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## Employment Trends Survey Shows 51% Will Hire

## New Fee on Business Delinquent Taxpayers Effective January 1



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**Sacramento Region** – Twenty-six percent (26%) of Sacramento's top regional employers are pessimistic about the economy for the next year. On the flip side, another sixty-two percent (62%) of the people who manage people believe there is reason to be optimistic in 2011. In addition, human resource contacts at the 100 top companies surveyed directly by telephone say their firms are likely to add workers through the next year. While some couldn't answer or didn't know, sixty-seven percent (67%) were positive about employee expansion when asked if the company would grow its workforce in the next year. As "consumer confidence" spurs the economy, improving economic outlooks are raising 'employer confidence' that leads to more hiring. Sacramento's top companies aren't going anywhere soon. Eighty-nine percent (89%) of the top employers also expect to be occupying the same local address through 2011.

Traditionally the slowest period for hiring in the Sacramento region, fifty-one percent (51%) of companies polled say they will be hiring in the First Quarter of 2011. While thirty-six percent (36%) report more hiring for replacements, or attrition in their existing workforce, thirty-one percent (31%) report hiring motivated by the need for more workers in January, February and March. As economic and market conditions have improved through the year, Pacific Staffing has discovered that Sacramento's top employers have maintained or increased hiring motivated by the need to expand existing workforces- 20% in Q1, 37% Q2, 35% Q3, 27% Q4 of 2010 and 31% is anticipated in the first three months of 2011.

Three percent (3%) of hiring in Q1 next year will be motivated by seasonal demands. Six percent (6%) of companies report planned reductions caused by weather-related concerns and continued

slow demand for their products or services in the first three months of the New Year.

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customer service/sales and technical skills are in high demand in the next Quarter. Sacramento employers are also seeking workers with experience in manufacturing, product assembly, warehouse and shipping over the next three months.

The top challenge ahead for Human Resource pros in the area remain serious concerns about how to manage changes in healthcare benefits and costs relating to new laws. Twenty-three percent (23%) of companies polled report healthcare reform -increasing costs and management of company benefit programs their greatest headache.

Of the top 100 Sacramento regional companies 37% are Service, 33% are Manufacturers, 20% are Construction and 10% are Retail. How does this Quarter compare to last quarter, or last year? Find out for yourself, for more information and surveys go to [www.pacificstaffing.com](http://www.pacificstaffing.com).



*"Just another check to the government. It's a fee, not a tax."*

From BOE Newsroom

**Sacramento Region** – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) announced today that thousands of California businesses will potentially be assessed a fee on past due liabilities beginning in 2011, under recently enacted legislation. More than 90,000 businesses will be notified of this potential fee beginning January 1, 2011.

Legislation imposed the new collection cost recovery fee and requires the BOE to collect a fee on any person failing to pay amounts due and owing. The fee applies to most taxes and fees collected by the BOE and is intended to cover costs incurred in obtaining payment of past due amounts. The fee may only be imposed after the BOE has notified a taxpayer of the potential fee by mailing a notice advising that the continued failure to pay the amount due may result in collection action and potential assessment of the collection cost recovery fee. The BOE could potentially assess a fee on each liability greater than \$250 that remains unpaid for more than 90 days. The fee amount, adjusted annually to reflect the cost of collecting unpaid liabilities, ranges from \$185 to \$925 for calendar year 2011.

The BOE has identified more than 90,000 tax and fee payers with outstanding sales and use tax liabilities or overdue payments in the many tax and fee programs administered by BOE.

Taxpayers can avoid the fee by paying their liability in full prior to the fee being assessed, that is before 90 days from the date the notice expires. The notice they receive will state that the new collection cost recovery fee

will be due if each liability of greater than \$250 remains unpaid for more than 90 days. Taxpayers unable to pay in full now may still avoid the fee if they qualify for, enter into, and complete an installment payment agreement, which allows for payment of a tax, fee, or surcharge debt in smaller, more manageable amounts. Also, if the BOE finds that a taxpayer's failure to pay the amount being collected is due to reasonable cause and circumstances beyond the taxpayer's control, the BOE may relieve the taxpayer of the collection cost recovery fee.

The BOE estimates the fee will facilitate additional annual revenue of \$5.2 million from additional collection of taxes, fees, and surcharges for the remainder of the 2010-11 Fiscal Year and \$19.4 million to \$22.6 million annually beginning in 2011-12.

This new collection cost recovery fee requirement was added to the Revenue and Taxation Codes by Senate Bill 858 (Chapter 721, Statutes of 2010).

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

*The Special Notice is available on the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov).*

## Mama Mia! Gifts for Bambini



By Susan Maxwell Skinner

**Carmichael** - The Christmas Season is not over for Italian children until "Old Befana" calls on January 9.

Bearing gifts and treats, Italy's oldest folk heroine will visit the Italian Cultural Center in Carmichael. Her arrival will be greeted with accordion music, folkloric dancing, desserts and a children's puppet show.

Befana is said to have taken to the skies on her broom since Biblical times, in an eternal search for baby Jesus. Inspecting all homes on her mission, the reclusive benefactress comes down the chimney and leaves biscotti and treats for bambini buoni (good children). Bad kids' just desert is a lump of coal. Children at the Carmichael celebrations will get

chocolate coins and blessings from Befana.

