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Hiring a Restoration Contractor

by **KELVIN COLLINS**
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Are you cleaning up after recent storms? Are you deciding who will help with making repairs? Do you worry about who to trust with these important decisions? The Better Business Bureau urges you to take precautions when you are affected by bad weather and the cleanup process afterwards.

Every year natural disasters affect millions of consumers. In those dire times we often see the generosity of total strangers who reach out to lend a helping hand to those in need. Unfortunately, this is also the perfect opportunity for scam artists to make some quick cash at the consumer's expense.

If your home, automobile, yard, or business is damaged from a tornado, a hurricane, a fire, a flood, or an earthquake; do you know what steps to take? Below are some suggestions from the BBB:

Never sign anything you do

not understand. If someone is insisting you sign immediately, this is a sign you need to find another contractor. Ask a friend, relative, attorney, or a business associate that you trust to take a look at the contract with you.

Make sure to use a local contractor. It is important that the contractor be qualified in mold remediation and property restoration. A list of local contractors and restorers can be found by checking with the BBB and the Restoration Industry Association. Don't be shy about asking for references and make sure to check them. Be very suspicious of contractors that contact you out of the blue or who are going door-to-door.

Try to be patient. When an area has extensive damage it may take some time for a local contractor to get to you, and this can be frustrating, this is where scam artists can come in and manipulate your frustration or anxiety to hurry up and get the repairs made to their advantage. Do not be pressured into making a snap decision.

While being patient, also act

promptly. All insurance policies require you take action to prevent further damage to your property. You may need to move your personal belongings to a different location, cut off the water supply, or have a tarp placed on your roof, (but only if this can be safely done). Become familiar with your insurance policy before a disaster strikes.

Make sure you receive and keep a copy of any contract and/or warranty.

Be extremely cautious of anyone who is demanding full payment upfront. It is customary to put down a percentage but if you pay in full for services that have not been performed, you may be paying a con artist who will disappear with your money. The BBB recommends paying no more than a third up front and then to have future payments noted in the contract.

Watch out for cancellation fees also referred to as liquidation damages. These are fees charged to a homeowner if they decide not to use a contractor after the cancellation period referred to in the contract. If you are unsure what you are reading, ask the contractor to spell it out for you.

The elderly, people with asthma, breathing problems, allergies, or otherwise compromised immune system are at a higher risk of getting a mold infection. Mold must be cleaned

up and you must fix the underlying issue that caused it. This is an area where you will want to ensure that your contractor is trained and certified to handle your repairs.

Also remember if your heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC) was flooded, you need to have the system cleaned and checked by a professional before you turn it on.

Disasters are a stressful event. Victims should never feel forced to make a hasty decision or to choose an unknown contractor. Start With Trust! For reliable information, lists of BBB Accredited Businesses by industry and BBB Business Reviews you can trust, visit bbb.org. More information is available at bbb.org.

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Living History Weekend at Andersonville National Historic Site

History comes alive at Camp Sumter Civil War Prison during this annual event

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Andersonville National Historic Site will host its annual Civil War Living History Weekend on Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12, 2017. This living history program offers visitors the opportunity to gain a better understanding of what life was like at Camp Sumter, the infamous military prison near Andersonville, during the last days of the Civil War. Civil War period living historians will portray Union prisoners, Confederate guards, and civilians.

A variety of programs will be offered on both days, including guard drill and artillery demonstrations. Living historians will be present in the area of the prison site from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10:00 a.m. to

3:00 p.m. on Sunday. There is no admission fee and this event is open to the public. For more information about this annual event, go to nps.gov/ande/planyourvisit/livinghistoryweekend.htm

Andersonville National Historic Site is located 10 miles south of Oglethorpe, GA and 10 miles northeast of Americus, GA on Georgia Highway 49. The national park features the National Prisoner of War Museum, Andersonville National Cemetery and the site of the historic Civil War prison, Camp Sumter. Andersonville National Historic Site is the only national park within the National Park System to serve as a memorial to all American prisoners of war. Park grounds are open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The National Prisoner of War Museum is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Admission is free. For more information on the park, call 229 924-0343, or visit at nps.gov/ande/. Visit us on Facebook at [facebook.com/AndersonvilleNPS](https://www.facebook.com/AndersonvilleNPS), or Twitter at twitter.com/andeNHS.

