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A New Twist in Offshore Fraud



Bogus bread. A Carmichael executive shows fake grocery store money orders. These were received as part of an offshore scam. Photograph by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

Carmichael – If something seems too good to be true, it probably is. Another cynicism is that there is

funds would be included on top of my price. That made me suspicious. Customers don't offer more money than I quote. The correspondence sender to try to sort things out.

"On the reverse of the money orders were hints on how to spot forgeries. Each check failed these confirmed Willie Johnson's street address did not exist.

Another onslaught of E-mails began. "The first one was from a Colins Smith, who claimed his "project manager" had accidently overpaid me by \$1000 for my future services," explained the Carmichael man. "The sender insisted I bank the three money orders and immediately send the excess \$1000 via Western Union to an address in Beijing. I ignored this, of course. Over the next couple of days, the guy in China became more aggressive and frantic. He wanted his money from me, pronto.

"Then the E-mails stopped. I guess the scammer gave up on me and was trying someone else. With an Atlanta middleman, the scheme seemed a lot of effort for \$1000. But sure enough, I soon got a message that this bogus "Colins Smith" was approaching another contractor in Los Angeles. The idiot had attached my E-mail to his next victim's letter. The L.A vendor and I were in the same trade and were advertising on a commercial website. That's how the crooks got our info... who knows how many other people they tried in the same scam? It's all in the hands of fraud experts now."

Referring to bogus business proposals, Sacramento Sheriff's

Sacramento Realtors Honor Kathy Fox

Sacramento Region – Doug Covill, REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker in Sacramento, was installed Jan. 11 as the 94th President of the Sacramento Association of REALTORS®.

Mr. Covill has been a full-time REALTOR® in Sacramento for over 28 years. He has served on the Masters Club Steering Committee, Government Relations Committee, Legislative Committee, Budget Committee, the Political Action Committee, and as a C.A.R. Director.

Kathy Fox, Prudential NorCal Realty, Carmichael, is the 2010 REALTOR® of the Year. She began her real estate career in 1978 and has had her broker's license since 2001. She has been a Masters Club member since 1998.

Ms. Fox has served on the SAR Board of Directors, the Budget Committee and as secretarytreasurer. She chaired CanTree in 2003-2004 and is still active. She was the Orangevale meeting regional coordinator, 1994-1997 and currently chairs the Foundation Planning Committee.

She wrote a regular column on real estate issues for the Sacramento Union; served on the



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Kathy Fox, Prudential NorCal Realty, Carmichael, is the 2010 REALTOR® of the Year.

Charlene Singley, Dunnigan REALTORS®. The 2011 Board of Directors includes: Erin Attardi, Dunnigan REALTORS®; Judy Covington, Keller-Williams Realty Elk Grove; Kathy Fox, Prudential NorCal Realty Carmichael; Ron Greenwood, Coldwell Banker; Jeff Jurach, Lyon Real Estate Sierra Oaks; Michelle Lehman, Century 21-Noel David Realty; Rob McQuade, McMartin Realty; Deniece Ross-Francom, McMartin Realty; Ted Russert, Lyon Real Estate Sierra Oaks; Scott Short, Comstock Mortgage; Paula Swayne, Dunnigan REALTORS®; Dave Tanner, Tanner and Associates; Mary Willett, Lyon Real Estate Sierra Oaks, and Linda Wood, Dunnigan REALTORS®. Neva Cimaroli of Folsom, the first woman president of SAR in 1979, was given the Lifetime Service Award. She joined the Association of Sacramento REALTORS® in 1955. Michelle Kloss, North American Title Company, received the President's Award. Kevin Nunn, Comstock Mortgage, was named Affiliate of the Year

nothing new under the sun. But a Carmichael businessman was recently targeted by a new twist in offshore fraud. Happily, he was smarter than the criminals.

The man runs a long-established company from home. Preferring anonymity, he recounts the fraudsters' M.O. "Months ago, I got an E-mail inquiry regarding my rates to contract a wedding party in the Bay Area," he says. "I supplied a quote and asked for the date and the event location. The response supplied a date only. It said money would arrive by UPS; that extra was full of abbreviations and bad grammar, like it came from a semiliterate texting freak. I said I was no longer available.

