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ICC Gearing Up For Spring Show

As all members are probably aware, the Indianapolis Coin Club will be having their own show on March 16, 2003. The show will take place from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM, at the Ramada Inn at the corner of US 31 South and Thompson Road, just south of I-465 on the south side of Indianapolis.

We will need volunteers to assist in different capacities to insure that the show is a success. Please feel free to stop by The Coin Index to see Coz, who will furnish you with show flyers that you may post, and raffle tickets that you may sell. These items will also be available at the February 24 meeting. The raffle tickets sell for \$1.00 each, and they will be used in a drawing for \$100 worth

of instant lottery tickets.

We will also need volunteers to work at the show, either helping dealers unload and load their goods and cases, working the welcome table, or providing hospitality for the dealers who are manning the tables. The welcome table duty includes providing information about the Indianapolis Coin Club to prospective members, both in handout form, and answering questions that show attendees might have. Hospitality duties would include relieving the dealers for a break (watching their table), or possibly bringing dealers a soft drink.

Tables are still available for the show, but are going quickly. If you, or anyone you know is interested in having a table,

please act soon.

If you are interested in having an informational display at the show, please contact Coz, also. This is our chance to show the club in a positive light to our community, and sign up new members. With all of the renewed interest in coin collecting, our club membership may be able to grow considerably, and, with the additional income, could provide more informative and educational activities for everyone.

Please seriously consider donating some of your time on that Sunday in March to help promote our club. You may meet new friends, or see some old ones you haven't seen in a while. No matter what, you will be serving your community and the ICC!

**DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES AND RENEW YOUR ADS!
SEND PAYMENT TO THE CLUB POST OFFICE BOX!**

Our next meetings are scheduled for Monday, January 27, and Monday, February 24, at 7:00 PM at the Fireman's Union Hall Building, 748 Massachusetts Ave. at College Ave., Indianapolis. Parking is available in the lot west of the building and on the streets north and south of the building.

Officers: President: Jim Luckey, Vice President: Jim Roehrdanz, Secretary: Chris Clegg, Treasurer: Tom Ferwerda, Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Warden. Past President: Vinton Dove
Editor/Webmaster: Gail Phillips

Directors: Karl Kreck, Lawrence Wisthoff, Donald Black, Coz Raimondi, Charles Alber, Allen Dove

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THE MONTHLY PLANCHET

The Indianapolis Coin Club is a non-profit, educational organization founded in 1939 for the purpose of educating people of all ages in the greater Indianapolis community about the coins they presently own or may wish to collect. We hold eleven monthly meetings each year (presently at the Firemen's Union Hall, 748 Massachusetts Ave.) during which various programs of an educational nature are held for the benefit of our membership and the general public. All meetings are open to the public and there is no charge for attendance unless a person wishes to become a member of the club. Adult annual dues are \$12.00 per year, junior membership dues are \$5.00 per year.



From Our President

The Christmas Party was a real winner, music by the harpist, and good food from the caterer. All of this thanks to Tom and his committee. It was a good ending to 2002. Looking forward to 2003, we start with the January meeting on the 27th, with our monthly coin auction. Each person can put up 3 groups, the group can be of 1 or more coins. The auction will last 30 minutes, with a rotating selection from one to another, until time or groups run out. Our meetings will start with business, after the pledge, then the auction, and a speaker, last. If you have any suggestions for the meetings, agenda or speakers, please come forward, as this is your club. You have received tickets for our raffle at our Coin Show on March 16th; please get out and sell them. Karl Kreck is counting on you so the show will turn a profit. He will also be needing your help for the Sunday of the show. Thank you for your help last year, and I am looking forward to a big and better year in 2003.

- Jim



Secretary's Report

As everyone is aware, our December meeting was the Christmas banquet, in which we inducted our two new officers. I know it seems like forever, but our next meeting will be January 27. If you haven't paid this year's dues, they are due (no pun intended). Please do not forget to turn in the money for the raffle tickets; with everyone's participation, we will have a successful show.

