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PROPERTY TITLE

Part of rebuilding New Orleans caused residents often to be challenged with the task of tracing home titles back potentially hundreds of years. With a community rich with history stretching back over two centuries, houses have been passed along through generations of family, sometimes making it quite difficult to establish ownership. Here's a great letter an attorney wrote to the FHA on behalf of a client:

A New Orleans lawyer sought an FHA loan for a client. He was told the loan would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to a parcel of property being offered as collateral. The title to the property dated back to 1803, which took the lawyer three months to track down. After sending the information to the FHA, he received the following reply.

(Actual reply from FHA):

"Upon review of your letter adjoining your client's loan application, we note that the request is supported by an Abstract of Title. While we compliment the able manner in which you have prepared and presented the applica-

tion, we must point out that you have only cleared title to the proposed collateral property back to 1803. Before final approval can be accorded, it will be necessary to clear the title back to its origin."

Annoyed, the lawyer responded as follows:

(Actual response):

"Your letter regarding title in Case No.189156 has been received. I note that you wish to have title extended further than the 206 years covered by the present application. I was unaware that any educated person in this country, particularly those working in the property area, would not know that Louisiana was purchased by the United States from France, in 1803 the year of origin identified in our application. For the edification of uninformed FHA bureaucrats, the title to the land prior to U.S. ownership was obtained from France, which had acquired it by Right of Conquest from Spain. The land came into the possession of Spain by Right of Discovery made in the year 1492 by a sea cap-

tain named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the Spanish monarch, Queen Isabella.

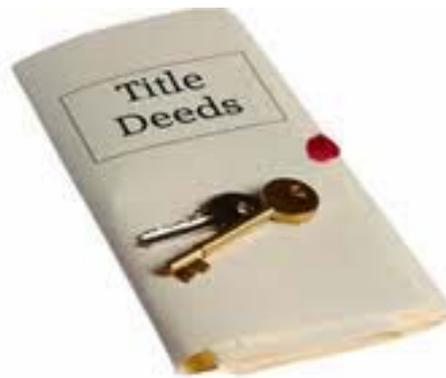
The good Queen Isabella, being a pious woman and almost as careful about titles as the FHA, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before she sold her jewels to finance Columbus's expedition...Now the Pope, as I'm sure you may know, is the emissary of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and God, it is commonly accepted, created this world. Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume

that God also made that part of the world called Louisiana. God, therefore, would be the owner of origin and His origins date back to

before the beginning of time, the world as we know it, and the FHA. I hope you find God's original claim to be satisfactory. Now, may we have our loan?"

The loan was immediately approved.

◆ Received from Mary Noland



Ducks Quack, Eagles Soar

No one can make you serve customers well...that's because great service is a choice. Harvey Mackay, tells a wonderful story about a cab driver that proved this point.

He was waiting in line for a ride at the airport.

When a cab pulled up,

the first thing Harvey noticed was that the taxi was polished to a bright shine. Smartly dressed in a white shirt, black tie, and freshly pressed black slacks, the cab driver jumped out and rounded the car to open the back passenger door for Harvey.

He handed my friend a laminated card and said: 'I'm Wally, your driver. While I'm loading your bags in the trunk I'd like you to read my mission statement.'

Taken aback, Harvey read the card. It said: Wally's Mission Statement: To get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest and cheapest way possible in a friendly environment.

This blew Harvey away. Especially when he noticed that the inside of the cab matched the outside. Spotlessly clean!

As he slid behind the wheel, Wally said, 'Would you like a cup



of coffee? I have a thermos of regular and one of decaf.' My friend said jokingly, 'No, I'd prefer a soft drink.' Wally smiled and said, 'No problem I have a cooler up front with regular and Diet Coke, water and orange juice' Almost stuttering, Harvey said, 'I'll take

a Diet Coke.'

Handing him his drink, Wally said, 'If you'd like something to read, I have The Wall Street Journal,

Time, Sports Illustrated and USA Today.'

As they were pulling away, Wally handed my friend another laminated card, These are the stations I get and the music they play, if you'd like to listen to the radio.'

