this environment I think it's going to be impossible for the manipulation in the gold market to continue. As a matter of fact I got a signal last Tuesday that indicates to me that the forces trying to manipulate gold down to \$1000 have probably thrown in the towel and given up, realizing that an impending dollar crisis is about to begin. Read more at:

<http://goldscents.blogspot.com/2013/12/the-next-black-swan-dollar-crisis.html>

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## **Federal Reserve Steals from the Poor and Gives to the Rich**

Congressman Ron Paul, Te4xas Straight Talk  
<http://the-free-foundation.org/tst11-18-2013.html>

Last Thursday the Senate Banking Committee held hearings on Janet Yellen's nomination as Federal Reserve Board Chairman. As expected, Ms. Yellen indicated that she would continue the Fed's "quantitative easing" (QE) policies,

despite QE's failure to improve the economy. Coincidentally, two days before the Yellen hearings, Andrew Huszar, an ex-Fed official, publicly apologized to the American people for his role in QE. Mr. Huszar called QE "the greatest backdoor Wall Street bailout of all time."

**As recently as five years ago, it would have been unheard of for a Wall Street insider and former Fed official to speak so bluntly about how the Fed acts as a reverse Robin Hood. But a quick glance at the latest unemployment numbers shows that QE is not benefiting the average American. It is increasingly obvious that the Fed's post-2008 policies of bailouts, money printing, and bond buying benefited the big banks and the politically-connected investment firms. QE is such a blatant example of crony capitalism that it makes Solyndra look like a shining example of a pure free market!**

It would be a mistake to think that QE is the first time the Fed's policies have benefited the well-to-do at the expense of the average American. The Fed's policies have always benefited crony capitalists and big spending politicians at the expense of the average American.

By manipulating the money supply and the interest rate, Federal Reserve policies create inflation and thereby erode the value of the currency. Since the Federal Reserve opened its doors one hundred years ago, the dollar has lost over 95 percent of its purchasing power —that's right, today you need \$23.70 to buy what one dollar bought in 1913!

As pointed out by the economists of the Austrian School, the creation of new money does not impact everyone equally. The well-connected benefit from inflation, as they receive the newly-created money first, before general price increases have spread through the economy. It is obvious, then, that middle- and working-class Americans are hardest hit by the rising level of prices.

Congress also benefits from the devaluation of the currency, as it allows them to increase welfare- and warfare-spending without directly taxing the people. Instead, the increase is only felt via the hidden "inflation tax." I have often said that the inflation tax is one of the worst taxes because it is hidden and because it is regressive. Of course, there is a limit to how long the Fed can facilitate big government spending without causing an economic crisis.

Far from promoting a sound economy for all, the Federal Reserve is the main cause of the boom-and-bust economy, as well as the leading facilitator of big government and crony capitalism. Fortunately, in recent years more Americans have become aware of how the Fed is impacting their lives. These Americans have joined efforts to educate their fellow citizens on the dangers of the Federal

Reserve and have joined efforts to bring transparency to the Federal Reserve by passing the Audit the Fed bill.

Auditing the Fed is an excellent first step toward restoring a monetary policy that works for the benefit of the American people, not the special interests. Another important step is to repeal legal tender laws that restrict the ability of the people to use the currency of their choice. This would allow Americans to protect themselves from the effects of the Fed's policies. Auditing and ending the Fed, and allowing Americans to use the currency of their choice, must be a priority for anyone serious about restoring peace, prosperity, and liberty.

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## **Former Fed Quantitative Easer Confesses, Apologizes: "I Can Only Say: I'm Sorry, America"**

Tyler Durden, Zero Hedge, 11/12/2013

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2013-11-12/former-fed-quantitative-easer-confesses-apologizes-i-can-only-say-im-sorry-america>

### **Confessions of a Quantitative Easer**

***We went on a bond-buying spree that was supposed to help Main Street. Instead, it was a feast for Wall Street.***

I can only say: I'm sorry, America. As a former Federal Reserve official, I was responsible for executing the centerpiece program of the Fed's first plunge into the bond-buying experiment known as quantitative easing. The central bank continues to spin QE as a tool for helping Main Street. But I've come to recognize the program for what it really is: the greatest backdoor Wall Street bailout of all time.

Five years ago this month, on Black Friday, the Fed launched an unprecedented shopping spree. By that point in the financial crisis, Congress had already passed legislation, the Troubled Asset Relief Program, to halt the U.S. banking system's free fall. Beyond Wall Street, though, the economic pain was still soaring. In the last three months of 2008 alone, almost two million Americans would lose their jobs.

The Fed said it wanted to help—through a new program of massive bond purchases. There were secondary goals, but Chairman Ben Bernanke made clear that the Fed's central motivation was to "affect credit conditions for households and businesses": to drive down the cost of credit so that more Americans hurting from the tanking economy could use it to weather the downturn. For this reason, he originally called the initiative "credit easing."

My part of the story began a few months later. Having been at the Fed for seven years, until early 2008, I was working on Wall Street in spring 2009 when I got an unexpected phone call. Would I come back to work on the Fed's trading floor? The job: managing what was at the heart of QE's bond-buying spree—a wild attempt to buy \$1.25 trillion in mortgage bonds in 12 months. Incredibly, the Fed was calling to ask if I wanted to quarterback the largest economic stimulus in U.S. history.

This was a dream job, but I hesitated. And it wasn't just nervousness about taking on such responsibility. I had left the Fed out of frustration, having witnessed the institution deferring more and more to Wall Street. Independence is at the heart of any central bank's credibility, and I had come to believe that the Fed's independence was eroding. Senior Fed officials, though, were publicly acknowledging mistakes and several of those officials emphasized to me how committed they were to a major Wall Street revamp. I could also see that they desperately needed reinforcements. I took a leap of faith.

