

Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

MARCH 2012

The Bag of Irish Money

One day a poor Irish man was walking home when he saw a small bag on the ground. He picked it up, opened it, then the surprise of the world was on him when he saw what was inside — five ten-pound notes.

He knew that someone would be looking for the money, yet he himself was very poor and would like to keep the money for his family. He was in a quandary.

Then he saw a sign in a window. *Lost: A bag of money. Reward to the person who finds it. Information available here.*

At that point the poor man decided to return the money to the person who lost it. The man was rich and was very pleased to get the money, but he was greedy and didn't want to give the reward to the poor man. He began to count the money: "... thirty, forty, fifty."

"There is only fifty pounds here" he exclaimed to the poor man. "Yes", he replied. "That's exactly the amount that was in the bag. Will you please give me the reward now?"



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"Reward???" said the rich man. "You won't get any reward from me. There was 100 pounds in the bag when I lost it. You probably took half."

The two began arguing; they eventually went to court in front of a judge. The judge listened to both men. "You say there was 100 pounds in the bag when you lost it," he said to the rich man. "And you say there was only 50 pounds when you found the bag", he said to the poor man.

"The bag of money is yours" said the judge to the poor man. "This is not the rich man's bag at all."

Blessing are won, by a good deed done.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

— Tara and April

Expert on Parenting

The following is a true story written by an educational psychologist and her experience on an airplane.

On a flight to Florida, I was preparing my notes for one of the parent-education seminars that I conduct as an educational psychologist.

The elderly woman sitting next to me explained that she was returning to Miami after having spent two weeks visiting her six children, 18 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren in Boston.

Then she inquired what I did for a living. I told her, fully expecting her to question me for free professional advice.

Instead she sat back, picked up a magazine and said, “If there’s anything you want to know, just ask me.”



Einstein’s Riddle—Who Has The Fish?

Albert Einstein wrote this riddle last century and said that 98% of the world’s population would not be able to solve it. It’s possible he said that only a few could solve this just to get people to try it. One half of “The Sister Team” tried it and completed the riddle in under 10 minutes. **For the answer**, please visit our website (www.TheSisterTeam.com) and find the on-line version of our March 2012 newsletter, then read page 2. If you do not have access to the internet, please call or text April at 951-205-4429 for the answer.

There are five houses that are each a different color. There is a person of a different nationality in each house. The five owners drink a certain drink. Each person smokes a certain brand of cigarettes and also has a certain pet. No owner has the same pet, smokes the same brand of cigarettes nor drinks the same drink. The question is, “Who has the fish?”

CLUES:

- 1) The British man lives in the red house
- 2) The Swedish man has a dog for a pet
- 3) The Danish man drinks tea
- 4) The green house is to the left of the white house
- 5) The owner of the green house drinks coffee
- 6) The person that smokes Pall Mall has a bird
- 7) The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill
- 8) The person that lives in the middle house drinks milk
- 9) The Norwegian lives in the first house
- 10) The person that smokes Blend, lives next to the one that has a cat
- 11) The person that has a horse lives next to the one that smokes Dunhill
- 12) The one that smokes Bluemaster drinks beer
- 13) The German smokes Prince
- 14) The Norwegian lives next to a blue house
- 15) The person that smokes Blend, has a neighbor that drinks water

SPOILER ALERT

The ANSWER is hidden in the text for those who don’t want to know right away:

a3Dgf4yeSaUrgffmhddaSvsne
(every fourth letter spells the answer)

Details of answer below:

House #1: yellow, Norwegian, Dunhill, cat, water
House #2: blue, Danish, Blend, horse, tea
House #3: red, British, Pall Mall, bird, milk
House #4: green, German, Prince, fish, coffee
House #5: white, Swedish, Blue Master, dog, beer

Welcome New Clients!

Friends Referring Friends:

*A great referral is when
you introduce someone you care about,
to someone you trust...*

Al and Renee Garcia

Melvin and Leslie Johnson

Joshua and Casey Angulo

**Dan Distrola (referred by Deborah Cazares,
a past and treasured client)**

*We love giving recognition to our new friends and
our wonderful existing clients who are kind enough
to refer their friends and relatives to us.*

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March Quiz Question

What do you call a female rabbit?

*Everyone (any age)
responding by calling or
e-mailing us with the correct
answer will be entered into a
drawing for:*

**a \$25 VISA
gift card to use
wherever you
like, just like
cash!**

*Drawing to be
held on 3/25/2012*



Jan/Feb Quiz Answer

Question: What is the official
emblem of Ireland?

Answer: The harp. It appears on coins, all
official government documents, and on the
flag of the President of Ireland.

**Congratulations to
Aggie Faulkner**

Your name was selected at random
from all of the correct quiz entries
and you'll receive
a \$25 VISA gift card!

The Pet Page



St. Paw-tricks Day Walk With The Animals

It's that time of year again to put on your walking shoes for the 20th annual Walk With The Animals at Fairmount Park to help raise funds to support homeless pets in our community. Leash up for the 1.3 mile walk and then you and fido can enjoy local vendors in the park. This year's activities include exhibits, boutiques, people and pet bake sale, Urban Search & Rescue demo, breed rescue groups, doggie costume contest, the Muttley Crew K-9 Entertainment, low cost vaccinations and microchipping, opportunity prizes, and the Butler Fearon O'Connor School of Irish Dancers!