- Chris Clegg



Treasurer's Report

INCOME

CD matured 12/3	\$1280.12
CD matured 12/27	<u>3197.38</u>
Total Income	\$4477.50

EXPENSES

CD purchase 12/15	\$5000.00
Printing	43.41
Postage	<u>9.20</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 5052.61

Net Expenses \$ 575.11

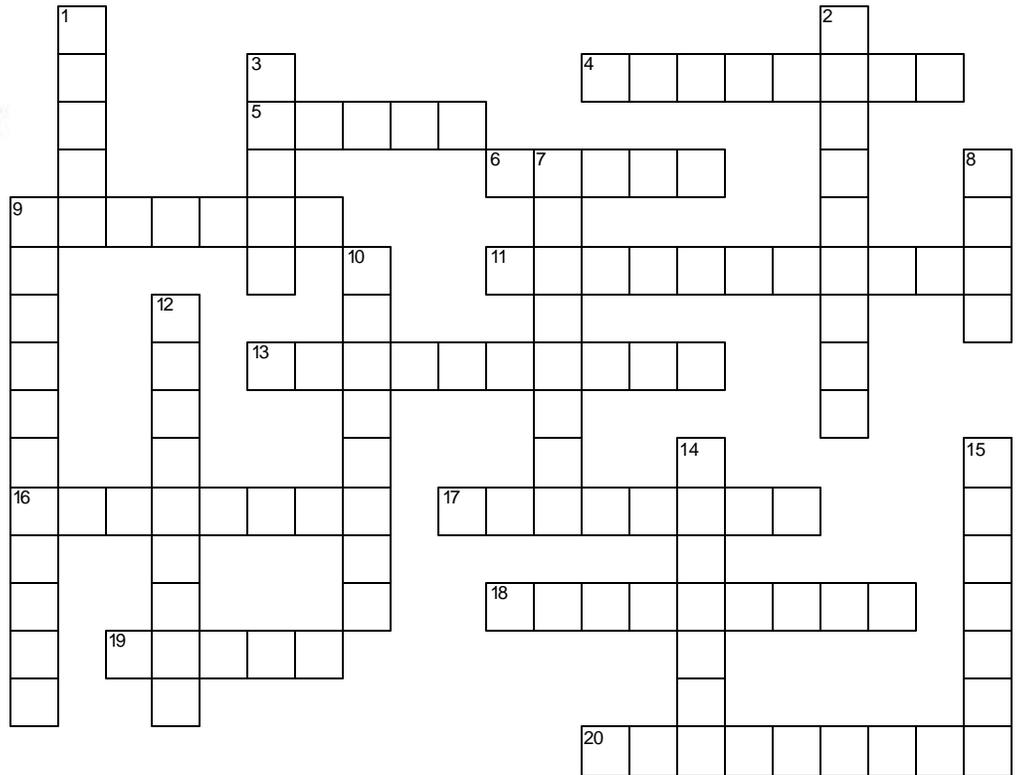
Balance in Checking as of 1/1/03 - \$11,115.43



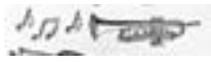
STATE THEMES REPEATED on a number of the 20 semi-finalist designs for the 2005 California quarter dollar include the Golden Gate Bridge, natural wonders, agriculture, film making and the sea, the latter in a very stylized design. State officials want Californians' opinions on the designs in a nonbinding online poll.

Puzzle Page

Name these 5 coins and do the puzzle for a prize. Good Luck!



Constructed using Crossword Weaver



1.

2.



3.

4.



5.

ACROSS

- 4 MS bottled this beverage first
- 5 Graceland's owner
- 6 Type of LA cooking
- 9 fourth 2002 quarter
- 11 fifth 2002 quarter
- 13 common element on TN flag and quarter
- 16 MS state flower
- 17 Number of stars on IN quarter
- 18 Crazy festival in March
- 19 MS, land of the _____ blues
- 20 first 2002 quarter

DOWN

- 1 old astronaut
- 2 third 2002 quarter
- 3 Indiana state flower
- 7 Ohio's claim to fame
- 8 second 2002 quarter
- 9 main device on TN quarter
- 10 Land buy including Louisiana
- 12 TN is the _____ state
- 14 common element on LA flag and quarter
- 15 Ohio is the _____ state"

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Gibraltar POW notes of World War II by Marcus Turner

World War II saw the creation of hundreds of Prisoner of War Camps all across the United States, Canada and Great Britain, each with its own unique form of money. There was one small transient camp however, located at the southern tip of Spain whose money has been elusive to collectors around the world.

Gibraltar is the small British colony on the extreme southern coast of Spain. Only a 16 mile strait, on which Gibraltar sits, separates Europe from Africa, and the Mediterranean Sea from the Atlantic Ocean. The strategic importance of Gibraltar, both in military and economic terms, is obvious. The small territory is approximately 5 kilometers (3 miles) long and ½ kilometer (1/3 mile) wide, with a current population of approximately 30,000. The area was captured by Britain from the Spanish in 1704. Since then, the Spanish have tried many times to recapture the tiny area, but without success. Spain's claim to the British territory is still in dispute today.