"Two months later, three \$850 Albertsons' international MoneyGrams arrived from an Atlanta Ga. address. They totaled \$2550 — \$1000 more than I'd quoted for the mystery job. Nothing else was enclosed. These checks were made to my company and signed by a Willie Johnson. I suspected this was part of the original hinky scheme but I wasn't sure. I wrote to the tests. At the postal service desk at Bel Air in Carmichael, a clerk telephoned MoneyGram headquarters. From the serial numbers, it was determined the three orders were originally purchased for \$50 each. They had been cashed but first, they had been photocopied. Their printed values were then altered to \$850 each. The postal clerks said this was a new scam to them. Our Sheriff's Service Center referred me to internet crime complaint people."

Though already foiled, the plot thickened. The inquiry letter bounced back from Atlanta and spokesman Tim Curran warns:

* Be cautious when responding to offers that come by unsolicited E-mails.

* Do your homework. Be sure businesses are legitimate before responding.

* Don't be fooled by websites; these are quickly created and can vanish without a trace.

* Be cautious when dealing with people from outside your own country.

People who have been targeted by a suspicious online scheme should contact www.ic3.gov Board of Directors of the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce 2001-2003, and was honorary mayor of Fair Oaks in 1997. She is also a Sunday School teacher, Bible study leader, and has been a church volunteer since at least 1995.

The officers installed for 2011 were: President-elect Patrick Lieuw, RE/MAX Gold Natomas; Secretary/Treasurer Chris Little, Little Real Estate Services; Immediate Past President Barbara Harsch and Past President

BBB Lists Top 10 Scams and Rip-Offs of 2010 Job hunters and financial-strapped families are scammer's targets in tough economy

Sacramento Region – The Better Business Bureau recently released a list of the top 10 scams and ripoffs of 2010. Job hunters and those struggling to make money and get out of debt were common targets of fraudsters, hackers and deceptive businesses in this tough economy.

"With the economy still on the mend, scammers had a field day targeting struggling families who were looking for work and trying to make ends meet," said Gary Almond, President of the Better Business Bureau serving northeast California. "While some of the most popular scams are perennial problems that have always plagued consumers, some new additions to the list are signs of our tough economic times."

Following, in no particular order, is BBB's list of top scams and rip-offs that took advantage of consumers and small business owners across the U.S. in 2010: targeting job hunters vary and include attempts to gain access to personal information such as bank account or social security numbers and requirements to pay a fee in order to even be considered for the job.

Debt Relief and Settlement Services - BBB warned consumers in 2010 to seriously consider third-party assistance for getting out of debt. These companies often require upfront fees and potentially leave the consumer drowning in even more debt. Complaints to BBB about debt relief and settlement services increased by approximately 30 percent in 2010, according to tentative year-end estimates. Work from Home Schemes – Some work from home schemes promise to teach the secrets to making money online, others claim you can make money assembling items at home or get paid to be a mystery shopper. Some victims even found that their opportunity to work from home was a job to fence stolen goods. The

end result is that instead of getting paid, you can end up losing hundreds—if not thousands—of dollars

Timeshare Resellers – Complaints to the BBB about the timeshare industry—including deceptive resellers increased by over 40 percent according to 2010 estimates. Timeshare owners who are desperate to get rid of their costly vacation property are being targeted by companies that claim they have an eager buyer. The company tells the seller they just have to pay up to several thousand dollars to cover fees. After paying the fees, the seller never hears from the company again.

Not So "Free" Trial Offers – Misleading free trial offers online for diet supplements, penny auctions and money making schemes blanket the internet resulting in thousands of complaints ever year. The free trial offers seem no-risk but complainants state they were repeatedly billed every month and found it extremely difficult to cancel. Itinerant Home Repair/Roofers -BBBs across the country received complaints from consumers who answered a knock from a door to door salesman or itinerant worker who eventually failed to deliver on promises to fix their roof or conduct other work to the home. Complaints to BBB about roofing companies increased by roughly 40 percent in 2010, according to tentative estimates, due in part to one company that solicited door to door, American Shingle, which received nearly 1,000 complaints nationwide after going bankrupt and not providing new roofs to angry customers.

Lottery and Sweepstakes Scams – The victim—often a senior citizen receives a letter in the mail or phone call from someone pretending to be with Reader's Digest, Publisher's Clearing House or a phony foreign lottery. The scammer claims that the victim has won millions but must first wire hundreds or even thousands of dollars back to the scammers to cover taxes or some other bogus fee. The victim wires the money, but the prize never arrives.