In its almost 100-year history, the Fed had never bought one mortgage bond. Now my program was buying so many each day through active, unscripted trading that we constantly risked driving bond prices too high and crashing global confidence in key financial markets. **We were working feverishly to preserve the impression that the Fed knew what it was doing.**

It wasn't long before my old doubts resurfaced. Despite the Fed's rhetoric, my program wasn't helping to make credit any more accessible for the average American. The banks were only issuing fewer and fewer loans. More insidiously, whatever credit they were extending wasn't getting much cheaper. QE may have been driving down the wholesale cost for banks to make loans, but Wall Street was pocketing most of the extra cash.

From the trenches, several other Fed managers also began voicing the concern that QE wasn't working as planned. Our warnings fell on deaf ears. In the past, Fed leaders—even if they ultimately erred—would have worried obsessively about the costs versus the benefits of any major initiative. Now the only obsession seemed to be with the newest survey of financial-market expectations or the latest in-person feedback from Wall Street's leading bankers and hedge-fund managers. Sorry, U.S. taxpayer.

Trading for the first round of QE ended on March 31, 2010. The final results confirmed that, while there had been only trivial relief for Main Street, the U.S. central bank's bond purchases had been an absolute coup for Wall Street. The banks hadn't just benefited from the lower cost of making loans. They'd also enjoyed huge capital gains on the rising values of their securities holdings and fat commissions from brokering most of the Fed's QE transactions. Wall Street had experienced its most profitable year ever in 2009, and 2010 was starting off in much the same way.

You'd think the Fed would have finally stopped to question the wisdom of QE. Think again. Only a few months later—after a 14% drop in the U.S. stock market and renewed weakening in the banking sector—the Fed announced a new

round of bond buying: QE2. Germany's finance minister, Wolfgang Schäuble, immediately called the decision "clueless."

That was when I realized the Fed had lost any remaining ability to think independently from Wall Street. Demoralized, I returned to the private sector.

Where are we today? The Fed keeps buying roughly \$85 billion in bonds a month, chronically delaying so much as a minor QE taper. Over five years, its bond purchases have come to more than \$4 trillion. Amazingly, in a supposedly free-market nation, QE has become the largest financial-markets intervention by any government in world history.

And the impact? Even by the Fed's sunniest calculations, aggressive QE over five years has generated only a few percentage points of U.S. growth. By contrast, experts outside the Fed, such as Mohammed El Erian at the Pimco investment firm, suggest that the Fed may have created and spent over \$4 trillion for a total return of as little as 0.25% of GDP (i.e., a mere \$40 billion bump in U.S. economic output). Both of those estimates indicate that QE isn't really working.

Unless you're Wall Street. Having racked up hundreds of billions of dollars in opaque Fed subsidies, U.S. banks have seen their collective stock price triple since March 2009. The biggest ones have only become more of a cartel: 0.2% of them now control more than 70% of the U.S. bank assets.

As for the rest of America, good luck. Because QE was relentlessly pumping money into the financial markets during the past five years, it killed the urgency for Washington to confront a real crisis: that of a structurally unsound U.S. economy. Yes, those financial markets have rallied spectacularly, breathing much-needed life back into 401(k)s, but for how long? Experts like Larry Fink at the BlackRock investment firm are suggesting that conditions are again "bubble-like." Meanwhile, the country remains overly dependent on Wall Street to drive economic growth.

Even when acknowledging QE's shortcomings, Chairman Bernanke argues that some action by the Fed is better than none (a position that his likely successor, Fed Vice Chairwoman Janet Yellen, also embraces). The implication is that the Fed is dutifully compensating for the rest of Washington's dysfunction. But the Fed is at the center of that dysfunction. Case in point: It has allowed QE to become Wall Street's new "too big to fail" policy.

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## **Russian lawmaker wants to outlaw U.S. dollar, calls it a Ponzi scheme**

Marc Bennetts , The Washington Times, November 13, 2013

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/nov/13/bill-would-outlaw-us-dollar-russia/>

MOSCOW — Predicting the imminent collapse of the U.S. dollar, a Russian lawmaker submitted a bill to his country's parliament Wednesday that would ban the use or possession of the American currency.

Mikhail Degtyarev, the lawmaker who proposed the bill, compared the dollar to a Ponzi scheme. He warned that the government would have to bail out Russians holding the U.S. currency if it collapses.

"If the U.S. national **debt** continues to grow, the collapse of the dollar system will take place in 2017," said Mr. Degtyarev, a member of the nationalist Liberal Democrat Party who lost in Moscow's recent mayoral election.

"The countries that will suffer the most will be those that have failed to wean themselves off their dependence on the dollar in time. In light of this, the fact that confidence in the dollar is growing among Russian citizens is extremely dangerous."

The bill would partially revive a Soviet-era ban on the dollar. It would prohibit Russians from holding dollars in the country's banks, and banks would be unable to carry out transactions in the dollar.

However, Russians still would be able to buy or sell dollars while abroad and hold dollar accounts in foreign banks.

Russia's Central Bank and the government would be exempt from the law.

Russian financial analysts were largely critical of the bill, which they suggested was more about making political capital on the back of rising anti-U.S. sentiment in Russia than protecting the country's economy.

"The American financial system, despite all its existing problems, remains the most stable and low-risk in the world," said financial analyst Andrei Shenk.

