

The Gold Nugget

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First Aid for Prospectors in the Field

By Paul Nagy

Allen Mershon is the club's Program Chairman and a member of the Board of Directors. He first qualified as an emergency medical technician in 1978. Subsequently, he has qualified as a surgical aide, emergency room aide, CPR instructor, Red Cross instructor, and was the chief medic for a 350 person army unit. He is currently employed in the mining industry by a local placer gold recovery company and, of course, is an active gold prospector.

Allen advises to always give health and safety first priority: "Gold will wait for you; injury or illness will not!" For emergencies carry a cell phone and learn the procedure for calling 911: 1.) Tell the operator what is wrong. 2.) The operator will then ask if you require transportation. Be prepared to answer and to give directions to where you are or where you can meet them. 3.) Give specific information about your symptoms.

For many medical emergencies there is a one hour window of opportunity before extreme consequences. Use this time by getting to help. Do not wait for help if you can move or be moved, even if it is just to meet them on the way. Of course you should have maps so that you can always determine the quickest way to help if you need it. A Colorado Gazeteer or similarly detailed map set is recommended.

For bleeding cuts, apply direct pressure against bone. Even if you succeed in stopping the blood flow, you may want to stop prospecting because there is no bacteria-free water in nature and you run the risk of infection in any stream.

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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

Nearing the end of April and the weather can surprise you quickly. In the last week I have seen rain, snow, hail, wind, and clear skies . . . all in the same day. Be careful and have protective clothing and equipment available when you go prospecting. **Allen Mershon's** message about first aid and keeping healthy was timely.



Warmer weather reminds us to be aware of Spring runoff and the dangers it presents to anyone working in a stream. If you take youngsters prospecting with you, talk to them about the power of rapidly moving water.

The April meeting was well attended and the prospecting stories were varied and plentiful.

Paul Lang, President of RMPH in Ft. Collins,

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings!

The trailer has been pulled out of moth balls and rearranged to fit the new table. The old green history board is gone. The DVD was re-done with new crisp pictures and that's ready to go.



The Louviers Library demo was a very small venue. The area where we were to set up was under construction and as a result we wound up in a small hallway. We were able to set up one table and two tubs along with the new hands-on table with the DVD. The new table addition looks like it might do very well--it drew a lot of attention.

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Join Us on the Third Wednesday!
Lloyd G. Clements Community Center
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(One block west of Wadsworth, then one block north of Colfax)
7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

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GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Coordinator
May	7	9:00a	Event	Wyoming outing with Rocky Mountain Prospectors and Treasure Hunters club.	Paul Lang
	13,14,15		Event	Arkansas River outing with Gold Prospectors of the Rockies.	
	18	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	28	11:00a to 4:00p	Panning Demo	Main Street Central (no donation or food), this event is for the club's entry into Main Street Central "2005" roster	Jeff Mosteller
	28		Event	Gilpin County Museum opens for season for Museum, Thomas House, and Opera House	
Jun	4	10:00a to 4:00p	Panning Demo	Bellview Ministry's Frontier Days, 80th & Federal, "The Castle."	Jeff Mosteller
	11,12	11:00a to 4:00p	Panning Demo	Central City Visitors Center	Jeff Mosteller
	15	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	18	11:00a to 4:00p	Panning Demo	Lou Bunch Days, Central City Visitor Center Depends on weather or whether we can get a spot on the street.	Jeff Mosteller
	18		Event	Hands-On Gold Panning, Gilpin Museum, Central City	
	19	11:00a to 4:00p	Panning Demo	Central City Visitors Center	Jeff Mosteller

All GPR meeting presentations and trip activities are subject to change. Non-club prospecting-related events may be included for your information. Members attending any trip activities are asked to **be sure to sign up or contact the event coordinator prior to the activity to allow planning for an estimated number of people** and so attendees may be contacted in the event of any change, cancellation, or rescheduling. For events added after the meeting, check the GPR website.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PANNING DEMOS ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE START TIME.

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Shock is caused by diminished blood circulation. There are many causes for this, but if you are injured you will experience shock. The sensation will cause you to remark, "I feel funny. I feel strange." A variation in the normal pulse rate of about 72 beats/minute is also a symptom. To relieve shock, replace fluids by drinking water. Keeping warm by wrapping in an emergency blanket is often beneficial.

Burns cause loss of fluid and allow immediate skin invasion by bacteria. Cover burns with a clean cloth bandage. Do not apply ointments. Let medical personnel decide what to apply. Again, consider suspending operations until after you have had professional treatment.

