



You have the Freedom to OWN your Home!

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Dear Friends,

We celebrated our nation's independence officially on the 4th of July, but the truth is - every time we open the door to our own home, we're experiencing a piece of that freedom: The right to own property.

Most of us can trace our ancestry to another country. And whether our ancestors came to this country recently or in the distant past; most came with the hope of a better life...and generally with hopes for a home of their own. Even today, home ownership for many people in other countries is an elusive dream.

This particular holiday is a reminder to me that I have the opportunity to turn dreams of home ownership into reality for people. Thank you for this opportunity!

Just as I was getting this newsletter ready to go to print, I got an e-mail from someone and thought it was GREAT. Because the e-mail was about real estate, I yelled, "Stop the presses!" Then, I realized I don't have the author's permission to use it. I do not know how to reach the author! So, I decided not to take the risk. It is about an attorney and the FHA. I have no idea if it is true or not. I feel confident that anyone who has ever gotten a loan for a property or had discussions with certain federal employees will appreciate it. Think of it as a movie plot. We know movies are not true and yet we enjoy them. If you want it, send an e-mail to me at:

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The article in The Register on Monday 21 June 2010 titled, "Think legal, not fair as senior's property tax quadruples" caught my eye. See Pg 4 of REAL ESTATE CORNER-Q&A of the newsletter.

Here's what's happening in the Real Estate Market: According to the Multiple Listing Service, in Orange County there were 10,488 residential properties (includes condos, PUDs, etc.) for sale as of 30 June 2010 midnight. From 1 June 2010 to midnight on 30 June 2010 there were 2,660 closed sales. Based on the number of properties available, if you are a buyer, I feel confident we can find you what you would consider a good buy. If you are a seller, that is information for you to know to price your property correctly. Most interest rates are under 5% when owner occupied! When you are ready to buy or sell, say, "Ellen, you are my agent. Let's do it!"

Enjoy your issue!

Ellen

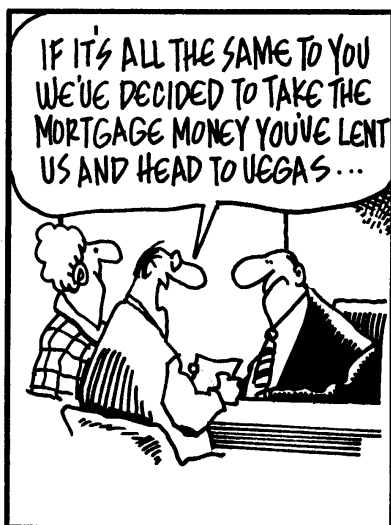


*How can I help you?
What do you want from me?*

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Is the "Eye In The Sky" Watching You?

Do you believe that truth is stranger than fiction? Well, if you have ever had that eerie feeling that someone is watching you, you may be right.

This is not fiction, and it's not simply a chapter out of the Orwell classic, "1984" The future we once found to be unbelievable is now upon us. Spy satellites are watching you, and before you dismiss this as some kind of sci-fi paranoia, you should take note.

If you find yourself doubting or denying this reality, simply log onto the Internet, and go to the www.TerraServa.Microsoft.com website. You'll be amazed and intrigued at what's really out there.

The TerraServa site offers detailed photographs of your town, your neighborhood, and your home and yard. If you were getting the paper or doing yard work when the satellite passed high overhead, you, too, may be in the photos. As the TerraServa site is not free, check out www.VPike.com It was a surprise to see my car and not my husband's car or the truck there. Then, I realized that when the satellite passed over, one was probably being repaired and he was running errands in the other.

The photos come from a variety of satellites. Some come from the U.S. Geological Survey, but others originated from a joint Russian/American venture to market declassified photos from sophisticated Russian "mapping Satellites.

You may scoff, but remember those satellite cameras clicking away overhead when you sneak out in your underwear to get the mail or empty the trash in the morning.

This is not fiction. Your "15 minutes of fame" may be embarrassing!

Share This Newsletter

If you want a copy of this newsletter to go to a friend, neighbor, or relative, send me an e-mail requesting it with their e-mail address, and I will send it.

Or, if you want, I'll send you a copy via e-mail and you can forward it.

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Word of the Month...

