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### America's 10 Most Wanted Coins

This year's list is dedicated to a denomination that holds a special place in collectors' hearts: the cent

by Ed Reiter

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Canada recently eliminated the cent. The author puts forth a plan that could reasonably do the same for the U.S.

by Tom DeLorey

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The hideous and bizarre are as much a part of medallic history as the beautiful and stately

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Beethoven conducted his Ninth Symphony, and the United States enjoyed "Good Feelings" under President James Monroe

by John Iddings

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by Ron Meyer

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The value of coins from former communist nations could increase as these countries embrace democracy

by Rita Laws, Ph.D.

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