Identity Theft – There are any number of ways a person can become a victim of identity theft. Through low-tech theft, phishing emails, vishing phone calls, smishing text messages, or even through no fault of your own as the result of a corporate data breach, millions fall victim to identity theft every year.

Advance Fee Loan Scams – A perennial problem, advance fee loan scams prey on consumers and business owners who are struggling financially. Victims are told they qualify for large loans but must pay upfront fees often more than a thousand dollars. The victim wires money to the scammers, but never receives the loan.

Over-Payment Scams – Overpayment scams typically target small business owners, landlords or individuals with rooms to rent and sellers on classifieds or sites like Craigslist. The scammers overpay the amount for the services or products and then ask the victim to wire the extra amount back to them or to another fraudulent entity. Ultimately though, the check is forged and the victim is out the money wired back to the scammers.

Consumers or small business owners victimized by a scam can contact their local BBB or file a complaint at www.necal.bbb.org. Always research a business with BBB before you sign any contracts or hand over any money.

About Better Business Bureau

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Job Hunter Scams - Scams

Art Song: A Magic Evening of Music and Art

World class music, world class art is coming to Sacramento!



Image by Charlotte Richmond

Sacramento Region - The Sacramento Fine Arts Center will present a magic evening of music and art on Saturday, January 29th at 8:00 p.m., with a matinee to follow on Sunday, January 30th at 4:00 p.m.

The January concerts will be the first of a series of concerts presenting top musical talent to audiences in the Sacramento region. "We intend to form a vital partnership between

said Richard Turner, President of the Center

Renowned violinist Michelle Xiao You and dynamic lyric soprano, Donna Helmich-Agnello will perform musical artistry, unique in a setting of vibrant visual color. Helmich-Agnello will engage the audience with her energy and passionate vocals while Xiao You will bless the Fine Arts Center with her international reputation of thrilling virtuoso performances.

Collaborating with this musical magic will be the American Watercolor Society's International Traveling Exhibit, featuring the world's finest watercolor painters. The Sacramento Fine Arts Center is the only gallery in California chosen by the Society, of Andrew Wyeth and Winslow Homer fame, to host its 2011 exhibit.

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center is a 25 year old non-profit community art education and outreach organization, conducting hands-on art classes for children and adults and hosting a wide variety of exhibits throughout the year.

Tickets for the ArtSong concerts are \$50, \$35 of which is considered a tax-deductible donation. They may be purchased by calling the Fine Arts Center at 916.971-3713 or sending a check to the Center at 5330-B Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Seating will be limited to 130 at each concert.



Sacramento - Friday, Jan. 14 was the first day to preorder Girl Scout Cookies for the 2011 Girl Scout Cookie season. Girl Scouts ages 5 to 17 will call friends and family and walk door-to-door to take Girl Scout Cookie preorders. If you don't get a call or a knock on the door don't worry, Girl Scouts will be selling cookies outside local store fronts from Feb. 25 to March 20. Cookies are \$4 per box.

There are eight kinds of Girl Scout Cookies offered this year: Thin Mints, Carmel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Lemonades, Thanks-A-Lot and the newest cookie Shout Outs, a Belgian-style caramelized cookie. In addition, Thanks-A-Lots have a new "green" packaging that will eliminate 150 tons of paperboard from the waste stream.

To place an order with a Girl Scout in your area, call (866)-GSCOOKS or email cookies@girlscoutshcc.org

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GIRL SCOUTS

local council area to help support Girl Scout troop activities and provide essential services to membership. The program is one of the few youth programs in the nation that allows girls to make a decision on where a portion of the profits are applied.

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is still the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The local council, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is headquartered in Sacramento and serves nearly 29,000 girls

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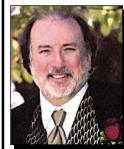


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What: Newcomer's Buffet and Social

Who: Any and all widows or widowers may attend

> When: **Third Monday evening** at 5:30 pm

Where: In the private dining room at the Plaza Hoff Brau, corner of El Camino and Watt Avenue; cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu.

This is a public service to all widows and widowers and there is no charge to attend the social other than the meal they chose.

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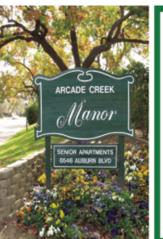
Any and all widows or widowers are invited

> **Every Sunday from** 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

In the meeting room of the WPAC office. Enter from the back parking lot at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Realizing how difficult it is to go into new social situations when one is first widowed, the Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support each Sunday from 3:00 pm-5:00pm with some going to dinner as a group following the session. The Widowed Persons Association is designed to be of help to recently widowed men and women, but any and all widows and widowers are welcome as a community service by WPAC. Participants do not need to be members and there is no charge.