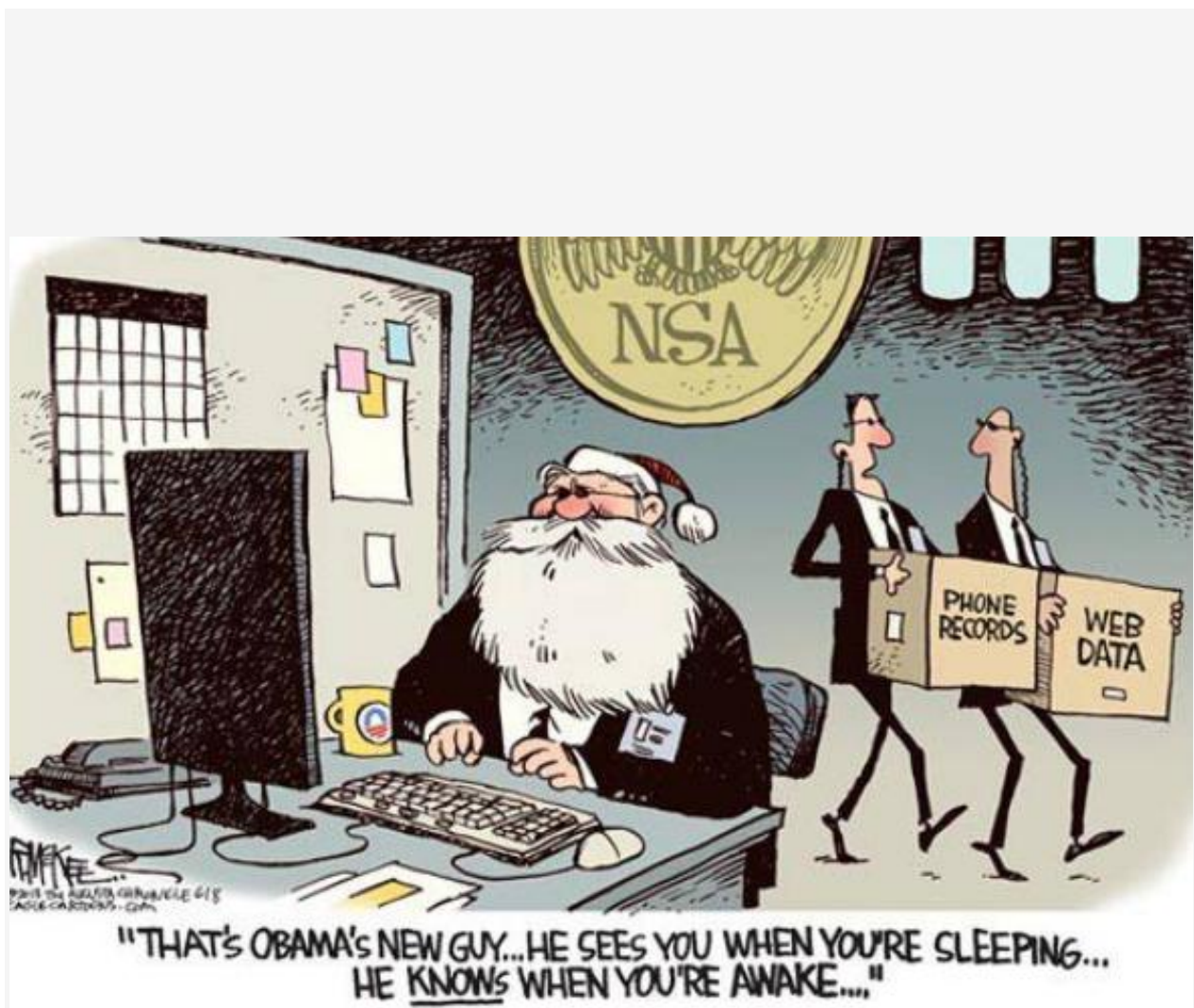
He also warned that the bill would harm Russia's **investment** climate.

Another analyst warned that the bill would strip Russians of the ability to flee the country to seek greater political and social freedoms.

"The right to the free exchange of currencies is a fundamental element of capitalism," said Moscow-based economics analyst Igor Suzdaltsev. "It allows citizens to leave the country when a dictatorship is imposed by selling their property and exchanging their assets for the necessary currency."

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## The 46 Senators Voted to Destroy Us?

We came **four** votes away from the U.S. Senate giving our Constitutional rights over to the United Nations.

In a 53-46 vote, the Senate narrowly passed a measure that will stop the United States from entering into the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

### **The Statement of Purpose from the Bill reads:**

"To uphold Second Amendment rights and prevent the United States from entering into the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty."

The U.N. Small Arms Treaty, which has been championed by the Obama Administration,

Would have effectively placed a global ban on the import and export of small firearms.

The ban would have affected all private gun owners in the U.S.

And had language that would have implemented an international gun registry on all private guns and ammo.

Astonishingly, 46 out of our 100 United States Senators were willing to give away our Constitutional rights to a foreign power.