The lady and legend are traditionally honored on the Festival of Epiphany. Carmichael's honorary Befana is Phyllis Cupparo, who has played the wizened benefactress for 11 years. Her role requires a gray wig, kerchief and a stoop; "It's getting easier to be Befana as I get older,"

says the glamorous Italian American. "I'm growing more into the part year by year." The January 9 Festa Della Befana program begins at 1:30 pm. Adult admission is \$5; children, free. Information: call (916) 482-5900.

*Learn about the Italian Cultural Center at [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net)*

**Gracious giver.** Benevolent "Old Befana" brings a Mediterranean flavor to New Year celebrations at the Italian Cultural Center, Carmichael. Photograph by Susan Maxwell Skinner.



# Green Witch on Yellow Brick Road

## Carmichael-based Teal Wicks lands Broadway leading role



**Witchcraft.** Before makeup and costumes, Broadway's new leading lady Teal Wicks is hardly changed from the teenager whose California base is her mother's Carmichael home. Photograph by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

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She has been Teal Wicks for every one of her 27 years. Yet in Broadway's Gershwin Theater, some punters will wonder if the new leading lady chose a stage name to coordinate with her complexion and character in the stage smash *Wicked*. In fact, explains her Carmichael mom Gail Allen, "Teal was named for my favorite color: teal green."

In a coup that has thrilled Sacramento friends and her greatest fan – her mom – Teal last month landed the role of a lifetime. The demanding lead in one of Broadway's most popular shows has fallen to into her green fingers. Beginning performances on February 1, the Sacramento woman will assume her alter-identity Elphaba in one of New

York's largest venues. She enters a league of superstars that have tripped the light fantastic on Gershwin Theatre's boards. These include Sammy Davis Jr, Frank Sinatra, Patti LaBelle, Bing Crosby and dancer Rudolph Nureyev. Here Yul Brynner set Broadway records with his performance as the King in *The King and I*.

"Teal is currently in Cambridge Mass, doing a new show called 'The Blue Flower,'" reports her proud mom. "She finishes that on January 9. "Then she moves back to New York to start 'Wicked' rehearsals. The life of a performer is like that of a gypsy."

Teal-green face paint is Teal's standard maquillage in the "Wicked" lead. A pointy chapeau will transform her nightly into the heroine of

*Wicked*. The costumes are like old friends; she played a misunderstood witch called Elphaba in both Los Angeles and San Francisco's smash productions of the show. For two years and up to eight performances per week in San Francisco, the slender redhead was painted green and raised 20ft above stage to sing Stephen Schwartz's range-defying *Defying Gravity*.

The aria stopped the City show nightly. "The first time I did it, I was scared to death," admitted the diva. "With the lights, smoke and levitation, it's technically and emotionally fantastic. Now I feel secure up there on my little platform. But the thrill of empowerment never gets old." Full houses and rave reviews rewarded her contracts in West Coast cities. "Audiences are crazy for the show,"

she nodded. "It's like a rock concert. The music and costumes are amazing. It has comedy and drama and it tugs at the heart."

Ten years ago, hearts thumping, Teal and I hugged the wings awaiting our entrances for a *Best of Broadway* musical revue at Hiram Johnson High School. I sang "I'll take Manhattan." Shy teenager Teal did a song from "Annie" and took the show. In her San Francisco dressing room last year, I found Teal still unlikely to speak above a coo. Minutes before, she had enjoyed her 6th standing ovation for that week. She accepted congratulations with un-divalike modesty. "The show got standing ovations and huge crowds before I was in it," she said. "But I have worked hard."

Work started young. Recalls Teal's mom: "We used to laugh when Teal broke in to a song or dance in a restaurant. She was such a shy child; she sang to express her creativity."

Teal explained: "I had a huge imagination. Acting allowed me to create characters and different worlds to play in." Dance and voice lessons accompanied her studies at Natomas High School. She graduated music and drama studies at UC Irvine and headed for the tough realities of Broadway: "It wasn't easy. I was a theater usher and served in a restaurant by day, auditioning, auditioning." Eventually cast as ingénue Catherine in *Pippin*, she joined the show's national touring cast in 2006. Around then, the musical *Wicked* took the world by storm. "The witch Elphaba was the kind of character I always wanted to play," she recalled. "I tried out in New York and got the standby Elphaba role for the LA production."

When the previous Los Angeles star bowed out in 2007, Teal stepped neatly from stage-left and has since scarcely looked back – or down – from her levitating act. "I am continually overwhelmed by her

performances," confides her mom. "It's wonderful for a parent to see a child living her passion."

Leading lady perks include designer Susan Hilferty's Tony Award-winning costumes, including hand-made shoes for every garment: "I love Elphaba's school uniform boots," said Wicks. "I wish I could take them home." Her Act II Edwardian formal gown swirls 40 yards of fabric in hem flounces alone and is backstage dubbed *the beast*. "It's gorgeous and it helps me get into Elphaba's persona," said the wearer. "But running around and singing in 25 pounds of dress is taxing. Mastering *the beast* was the hardest thing in learning the role."

dared hope."

