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Wondering how to sell a home without making repairs?

Sometimes home repairs can be too much money. Did you know that you can still sell your home quickly? Call us to find out more!

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The Literal Origin of House-Warming Parties

The concept of warming a house used to be literal in many cultures. When someone moved into a new house, guests brought firewood and lit fires in all the fireplaces.

Obviously this warmed the place physically, but it was also believed to ward off evil spirits. Uninhabited homes were thought to attract roaming ghosts, so a new home would have to be rid of that bad energy before anyone could move in and reclaim it as a home.

These days, the idea of house warming party is metaphorical... warming up the atmosphere with good friends and cheer.



What Will Our Homes Be Like in 2050?

Today, the population of the world is about 7.3 billion. By 2050, the UN predicts it will be 9 billion. What does that mean for the future of housing... and how might that affect you?

One thing is for certain: New homes will not be built at nearly the same rate as the population growth. That means we will have to make smarter use of what we have, and rethink the space and resources we need.

For instance, consider household size. In the early 1900's, 5-person households were normal. Today, 1-person households are common. By 2050 there may be a shift back to more shared housing, including granny flats and duplex conversions.

Homes in 2050 will probably not look much different than homes today on the outside, because the vast majority of houses that will exist in 2050 have already been built.

But on the inside, homes will become smarter and more sustainable.

Homes already come with an array of sensors that automatically switch lights on and off, order our groceries and even monitor our health. Many houses are already fully wireless.

A drive for resource efficiency could see water recycled within each home, integrated solar panels, ultra-thin insulation, and micro-generators.

Tighter housing may drive the value of remaining single-family homes on large lots sky high. But older homes that lack innovations may lose value.

One thing that won't change... location, location, location will still be the dominating factor in real estate. The question is what locations will be important in 2050? Ocean-front properties will likely be underwater, while new cities may spring up in the middle of nowhere.

The only thing that seems certain is that real estate will probably become even more valuable. Maybe it's time to buy an investment property?

If you need a service, we know people...

In our work, we're connected to great service people of all kinds. Call us at **720-507-7653** or send an email mark@dayspringbuyshouses.us if you need something done around the house, and we'll happily refer our best people.

Story: The Power of Positive Parables

Parables are stories that illustrate a moral or lesson. From the Greek *parabolē*, meaning "comparison, illustration, analogy," parable was the name given by Greek rhetoricians to an illustration in the form of a brief fictional narrative.

Self-help books, the bible, and zen texts are filled with parables, and just reading one every now and then can do wonders for a person's powers of positive thinking. Here's one which has stuck with me, reminding me that simply deciding something one way or another in advance has enormous power over the outcome:

The 92-year-old, petite lady was poised and proud. Fully dressed by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coiffed and makeup perfectly applied, she was moving to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After waiting patiently in the lobby, she smiled sweetly when a nurse showed up to say her room was ready.

As she pushed the wheelchair along a hallway, the nurse

thought to prepare the lady for possible disappointment by describing her tiny room, including the living room, which had barely enough space for one small sofa.

When the nurse had finished, the old lady stated with the enthusiasm of a child, "I love it!"

"But you haven't seen it yet," the surprised nurse said.

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," the lady said.

"It doesn't matter how the room is arranged. It's how I arrange my mind that counts, and I have already decided to love it."



September Quiz Question

*A farmer has 17 sheep. All but 8 of them die.
How many are left standing?*

Would You Know?