Taking Care

Moving In With A Child: Should You Do It?

by LISA M. PETSCHKE

When older folks are living alone, there may be concerns from others about their physical well-being, emotional welfare or both. Particularly in situations where they are having health problems or do not live close by, a son or daughter may invite them to move in. If you receive such an offer, ask yourself the following questions and take time to honestly and thoroughly answer each one before making a decision.



Lisa Petschke

Interpersonal Issues

What kind of relationship do you and your son or daughter have? How well do you get along with others in the household? Any personality clashes are sure to be magnified when you are living under the same roof.

If you need assistance, are you comfortable with the idea of role reversal?

Your Needs And Expectations

Would the move uproot you from important relationships and community connections such as supportive long-time neighbors, a church congregation or seniors' clubs?

If you have a pet, can it be accommodated? If your child has pets, are you comfortable around them?

If you have a chronic illness, how are your needs likely to change? Would you expect your family to provide whatever help you may require? If so, are they willing and able?

Your Family's Needs and Expectations

Would you be expected to contribute to the household in practical ways, such as cooking meals or providing child care?

If you require assistance: Would your child or other household members be able to cope with the demands of caregiving? Would they have enough time to devote to the rest of their family? Would they still have time for whatever else is important to them?

Lifestyle Issues

Do you and your son or daughter have similar lifestyles and values? If not, are differences likely to be an ongoing source of tension?

If you require care, how might your needs affect your child's work life, social life, vacation plans and other pursuits? Is he or she prepared to make adjustments?

Available Supports

Would you be within walking distance of a convenience store, pharmacy or bank? What about proximity to a place of worship? Would you be close to public transit routes? Easy access to at least some amenities would maximize your independence.

Would friends and former neighbors be able to visit frequently? Consider the distance they would have to travel to get to your new location and what type of transportation is available to them.

If your child lives in a different area, how easily could you link with needed medical supports such as a new primary care physician? What kinds of community support services are available to assist in meeting your needs, either now or in the future?

Finances

How much would you be expected to contribute toward household expenses?

Do you have savings or insurance that would cover the cost of any needed medical equipment or healthcare services? If not, would your family be prepared to pay for them?

Home Setup

Is there sufficient space in the home to meet everyone's needs for privacy? Would you have separate living quarters?

How accessible is the home? If adaptations would be needed, what is the estimated cost and who would pay it?

Other Options

Before making any decisions, explore alternatives:

- home healthcare services and other home supports such as meals on wheels;
- live-in help;
- home renovations; and
- moving to a condominium, seniors' apartment complex or assisted living facility.

Find out if any of these options are appropriate and affordable.

The Decision

If you decide to move into

your son or daughter's home, consider a six-month trial period with a clear understanding that other options will be pursued if you, your child or other household members feel it's not working out and issues can't be resolved.

Keep in mind that such a plan involves changes in family dynamics and household routines that will affect daily living. Therefore you need to allow plenty of time for everyone involved to adjust. There are bound to be some difficulties, but these can usually be worked through if you are committed to making the arrangement work.

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STAND STRONG

by Joy Mitchell-Booker

*The people of God are often tested
Through trials and tribulations
Our Faith cannot waiver
Our belief must sustain us*

*Once we get saved, it is in God
we must trust
We can no longer live by the
world's standard
It is no longer applicable to us.
The word of God is all we need
To survive in life and succeed*

*To live by the principles quoted
in the Word
To stand fast in the light of His
marvelous love*

*Stand strong and see the Glory
of the Lord*

*Stand strong and marvel in
His night
Stand strong and accept His
Spirit of love
It is thru the Lord that we live,
breathe, and have our being.*

GOD'S MERCY

by James R. Rhodes

*I take one day at a time.
With God's love I make it all
the time.
Try Him, my friend, and you
will see.
He will bless you all the time.
Alcohol and drugs use to be
my life.
Now I am happy all the time.
I can live a happy life.
Day after day I keep marching on.
For one of these days, I am
going home.*