Studies have shown that your income and wealth are directly related to the size and depth of your vocabulary. Here is this month's word, so you can impress your friends and others who are important to you.

Tenace: I got the word from a cross word puzzle. "A bridge holding"

Definition: It is a combination of two nonsequential high cards of the same suit, esp. in a bridge or whist hand. I think it is interesting that the word is spelled like two nonsequential high cards. Don't you?

Sample Sentence: "Do you realize I had a tenace in my hand? And, we won anyway!"

Have a Laugh!

"I am the only male with 30 women in an exercise class for seniors. They love it when I moan and groan. The leader is a 91 year old woman. She works us for a full hour. Every Monday I tell her, 'It is a Monday and take it easy.' But, she shows no mercy! I have learned the secret to staying young: Eat healthy, exercise, live a good life, and LIE about your age!"
..... Don W.

My secret to staying young is never to look in the mirror with my glasses on. I said staying young, not looking young! Ellen W.

My Mother always said, "The older I get, there are fewer people to argue with me because they aren't old enough to remember what really happened, and I do!"

How To Keep Track of Your Pet

Would you be able to find your pet if it ran away or was taken from you? Every year thousands of pets get lost and are never found by their owners. How can you prevent this from happening to your family? Here are simple tips to help you avoid the heartache of losing a pet.

The easiest and most important way to protect your pet is to ensure that it wears an ID tag with your name, address, and phone number on it at all times. If you are traveling or have moved recently, be sure to tape a local address onto the tags until they can be updated. Attach ID tags to the collar using a more secure "o" shaped hook instead of the common "s" hook. Many pet owners assume that their pet will never get out, so they don't make them wear their tags. In reality, there is a very good chance that your pet will get out at some point. The easier you make it for someone to contact you, the better your chances of recovering your pet. There is even a company that offers optional "Alert Tags" and a 24-hour hotline for pet rescue. For information on this service, visit www.help4pets.com. Thankfully, a high percentage of lost pets that are found with an ID tag are returned home safely.

Another option for pet identification is to have a microchip implanted. Your vet can tell you about this relatively easy procedure. For information on some types of microchips, you can visit www.pet-id.net or avidmicrochip.com.

Protect your pets by putting them in a secured area when guests are expected. Many animals are lost each year due to the carelessness of visitors. This is especially important when service people are in your home. They have no attachment to your pet and are not always careful to prevent your pet from escaping.

Your dog should be on a leash at all times when away from your home. Even the best dog can get frightened or distracted and run from you. Be sure to spay or neuter your pet because animals have been known to wander when "love is in the air."

Remember never leave your pet where you wouldn't leave your wallet! The idea of leaving your wallet unattended in front of a store or on the seat of your car probably sounds crazy to you. Well, if you leave your pet places like this, it may be stolen. Criminals take pets to sell them for cash or for possible rewards offered by their owners.

For more information on pet protection contact your local humane society or animal control center. They can offer you suggestions and resources for finding your pet and/or preventing you from ever losing your pet in the future.

Brain Teaser... Why didn't the chicken cross the road?

(Answer on last page)

Wacky Quotes:

. "The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well." **Joe Ancis**

. "If ignorance is bliss, why aren't there more happy people?"
John Lloyd & John Mitchinson

. "90% of all human wisdom is the ability to mind your own business." .. **Robert A. Heinlein**

. "Wisdom comes from experience. Experience is often a result of lack of wisdom."
..... **Terry Pratchett**

. "If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning."
..... **Catherine Arid**

. "If you can't change yourself or others, then change your hair." **Jan Cohen**, owner
..... La Habra Beauty Supply

. "Alan Ladd has only two expressions: Hat on and hat off." **Anonymous**

. "George Raft and Gary Cooper once played a scene in front of a cigar store, and it looked like the wooden Indian was overacting."
..... **George Burns**

Out of work? Check out Harvey Mackay's book, "Use Your Head to Get Your Foot in the Door." He actually guarantees the ideas in the book to get you a job, or you get the price of the book returned to you. I bought it for my son Wayne, my daughter Roxane, and myself.

So What Else Is New?
You tell me!

"Trivia Question"

In Which U.S. State Are The Most Automobiles Registered?

a) Texas b) New York c) Michigan d) Florida e) California

Answer on the last page on the left

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Are You Facing a Setback?