How much do you know about current events? The Pew Research Center's *News IQ* survey examined the knowledge of more than 3,000 people in an interactive quiz that asked them to identify a series of photographs, charts, and maps. Here's how the participants measured up when asked to do the following:

- Identify a photo of Martin Luther King Jr.: **91 %**
- Identify the country led by Kim Jong-il from a photo (North Korea): **82 %**
- Identify Guantanamo on a map (Cuba): **78 %**
- Identify Malala from a photo (2014 Nobel Prize winner): **93 %**
- Identify Pope Francis's home country on a map (Argentina): **52 %**

You can take the quiz at:

<http://www.pewresearch.org/quiz/the-news-iq-quiz/>

Anniversary of the Microwave



70 years ago, Raytheon engineer, Percy Spencer, stood in front of a magnetron—a radar component—and noticed a chocolate bar melt in his pocket. Curious about the magnetron's potential,

Spencer got a bag of popcorn kernels and watched them pop next to the magnetron. The microwave oven was born. The company Spencer was working for, Raytheon, filed a patent in 1945, calling the new product, Radarange. Their very first microwave oven was 6 feet tall, weighed 750 pounds, and cost around \$5,000. It wasn't until 1967 that a popular countertop model costing \$495 hit the market. Approximately 70 million microwave ovens are estimated to exist today.

Passive Income Corner...

Have you ever thought of creating passive income? What is the definition of Passive Income anyway?

Passive income is an **income** received on a regular basis, with little effort required to maintain it. It is closely related to the concept of "unearned **income**".

If you know someone that would like passive income using real estate we hope you feel comfortable introducing us to them ... we can show them how!

Want to Win a \$10 Starbucks Card? *It's Easy!*

Just answer the **quiz question** on page 2 and then send me your correct answer. Each month, all correct entries have an equal chance of winning! Put the word **QUIZ** in the subject line and send to: mark@dayspringbuyshouses.us

- **Last month's quiz:** *Which North African seaport's name is Spanish for white house?*
- **Answer:** *Casablanca*

Last month's winner: **Sorry no Winner** 😞



Buildings that Fix Themselves? Now Self-Repairing Concrete

Concrete is completely inflexible, which means that natural ground shifts can cause hairline cracks to form in concrete structures over time. When water seeps into these cracks, the concrete weakens and crumbles.

A Dutch inventor, Henk Jonkers, has discovered a form of bacteria that under the right conditions produces a clingy limestone that automatically grows to fill those hairline cracks.

To produce self-repairing concrete, the bacteria is stored in minuscule plastic bubbles along with calcium lactate, and then mixed with concrete. When water seeps into cracks in cured concrete, it melts the plastic shell, exposing the bacteria to the water, which activates the bacteria to start growing limestone.

Self-repairing concrete could significantly extend the life of vulnerable roads, bridges, staircases, and buildings. But hopefully it won't mean the return of brutalist architecture, a bulky and imposing style of building constructed of raw concrete. With self-repairing concrete, those structures might stand forever!



The Benefits of a Self-Directed IRA?

In addition to the tremendous IRA benefits (tax-free profits, tax deductions, asset protection and estate planning), you are able to invest tax-free in investments that you know and understand, which through the power of compounding interest, will create lasting wealth for you and your family.

Just for Fun: Walked into a Bar Jokes

You might need a drink or two to appreciate these groaners:

- An amnesiac walks into a bar, approaches a beautiful woman, and says, "So, do I come here often?"
- A skunk walks into a bar and says, "Hey, where did everybody go?"
- A fish walks into a bar. The bartender says, "What do you want?" The fish gasps, "Water."
- A priest, a rabbi, and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender looks at them and says, "Is this some kind of a joke?"
- A termite walks into a bar and says, "Is the bar tender here?"

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Do You Know Someone with an Empty Nest?

This is the time of year when some of the people you know start talking about moving. Their kids have just gone away to college, or for other reasons they want to downsize before the holidays hit.

Many find they simply don't need as much space to be happy, or they want to be out doing things like traveling, rather than taking care of a house. Some want to downsize to provide an extra source of retirement income or college funds. Whatever the reason, there are many wonderful opportunities in this new chapter of life...if a person knows how to get the most out of their current equity.

So the next time you're in a conversation with a friend, family member, or neighbor and they mention they want to adjust their space, take out your phone, look up my number and call or text me immediately. I can help them find a new home that better fits their needs for their next adventure in life.

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