Broken bones should be immobilized from joint to joint. A shirt or jacket wrapped around the break and then tied with the sleeves can suffice in an emergency.

The common symptom of head concussion is "seeing stars." Ask the victim if he has seen stars. Another symptom is nausea. Transportation to help is always indicated.

Heart problems can occur with the rapid changes of elevation common to mountain prospecting. Have some idea of the condition of your heart in advance. It typically takes two weeks for the heart to adjust from sea level to 5,000 feet, and an additional three days for each 1,000 feet more.

The usual first aid for animal, spider, insect, or snake bites is to squeeze the wound since it is the introduction of toxins or bacteria which cause problems. For snake bites, treat the bite first, then kill the snake. It is safer to remove the snake's head since this is what will be used by medical professionals to identify the snake. Be wary of handling the snake's head: It may yet bite.

This is only an overview of first aid for the field, of course, and is intended to raise awareness of the need for safe and prudent behavior. There are many sources for further study of the subject. Be safe and enjoy your prospecting adventures!

Gold Quotes

If it were possible to heal sorrow by weeping and to raise the dead with tears, gold were less prized than grief.
Sophocles (c. 496 B.C.-406 B.C.), *Scyrii*. Frag. 510.

So dear a life your arms enfold,
Whose crying is a cry for gold .
Alfred Tennyson Tennyson (1809-1892), *The Daisy*. Stanza 24.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace!
Alfred Tennyson Tennyson (1809-1892), *In Memoriam*.

No, let the monarch's bags and others hold
The flattering, mighty, nay, almighty gold.
John Wolcot (1738-1819), *To Kien Long*. Ode iv.

She is mine own,
And I as rich in having such a jewel
As twenty seas, if all their sand were pearl,
The water nectar, and the rocks pure gold.
William Shakespeare (1564-1616), *The Two Gentleman of Verona*. Act ii. Sc. 4.

Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Hank Innerfeld, Joe Johnston, Joe Shubert, Matt Schreiner, Paul Nagy, Jim Jarnutowski, Cindy Douthard, Terry Weatherly.

Unable to Attend: Allen Mershon.

Quorum Present?

Yes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Accepted as read and available at tonight's general meeting.

Correspondence

Membership dues, advertisement from GPAA, newsletter, letter from Douglas County Library.

Committee Reports

Reports: Presented and discussed.

Unfinished Business

Club Trommel. Allen Mershon. Gary Hawley has contacted the mining museum in Colorado Springs. More information next month.

C.A.N.P.O. Hank Innerfeld. Ongoing

Find of the Month/Year Committee. Joe Johnston. Presentation of proposal for Board consideration. Joe will present a proposal next month that reflects the suggested changes.

DVD presentation. Jeff Mosteller. The DVD presentation is complete and ready for use at panning demos.

Boy Scouts Environmental Sciences Merit Badge. Allen Mershon checking to see if GPR members can be involved in this program. Ongoing.

New Business

Special Nugget Drawing. Gary Hawley. There was discussion.

Planned Outings

Outings. Check the GPR Events Calendar in the newsletter.

Announcements

Next Board Meetings: May 18, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: May 18, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's general meeting program: "First Aid for Prospectors in the Field" by Allen Mershon.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

General Meeting

By Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

Meeting convened by President Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance led by LeRoy Lamgo, U.S. Army (Ret.).

Club VP Jeff Mosteller reports that the demo trailer has been refurbished and is ready to go for the season. The first panning demo is scheduled for 21 April at the Louviers library. This is an indoors function. In addition to already scheduled demos, others are in the works for the Astor House in Central City and the Black Hawk "Miners' Rodeo." A reminder that the Spring Fling get together is on Sunday, 24 April, in Clear Creek Canyon. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Tunnel #1. There will be opportunity for everyone to learn panning, high-banking, and suction dredging. Thanks to Jerry Jensen for arranging this event.

Prez Hawley says we are trying to donate the trommel to the Mining Museum at Colorado Springs. Perhaps a deal can be made for reduced admission fees for club members in return for the trommel, which has not been useful to us. A reminder that the Gold Prospectors Association of America has its annual gold show at the National Western Complex on 30 April. Admission is \$5.00. Also, the Gold Prospectors of Colorado have extended an invitation to us to spend a weekend on their Woody #1 claim near Salida. No charge for this and camping permitted. Flyers with map and directions are available. Also, Paul Lang, president of the Fort Collins club, was present and invited members to his club's Wyoming outings. The first is on 7 May; meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Colorado School of Mines.