At the beginning of World War II, the civilian population of Gibraltar (largely British) was evacuated and replaced by a very large and strong British air and naval presence. The territory became a strategic Allied command center for activity in the Mediterranean as well as for landing operations in North Africa. Many allied POWs are known to have escaped to Gibraltar over the course of the war. The official Gibraltar government website confirms that there was a POW camp located in Gibraltar during World War II but offers few details. Lance Campbell, author of *Prisoner of War and Concentration Camp Money of the 20th Century* (1993), refers to the location as the Laguna Camp. It was a temporary holding area for German and

Italian POWs; mainly U-boat and air-crew captured by the Allied naval units. From Gibraltar, prisoners were sent to POW camps in the United Kingdom and possibly to Canada and the United States.

The only known notes produced for this camp were in denominations of sixpence. Campbell further reports that a "single run of 2000 sixpence notes was ordered under a government contract." He further refers to the note, serial number 05001 (with a photo) as the only piece known to exist. This note has the word "Specimen" hand written across the face of the note.

The first appearance of this "Specimen" was on September 26, 1974 at the meeting of the International Banknote Society in London, England. On the cover of the October 1974 edition of the *Banknote Reporter*, the headline reads "Unknown POW Scrip Shown to IBNS." The article further states "A slide was shown of a previously unknown Prisoner of War camp scrip for a denomination of a 6 pence issued in Gibraltar, with the word "specimen" hand written across the note. The note in question caused a great deal of interest. It is presumed that the note was issued in a transit camp for German and Italian prisoners being shipped to England, possibly from the African front. The style indicated a World War II issue dated between 1941 and 1944." The note was presented at the meeting by Yasha Beresiner of London, England.

The second sighting of a Gibraltar Laguna POW note would not come until 2000. To everyone's surprise, the report came out of Australia! The note was of serial number 0488 and was published in full color in the catalog of paper money dealer John Pettit, of Sydney, Australia. Not only was it identified, but was available for sale! I immediately contacted John and made arrangements to buy the note. It now resides in my collection.

The two existing notes were brought together for the first time at MPC Fest II in February of 2001, Port Clinton, Ohio and a second time in October that same year at the IBNS Congress in London, England. The above mentioned "Specimen" #05001 currently resides in the collection of Tom Warburton of Bolton, England. The side by side comparison revealed that the two notes were nothing alike. Tom's "specimen" note was about twice the size of mine measuring 99 x 88 mm. It was printed on a thin, pink paper



with printer's notations "G.C. 2m. 4/42 (10203)" in the lower left margin. Warburton reports "I would speculate G.C. means Gibraltar Command and 4/42 is a date April 1942 and one can further speculate there would be very little need for POW holding facilities previous to this date." The back was completely blank. The background patterns of the two notes were also completely different. My issued piece was printed on a heavy green card stock, measures 67 x 59 mm and has a 4-digit serial number (as opposed to Tom's 5-digit). The back



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of my note contains the stamp of the British Women's Auxiliary. The role the British Women's Auxiliary might have played in the POW process is completely unknown to date. My theory is that Tom's "specimen" piece is not a specimen at all, but a trial design submitted for approval by the Gibraltar Command. This would explain the differences in the notes, and why the "specimen" was printed on thin paper. It also explains the high serial number of 5001.

Almost 30 years have passed since the initial report of the existence of the first Laguna Camp note. Since then only a single issued piece supplements the research effort. Although both pieces are absolutely unique, the search for more examples continues.

Chicago Readies for Launch of 2003 Illinois State Quarter

- 'Ghostbusters' actor among those at event

- posted 1/2/03

By Paul Gilkes
COIN WORLD staff

ILLINOIS QUARTER depicts Abraham Lincoln, the Chicago skyline and state outline. Various dignitaries plan to attend the Jan. 6 official launch ceremony for the coin in Chicago.

Officials planned to launch the 2003 Illinois quarter dollar Jan. 6 at the James R. Thomas

Center's Assembly Hall, 100 W. Randolph St., in Chicago. Mint officials confirmed as of Dec. 27, dignitaries to be in attendance at the 10 a.m. ceremonies will include U.S. Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore, Gov. George H. Ryan and Chicago native actor-director Harold Ramis, who counts among his credits acting in the movie *Ghostbusters* and directing the current film, *Analyze That*.

The ceremony is one of the last official duties Ryan will preside over as Illinois' chief executive. The incumbent Republican is leaving office, turning over the administration to his Democratic successor, Rod Blagojevich. Blagojevich will be sworn in as the 40th governor of Illinois Jan. 13.

Ryan presided over the selection process for the Illinois quarter dollar. He announced his final pick Oct. 8.