If so, think about these people with their setbacks and what they have accomplished. This is from an article I saw some time ago, research on the web, and my memory which may be from wrong facts.

Abraham Lincoln: During the Blackhawk War (1831-1832) he was a Captain and was demoted to private. I don't know why!

Lucille Ball: She began studying to become an actress in 1927 at the John Murray Anderson Drama School. Her Mother was told, "You are wasting your money."

Chester Carlson: In the 1940s, this young inventor took his idea to 20 corporations, including some of the biggest in the country. They all turned him down. In 1947 - after seven long years of rejections - he finally got a tiny company in Rochester, NY, the Haloid Company, to purchase the rights to his electrostatic paper-copying process. Haloid became Xerox Corporation.

Alexander Graham Bell: Potential backers did not make a lot of calls to him! Rumor has it that President Rutherford Hayes made a demonstration call and then said, "That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?"

Clint Eastwood & Burt Reynolds: A Universal Pictures executive dismissed them at the same meeting. To Clint, he said, "Your Adam's apple sticks out too far." Burt's undoing was a result of arguing with the director about how to do a stunt fall and consequently shoving the director into a water tank.

J. K. Rowling: Joanne was a single mother living on welfare with her young daughter. She wrote her novel at cafes while her daughter was sleeping. 12 publishers rejected her before Harry Potter was a household word.

Fred Smith: "The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C', the idea must be feasible." The paper was the background for the formation of FedExCorp.

Let's assist each other in remembering: "Failure is not *falling* down, but *staying* down!"

We may not be on the list of Wonders of the World, but, we are one.

THANK YOU for being kind and saying encouraging words.

Would you feel comfortable introducing me to the people you care about? If not, what can I do or say that would make you feel comfortable enough to introduce me to them? You can always invite me to a party!

Remember... If you know of someone who is having a hard time making their house payments, ask them to call me or call me and ask me to call them. There are too many people with scams out there. Give me a chance to help them by answering their questions. Call me at
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Trivia Answer:
e) California

Brain Teaser Answer:
Because it was too chicken

Interesting Websites:
www.Fivver.com
www.BestCrosswords.com
www.ask.com Formerly "Ask Jeeves"
www.Adultitis.org
www.JoyfulB.com Be prepared to laugh!

THANK YOU for reading my newsletter. I hope it is FUN, interesting, and has valuable content for you. Enjoy!!!

AND...as Mae West would say, "Call me!"

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Did you know? Laughter is good for your health. Some of the benefits may be:

1. It relieves stress by reducing adrenaline and cortisol.
2. It reduces anxiety, fear, and depression by raising serotonin levels.
3. It strengthens our immune systems.
4. It improves respiratory and circulatory systems.
5. It relieves pain.
6. It activates digestion and elimination systems.
7. It encourages relaxation (after laughing) and balances blood pressure.
8. Improves sleep patterns.
9. It boosts self-confidence, promotes compassion, and deepens creativity. Jeffrey Briar, Certified Laughter Leader and Certified Laughter Yoga Teacher - - - www.JoyfulB.com
9. Humor keeps people's attention & increases learning.- - Unknown
10. "Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand."- Mark Twain

Until next time, LAUGH! I plan to.

Be sure and check out www.JoyfulB.com

I plan to go to one of their sessions on the beach. Looks like FUN!

Ellen on You Tube

A lot of you know I do standup comedy to relieve stress. On You Tube, there are two videos of me doing stand up after attending two classes several years apart. Sometimes only one of the videos is available. The last time I checked, only the first one was available. I don't know why. There were other complaints about the issue on YouTube. I am working on that! Check them out and laugh! I laugh at me. How could anyone get up and do that? Well, I did! It was FUN! I feel confident you can tell I was having FUN. Search for Ellen Whomsley @ www.YouTube.com

Real Estate Corner...

Did you read the article in the Register on Monday 21 June 2010 in the Local Section by Teri Sforza? That was an eye opener.

"Think Legal, Not Fair as seniors property tax quadruples" is the title of the article. That is scary! Right? I suggest you read the whole article.

Read it. Think about it. If you think it applies to you, I suggest you contact an attorney and a duly qualified CPA for evaluation and confirmation as this scenario is tricky.