Membership report by Cindy Douthard: 124 memberships. Two guests present: Lindsey Bennett and Kelly Ryan.

Rick Miska gave the question of the month and later awarded prizes for the correct answer.

For those interested in Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Con Ogen reports that the U.S. Geological Survey holds classes at local REI stores. Contact them for info.

Prez Hawley announces that Treasurer Kathy Hawley has made a special purchase of a breath-taking 33.6 g (+1 oz) Venezuelan specimen gold nugget. The specimen, in its case, was shown to members by Board Member Matt Schreiner. It is further evidence that nature is the greatest goldsmith. A special drawing will be held after the cost of the piece has been recouped. Tickets are one dollar each or seven tickets for five dollars. At intermission, ticket sales were very brisk. When the drawing takes place, the winner need not be present.

Joe Johnston gave the clue for the hidden treasure.

Evening's presentation: "First Aid for Prospectors in the Field," by Allen Mershon.

Prize drawings, then adjourn meeting.

Gold is Where You Find It

Du Chet found a glistening rock in the early 1880s and carried it until it got too heavy, then threw it away. Later in Santa Fe, the dirt in his pouch was heavy with gold. Taken to Colorado, he found a horse, and he found a creek, but he couldn't locate Horse Creek for his backers.

In 1860, placer miners in California Gulch, bothered by a young tenderfoot, told him that if he wanted to find gold to go up the hill until he got out of breath and then dig. The boy did and came down with \$1,000-worth of gold. He later sold out for \$100,000.

In a shooting brawl at Lulu at the headwaters of the Colorado River in 1883, two drunken Germans were run out of town. They staggered up Red Mountain to sleep it off near timber line. Whether or not they dreamed of getting rich, morning found them lying in a million dollars worth of pay dirt.

~Al Look

Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator

Nugget Drawings

3.1 gram nugget.....	Dale Herbertson
1.5 gram nugget.....	Joe Johnston
1.0 gram nugget.....	Wayne McCarroll
0.9 gram nugget.....	Cameron Vosburg
0.7 gram nugget.....	Dale Herbertson
0.6 gram nugget.....	Milton Collum
0.5 gram nugget.....	Will Cox
0.4 gram nugget.....	Bill Carr
0.4 gram nugget.....	Dale Herbertson
0.4 gram nugget.....	Gale Herbertson
0.3 gram nugget.....	Bill Duncanson
0.2 gram nugget.....	Dale Herbertson

Membership Drawings

0.6 gram nugget.....	Rick Miska
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Food for Thought

By Jackie Barker, Refreshments Coordinator

Hi to everyone! Thanks to **Rick Miska** for the sandwiches, **LeRoy Lamgo** for the Krispy Kreme donuts, and to **Hank Innerfeld** for his great banana bread. Of course a HUGH thank you goes to **Paul Lang** of the Rocky Mountain Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Club in Ft. Collins for the wonderful bakery items. Once again we had a full spread!

See you all next month and remember, "Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie." ~Jim Davis, 'Garfield'.

Jackie and Michael

"Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.

Birthdays

By Dick Oakes

The following GPR members were born in this month. Be sure to wish them Happy Birthday!

Denise Blankenheim, Debbie Bothwell, Chelsea Chapman, David Barber, Barbara Conte, Frank Conte, Jim Jarnutowski, Barbara Jensen, Jerry Jensen, Mark Johnson, Pat Kime, Lila McConnell, Fritz Meyer, Ken Oyler, Bob Salsbery, Greg Shank, Rose Stewart, Bev Stumpf, Annamarie Vormittag, Shirley Weilnau.

Born this month but your name isn't here? Contact the Membership Coordinator!



By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

April, 2005

I was born on March 29, 1833, in Maine.
 I had six sisters and three brothers.
 I knew some said that I was not very pretty.
 I was married on January 31, 1857.
 I once lived at Seventeenth Avenue and Lincoln Street in Denver.
 I was a member of the Colorado State Press Association.
 I was the first white woman to reach Payne's Bar, now Idaho Springs.
 I died January 30, 1895.

Question: Who am I?