### **Here are the 46 senators who voted to give your rights to the U.N.**

Baldwin (D-WI)

Cantwell (D-WA)

Durbin (D-IL)

Baucus (D-MT)

Cardin (D-MD)

Feinstein (D-CA)

Bennett (D-CO)

Carper (D-DE)

Franken (D-MN)

Blumenthal (D-CT)

Casey (D-PA)

Gillibrand (D-NY)

Boxer (D-CA)

Coons (D-DE)

Harkin (D-IA)

Brown (D-OH)

Cowan (D-MA)

Hirono (D-HI)

Johnson (D-SD)

Kaine (D-VA)

Leahy (D-VT)

Levin (D-MI)

McCaskill (D-MO)

Menendez (D-NJ)

**Merkley (D-OR)**

Mikulski (D-MD)

Murphy (D-CT)

Murray (D-WA)

Nelson (D-FL)

Reed (D-RI)

Reid (D-NV)

Rockefeller (D-WV)

Sanders (I-VT)

Schatz (D-HI)

Schumer (D-NY)

Shaheen (D-NH)

Stabenow (D-MI)

Udall (D-CO)

Udall (D-NM)

King (I-ME)

Klobuchar (D-MN)

Warner (D-VA)

Warren (D-MA)

Whitehouse (D-RI)

**Wyden (D-OR)**

Landrieu (D-LA)

**These Senators voted to let the UN take OUR guns.**

**They need to lose their next election. We have been betrayed. 46 Senators Voted to Give your 2nd Amendment Constitutional Rights to the U.N.**

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## **A Glimpse into the Coming Collapse**

Jeff Thomas, December 2, 2013

<http://us-mg4.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=0lmfbbccct6rd#mail>

Beginning in 1999, we predicted a systemic economic collapse that would take place in the First World and would impact all other economies. We began to list some of the "dominoes" that would fall as the collapse evolved and described that the "Great Unraveling," as we termed it, would take roughly ten years. At that time, we guesstimated that the first two of the dominoes, a real estate crash and subsequent stock market crash in the US, would begin in about 2005.

We were premature in this prediction, as the first of the crashes did not occur until 2007. And, truth be told, we have frequently been incorrect in the timing of the other dominoes. Whilst the actual events have been predicted correctly, our timing has *often* been incorrect. In every such case, the prediction has been premature.

Sadly, however, the prediction of the *events* of the collapse have been almost entirely correct.

We also predicted that, just as a ball of string speeds up its rotation as it rolls along unraveling, so, too, the events of the Great Unraveling would occur more quickly as the situation worsened. Additionally, the *severity* of the events would increase concurrently with the increase in velocity.

However, none of the above was the result of gypsy fortune-telling, nor did it require the brightest of minds to work out. It is mostly based on the simple assumption that history repeats itself—that the world's leaders make the same mistakes in every era, because human nature never changes. Anyone who is willing to expend the effort to study history diligently *and* to be prepared to think in contrarian terms, may develop a meaningful insight into the events of the future.

Back in 1999, of course, the very idea that the world was headed for serious economic calamity was considered ridiculous by most. The unfortunate fact is, most people do truly deal in the present, rarely questioning the future beyond

what they consider to be the very next event. The truth of this statement is borne out by the fact that the great majority of people, who have already seen the first half of the Great Unraveling come to pass, still somehow cannot imagine the second half—the more disastrous half—as being in any way possible. Surely, somehow, the governments of the world will fix things.

However, the number of people whose eyes have been opened seems to be growing, and many of them are asking what the collapse will look like as it unfolds. What will the symptoms be?

Well, the *primary events* are fairly predictable: they would include major collapses in the bond and stock markets and possible sudden deflation (primarily of assets), followed by dramatic inflation, if not hyperinflation (primarily of commodities), followed by a crash of several major currencies, particularly the euro and the US dollar.

The *secondary events* will be less certain, but likely: increased unemployment, currency controls, protective tariffs, severe depression, etc.

But, along the way, there will be numerous surprises—actions taken by governments that may be as unprecedented as they would be unlawful. Why? Because, again, such actions are the norm when a government finds itself losing its grip over the people it perceives as its minions. Here are a few:

- **Travel Restrictions.** This will begin with restrictions on foreign travel, including suspension/removal of passports. (This has begun in a small way in both the EU and US.) Later, travel restrictions will be extended within the boundaries of countries (highway checkpoints, etc.)
- **Confiscation of wealth.** The EU has instituted the confiscation of bank accounts, which can be expected to become an international form of governmental theft. This does not automatically mean that other assets, such as precious metals and real estate will also be confiscated, but it does mean that the *barrier* for confiscation has been eliminated. There is therefore no reason to assume that any asset is safe from any government that approves theft through bail-ins.
- **Food Shortages.** The food industry operates on very small profit margins and survives only as a result of quick payment of invoices. With dramatic inflation, marginal businesses (suppliers, wholesalers, and retailers) will fall by the wayside. The percentage of failing businesses will be dependent upon the duration and severity of the inflationary trend.

- **Squatters Rebellions.** A dramatic increase in the number of home and business foreclosures will result in homelessness for anyone whose debt exceeds his ability to pay—even those who presently appear to be well-off. As numbers rise significantly, a new homeless class will be created amongst the former middle class. As they become more numerous, large scale ownership of property may give way to large scale "possession" of property.
- **Riots.** These will likely happen spontaneously due to the above conditions, but if not, governments will *create* them to justify their desire for greater control of the masses.
- **Martial Law.** The US has already prepared for this, with the passing of the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which many interpret as declaring the US to be a "battlefield." The NDAA allows the suspension of habeas corpus, indefinite detention, and the assumption that any resident may be considered an enemy combatant. Similar legislation may be expected in other countries that perceive martial law as a solution to civil unrest.

The above list is purposely brief—a sampling of eventualities that, should they occur, will almost definitely come unannounced. As the decline unfolds, they will surely happen with greater frequency.

But the value in projecting what the collapsing governments may do to their citizens is not merely an exercise in speculation. By anticipating the likelihood of any of the above, the individual may find that it would be prudent to turn off the game on television tonight and spend his time musing on the possibility of what he would do if any of the above events were to take place. (And, again, these projections are not mere fancy; they are actions typically taken by governments as their declines play out.)