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The Sacramento Fine Arts Center will be open daily for this exhibit. Hours 10:00 am-5:00 pm, \$5.00 donation.

Image: "Morning Fog", by John Salminen, one of 40 watercolor masterpieces.

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By Christian Pebbles, Sac Metro Fire Captain

Happy New Year to all of our Citizens we serve, from all of us at Metro Fire. 2011 is here and we would like to say goodbye to those employees who have retired in 2010 and thank them for their many years of service to our communities.

This is a great time to remind you to incorporate safety in all your 2011

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Metro's Message

A monthly message from the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

activities. As I always say" those who prepare for emergencies usually survive them". You can always obtain safety information by logging onto our website at www.sacmetrofire. ca.gov and click on community services for some safety tips. If you are not a computer person this would be a great time for you to get to know the men and women who serve you by visiting your local firehouse and asking a few questions. Although the firehouses are staffed 24 hrs a day 365 days a year the best time to stop by is between 8am and 5pm 7 days a week. If you would like to schedule a tour you can contact our community services division at 859-

4124 and they will take care of you. Some of our larger projects we have in store for 2011 are the relocation of the majority of our divisions into Metro Fires future headquarters located at Mather, delivery of our new fire apparatus, the continued progress on the training site at the end of Zinfandel drive in Ranch Cordova and, most important, to continue to maintain a balanced budget as these challenging financial times continue to effect us during this great recession.

Until next time be safe and thanks for your support,

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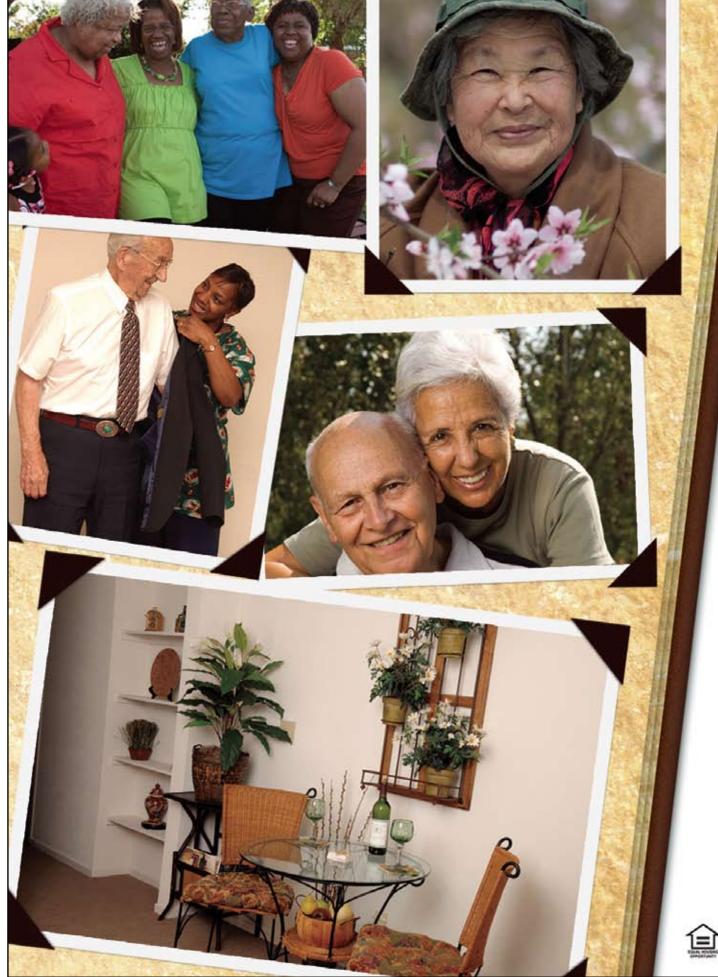
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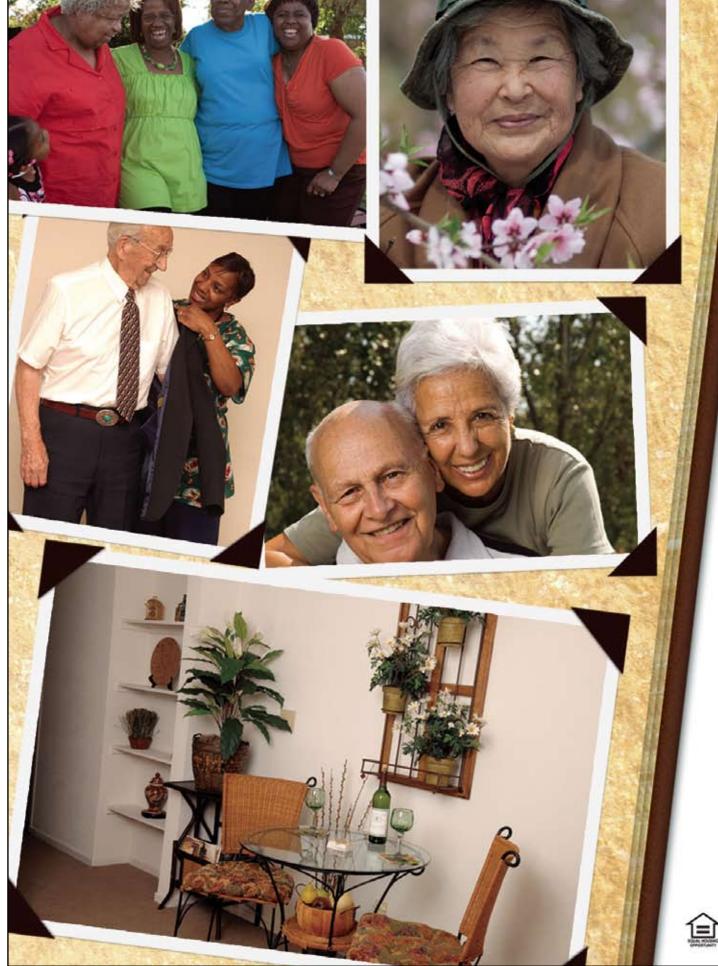
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STUPID THINGS