Answer: Augusta Tabor

Source: <http://www.usoperaweb.com/2001/may/tabor.htm>

Source: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=6883602&pt=Augusta%20Tabor>

May, 2005

I was born on December 27, 1820, in South Carolina.
 I moved to Georgia at an early age.
 I owned a 1,000-acre plantation on the Etowah River in Cherokee County, Georgia.
 I learned the trade of gold mining from my father.
 I started looking for gold in Colorado in 1858 after hearing about gold finds there.
 I followed the most promising forks upstream starting from the Vasquez Fork of the South Platte.
 I eventually found the source of gold in what is now Central City.

Question: Who am I?

Ever Wondered

Submitted by LeRoy Lamgo

- ...why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- ...why you don't ever see "Psychic Wins Lottery" as a news headline?
- ...why "abbreviated" is such a long word?
- ...why doctors call what they do practice?
- ...why you have to click on "Start" to stop Windows 98?
- ...why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?
- ...why there isn't mouse-flavored cat food?
- ...why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?
- ...why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- ...why they don't make the whole airplane out of the material used for the indestructible black box?
- ...why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- ...why, if con is the opposite of pro, Congress isn't the opposite of progress?

The Gold Nugget

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joined us as a vendor with a table full of prospecting/metal detecting items he has gathered over the years. Paul has generously invited GPR members to join his club on the outings they have planned for the remainder of this year. They have planned several gold trips to Wyoming and a "Diamond Outing" in Colorado, which will be something new to peak your interest. I will keep you posted on dates and locations.

Patty Gallagher, President of Gold Prospectors of Colorado in Colorado Springs, has invited GPR members to join her club at their annual "Let's Go Gold Panning Days" on the Arkansas River, May 13, 14, and 15. You can find more information and a map to the location at www.gpoc.com.

Joe Johnston gave two clues to help us find the GPR cache. He assured us the target item is still in place just waiting to be found.

Thanks to **Jerry Jensen** for the outing he headed up on Sunday, April 24. The hardy souls that braved cold temperatures and light rain reported having a great time. I saw some nice fines displayed and hope those who joined Jerry will bring those "nuggets" to the May meeting.

Jeff Mosteller has some interesting panning demos in the works. I'm sure he would appreciate your involvement with this program.

Please check **Kathy Hawley's** article, From the Ledger. She has corrected my inaccurate reporting about items donated by members for the "Members Only" drawing. Did you see the 33.6 gram Venezuela nugget Kathy has picked for the "Special Nugget Drawing"? What a display piece that is! Come to the May meeting and enjoy wishing you could find that nugget in your pan!

Until next time: May the gold in your pan be worth the effort you put into finding it.

From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

My first order of business this month is to clarify something. We will continue to give items donated by members as monthly "Members Only" prizes. At the May meeting I will have four prizes that were donated in April, along with the normal nugget.

Speaking of the "Members Only" nugget, **Rick Miska** had been unable to find his badge until the April meeting. He went home with .6 grams in gold. It pays to wear your badge.

If you missed the April meeting, the "Special Drawing Nugget" is a 33.6 gram beauty from Venezuela. Tickets for this drawing will only be available during the break and are \$1.00 each or seven for \$5.00. Based on the response in April, we may be able to give this nugget away as early as the July meeting.

Thanks for your support of the "Members Only" and the "Special Nugget" drawings. I appreciate all of you who are willing to try something different.

At the May meeting, I will have North Washington State gold nuggets and one Alaskan gold nugget for the drawings. We will give away a total of 10.6 grams of gold with the largest nugget being 2.8 grams. There will be three nuggets over 1 gram each.

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!



GPR GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Know an organization that might want us to set up a gold panning demonstration booth? Contact

Jeff Mosteller

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For additional information and photos, see <http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/>

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Thank you to all who participated.

We will be off about five weeks before the demos get into full swing. The next demo will be for the Astor House in the History Park where we set up for Buffalo Bill Days on the 28th of May, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The 29th we will be in Central City for our inclusion to Main Street Central Roster for 2005.

Jerry Jensen and the new "Polar Bear Division" of the club braved the elements and had a good time in Clear Creek until the rain came. The Open Space Ranger spotted the top of the outhouse from the road and stopped to check to see if someone was camping on the creek. When he saw that it was only our outhouse, he was pleased that we went to such trouble to keep his park clean and waste free. Thanks guys for cleaning up all the trash that others left along the creek; that's what it takes to keep a good working relationship with the powers to be in the canyon.