YOU SEE ME AS NOBODY BUT MY JESUS SEES ME AS SOMEBODY

by Jacqueline D. Williams

*You see me as nobody because
when I was born you hated me.*

*But, my Jesus sees me as
somebody because when I was
born Jesus said you are my child.
You see me as nobody because you
tell me that I am worthless.
But, my Jesus sees me as
somebody because He tells me
I am his child.
You see me as nobody because you
say that I am ugly.
But, my Jesus sees me as
somebody because He created
me in His image.
You see me as nobody because you
hit me.
But, my Jesus sees me as
somebody because He holds
me in his arms.
You see me as nobody because you
tell me to steal.
But, my Jesus sees me as
somebody because He stopped
me from doing the wrong thing.
You see me as nobody because you
tell me I'm nobody.
But, my Jesus sees me as
somebody because He tells
me I'm somebody.
You see me as nobody because you
put that man or woman before me.
But, my Jesus sees me as
somebody because He puts
me first.
PS: My Jesus always believes that
I'm somebody.*

If caller asks "Can You Hear Me?" Just Hang Up!

by KELVIN COLLINS
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The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers about an old scam with a new twist. The "Can You Hear Me?" scam has long been used to coerce businesses into purchasing office supplies and directory ads they never actually ordered, but now it's targeting individual consumers, as well.

For the last few weeks, more than half of the reports to BBB Scam Tracker have been about this one scam. Consumers say the calls are about vacation packages, cruises, warranties, and other big ticket items. So far, none have reported money loss, but it's unclear how the scams will play out over time, or if the targets will be victimized at a later date.

Here's how it works: You get a call from someone who almost immediately asks "Can you hear me?" Their goal is to get you to answer "Yes," which most people would do instinctively in that situation. There may be some fumbling around; the person may even say something like "I'm having trouble with my headset." But in fact, the "person" may just be a robocall recording your conversation... and that "Yes" answer you gave can later

be edited to make it sound like you authorized a major purchase.

BBB is offering consumers the following advice:

- Use Caller ID to screen calls, and consider not even answering unfamiliar numbers. If it's important, they will leave a message and you can call back.
- If someone calls and asks "Can you hear me?", do NOT answer "yes." Just hang up. Scammers change their tactics as the public catches on, so be alert for other questions designed to solicit a simple "yes" answer.
- Make a note of the number and report it to www.bbb.org to help warn others. BBB also shares Scam Tracker information with government and law enforcement agencies, so every piece of information is helpful in tracking down scammers.
- Consider joining the Do Not Call Registry (DoNotCall.gov) to cut down on telemarketing and sales calls. This may not help with scammers since they don't bother to pay attention to the law, but you'll get fewer calls overall. That may help you more quickly notice the ones that could be fraudulent.
- Check your bank and credit card statements regularly for unauthorized charges. It's also a good idea to check your telephone and cell phone bills, as well. Scammers may be using the "Yes" recording of your

voice to authorize charges on your phone. This is called "cramming" and it's illegal.

• Remember who owns the phone. Stopping scammers from calling you is almost impossible but ultimately, remember that you own the phone so don't allow anyone to use it as a tool to steal your hard-earned money or identity. It isn't rude to hang up on a thief.

There is never a shortage of ways for scam artists to try to separate you from your money but with a little knowledge and a few questions, you might just be the one that gets away.

For more tips you can trust, visit bbb.org.

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AGENCY ALERT: "Tax ID Theft Nightmares"

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Here are just a few of the tax-related identity theft nightmares reported in the media recently:



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A south Florida hospital employee allegedly stole patient Social Security numbers and birth dates in order to participate in a tax ID theft scheme. The employee passed the data on to another individual in exchange for a cut of fraudulent refund money received.

The grieving father of a 4-year-old deceased Virginia girl learned a tax return was filed with her Social Security number when he filed his return. The father believes his daughter's personal information may have been sold online after her death.

A Maryland woman was contacted by the branch of a national tax preparation service that provides "refund anticipation loans." Apparently, someone filed a tax return in her name and took a loan for \$1,000. The tax preparation service contacted her to repay the loan when an IRS refund wasn't issued to cover it.

A Typical Tax ID Crime

An identity thief generally uses a legitimate taxpayer's identity to fraudulently file a tax return and claim a refund. The identity thief uses a stolen Social Security number and other identifying information to file a forged tax return and attempt to get a fraudulent refund early in the filing season. The IRS may issue a refund to the thief before it realizes that the real taxpayer has not filed yet; however, the refund has been long spent by the thieves.

The real taxpayer is unaware that tax identity theft has occurred until he or she files a return later in the filing season or may discover it after receiving a letter from the IRS

stating that more than one tax return was filed or there is a balance due, refund offset or collection actions were taken against the person for a year he or she did not file a tax return. When this type of tax identity theft fraud occurs, an individual's refund can be delayed for months or longer while the IRS unravels who is legitimate.