We struggle every day of our lives fighting destructive thoughts and behaviors that hinder our emotional growth and well-being. What happens? Some turn to the bottle to drown their miseries and others go the drug route. Coming out of the stupor can be considered brave, but then the mess up happens and recovery never happens. According to Dr. Allen Berger, to grow in recovery, we must grow up emotionally. This means getting honest with ourselves and facing up to the self-defeating thoughts and actions that put our sobriety at risk. Dr. Berger is in private practice and has been on his own personal journey in recovery while helping thousands of others discover a new way of life, free from addiction and its insanity.

Dr Berger says there are as many ways to mess up recovery as there are alcoholics and addicts, but some general themes exist and they include "12 Stupid Things That Mess Up

POPPOFF! with Mary Jane Popp

Recovery" avoiding relapse through self-awareness and right action. Here are those 12 stupid things:

1) Believing addiction to one substance is the only problem. Our best chance for recovery lies in total abstinence from all mind-altering drugs. 2) Believing sobriety will solve everything. Recovery begins with breaking the bonds of addiction. But this is only the first step on a long journey. Recovery is ultimately about recovering our spiritual or true self. 3) Pursuing recovery with less energy than pursuing addiction. We have to pursue recovery with the same tenacity and enthusiasm that we had when we were drinking or using other drugs.

4) Being selectively honest. Recovery requires rigorous honesty. Nothing less will work. We are as sick as we are secretive.

5) Feeling special and unique. Humility is the spiritual foundation of Recovery. In order to feel worthy, we do not need to be unique. People who do best in recovery are those who surrender and follow

Suggestions. 6) No making amends. To develop a

strong spiritual foundation, we must accept full responsibility for harmful and hurtful behavior and attempt to repair the damage.

7) Using the program to try to

become perfect. Most of our life has been spent trying to be perfect. This has been a spurious goal. Instead we need to learn to become more human.

8) Confusing self-concern with selfishness. Self-concern does not exclude other: it is inclusive

9) Playing futile self-improvement games. Recovery requires honesty. Avoidance is ultimately destructive to the recovery process.

10) Not getting help for relationship troubles. Dysfunctional relationships are one of the top three causes of

relapse. 11) Believing that life should be easy. Life is difficult. The sooner we are initiated into this reality, the sooner we learn how to deal with life on its terms rather than waste time looking for the easy way.

12) Using the program to handle everything. No one can handle every personal issue with their program. Needing help is not an indication that something is wrong.

Are you sabotaging your own recovery? Check out "12 Stupid Things That Mess Up Recovery." It's good to hear from someone who's been there done that for a change! GOOD LUCK IN 2011!!!