Most importantly, if the reader concludes that there is a significant percentage of likelihood that any of the above *are* coming his way, he would be well-advised to assess whether they are developments that he feels he could live with. If not, he might wish to assess how much time he has before these events become a reality and what he may do to sidestep their impact on him.

Whilst, throughout the First World, the comment, "The whole world is going to Hell," is becoming common, in fact, this is not the case. Although some countries are in decline, others are on the rise. It is left to the reader to decide whether he will fall victim to coming events, or will use them as an opportunity to internationalize himself.



**Editor's Note:** You can find Casey Research's A-Z guide on internationalization <http://www.caseyresearch.com/cm/going-global-2013>

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## **Aussies buck environmentalists, fight to repeal global warming taxes**

Michael Bastasch, The Daily Caller, 11/14/2013

<http://dailycaller.com/2013/11/14/aussies-buck-environmentalists-fight-to-repeal-global-warming-taxes/#ixzz2l756dsG0>

Australia's new conservative government introduced legislation that would eliminate the carbon tax and cut funding to green energy in a series of aggressive moves to scale back the country's environmental laws.

“We have said what we mean, and will do what we say. The carbon tax goes,” Prime Minister Abbott [told](#) Australian lawmakers. “Repealing the carbon tax should be the first economic reform of this parliament.”

The Liberal-National Party swept seats in September’s election in large part due to their opposition to the left-wing Labor Party’s imposition of a tax on carbon dioxide emissions. The unpopular tax was blamed for rising power bills and hurting economic growth. Abbott has touted his party’s bill to repeal the carbon tax as “our bill to reduce your bills.”

However, this is only a portion of the Abbott government’s agenda. The carbon tax repeal plan will also cut \$435 million in Australian dollars funding to the country’s renewable energy bureaucracy, the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA).

The move was met with hostility from environmental groups who believe that funding cuts will cause the country to fall behind in the global marketplace.

“The axing of \$435 million from ARENA will starve research and development of clean energy in Australia, moving us to the back of the global race for clean tech,” [said](#) Tony Mohr, a campaigner for the Australian Conservation Foundation.

The Abbott government also bucked the most recent round of [United Nations](#) climate negotiations in Warsaw, Poland as the Australia’s environment minister and foreign minister will not be attending the meetings. The environment minister, Greg Hunt, has said that repealing the carbon tax will consume all his efforts in the coming months.

“Minister Hunt indicated a month ago at the Sustainable [Business](#) Australia forum that he will be fully engaged in repealing the carbon tax during the first two weeks of parliament,” a spokesman for Hunt [told](#) the Guardian.

Furthermore, Australia’s conservative coalition is also reconsidering international climate funding. The [fund](#) asks developed countries to give developing nations \$100 billion per year by 2020. Australia has already kicked in \$500,000 last year and \$600 million for a precursor to the UN’s Green Climate Fund.

“The Green Climate Fund is currently in the [design](#) phase and Australia will consider its longer term involvement in the fund once its design has been further progressed,” [said](#) a spokeswoman for the Aussie foreign minister, Julie Bishop.

While Australia's actions to roll back the green agenda have environmentalists kicking and screaming, the country received praise from Canada's ruling party — that country rejected a carbon tax in 2008.

"The Australian Prime Minister's decision will be noticed around the world and sends an important message," [said](#) Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Parliamentary Secretary Paul Calandra. "Our government knows that carbon taxes raise the price of everything, including gas, groceries, and electricity."

"Greenhouse gas emissions are down since 2006, and we've created one million net new jobs since the recession and we have done this without penalizing Canadian [families](#) with a carbon tax," Calandra added.

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## **Obama Pushing Shooters off Public Lands**

By [Paul Bedard](#), November 16, 2011, Washington Whisper

<http://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/washington-whispers/2011/11/16/obama-pushing-shooters-off-public-lands>

Gun owners who have historically been able to use public lands for target practice would be barred from potentially millions of acres under new rules drafted by the Interior Department, the first major move by the Obama administration to impose limits on firearms.

Officials say the administration is concerned about the potential clash between gun owners and encroaching urban populations who like to use same land for hiking and dog walking.

"It's not so much a safety issue. It's a social conflict issue," said Frank Jenks, a natural resource specialist with Interior's Bureau of Land Management, which oversees 245 million acres. He adds that urbanites "freak out" when they hear shooting on public lands.

If the draft policy is finally approved, some public access to Bureau lands to hunters would also be limited, potentially reducing areas deer, elk, and bear hunters can use in the West.

Conservationists and hunting groups, however, are mounting a fight. One elite group of conservationists that advises Interior and Agriculture is already pushing BLM to junk the regulations, claiming that shooters are being held to a much higher safety standard than other users of public lands, such as ATV riders.

"They are just trying to make it so difficult for recreational shooters," said Gary Kania, vice president of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. His group is one of several, including the National Wildlife Foundation, Cabela's and Ducks Unlimited, on the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council fighting the new rules. During a two-day meeting ending this afternoon, they are drafting their own changes to the BLM rules.

"What we probably are going to be looking forward to is a reversal," said Kania. Asked about how to handle people who freak out when they hear shots on public lands, Kania said, "I don't know how to quantify 'freaking out,'" and noted that he's seen people panicing when fly fishing in float tubes but nobody wants to ban them from rivers.



BLM actually invited the fight, seeking the council's comments. But officials suggested to Whispers that no changes are being planned to the draft regulations.

Over five pages, the draft BLM regulations raise concerns about how shooting can cause a "public disturbance." They also raise worries about how shooting and shooters can hurt plants and litter public lands.