The number of tax-related identity theft cases has increased by more than 650 percent from fiscal year 2008 to 2012. At the end of fiscal year 2012, the IRS had almost 650,000 identity-theft cases in its inventory.

What Can You Do to Protect Yourself?

There is likely no way to fully protect yourself from tax related identity theft; however, there are steps you can take to minimize the changes and reduce the damage if you do become a victim:

1. Do not carry your Social Security card or documents with your Social Security number.
2. Do not give out your Social Security number to businesses or medical providers just because they ask for it. Give it only when required.
3. Protect your financial information. Shred documents with personal identifying information. Don't provide information in response to e-mail or text messages. Do not give personal information over the phone unless you have initiated the contact or you are sure you know who you are dealing with. Secure personal information in your home.
4. Check your credit report every 12 months.
5. Protect personal computers by using firewalls, anti-spam/virus software, update security patches, and change passwords for Internet accounts.
6. File as early as possible in the tax filing season.
7. Respond immediately if you receive a notice from IRS. If you believe someone may have used your Social Security number fraudulently, notify the IRS by responding to the name and number printed on the

notice or letter. You need to fill out the IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit.

If you are a victim, get an Identification Number from the IRS that proves you are the legitimate filer of future tax returns. The IRS issues Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) to select identity theft victims whose identities have been validated by the IRS. It allows legitimate returns to be processed, and prevents processing of fraudulent returns, thereby mitigating processing

delays in victims' federal tax return processing. Generally, the IP PIN is mailed out once the taxpayer's account has been resolved. Current programming allows one IP PIN to be generated each year.

We all need to be diligent in securing our personal information. If you have concerns about your personal information or feel that you may have been a victim of tax related identity theft please contact the IRS at Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 800-908-4490 and visit irs.gov/identitytheft.

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Call 706-722-5495 for information.

Caregiver Support Group

Are you caring for a spouse or parent? Join other caregivers to share experiences, gather practical resources and find the support you need. The group meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Friedman Branch Library located at 1447 Jackson Road in Augusta. For more information contact Georgia Jopling, Caregiver Specialist, Area Agency on Aging, 706-210-2000 or 888-922-4464.

Augusta Museum of History

560 Reynolds Street in downtown Augusta. Call 706-722-8454 for events information.

- Voices of the Past Museum Theater: *The Other Tubmans*: Sat., March 11
- Voices of the Past Museum Theater: *A Petersburg Boat Pilot*: Sat., March 18
- Brown Bag Series: *Aiken, Yesterday and Today!*: Brenda Baratto, Executive Director, Aiken County Historical Museum: March 8
- *Women in War: Celebrating our Hometown Heroes*: Mon., March 13
- *2017 Night at the Museum: An Evening Where History Comes to Life!*: Thurs., March 16, 6 or 7:30 p.m. Call for complete information and ticket details.
- New Version of the *Museum Escape Program: Red Scare*: Sat., March 4, 11, 18 & 25; 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. \$20 per person; \$25 at the door; \$15 museum member.

Lucy Craft Laney

Museum of Black History
www.lucycraftlaneymuseum.com
Call 706-724-3576 for events information.

USA DANCE Augusta Chapter 6074

Every Third Saturday of the Month
The USA Dance is a National Dance Organization. Our Chapter 6074 focuses on the Augusta and Aiken areas. Our dances are held on the THIRD SATURDAY of each month. The dance is held at American Legion Post 63, 90 Milledge Rd., Augusta,

from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Lessons at 8 p.m. If you are able, please bring something sweet or savory for the goody table. Tasty food, the best dance floor in the CSRA, great music, a friendly and welcoming atmosphere all add up to a perfect Saturday evening experience. Cost is \$8.00 for USA Dance members or \$10.00 for non-members. For additional information call Kay Cooke at 706-210-8780 or Rudy Brostrom at 803-442-9337. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

Augusta Christian Singles Dance

Dances are at 7:30 p.m. with complimentary dance lessons at 6:30 p.m. Admission will be \$10.00 for guests and \$8.00 for members. Light refreshments will be served.

Located at The Ballroom Dance Center, 525 Grand Slam Drive, Evans, GA 30809.

Al-Anon and Alateen Groups

Al-Anon and Alateen Groups meet in various locations in the CSRA Mon.-Sat. For information or a listing of meeting in the area call 706-738-7984. To locate meeting throughout Georgia call 800-568-1615.

