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GOLD RUSH NEWS

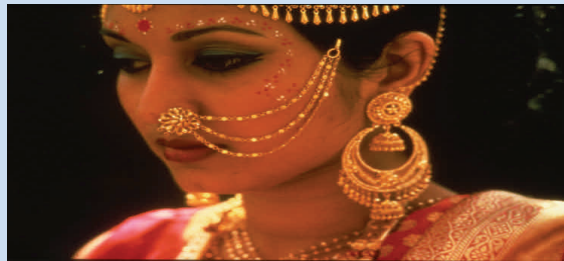


Alberta Gold Prospectors Association

Winter 2018

FUN FACTS!

*Indian housewives hold 11% of the World's Gold. That is more than the reserves of the U.S., IMF, Switzerland and Germany put together!



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***Do you know someone who would be interested in joining the club? Please spread the word about our membership benefits!**



Oh, I'm not looking for Gold,
I'm checking for bear-traps...

If your membership is due please renew it . *Please* read and fill in the enclosed waiver.

Membership dues can be sent to:

Kathy Trombley
(Secretary/Treasurer)
PO Box 78034
383 Heritage Dr. SE
Calgary, AB
T2H2Y1

Single \$20
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You may want to consider joining for a couple of years so you don't have to keep filling in the waiver and writing checks.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual General Meeting:

When? February 24th, 2018

Where? At the Clearview Meadows Community Hall located at 93 Cornett Dr, Red Deer, AB T4P 2G7

Time? Meeting starts at 11:00 a.m.

AGPA Website

Check out the website tell us what you think! www.agpa.ca



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Our 40th year, 1977 - 2017



Robin Rosborough Interview on CBC

Want to help send a team from Western Canada to the World Gold Panning Championships in Slovakia, 2018?

World Gold Panning Championships Hodruša-Hámre, Slovakia

Article on Gold Panning on the North Saskatchewan River

Click here for more information Gold Panning: Did You Know? Click here

All cheques to help support sending a Canadian Team to the World Gold Panning Championships should be sent to: Secretary/Treasurer PO Box 78034 383 Heritage Dr. S.E. Calgary, Alberta. T2H 2Y1



Quality Inn Red Deer

GEOCACHING:

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world. A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook and sometimes a pen or pencil.

So my question is - has anyone done this Geocaching? If so, what was your experience with it? Please email your comments to, the Newsletter Editor, Sarah Hollywood, at steve@roughneckhq.com.

South Africa gold mine: All 955 trapped workers freed

February 2nd, 2018

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-42914132>



All 955 workers from a gold mine in South Africa have been safely brought back to the surface. They had been trapped underground since a power cut struck on Wednesday night, and back-up generators failed to work. "Everybody's out," said James Wellsted, a spokesman for the operating firm Sibanye-Stillwater. He said there were "cases of dehydration and high blood pressure but nothing serious", and the mine would re-open on Monday. The BBC's Pumza Fihlani in South Africa says there were scenes of jubilation as the miners were brought to the surface in the morning.

Through the night, members of the local community and other workers had kept vigil outside the mine shaft, praying for the miners' safe return. The accident is thought to have occurred when a storm knocked over an electricity pylon close to the site, triggering a huge power cut. But on Friday morning electricity was finally restored to a lift, enabling the workers' release. "It was stressful, there was not enough ventilation," said mineworker Mike Khonto. "Thankfully our management managed to send us food and water." They are being taken for food and showers upon their release, before having medical health checks. Anxious family members had gathered along the road to the mine but were kept back by security forces. Mr Wellsted said there was "no indication so far that anyone has been in distress" but it had been a "traumatic experience".

Trade union officials had previously said they feared that the lives of the miners were at risk. They say this accident has highlighted the low safety standards in parts of the industry. More than 80 fatalities were recorded in South African mines in 2017.

The chemical reason gold makes a perfect currency

08-20-17

<http://www.businessinsider.com/gold-price-chemistry-science-currency-destiny-2017-8>

Gold, according to Sella, is the best possible candidate for a currency of any value.

As he points out, we can automatically eliminate whole swaths of the periodic table for various reasons. We can cross out gases, halogens, and liquids such as helium, fluorine and mercury. No one wants to carry around vials of a colorless gas or, in the case of mercury and bromine, a poisonous substance.

We can then rule out alkaline earth metals such as magnesium and barium for being too reactive and explosive. Carcinogenic, radioactive elements such as uranium and plutonium are too impractical, as are synthetic elements that exist only momentarily in lab experiments—seaborgium and einsteinium, for example.

That leaves us with the 49 transition and post-transition metals: titanium, nickel, tin, lead, aluminum and more.

But many of these pose problems that should immediately exclude them from consideration as a currency. Most are too hard to smelt (titanium), too flimsy for coinage (aluminum), too corrosive (copper) and/or too plentiful (iron).

We are now left with just eight candidates, the noble metals: platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, osmium, ruthenium, silver and gold. These are all attractive as currencies, but except for silver and gold, they're simply *too* rare.

So: silver and gold. What gives gold the edge over silver, however, is—once again—its chemical inertness. Unlike its white cousin, gold doesn't tarnish. *To read more of this article please follow the link above.*

RECENT GOLD SPOT PRICE:

As of Feb. 1st, 2018



RECIPES TO SHARE:

24 Karat: Saffron Poached Pears with Chocolate

Yield: 4 servings

Source: adapted from Chef Jun Tanaka's

Prep: 20 minutes; total time 40 minutes to overnight (subject to your variation)

***Saffron pears**

3 3/4 cups /875 ml cold water
1/2 lemon
1 cup/200 g granulated sugar
4 firm pears, peeled with core and stems in tact
1 pinch saffron threads
1 vanilla bean pod

***Chocolate sauce**

1/2 cup/82g chopped semisweet chocolate
3 tablespoons heavy cream
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
Edible gold leaf *optional



1. For the saffron pears, fill a medium saucepan with the cold water. Squeeze the lemon over the water and then add the rind to the pot. Add the sugar and stir briefly. Carefully place the peeled pears in the water. Place over medium-high heat and stir until the sugar is melted. Split the vanilla pod and scrape out the seeds. Add the seeds and pod to the saucepan. Add the pinch of saffron. Bring ingredients to full boil and then reduce to a simmer. Simmer for 20 minutes or until just fork-tender. Remove from heat and let the pan cool to just warm. You may drain and serve the pears immediately, or cover the saucepan and place in the refrigerator overnight for intensified color and flavor. If you choose the overnight method, gently re-heat pears in the poaching liquid before serving.
2. For the chocolate sauce, place all ingredients in a small saucepan and cook over medium-low heat. Stir until all components are melted and blended smooth. Place pears on a serving plate and top each pear with chocolate. Adorn with gold leaf if desired.

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