Join Mary Jane for the KAHI Noon News Monday-Friday and then again for POPOFF 10 PM-Midnight.



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Credit, Co-Signing and Current Conditions

A free workshop in collaboration with SAFE Credit Union

New legislation for 2011 will affect the way lenders evaluate loans and existing lines of credit. Rachel Allard from SAFE Credit Union will be sharing those facts in an information session hosted by The Senior Connection.

For information on reservations for this FREE class, call The Senior Connection at 916-334-1072. Class will be held from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26 Eskaton Community Services Center, 8525 Madison Avenue, Suite 150, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

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Carmichael Recreation and Park District



Appearing in "A Sothern Exposure": (L) Janice Read Hoberg, Sara Sells, Linda Nalbandian

A Non-Profit Organization

West Coast Premiere of A Southern Exposure

Chautauqua Playhouse has announced the West Coast theatrical premiere of A SOUTHERN EXPOSURE, a new comedy-drama by Kelley Kingston-Strayer, which started on January 14th, at the Playhouse. The show will run on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm through February 20th. All performances will be held at the Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Road in the La Sierra Community Center in Carmichael. Admission is \$18 general and \$16 students, seniors, children and SARTA members.

Set in a small town in present day Kentucky, Callie Belle Hurt, a young woman raised by Hattie, her cantankerous, controlling grandmother and two eccentric, doting aunts, announces she's moving to New York to live with her boyfriend. Will Callie's fairy-tale ending be dashed? Will she realize her own self worth? Can damaged relationships be saved? This moving and humorous award winning comedy-drama gets its first West Coast production at Chautauqua!

The show is directed by Paul Fearn, featuring a talented cast including Janice Reade Hoberg, Linda Nalbandian, Deborah Odehnal and Sara Sells. Set design is by Rodger Hoopman and costumes are by Eileen Beaver. Light design is by Don Myers.

For tickets and additional information call the theatre at (916) 489-7529 (PLAY). Information and tickets are also available through the Chautauqua Playhouse website: www.cplayhouse.org.

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Tiny Tots is all about discovery and encourages children to pursue new talents and interests while building confidence. Participants enhance their skills through socialization, beginning academics, numbers, language, arts and crafts and much more. A parent information packet is available at the time of registration. Returning students have priority.

Location: Carmichael Park Tiny Tots Room

Kindergarten Readiness Day/Time: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am – Noon Dates: 1/3 – 2/14 (no class on 1/17), 2/28 – 4/8 Fee: \$265

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Public Hearing to be Held on the Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor Plan

If You Own a Small Business in Carmichael You Need to be Here!

Carmichael - The Carmichael-Old Foothill Farms Community Planning Commission (CPC) will be conducting a public hearing at the Carmichael Library located at 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael, California on January 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Please note that this will be a hearing on the Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor Plan project. Public testimony will be heard at this hearing. You are encouraged to attend and participate at this meeting.

The draft Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor Plan has been in the works for many years and aims to recreate the Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor as a "Main Street" for the Carmichael Community. Through collaboration between community members and other stakeholders, the Plan aims to create a land use and economic development plan for the Corridor.

The purpose of the corridor plan is to establish the Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor Special Planning Area

(SPA). The Special Planning Area (SPA) will include: Smart Growth Street Concept, a Mixed-Use Land Use Concept, a Circulation Framework and a Smart Growth Street Roadway Design for the Corridor.

Plan to arrive early, as there is a large crowd expected. Details of the draft Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor Plan can be found on the web at: http://www.msa2.saccounty.net/ planning/Pages/ FairOaksBoulevardCorridorPlan.aspx.

Next Sheriff Carmichael Community Meeting

Carmichael Community Meeting: Thursday, January 27th, 2011 at 6pm, Carmichael Park and Recreation Center, VFW Building, 5750 Grant Ave.

We facilitate a series of community meetings in your neighborhoods. The purpose of these meetings is to open the channels of communications between the

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Sacramento County Begins Preparing for March 8 Special Primary Election

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Under the state's new top-two primary system, candidates will compete for the seat on March 8. If no one wins a majority then, the top two vote-getters, regardless of party, will

advance to a run-off on May 3. See the AD4 map on the Elections website for the district boundaries in Sacramento County. To find out if you are currently registered to vote in Sacramento County or check your vote-by mail ballot status online, visit

www.elections.saccounty.net or call (916) 875-6451. Key dates for voters are ; February

22-Last day to register to vote in Special Primary Election (must be postmarked

no later than this date); March 1-Last day to request a vote-by-mail

ballot be mailed to you. A VBM request form

can be found on the back cover of the sample ballot booklet. These requests must be received by the Elections Office no later than 5:00 p.m.; March 8, 2011 - Election Dav – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Alice Jarboe at (916) 875-6761 or 875-6451.