Friday Night Dance

Every Friday, 8-11 p.m., American Legion Post 63, 90 Milledge Rd., Augusta. With band or DJ. \$10 cost. Free coffee and cake. Everyone welcome. Call 706-733-5184.

Phinzy Swamp Events

706-828-2109
Meets on Monday nights, 7-9 p.m., and Thursday mornings, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Martintown Rd., North Augusta. For details call 803-279-6456 or 706-790-4975.

Augusta Chapter Of The Embroiderers' Guild Of America

Meets First Mon. each Month, 6:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 3321 Wheeler Rd., Augusta. Additional information - Call Diana Parfitt at, 706-513-5458 or email: dianaparfitt@gmail.com.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Meets 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m., Brandon Wilde Retirement Community, Evans. For details call 706-854-3591 or 706-854-3501.

CSRA Parkinson Support Group

Meets monthly, St. John Towers Dining Room, 724 Greene St., Augusta. For details call 706-364-1662.

Area Agency on Aging Offerings

Learn through a 30-Minute session, 3rd Thurs. each month, 1 p.m., KROC Center Augusta, Senior Lounge, 1833 Broad St. Registration not required. Contact Lee Walker, Resource Specialist, 706-922-8348 or 706-210-2018.

Harmony River Chorus of Sweet Adelines International

Local chapter includes the Augusta, North Augusta and Aiken area of women ages 18 to 80 who love singing Barbershop style music. Open rehearsals are every Thurs., 7-9 p.m., at the North Augusta Church, 600 W. Martintown Rd., North Augusta, SC. For additional information contact Judy Tobin at 706-877-2715 (GA) or Connie Waiswilo at 803-522-0552 (SC) or visit website: harmonyriverchorus.org.

6th Annual Augusta Literary Festival

Sat., March 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Headquarters Library of the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System, 823 Telfair St. Free and open to the public. For details visit www.augustaliteraryfestival.org.

Aiken Civic Orchestra &

Friends Concert

Sun., March 5, 3 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 961 Trail Ridge Rd., Aiken, SC. Directed by Adam DePriest. FREE admission. All are welcome. For information about and booking the Augusta Chorale call 706-830-0991 or 706-836-9426 or visit www.augusta-chorale.org.

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On the Cover

It's Tuesdays Live Concert!

by CAROLYN BRENNEMAN

Hey, everyone, there are more fun and entertaining concerts in March that we can attend for Tuesday's Live Music event concert series in Augusta! This March we have two very gifted groups. On March 7th, Petronel Malan, pianist, will entertain us with some fantastic classical pieces. Ms. Malan, is a South African concert pianist and triple Grammy nominated South African pianist. Her latest recording, Transfigured Brahms, was released in 2015 and includes the world-premiere recording of 4 transcriptions by the composer Lowell Liebermann. She started piano lessons with her mother at the age of 4 and now at 40, Ms. Malan maintains



Petronel Malan

a full performance schedule as a recitalist in major areas throughout the world. We are extremely excited to have Ms. Malan perform for us on March 7th! Described as formidable,.... dizzying and magical, by the New York reviewer, Harris Goldsmith, we will not want to miss this performance.

Then on March 21st, we will be delighted to hear The Gough Duo, at noon. The Gough Duo was formed in 1997 and is a violin and organ duo that tours internationally. This fabulous group has appeared in many European festivals and toured the US many times from New York, to Dallas and Florida to Alaska. This group, Rachel and Rupert Gough, plays a variety of repertoire and all audiences are amazed. The duo enjoys performing in a variety of venues and frequently performs a broad array of music composed specifically for their combination of instruments.

Their concert performances are always well received, featuring a pleasing variety of repertoire and a lively engagement with the audience. The duo enjoys introducing audiences to the broad array of music composed specifically for this combination of instruments, as well as performing their own arrangements of many popular works.

Tuesday's Live Music event began in 1988 and is a spectacular event sponsored by several local businesses, foundations and individual donors here in Augusta. The concerts begin at noon and are fol-



The Gough Duo

lowed by a catered lunch in the River Room facility at the church. St. Paul's Church is located at 605 Reynolds Street, in Augusta, 30901. Contact 706.722.3463.

So let's not miss a single March concert at Saint Paul's Church! Concerts begin at noon and are free. If we want to have lunch afterwards, it is only \$12 for a delicious meal.



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