For Elphaba of Oz, there is no place like the small Manhattan apartment shared with seven-year love, musician and businessman Thomas Fellenbaum. Though she covets many great roles Teal concedes that slaying California did not mean NYC falls into an actor's lap like — well, an apple.

"There is no such thing as a certain future in this business," she says. "We exist at the whims of the economy and the public. But success in a show like *Wicked* – with its great fan base and exposure – well, that can't have hurt me."

Says her mother: "I'm going to New York for opening night. The



**Backstage in San Francisco's Orpheum Theater last year, "Wicked" leading lady, Teal Wicks (left) mugged with Carmichael friend Susan Maxwell Skinner (center) and stepdaughter Kathryn Skinner.** Photograph by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

The San Francisco show continued when Teal's contract expired last year. After thousands of *Wicked* ovations, she happily headed home to New York and a strenuous round of new auditions.

"She had hoped she'd proved herself in San Francisco and Los Angeles," says her mother. "The offer for her to play Elphaba on Broadway came sooner than she had

moment I heard Teal's news, I went on line, booked my ticket and found a place to stay. It's all quite overwhelming but I want to be there. Teal says that Elphaba is not just a role, it's a discipline. "It's about working hard and taking care of yourself. And honoring the gift you've been given."

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# New Year's Resolutions for Your Wallet

Commentary by  
Louis Scatigna

When the big ball drops at midnight New Year's Eve, the calendar will change, but will you? An expert reveals 5 ways to boost your financial health in 2011.

After two years of recession and recovery that is moving slower than molasses going uphill in January, Certified Financial Planner Louis Scatigna, author of *The Financial Physician* ([www.thefinancialphysician.com](http://www.thefinancialphysician.com)), believes that 2011 is the time for people to make some solid resolutions to change those old habits.

"Most people think that their financial problems revolve around not earning enough money to make ends meet," said Scatigna, whose Financial Physician radio show is heard nationwide. "The truth is, everyone can improve their financial health by using the following five tips, and they don't have to make a dime more than they are making today in order to feel more financially healthy."

Scatigna's tips include:

**Calculate Your Net Worth** — If you want to get healthy, you need a check up. Your net worth tells you how financially healthy you are right now, so you know where you're starting. Here's how you do it: Take a piece of paper and make two columns. On the left side of the paper list the value of all your assets and on the right side the balances of all your loans, using the totals from the end of 2009. Now,

subtract your total debts from the total value of your assets and you arrive at your net worth, the exact amount of money you would have if you liquidated all your assets and paid off all your debts. The goal is to grow your net worth each and every year.

**Prepare a Budget** — Take another piece of paper, and make two columns, one for monthly expenses and one for annual expenses. On top of the page list all your sources of income (wages, interest, dividends, odd jobs, etc.). Total up all your income. Now list every expense in your life as accurately as you can. Make sure you keep track of your cash expenditures, like those Starbucks coffees and lunches at work. Spend one month writing down every penny you spend. Now, total up all your expenses, and then subtract your expenses from your income. If you're in the hole, it's time to reduce your spending. If you're ahead, now you have an idea of how much you might be able to put away and save every month. The truth is that most families can cut 5 to 10 percent of their monthly expenses without too much trouble.

**Manage the Money Together** — If you're married, it's imperative that you manage the money as a couple. In most families either the husband or the wife handle the monthly bills, but that often leads to miscommunication and overspending. Sit down together and pay the bills and discuss with each other how you can reduce the household expenses. Review bills for accuracy and resolve to pay down the balances as fast as possible. Review

each investment account statement for performance and risk. Doing it together ensures fewer crises and more savings.

**Learn More About Money** — The majority of Americans have little knowledge about finances, so they make costly mistakes. There are many books and websites that you can read to learn the basics about investing, buying cars and homes, insurance, the different types of mortgages, and credit cards. Knowledge is power, especially when it comes to your money.

**Be Financially Responsible** — What do you really need? What do you really want? These days, it's difficult to have both, so we each need to evaluate our lives to determine what we can do without. Do you need to buy lunch at work every day, or does your break room have a kitchen where you could keep a loaf of bread and lunchmeat? Do we need 20 HBO channels, when there's never anything good on, anyway? We now live in frugal times and must adjust our behavior in order to survive and become financially healthy.

*Louis Scatigna is a Certified Financial Planner, national radio talk show host and author of The Financial Physician: How To Cure Your Money Problems and Boost Your Financial Health (www.thefinancialphysician.com). Lou is a regular guest on both national and local television programs and has been quoted in hundreds of publications and Web sites.*



# POPPOFF!

with Mary Jane Popp

## LOOK FOR THE LIGHT

I don't know about you guys, but 2010 was kind of a pooppy year. Take your pick from an economy that is still in the dumpsters to lots of illness which I honestly think is due to the stress that has hovered over so many. So I thought I'd take a stab at bringing light on the subject of dark times from a guest I had on the POPPOFF Radio Show. If you find yourself spiraling out of control, and you can't find a way out, then perhaps **David Heenan** can help out with his book "**Bright Triumphs From Dark Hours**" **Turning Adversity into Success**.

The key messages David shares include: We're neither hopeless nor helpless. There's a lot we can do with adversity like...

1) Learn from adversity. Refuse to equate the occasional setback with defeat. "Success is going from failure to failure with no loss of hope," said Winston Churchill.