17th Annual Healthy Horizons Senior Wellness Fair at Eskaton Village Carmichael

Name of Organization: **Eskaton Village Carmichael** What: 17th Annual Healthy

Horizons Senior Wellness Fair When: Wednesday, March 2, 2011 from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Location:

Eskaton Village Carmichael 3939 Walnut Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608 Contact Information: Stefanie Strickley, Fitness and Wellness Program Coordinator

Contact Phone Number:

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A Film Review by Tim Riley THE GREEN HORNET (Rated PG-13)

According to the calendar, we're in the middle of the month of January, typically one of the coldest of the year. It's also normally a cold time at the box office for big Hollywood movies. That's why it's a smart idea not to have high expectations for any movie released in a chilly climate. This brings me to "The Green Hornet," which as a superhero action film has its fair share of deficiencies, starting with the most obvious lack of a truly credible action hero. Nevertheless, I was fully intrigued by the advertising visuals of two guys dressed in black standing in front of a tricked-out vintage Chrysler. The thought crossed my mind that this could be fun, even if all else turned out to be mind-numbingly stupid.

Based on a radio show from the late 1930s, "The Green Hornet" has a long pedigree for unfolding the adventures of a masked vigilante hero who also appeared in a network television program in the 1960s as well as many comic book series over the years. The general story is that the Green Hornet is the alter ego of Britt Reid, a newspaper publisher by day who continues crusading at night to fight crime as the masked "Green Hornet" alter ego. The shrouded hero, who also wears a snappy fedora, is assisted by his sidekick Kato, a master mechanic who drives a well-equipped vehicle called the "Black Beauty."

These traditional story elements are very much a central part of the contemporary version of "The Green Hornet," but Britt Reid, as would be fitting for someone played by Seth Rogen in his trademark slacker-stoner persona, is a spoiled bratty rich kid who shows absolutely no interest in his father's media empire. Early in the movie, Britt's father (Tom Wilkinson) dies mysteriously, and the profligate son inherits the newspaper business. Britt also inherits Kato (Jay Chou), the mechanic who not only maintained the elder Reid's vast collection of vintage automobiles but made a wicked cup of espresso. Though he had been dedicated to the life of a party animal, upon learning that Kato possesses a vast array of physical as well as mental talents, Britt decides that he and the Chinese manservant could form a formidable crime-fighting duo. Britt, of course, has no superpowers, even if he wears a mask and has delusions of invincibility. The power comes from Kato's ruthless ability to beat up all the bad guys with his superb martial arts techniques. Aside from the occasional punch landed on a thug, Britt's Green Hornet is almost superfluous to the action heroics. The interesting premise of "The Green Hornet" is that the masked avengers pretend to be criminals in order to fight other criminals. This undercover role puts them at odds with the police as well as with the district attorney (David Harbour), who may harbor secrets of his own.

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Yet, the primary target in their sights is slimy Los Angeles underworld boss Benjamin Chudnofsky (Christoph Waltz), a deranged Russian who so loves to kill with indiscriminate abandon that his own henchmen are expendable. Plenty of action focuses on car chases and crashes, explosions, general mayhem and heavy doses of martial arts combat with faceless thugs

Cameron Diaz also has a starring role in "The Green Hornet," but not for any discernible reason. She plays the part of the pretty executive assistant hired by Britt to help him run the newspaper, as well as to do research on the crime fighting abilities of his alter ego. However, Lenore's presence at the office leads to competition between Britt and Kato to see if one of them would gain her affection. This romantic rivalry proves to be nothing more than an idle distraction.

"The Green Hornet" is co-written by star Seth Rogen, but his attempts to give himself all the best dialogue and comic one-liners fizzle rather than sizzle. To be sure, Rogen's goofball persona has the occasional payoff, but it's not enough to sustain an entire movie. I think the best thing just might be the super cool 1965 Chrysler Imperial which more than lives up to its "Black Beauty" moniker as the dynamic duo speeds around the metropolis in search of the baddies. The worst thing just might be

the totally unnecessary use of 3-D; it adds absolutely nothing.