This is the key paragraph foes say could lead to shooters being kicked off public lands:

"When the authorized officer determines that a site or area on BLM-managed lands used on a regular basis for recreational shooting is creating public disturbance, or is creating risk to other persons on public lands; is contributing to the defacement, removal or destruction of natural features, native plants, cultural resources, historic structures or government and/or private property; is facilitating or creating a condition of littering, refuse accumulation and abandoned personal property is violating existing use restrictions, closure and restriction orders, or supplementary rules notices, and reasonable attempts to reduce or eliminate the violations by the BLM have been unsuccessful, the authorized officer will close the affected area to recreational shooting."

Squeezing out shooters, says the draft policy, is needed because, "As the West has become more populated, recreational shooters now often find themselves in conflict with other public lands users, and the BLM is frequently called on to mediate these conflicts."

At yesterday's meeting at Interior, the council balked at the BLM draft regulations, adding that the Obama administration was not being fair to shooters on the issue of safety.

In a [draft retort to BLM](#), the council said other users of public land aren't required to be as safe as shooters. They note that shooters have a much lower injury rate than others, like ATV users. "The policy fails to recognize that recreational shooting has one of the lowest incidences of death and injury compared to virtually any other outdoor recreational activity. The policy is prejudicial and discriminatory to target shooters as compared to other recreationists," said the council's draft response, expected to be finalized today.

What's more, the group charged that the BLM is acting in a contradictory fashion, encouraging the shooting sports while limiting shooting areas.





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## **A US State with zero Republicans in office The State of Illinois**

Think about this. Some interesting data on the 'state' of Illinois ...

There are more people on welfare in Illinois than there are people working.

Chicago pays the highest wages to teachers than anywhere else in the U.S. averaging \$110,000/year. Their pensions average 80-90% of their income.

Wow, are Illinois and Chicago great or what? Be sure to read till the end. I've never heard it explained better. Perhaps the U.S. should pull out of Chicago?

Body count: In the last six months, 292 killed (murdered) in Chicago. 221 killed in Iraq; and Chicago has one of the strictest gun laws in the entire US.

Here's the Chicago chain of command:

President: Barack Obama

Senator: Dick Durbin

House Representative: Jesse Jackson Jr.

Governor: Pat Quinn

House leader: Mike Madigan

Atty. Gen.: Lisa Madigan (daughter of Mike)

Mayor: Rohm Emanuel

The leadership in Illinois - all Democrats!

Thank you for the combat zone in Chicago. Of course, they're all blaming each other. Can't blame Republicans; there aren't any!

Chicago school system rated one of the worst in the country. Can't blame Republicans; there aren't any!

State pension fund \$78 Billion in debt, worst in country. Can't blame Republicans; there aren't any!

Cook County (Chicago) sales tax 10.25% highest in country. Can't blame Republicans; there aren't any!

This is the political culture that Obama comes from in Illinois. And he is going to 'fix' Washington politics for us?

George Ryan is no longer Governor, he is in prison.

He was replaced by Rob Blajegovitch who is, that's right, also in prison.

And Representative Jesse Jackson Jr. resigned a few weeks ago because he is fighting to not be sent to...that's right, prison.

The Land of Lincoln , where our governors make our license plates.

But you know what?

As long as they keep providing entitlements to the population of Chicago, nothing is going to change, except the state will go broke before the country does.

"Anybody who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the Government take care of him; better take a closer look at the American Indian."

Don't forget Detroit another good example.

Some of you might find these data interesting. EVERYONE SHOULD!

There are actually two messages here. The first is very interesting, but the second is absolutely astounding -- and explains a lot!

A recent "Investor's Business Daily" article provided very interesting statistics from a survey by the United Nations International Health Organization.

Percentage of men and women who survived a cancer five years after diagnosis:

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| U.S.    | <b>65%</b> |
| England | 46%        |
| Canada  | 42%        |

Percentage of patients diagnosed with diabetes who received treatment within six months:

|         |            |
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| U.S.    | <b>93%</b> |
| England | 15%        |
| Canada  | 43%        |

Percentage of seniors needing hip replacement who received it within six months:

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| U.S.    | <b>90%</b> |
| England | 15%        |
| Canada  | 43%        |

Percentage referred to a medical specialist who see one within one month:

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| U.S.    | <b>77%</b> |
| England | 40%        |
| Canada  | 43%        |

Number of MRI scanners (a prime diagnostic tool) per million people:

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| U.S.    | <b>71</b> |
| England | 14        |
| Canada  | 18        |

Percentage of seniors (65+), with low income, who say they are in "excellent health":

|         |            |
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| U.S.    | <b>12%</b> |
| England | 2%         |
| Canada  | 6%         |

And now for the last statistic, National Health Insurance?

|         |           |
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| U.S.    | <b>NO</b> |
| England | YES       |
| Canada  | YES       |

And check this last set of statistics!! The percentage of each past president's cabinet who had worked in the private business sector prior to their appointment to the cabinet. You know what the private business sector is. It is a real-life business, not a Government job. Here are the percentages:

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| T. Roosevelt..... | 38%       |
| Taft.....         | 40%       |
| Wilson .....      | 52%       |
| Harding.....      | 49%       |
| Coolidge.....     | 48%       |
| Hoover .....      | 42%       |
| F. Roosevelt..... | 50%       |
| Truman.....       | 50%       |
| Eisenhower.....   | 57%       |
| Kennedy.....      | 30%       |
| Johnson.....      | 47%       |
| Nixon.....        | 53%       |
| Ford.....         | 42%       |
| Carter.....       | 32%       |
| Reagan.....       | 56%       |
| GH Bush.....      | 51%       |
| Clinton .....     | 39%       |
| GW Bush.....      | 55%       |
| Obama.....        | <b>8%</b> |

This helps to explain the incompetence of this administration: only **8%** of them have ever worked in private business!