2) Fashion a new dream. Swim in bigger ponds. Set giant goals. Construct a grand vision of where you want to go and how you'll get there. "Not failure, but low aim is a crime," wrote poet, critic, and diplomat James Russell Lowell.

3) Sell your vision. Those who can illuminate the darkness are experts at restoring people's faith in the future, especially the faith of talented people who have run into brick walls. "A leader must be a dealer in hope," Confucius wrote.

4) Share Your Dream. "We can do as partners what we cannot do as singles," Daniel Webster observed. Therefore, build alliances. Keep good company. Create a brain trust. Connections are invaluable. Develop a cadre of knowledgeable people... mentors, peers, and friends...you can consult in tackling tough times. Share your dreams.

5) Focus, Focus, Focus. Make life as simple as possible. Focus on what you know you can do. Know what you are capable of on any given day...what you can count on. Learn to differentiate between what is truly important and what can be dealt with at another time. Resilient personalities are able to smile in the face of adversity. They enjoy the exhilaration of taking on Everest-size challenges.

6) Start Now. "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing; the next best thing is the wrong thing; and the worst thing you can do is nothing," said Theodore Roosevelt. Far too often we are unwilling to try something new because we fear the outcome. But the more you push your comfort zone, the easier it gets. Let new ideas take root. Explore. Chuck yesterday's assumptions. Don't rely on what made you successful, but it no longer works. The worst baggage we can carry is the baggage from a successful past. Set goals that are specific and attainable, then break them down into manageable pieces...one step at a time. In the process, passing each mile-stone builds confidence and creates momentum.

The rest is up to you and me. Let's get off our duff's and make 2011 the best year after. But it won't happen unless you begin making "**Bright Triumphs from Dark Hours**." You can check out David's website at [www.BrightTriumphs.com](http://www.BrightTriumphs.com). Get out there and charge 2011 like it's never going to come again, because surprise!!! It's not! A **HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR** to you and yours!!!

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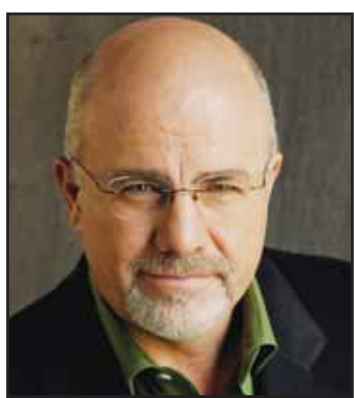
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I'm glad you realize there are some boundaries here. Still, there's no reason you can't create a situation where he can ask your opinion. You might begin with talking about some of the mistakes you've made in the past. This could help him connect with you and feel more comfortable opening up about his own situation. Once he realizes you've learned from your mistakes and haven't repeated them, he might feel comfortable enough to ask how you accomplished it all. Then, once he does that, the door is open!

But you can't become preachy or act like a know-it-all every time someone does something dumb. Acting that way makes you seem arrogant, and you'll probably only succeed in hurting the other person's feelings and making them tune you out completely.

- Dave

### Time to Close Up?

Dear Dave,

I have my own medical practice, but I'm in a lot of debt and the practice just doesn't seem to be working out. I took out a large loan in the beginning, and I can't seem to stay current on the payments no matter how hard

I work. Do you think I should file bankruptcy?

- John

Dear John,

You went to school to be a doctor, which is an admirable thing. But now you're also a businessman, so you need how to run your interest profitably.

Chances are you're not bankrupt. It sounds to me like you made the mistake of starting a new business without first having a realistic business plan in place. Talk to your lender, and let them know what your situation is like right now. They may be willing to work with you on a plan that would give you a little bit of breathing room.

You might also look into the possibility of hiring a business manager. This would require paying someone an additional salary, but at least you'd be assured that the business side of things is being run properly.

But don't file bankruptcy, John. It's a stressful and emotionally-damaging process. You're doing what you love and what you were called to do. The trick is to free up the money that will allow you to continue doing this great work!

- Dave

For more financial help please visit [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

Dave Ramsey is a personal money management expert, popular national radio personality and the author of three New York Times bestsellers – *The Total Money Makeover*, *Financial Peace Revisited* and *More Than Enough*. In them, Ramsey exemplifies his life's work of teaching others how to be financially responsible, so they can acquire enough wealth to take care of loved ones, live prosperously into old age, and give generously to others.

### Brother Needs Help, But How?

Dear Dave,

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# Riley Reviews



A Film Review by Tim Riley

TRON: LEGACY  
(Rated PG)

NIFTY SPECIAL EFFECTS  
IN "TRON" ECLIPSE  
STORY AND CHARACTER

The desire to resurrect a film made nearly three decades ago may seem like a good idea if the subject were worthy of reincarnation. I don't recall the original 1982 release of "Tron" as particularly noteworthy for any reason beyond its effects-driven story about a computer engineer (Jeff Bridges) sucked into the digital world of his own video game creation. Now, 28 years later, Jeff Bridges, looking more like his character in "True Grit" minus the eye patch, is once again trapped in the computer-generated universe he invented so long ago. Don't try to connect the timelines from the original "Tron" to its "Legacy" sequel because the numbers

don't seem to coincide. Of course, a few other things don't add up either, but that's another matter.