DVD RELEASE UPDATE

To prove that good things do happen in January, later this month keep on the lookout for the North American DVD debut of the British spy thriller "Man in a Suitcase, Set 1." Packed with tension and Cold War intrigue, "Man in a Suitcase" had national broadcast exposure on ABC television in 1968. A gritty spy thriller in the vein of "Secret Agent" and "Danger Man," this British series stars Richard Bradford as a cynical yet honest spy who has been disavowed by his American bosses and is on the run from a host of international enemies. Once cashiered by the agency, Bradford's "Mac" McGill decides to freelance as a private detective based out of London. McGill's work takes him far and wide, yet seemingly

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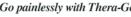
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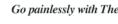


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Attendees are encouraged to bring snacks to share with other book club members. For more information on the following book discussions, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

February 1:	The Worst Hard Time,
	by Timothy Egan
March 1:	In the Valley of the Kings,
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April 5:	The Great Mortality, by John Kelly
May 3:	The Big Burn, by Timothy Egan

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January 19, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. *Registration is required to attend* Computer Class

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January 23, Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Family Program

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· February 15 and 22, Tuesdays,

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Sacramento Public Library celebrates Black History Month with special programs

The contributions made by African Americans are being celebrated throughout February with numerous Sacramento Public Library branch programs scheduled during Black History Month. For details, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

(For adults) For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots

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Flowers by Carmichael Flowers

Local residents in amazement yesterday as Collectors provide a stimulus package to Roseville!

They are paying out right on the spot for my stuff. Unbelievable!!

By DAVID MORGAN STAFF WRITER

Spokesperson for the event said he expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week for vintage items and precious metals from local residents. Here are some examples of what is going on in the event that started Tuesday in the **Courtyard by Marriott:**

One person sold an old Gibson guitar that was purchased in the 1960's for less than \$250.00 to a collector at the event for \$2175.00

Another person had a pocket watch collection that sold for



WHO: Ohio Valley Refinery Reclamation Drive

WHAT: Open to public to sell gold and silver.

WHEN: January 18th - 22nd

WHERE: Courtyard by Marriott 1920 Taylor Road Roseville, CA 95661

TIMES: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am - 6:00pm SATURDAY 9:00am - 4:00pm

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\$4600.00, with one of the watches in this collection bringing \$375.00 of the \$4600.00 talley.

A husband and wife brought in a box of old Jewelry, wristwatches, coins, and two German daggers from WW2 and left \$785.00 richer.

This is cool that something like this would come here to our town. Where else would this stuff ever be sold? The refinery has teamed up with the collectors for a 24 month tour of the United States, both big and small towns to dig up hidden gems.

Items we will accept include:

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Silver and Gold Coin Prices Up During Poor Economy.

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

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.

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"I'm glad I came in! I really need the money." CLAUDIA MCDONALD says, who received \$825 for a gold coin minted in 1986.

Dozens cash in yesterday with jewelry, railroad watches and guitars. An estimated \$200,000 in Roseville!

By DAVID MORGAN STAFF WRITER

The first days of the 5 day reclamation drive in Roseville will be a hit with those looking to sell their gold and silver. Representatives are on hand this week purchasing all types of unwanted and broken jewelry. An estimated 55 people left the event with over \$200 dollars from old class rings, wedding bands, herringbones, and gold teeth. Coins dated 1964 and earlier were bringing big premiums as well. Silver dollars, halves and quarters arrived in large quantities. Lots of gold coins were also brought in. Rebecca Hughes walked away with over \$1200.00 after selling an original \$20 gold piece from 1888.

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

On the other side of the room were representatives from the Antique Association. They were purchasing all types of guitars, large currency bills dated before 1923, military items and pocket watches. One watch was purchased by a collector in Montana for \$835 dollars. There were piles of sterling silver items like old silverware sets and tea pots. One gentleman rolled a cart in with 3 boxes full of silver coins. Company officials reported spending over \$80,000 the first day of the event, alone. Brian Eades with Ohio Valley said, "We have had an overwhelming turnout this first day and we expect to get busier every day this week." The event continues today and runs through Saturday. The event is free and the public is welcome.

Local Residents are ready to cash in!

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

By DAVID MORGAN STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week, starting Tuesday and continuing through Saturday, 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." 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 this week via live database feed.



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 this week by the team of antique buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers this 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 this week at the Courtyard by Marriott 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.



Refinery representatives will be on hand through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

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