That's right! Only eight percent -- the least, by far, of the last 19 presidents! And these people are trying to tell our big Corporations how to run their business?

How can the president of a major nation and society, the one with the most successful economic system in world history, stand and talk about business when

he's never worked for one? Or about jobs when he has never really had one?  
And when it's the same for 92% of his senior staff and closest advisers?

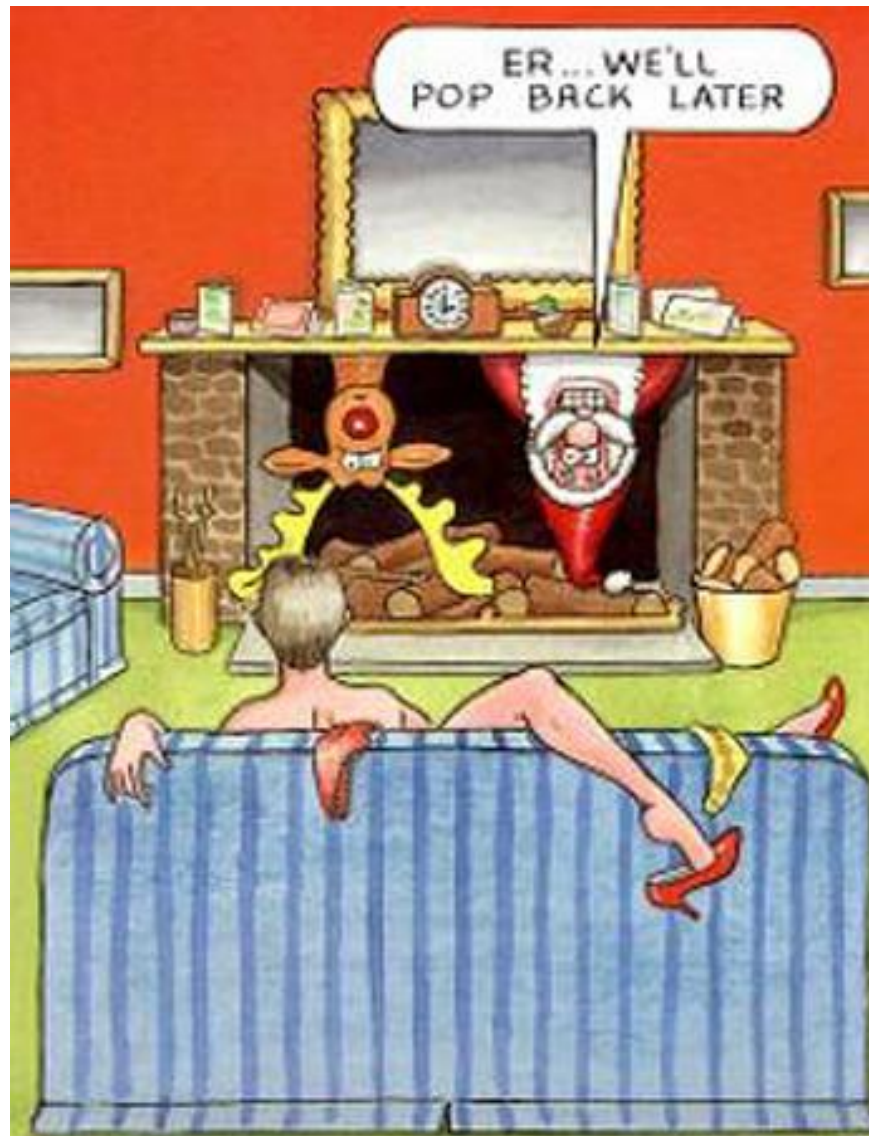
They've spent most of their time in academia, Government and/or non-profit jobs or as "community organizers." They should have been in an employment line.

Pass this on because we'll NEVER see these facts in the mainstream media.

"One of the penalties of not participating in politics is that you will be governed by your inferiors." - Plato

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## **California Sheriff Denied Gun Purchase over Background Check**

AWR Hawkins, 29 Nov 2013, Breitbart

<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/11/28/33-Year-CA-Highway-Patrol-Vet-Current-Sheriff-Denied-Gun-Purchase-Via-Background-Check>

**When Siskiyou County, CA Sheriff John Lopey tried to buy an M1 Garand rifle through the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), he was denied and told he failed to pass the background check conducted via the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).**

Lopey is a sheriff: he carries a gun and enforces the law for a living. Prior to being a sheriff, he spent 33 years with the California Highway Patrol and is a retired Army Colonel. He had Top Secret clearance in the Army.

The FBI handles NICS background checks for firearms purchases. Ironically, Lopey recently went through and passed a background check to attend the FBI national academy.

On November 27th, [Lars Larson interviewed Lopey](#) about this situation; Lopey said he did in fact receive a letter from CMP and the FBI telling him he had failed to pass the NICS background check and that the money he had paid for the rifle was being refunded. Astounded by the rejection, he called the FBI/NICS only to be told "it could be some identity theft issue."

Lopey then asked how it was possible that he had passed background checks for firearm purchases within the last year and no answer was given.

Sheriff Lopey said he does not meet any criteria for a purchase rejection. He has a "stellar" law enforcement record, he's never been arrested, never had PTSD, never used illicit drugs, and "never been counseled for mental health care reasons."

In the end, Lopey's only option is to appeal his failed background check and wait for better news. He has already filed his appeal, which included having his own records clerk in his own sheriff's office put together a file on him with new fingerprint cards.