Reservations about the story in "Tron: Legacy" must simply take a backseat to the brilliance of the cyber world where special effects reign supreme. Nevertheless, the story is a family affair in which the son of Kevin Flynn (Bridges) is abandoned at a young age when the elder Flynn never returns home from a late night breakthrough into the digital universe. Twenty years later, Flynn's son Sam (Garrett Hedlund) spends most of his time riding his motorcycle and pulling off high-tech pranks on the computer system of the company his father left behind. With the help of his father's old partner Alan Bradley (Bruce Boxleitner), Sam discovers his father's old computer console in a hidden room beneath the shuttered Flynn's Arcade, now a warehouse of old video games.

While experimenting with his father's video game, Sam is suddenly transported into cyberspace, which he quickly discovers is a hostile universe ruled by his father's alter-ego, a robotic figure named Clu who rules the video game universe like a tyrant. In one scene, reminiscent of a massive Nazi rally famously captured in "Triumph of the Will," Clu implores his foot soldiers to join his crusade to cross over into the real world for purposes that would be no less malevolent than Hitler's design on world domination. By the way, Clu resembles a young Jeff Bridges, a feat accomplished by digital imagery that makes him look creepily like a soulless android.

Once thrust into the digital domain, Sam is immediately outfitted in a cheesy black uniform with a Frisbee-shaped light disc that one uses as a

weapon in mortal combat. Immediately tested by faceless combatants, Sam uses his superior skills to prevail. The fact that he can ride a motorcycle on city streets in high speed pursuits also suits him well when he's forced to ride a computer-generated cycle in thrilling chase scenes on an expansive obstacle course. One can be forgiven for wondering how these high speed chases will somehow clue us in as to what the plot is all about. It's best just to go along for the ride.

Eventually, and seriously I lost track of how it happened, Sam encounters his father residing in a

secret location with his disciple Quorra (Olivia Wilde), who helps Sam to reunite with his father. Apparently, the evil Clu seeks to take his foot soldiers through the portal that is an opening to earth, but he needs the help of the humans to pull it off. Meanwhile, Sam, his father and Quorra must escape through the same portal before it closes, while remaining steps ahead of Clu and his army. At this point, "Tron: Legacy" becomes a conventional intergalactic chase movie, suggestive of aerial combat scenes from any of the "Star Trek" or "Star Wars" films, with Sam

operating as the tail gunner shooting down enemy airships with the ease of a kid playing an arcade video game.

"Tron: Legacy" has plenty of nifty special effects, but it doesn't seem to be enough to compensate for a lack of cohesive story or meaningful character development. The Flynn family, father and son, are not all that interesting. The villainous Clu, marching to his own delusional fascist drumbeat, is one-dimensional. Leave it to British actor Michael Sheen to ham it up as a slippery nightclub operator who seems to be channeling his inner David Bowie. My guess is that the audience for "Tron: Legacy" are those who most avidly play video games and enjoy movies heavily invested in computer-generated imagery. At least, the special effects are fairly spectacular.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1010023. Nova Financial & Investment Corporation, 6245 E. Broadway Blvd. #400, Tucson, AZ 85711 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Nova Home Loans" at 6245 E. Broadway Blvd. #400, Tucson, AZ 85711. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Nov. 16, 2010. Publish: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010. NOVAHO 01202 12-29-10

Lee Ann Yarber at 485-5322 x24 by January 7, 2011. RFP deadline is January 27, 2011, 4:30 p.m. CARREC 01205 12-29-10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1010538. Dhabab Mohamed Alhabiani, 4308 73rd St., Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Family Market" at 4310 73rd St., Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Dec. 6, 2010. Publish: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 2011. FAMMAR 01203 1-5-11

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00088986

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ann McKinney has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Elizabeth Ann McKinney to Elizabeth Anne McKinney. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Jan. 20, 2011 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a Newspaper of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Dec. 9, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 2011. MCKINN 01203 1-5-11

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Farrar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Jeffrey George Farrar to Jessica Hayden Farrar. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2010 in Dept. 53, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a Newspaper of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Dec. 1, 2010. Kevin R. Culhane Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010. FARRAR 01202 12-29-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00092998

NOTICE The Carmichael Recreation and Park District (CRPD) is Requesting Proposals for playground equipment to be installed at the Jan Drive Park Site. For a copy of the RFP call

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Solomon. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Jan. 18, 2011 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a Newspaper of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Dec. 7, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 2011. TEZARE 01203 1-5-11

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NGHIA LE

ESTATE NO. 34-2020-00081277 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of NGHIA LE: A petition has been filed by NGUYET VAN LE and THANH THI PHAM in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that NGUYET VAN LE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. 129, at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826 on January 13, 2011 at 9 a.m. IF YOU OBJECT to the

granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the date of the hearing noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code. The name and address of petitioner or petitioner's attorney is: NGUYET VAN LE, 8392 Langtree Way, Sacramento, CA 95823. Publish: Dec. 22, 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 2011. VANLE 01204 1-5-11