The Illinois quarter dollar reverse design incorporates a farm setting and the Chicago skyline along with a young Abraham Lincoln superimposed on an outline of the state of Illinois. Also included is the state slogan, LAND OF LINCOLN, as well as 21 stars, 11 to the left and 10 to the right, and the inscription 21ST STATE - CENTURY.

The design was inspired by artwork submitted to the governor by Thom Cicchelli of Chicago. Cicchelli says he plans to attend the Jan. 6 event.

The Mint expects to have sufficient quantities of Philadelphia and Denver Mint strikes of the 2003-P and 2003-D Illinois quarters on hand for distribution at the ceremony.



AMONG THE THEMES illustrated by the six of the seven semi-finalist designs for California, shown on this page, are Minerva and the grizzly bear, both from the state arms, upper left. The Golden Gate Bridge appears on several designs, as do prospectors (illustrating the state's Gold Rush history), natural wonders and film making.

KID'S CORNER



Mint History

T N E C R E P P O C H T M
 S B Q R W D P R H K X I L
 P T M I L L E D A Y L D A
 B M E N K P N G L D P E D
 Y T X A V T N R F N H R E
 Z G R F M Y L H D S K C M
 X D G E F E A N I J D F E
 X W O H V L N N M K M O C
 R F L L F L A G E M J S A
 V X N C L P I N I Z F L E
 Q X E N S A L S M N R L P
 Y N L D V J R J B V E I R
 T H H A N D P R E S S B M

Historic Highlights - A Mint Timeline

- reprinted from the U.S. Mint website

Introduction

It's the 18th century, and the colonies are breaking free from England. A new country! But what about money? How can they pay for their war against England?

In 1775, John Hancock suggests that Congress issue **bills of credit**. People could exchange these paper notes for silver **Spanish milled dollars** after the war. Colonists already used lots of currencies. But if the colonies win, should they use British pounds after the war? Spanish milled dollars? ...Or invent a whole new currency?

Congress set the other coins' values to the Spanish milled dollar. Jefferson says that should be our new nation's money. But in 1785, Congress invents a new dollar—worth a Spanish milled dollar—and decides which metals it will be made from. Now they just need someone to make it!

Making a Mint

1792:

The United States Mint is born! Congress passes the Coinage Act, creating the **Bureau of the Mint** to make **gold, silver, and copper coins**. The Mint builds its own building in **Philadelphia**, the nation's capital at the time.

The first coins struck are "**half dimes**" made from someone's silverware—probably George and Martha Washington's. Harnessed horses power the coin-stamping machines.

1793: President George Washington appoints **David Rittenhouse**, scientist, as the first Director of the Mint. The Mint produces its first circulating coins: **copper cents and half cents**.

BILLS OF CREDIT
 COPPER CENT
 DOLLAR
 HALF CENT
 HALF DIME
 HAND PRESS
 MILLED
 PEACE MEDAL
 SILVER
 SPANISH
 STEAM ENGINE



Striking Out

1799:

The Mint becomes an **independent agency**, no longer under the Department of State.

1801: As the colonies did, the new United States begins making large silver **peace medals**. These medals are given as signs of peace to American Indian chiefs and warriors. **Lewis and Clark** soon use these medals on their trip.

1816: A **steam engine** is used for rolling the metal sheets. Before this, the rolling machines were powered by oxen, horses, or men. When a hand press was used, it took a man and a boy about **two minutes to make one coin**.

Upcoming Coin Shows:

Jan 19 Muncie

Coin & Stamp Show. Horizon Convention Center, 401 S. High St., Muncie.
Hrs.: 10 AM - 5 PM. Buy, Sell or Trade. Free Admission and Parking.

Jan 18-19 South Bend

Coin & Currency Show. Comfort Suites, 52939 S.R. 933 N. Sat: 10 AM - 5 PM;
Sun: 10 AM - 3 PM. Dave's Collectibles, Dave Brody, POB 724, South Bend, IN
46624. 574-272-9198. TABLES: 12-15. FREE.



CONSERVATIONIST JOHN MUIR and Yosemite Valley are depicted, top left, on one of 20 semi-finalist designs for the 2005 California quarter dollar. Images of prospectors appear on three of the designs, including the one shown at top right. Other common themes include film making and the Golden Gate Bridge, both illustrated by the design on the bottom.

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help provide funding for the ICC!

**This month's educational program will be presented by Bob Nice on
Liberty "V" nickels .
Don't miss it!**

There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for work assignments for our March show. Volunteers will be needed to assist in show preparation, dealer setup and teardown, raffle ticket sales, info desk, and dealer relief, and other miscellaneous duties as necessary. This is our big fund-raising event for the year, so we need you to participate to help keep the ICC in existence.