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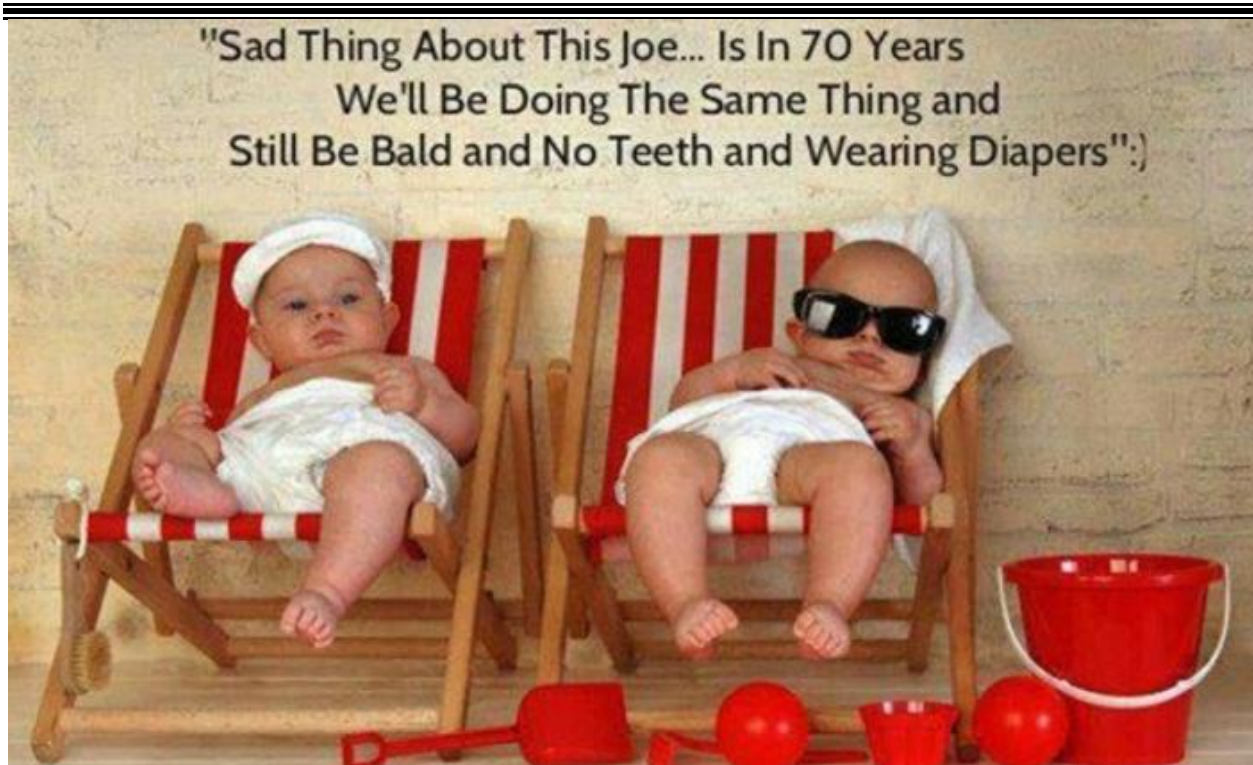
## **BLM Increases Claim Maintenance Fee**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will implement an updated fee schedule for mineral cost recovery on Oct. 1. Notice of the revised fee published in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 2013. The final rule updated the fees charged to recover costs incurred in processing documents associated with oil, gas, coal, and solid mineral activities on public land.

The updated fees cover costs for actions, including (but not limited to) lease applications, name changes, corporate mergers, lease consolidations, and reinstatements. The fee schedule is updated annually based on the change in the Implicit Price Deflator for Gross Domestic Product (IPD-GDP) from the 4th Quarter of one calendar year to the 4th Quarter of the following calendar year.

A new mining claim fee has increased from \$189 to \$194. The Processing fee will increase from \$15 to \$20

The largest increase will be \$55, which will be added to the \$2,940 fee charged for adjudicating more than 10 mineral patent claims. The fee for adjudicating 10 or fewer claims will increase \$25, from \$1,470 to \$1,495.




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A portrait of Thomas Paine, an 18th-century English philosopher, writer, and revolutionary. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark coat and a light-colored cravat. The background of the portrait is dark and textured.

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## **Fast-food strikes, Recipe for poverty**

**Joseph Farah rips 'communist union-thug agitators' at heart of action**

<http://www.wnd.com/2013/12/fast-food-strikes-recipe-for-poverty/#PRjbRtLr9ZeFU0Lj.99>

America is in an unusual situation historically because those in power are trying, in their own words, to “fundamentally transform” the country.

The ruling elite in government and the culture have been, until very recently, experiencing much success in their mission.

Only recently have more Americans awakened to the reality that they are actually increasing misery – intentionally – as a way to break down the system and throw the country into crisis.

Remember these famous words from Rahm Emanuel: “Never let a good crisis go to waste.”

We've already experienced the “occupy” phenomenon. Now it's the strikes for a “living wage.” It's all designed with two goals in mind:

- divert attention from the misery inflicted by redistributionist and collectivist policies;
- create new crises a la the Cloward-Piven strategy.

How do I know what people's motivations are? I know because I was one of them. I know how the game works. I know the language they use. I understand what the goal is and that they are willing to achieve it “by any means necessary” – deception and lies being the No. 1 method.

Read the entire article at <http://www.wnd.com/2013/12/fast-food-strikes-recipe-for-poverty/#PRjbRtLr9ZeFU0Lj.99>

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