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LOUANN ROCHER KLINT

ESTATE NO. 34-2010-00093703 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of LOUANN ROCHER KLINT: A petition has been filed by ROBERT KLINT in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that ROBERT KLINT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before

taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. 129, at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826 on January 20, 2011 at 9 a.m. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the date of the hearing noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code. The name and address of petitioner or petitioner's attorney is: Robert B. Klint, 9176 Laguna Manor Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95758. Publish: Dec. 22, 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 2011. KLINT 01204 1-5-11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1010777. Night Comfort Inc., 1908 El Camino Ave., Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "La Bries Sleep Center" at 1908 El Camino Ave., Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on Dec. 14, 2010. Publish: Dec. 22, 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 2011. LABRIE 01204 1-12-11

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GEORGE PERRY DUNCAN

ESTATE NO. 34-2010-94006 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of GEORGE PERRY DUNCAN: A petition has been filed by Ian Douglas Duncan in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that Ian Douglas Duncan be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. 129, at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826 on Jan. 28, 2011 at 9 a.m. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the date of the hearing noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code. The name and address of petitioner or petitioner's attorney is: Catherine A. Lawson, Esq., 3161 Cameron Park Dr. #223, Cameron Park, CA 95682; (530) 676-6860. Publish: Dec. 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 12, 2011. LAWSON 01205 1-12-11

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00094137

WHEREAS, Mindy Minhthu To and Quang Minh Vu have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Minhthu To to Natalie Minhthu Vu. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Feb. 2, 2011 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a Newspaper of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Dec. 23, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec. 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2011. HAUGEN 01205 1-19-11

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00093961

WHEREAS, Corey Dahl has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Corey Allen Dahl to Corey Joe Haugen. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2011 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a Newspaper of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Dec. 21, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec. 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2011. HAUGEN 01205 1-19-11

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00093801

WHEREAS, Renee Kathryn Singer has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Renee Kathryn Singer to April Reign Singer. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above

entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on Feb. 2, 2011 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a Newspaper of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: Dec. 20, 2010. Shelleyanne W.L. Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec. 29, 2010, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2011. SINGER 01205 1-19-11

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## Films and DVDs for the Whole Family

by David Dickstein

### Family Viewing at the Cinema

#### The Green Hornet Opens Jan. 14, rated PG greenhornetmovie.com

Seth Rogen, known for playing big-hearted doofuses in Judd Apatow comedies, is as green to action movies as his latest character. But that's who brings this masked superhero to contemporary moviegoers after starting in radio in the 1930s, then appearing in comic books, film serials and a network TV series.

Newspaper publisher by day, vigilante by night, Britt Reid (aka the Green Hornet) faces off against a city leader (Christoph Waltz) who has united all the gangs under his power. Jay Chou plays Kato, the obligatory sidekick, while Cameron Diaz is the obligatory pretty dame-slash-love interest



#### Season of the Witch Opens Jan. 7, rated PG-13 seasonofthewitchfilm.com

Oscar winner Nicolas Cage hasn't been in a well-reviewed movie in years, but maybe his critical slump will end with this supernatural thriller in which he plays a medieval knight who must defeat a devious witch to save the world from succumbing to the dark side. Before the ultimate battle, he and a trusted companion (Ron Perlman) are ordered by a dying cardinal to deliver a young peasant girl believed to be the witch responsible for the Black Plague decimating central Europe.

#### Sinbad: The Fifth Voyage Opens Jan. 1, rated PG sinbadthemovie.com

Do we really need another Sinbad movie? Patrick Stewart

of "X-Men" and "Star Trek" fame thinks so. Based on the well-worn character from "One Thousand and One Nights" (aka "Arabian Nights"), the ages-old collection of Middle Eastern folk tales, the movie has Stewart narrating the story played out by a cast of nobodies. In the latest sendup, Sinbad travels to a desert of magic and creatures to save the first born of a sultan who has been kidnapped by an evil sorcerer. The trailer was skewered in its debut by fans at Comic-con, and deservedly so. This flick looks awful.

### Family Home Entertainment

**A Charlie Brown Valentine** (ages 4 and up, now available, not rated): The good news for everyone's favorite blockhead is he has Peppermint Patty and Marcie wooing him. The bad news is Charlie Brown has eyes only for the Little Red-Haired Girl. Ah, love, Peanuts style. Grade: A-

**H.R. Pufnstuf: Complete Series Collector's Edition** (ages 5 and up, Jan. 18, not rated): Only 17 episodes were produced over two seasons, yet the wackiness and catchy theme song, plus teen idol Jack Wild of "Oliver!" fame, made Saturday morning so much fun from 1969-1971. The collector's edition is loaded with cool stuff to entice another generation of fans, including a bobblehead of the title creature, a life-size dragon and mayor of nutty Living Island. Grade: A-

**Nanny McPhee Returns** (ages 5-11, now available, PG): A box

office dud last fall, the sequel only made half of what the 2006 original brought in. What a shame. Like its predecessor, Emma Thompson reprises her anti-Mary Poppins, a homely, yet effective nanny who knocks sense into misbehaving children through discipline and magic with nary a spoonful of sugar. Maggie Gyllenhaal, Ralph Fiennes, Ewan McGregor and Maggie Smith head up a strong supporting cast. Grade: B+

**Open Season 3** (ages 4-11, Jan. 31, not rated): The quality doesn't hold up to the theatrically released original, but for direct-to-video, this one ranks among the leaders in the herd of animated animal features. It's open season again for silly fun mixed with spunk and, ultimately, sweetness, when bear Boog joins a traveling circus and learns that home is where your heart is. These comical critters are likeable whatever your age. Grade: B+



**Wobbly Wheels & Whistles!** (ages 2-5, Jan. 4, not rated): Thomas' engine friend Scruff makes his debut in this DVD that includes four episodes from the "Thomas & Friends" series and two bonus features. As always, life lessons on friendship, teamwork and discovery are kept on track like the talking trains themselves. Grade: A-





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Attendees are encouraged to bring snacks to share with other book club members. For more information on the following book discussions, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit [saclibrary.org](http://saclibrary.org).