After Donna and I left Jerry's outing, we started up the canyon to Central City. Right around half a mile up 119 from U.S. 6, we spotted something I'd thought I would never see on that creek: three big beautiful beaver dams complete with a new lodge. It's a good idea to give them their space and stop mining that area. We can only hope that someone doesn't declare the whole area a beaver habitat or they start moving up-stream past the water plant.

We met with **Barbara Thielemann** in Central City. There are still some loose ends to clear up--we are still not sure about Lou Bunch Days and the Black Hawk Miner's Rodeo.

Oldest Stamp

An official stamp on a [gold] bar identifies the name of the issuing company. Among accredited manufacturers worldwide, the oldest official stamp still in use is that of the Homestake Mining Company (USA) which has been using the same stamp since 1878.

"*The Industry Catalogue of Gold Bars Worldwide*" (344 pages, 950 illustrations). Sponsor: World Gold Council. Published in 1998 by Grendon International Research Pty Ltd. Price: USD 275.

http://www.gold.org/pr_archive/html/bars/Categ.htm#Tezabi

Coins

Gold coins were minted in Gregory Gulch in 1861. In case you find one in your attic, a numismatist will give you \$2,000 for it. You don't have to pronounce it, just find one.

The Denver mint was established as a branch of the United States mint to be used only for assays and not for coinage. Early in the 19th century, it was successfully robbed [by persons unknown who escaped] without a trace.

~Al Look

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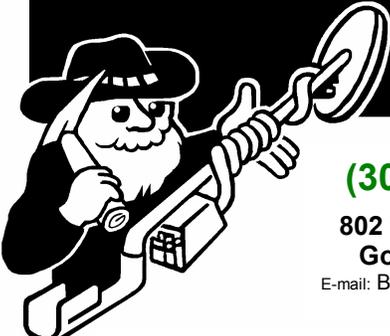
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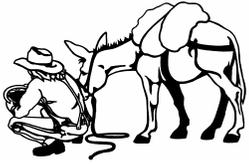
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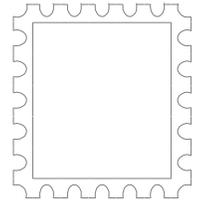
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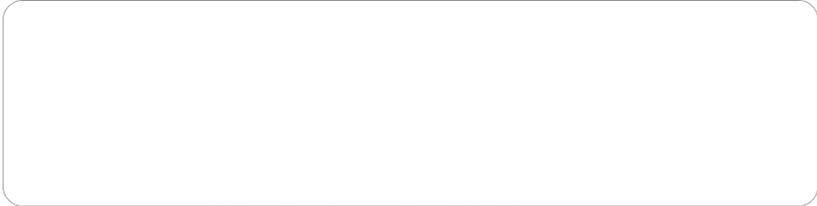


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Country Fences

Submitted by Don Dixler

- Country fences need to be horse high, pig tight, and bull strong.
- Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.
- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.
- Mortgaging a future crop is saddling a wobbly colt.
- A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Trouble with a milk cow is she won't stay milked.
- Don't skinny dip with snapping turtles.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
- Meanness don't happen overnight.
- To know how country folks are doing, look at their barns, not their houses.
- Never lay an angry hand on a kid or an animal, it just ain't helpful.
- Teachers, bankers, and hoot owls sleep with one eye open.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.
- Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.
- Two can live as cheap as one, if one don't eat.
- Don't corner something meaner than you.
- Man is the only critter who feels the need to label things as flowers or weeds.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- Don't go huntin' with a fellow named Chug-A-Lug.
- You can't unsay a cruel thing.
- Every path has some puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- And finally, don't name a pig, calf, or goat you plan to eat.

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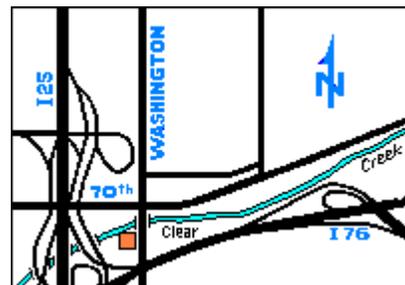
Fire is the test of gold; adversity, of strong men.
 James Jeffrey Roche (1847-1908), Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD), Epistl

Thinking to get at once all the gold the goose could give, he killed it and opened it only to find - nothing.
 Aesop (620 BC - 560 BC), The Goose with the Golden Eggs

Forth we went, a gallant band--Youth, Love, Gold and Pleasure.
 Last Son, Mark Lemon (1809-1870)

As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.
 Old Testament, Proverbs xi. 22.

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