Saturday, March 17th

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

There is still time to register at petsadoption.com

First 500 walkers will receive a special goodie bag and a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize! Individual walkers who collect \$75 in pledges will get a Walk With The Animals t-shirt! Top individual prize will win a Saturday night stay for two in a suite at the Historic Mission Inn plus Sunday Brunch. Second individual prize will win Sunday Brunch for two at the Historic Mission Inn.

A Dog's Poem

Before humans die, they write their last Will and Testament, give their home and all they have, to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask ...

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:

- 🦷 My happy home
- 🦷 My bowl and cozy bed, soft pillows and all my toys
- 🦷 The lap, which I loved so much
- 🦷 The hand that stroked my fur and the sweet voice which spoke my name



I'd will to the sad, scared shelter dog, the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds. So, when I pass, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand." Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope and give MY place to HIM. This is the only thing I can give... the love I left behind.

—Author Unknown

Don't forget to donate your old towels, pillows and blankets to your local animal shelters. They'll use them for bedding, baths, etc. Thanks!



\$189,900 — 3668 Ramona Drive

One-of-a-kind “Wood Streets” bungalow built in 1916 and is City of Riverside Structure of Merit #661.

This home has 3 bedrooms/1 bath and over 1300 sq ft downstairs, in addition to a modified attic with unlimited storage and another bathroom.

Gorgeous built-in China hutch, hardwood floors, fireplace, original wood casement windows throughout, central air/heat, huge front porch, lifetime cement tile roof, and large pool-sized backyard!

For color photos of this home, and more, go to www.WoodStreetHomes.com.



Behind in Your Mortgage Payments?

Don't give up the keys to your home just yet! We may be able to help. **It may not be too late.** Not everyone qualifies for a short sale, but if you do, we can work with you for FREE to sell your home. With our help, you can sell for less than what you owe the bank.

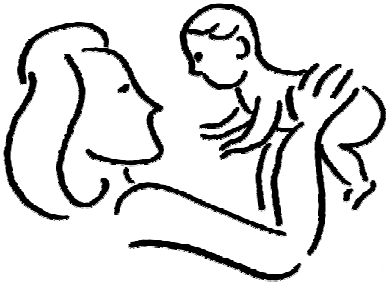
Get a new start on your life and call us today. We have successfully closed many short sale transactions, so we have recent and proven success.

What is a short sale?

A short sale (or pre-foreclosure) is a sales transaction in which the seller's mortgage lender agrees to accept a payoff of less than the balance due on the loan. The short sale process is still a mystery to many people, and not every listing agent is familiar, or has experience, with short sales. “The Sister Team” is in escrow on short sales right now, we have closed many escrows on short sales in the recent past, and will continue to list and sell short sales in the future due to our vast experience. There is no substitute for experience. In a profession filled with complex issues, you need to place your trust in experienced Realtors like us.

Banks grant short sales for two reasons: the seller has a hardship, and the seller owes more on the mortgage than the home is worth. Examples of hardships are unemployment, reduction of income, divorce, medical emergency, job transfer, bankruptcy, and death. There may be a long wait to get a response from the bank, but with a little patience, the lengthy process will end in a successful sale for sellers, and successful homeownership for buyers.

What Does It Mean To Be Adopted?



Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had different color hair than the other family members. One child suggested that he was adopted and a little girl named Rebecca said, "I know all about adoptions because I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means," said Rebecca, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."



Do You Eat Food? Then Please Read This!

Genetically modified foods or genetically modified organisms (GMOs) have made a big splash in the news recently. GMOs are most commonly used to refer to crop plants created for human or animal consumption using the latest molecular biology techniques. These plants have been modified in the laboratory to enhance desired traits such as increased resistance to herbicides or improved nutritional content. However, there are concerns as well. Concerns that crop plants engineered for herbicide tolerance and weeds will cross-breed, resulting in the transfer of the herbicide resistance genes from the crops into the weeds, thereby creating "superweeds".

Whether you agree with GMOs or not, 80% of packaged foods that Americans eat contain genetically engineered ingredients (according to the Grocery Manufacturer's Association). The long-term health risks of the use of GMOs on humans and the environment has not been adequately investigated.

Fortunately, California has an initiative process, meaning that if the people want a law and they cannot get their legislators to enact it, the people can come together and get the law on the ballot to vote for it directly. Until Sunday, April 22, 2012 signatures are being collected statewide to get the California Genetically Engineered Food Act on the 2012 California ballot. Fifty countries already label or ban GMO foods. If you are a registered voter, please add your voice to help reach the goal of 850,000 signatures. Most grocery stores have volunteers collecting signatures out front.

Bottom line, whether you agree with GMOs or not, you should at least have control over what you put in your body, and labeling gives us the information to empower ourselves.



If you want more information, please go to www.labelgmos.org.



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Happy 10th Birthday, Chit Chat!

This 8-page Chit Chat newsletter, that we have been personally writing and distributing door-to-door to over 2,100 homes every issue, is celebrating its 10th birthday!!

For those of you who have not been in the neighborhood as long as us, you'll be surprised to know that we were delivering real estate tips, sales stats, American flags, and lots of goodies (candy, note pads, calendars, etc.) for more than 5 years *before* the inception of the Chit Chat; that means we've been a **real estate presence** in this neighborhood for **over 15 years!**

No other Realtors come close to our success here. Absolutely no one lists *and* sells more homes in the Wood Streets than "The Sister Team". This is due to our full-time and long-term commitment to the real estate industry (almost 25 years), our knowledge of the Southern California real estate market, and our personal involvement with every single transaction.

Not only do we live here and work here, but we ride our bikes and take walks throughout this amazing and wonderful neighborhood!



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