- January 4: The Things They Carried, by Tim O'Brien
- February 1: The Worst Hard Time, by Timothy Egan
- March 1: In the Valley of the Kings, by Daniel Meyerson
- April 5: The Great Mortality, by John Kelly
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December 30, Thursday, 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
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## Toddler Storytime

December 30, Thursday, 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.  
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Toddle on over to the Carmichael Library for 20 minutes of short stories, easy fingerplays, and songs. The goal is to have fun with stories, words, and each other.

## Carmichael Movie Matinee

December 30, Thursday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
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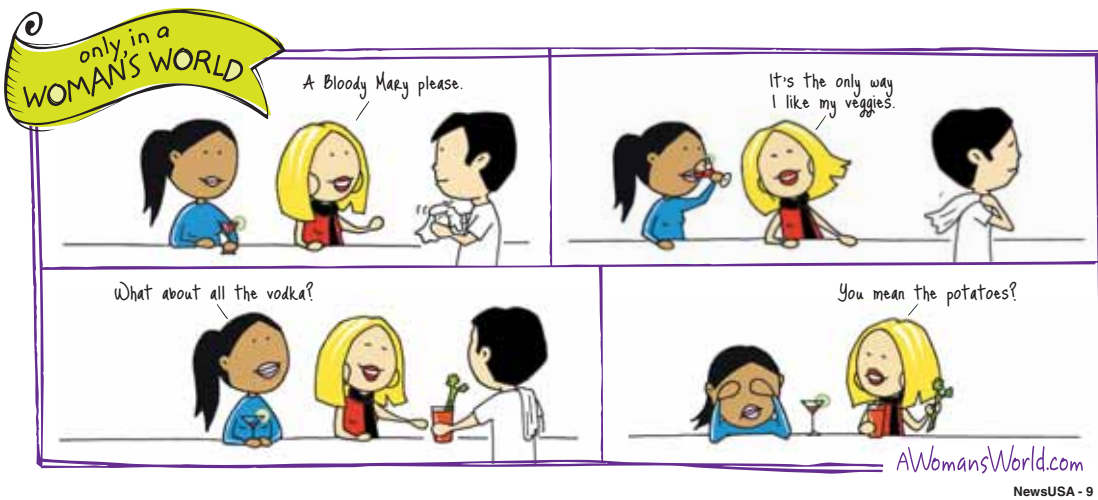
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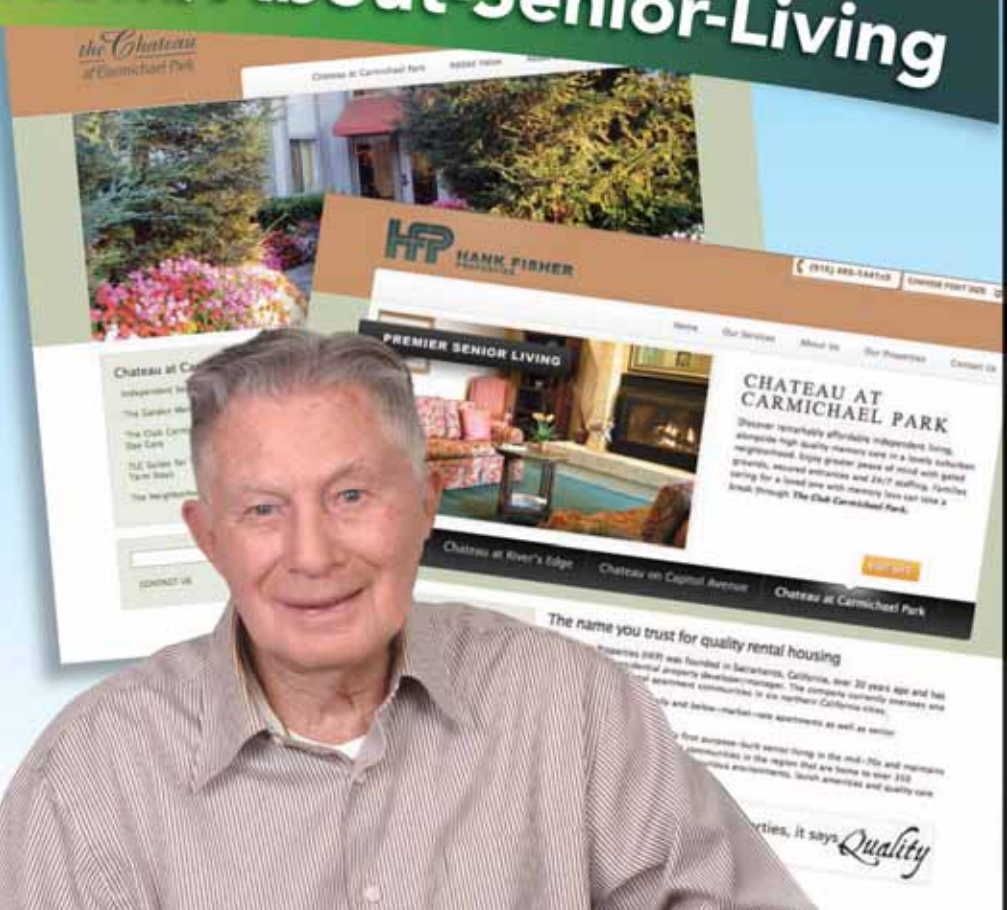
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# Anticipation High as Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery Opens for Business Next Week in Auburn!

By DAVID MORGAN  
STAFF WRITER

Been following the gold and silver market lately? Well if you have a jewelry box or lock box full of gold or a coffee can full of old coins you should be according to Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson John Miller. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years," said Miller. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are sitting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring," says Miller.

Next week, starting Monday at 9am and every day next week through Friday, the Ohio Valley Refinery will be setting up a satellite refinery right here in Auburn at the Ridge Golf Course. During their 5 day stay, anyone can bring gold, silver or platinum items and turn them in for immediate payment, explains John Miller. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and next week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically, selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops, and laboratories," says Miller. "We are changing how business is done," he explains. "We want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets. Our teams visits various cities around the country hosting 5 day events allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. The turnout has been overwhelming," says Miller. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed by what an old ring or gold coin is worth that they go home and start digging around for more and tell relatives, friends and neighbors. It's like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from gold jewelry to sterling



Above • Refinery representatives will be on hand next week, starting Monday and continuing through Friday, to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money but most people say they are taking advantage of selling direct to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay."

During this special event anyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items they will accept include: all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces and dental gold. We also buy coins dated 1964 and before including: Silver Dollars, halves, quarters and dimes. Anything marked "sterling" is accepted including: flat ware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if its gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and

will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and sorted. This only takes a few minutes using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour so bring something to read.

If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer, you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. You can call our venue to make an appointment at (530) 888-7888.

Ohio Valley Refinery will open for business Monday from 9am-6pm. The event continues every day through next Friday. No appointment is needed.

## If you go:

- WHO: Ohio Valley Refinery  
Reclamation Drive
- WHAT: Open to public to sell gold and silver.
- WHEN: January 3rd - 7th
- WHERE: Ridge Golf Course  
2020 Golf Course Road  
Auburn, CA 95603
- TIMES: MONDAY-FRIDAY  
9:00am - 6:00pm  
EVERY DAY
- SHOW INFO: (217) 523-4225

## Silver and Gold Coin Prices Up During Poor Economy.

*Collectors and Enthusiasts in Auburn with \$200,000 to Purchase Yours!*

By DAVID MORGAN  
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. Next week, starting Monday and continuing through Friday, the International Collectors Association, in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery, will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. According to collectors I talked with, the better the grade the more they are worth. With the current silver and gold markets, prices are up for older coins too. Any coins minted in 1964 and before in the U.S. are 90% silver, except nickels and pennies.

The coins worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now. Even well worn and heavy circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy halves, Washington quarters and Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times their face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. "This country didn't start minting coins until 1792," says Eades. "Before that people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform system of making change."

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century, coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933, Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins.

Once all banks turned in this gold, the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However, gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. Not all gold coins were turned in. Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and chose to keep their gold.

These gold coins are sought after by collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchase including: foreign coins, Indian head cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins as significant damage can be done and the coins value lessened.

## Items we will accept include:

- Scrap Jewelry
- Dental Gold
- Sterling Silverware
- Sterling Silver Tea Sets
- Silver Dollars
- All Coins Dated 1964 & Earlier
- Industrial Scrap
- All forms of Platinum

## Items of Interest:

- Vintage Guitars:** Martin, Gibson, Fender, National, Rickenbacker, Gretsch, Mandolins, Banjos and others
- Pocket Watches:** Hamilton, Illinois, Waltham, Patek Phillipe, Ball, Howard, South Bend, Elgin and others
- Wrist watches:** Omega, Accutron, Longines, Hamilton, Breitling and many more
- Old paper money:** United States, Confederate States, Blanket Bills, \$1000.00 bills and more
- Antique Toys:** Trains, Tin wind-ups, Mechanical Banks, Robots, Pressed Steel trucks, and many more
- War Memorabilia:** Swords, Bayonets, Helmets, German, Confederate, Union, USA, and others

Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event next week via live database feed.

## Local Residents are ready to cash in!

*International antique buyers in town next week and ready to stimulate economy!*

By DAVID MORGAN  
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of phone calls from local residents this week to the corporate office of the Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery pour in inquiring about items to be purchased all next week by the team of antique buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers next week are purchasing a vast array of vintage items (see left) along with coins, gold jewelry, and sterling silver items the refinery deals in. It is a Local shot in the arm for our economy. The spokesperson for the event expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 next week at the Ridge Golf Course paying local residents on the spot. The spokesperson for the company explained that these collectors are paying collector price for vintage items. It's a great way for people to get a great value for their items.



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