And as if that weren't enough, Wally told Harvey that he had the air conditioning on

and asked if the temperature was comfortable for him. Then he advised Harvey of the best route to his destination for that time of day. He also let him know that he'd be happy to chat and tell him about some of the sights or, if Harvey preferred, to leave him with his own thoughts.

'Tell me, Wally,' my amazed friend asked the driver, 'have you always served customers like this?'

Wally smiled into the rear view

mirror. 'No, not always. In fact, it's only been in the last two years. My first five years driving, I spent most of my time complaining like all the rest of the cabbies do. Then I heard the personal growth guru, Wayne Dyer, on the radio one day.

He had just written a book called You'll See It When You Believe It. Dyer said that if you



get up in the morning expecting to have a bad day, you'll rarely disappoint yourself. He said, 'Stop complaining! Differentiate yourself from your competition. Don't be a duck. Be an eagle. Ducks quack and complain. Eagles soar above the crowd.

'That hit me right between the eyes,' said Wally. 'Dyer was really talking about me. I was always quacking and complaining, so I decided to change my attitude and become an eagle. I looked around at the other cabs and their drivers. The cabs were dirty, the drivers were unfriendly, and the customers were unhappy. So I decided to make some changes. I put in a few at a time. When my customers responded well, I did more.'

'I take it that has paid off for you,' Harvey said.

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ONALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
 MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
 EVENING SERVICE 5:pm

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TUESDAYS

AL-ANON MEETING
 6:00 PM

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WEDNESDAYS

BIBLE STUDY
 7:00 PM

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

ONALASKA FAMILY DAY
 MIDDLE SCHOOL
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 9:00 AM
 ~
 LADIES LUNCHEON
 12:00 NOON
 ~
 JAMES ARNESON CONCERT
 6:00 PM

**COMMUNITY
 EVENTS**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

TEA & PRAISE
 10:00 AM

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WEDNESDAY, 15th

SENIORS ON THE GO
 12:00 NOON

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THURSDAY, 16h

AMERICAN LEGION
 6:00 PM

**PNA
 EVENTS**

MINISTER'S WIVES RETREAT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 SEPTEMBER 10 & 11
 @
 MOUNT SCOTT CHURCH OF
 GOD
 PORTLAND, OREGON

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**CHRISTIAN WOMEN
 CONNECTION RETREAT**

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 SEPTEMBER 17 & 18
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**SPECIAL
 ANNOUCEMENTS**

Beginning on Monday, **September 20th** there will be a New Ladies Bible Study. Claudia Privette will be leading a study on the **Women of the Old Testament**. The study will be held in the church Fel-

lowship Hall from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Beginning Thursday evening **September 23rd** a Bible Study on the **Beatitudes** will be led by Kathleen Mulkins. This study will be held in the home of the Masseys, beginning at 7:00 P.M. and will ending at 8:00 P.M.

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 On every third Friday we will be providing food for the youth at the new Youth Center located next to the Water District office. We will be providing things such as cookies, sandwiches, relish and fruit trays, plus a hot dish. If you would like to help, please contact either, Pastor Mulkins, Pastor Esther or Claudia Privette.

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YOUNG LIFE BANQUET

On Monday, September 13 at 6:00 P.M. there will be a Young Life Fund Raising Banquet at **Centralia High School, 813 Eshom Road**. This banquet helps raise money to support Young Life in our community. We have joined with other churches in our community to support a Community Youth Director. She will be sharing her vision with us on September 19.

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



The Rummage & Bake Sale is finally here. The Fellowship Hall is completed enough for us to host our Annual Rummage & Bake Sale on **Thursday, 10:00 - 4:00, Friday, 10:00 - 4:00 and Saturday 10:00 - 3:00**, September 2nd through 4th. A special thanks to Lloyd, Katie and Matthew Norderlander who did a fine job of making the Fellowship Hall look so nice.



VALUE WHAT YOU HAVE!

The owner of a small business, a friend of the poet Olavo Bilac, met him on the street and asked him, "Mr. Bilac, I need to sell my small farm, the one you know so well. Could you please write an announcement for me for the paper?"

Bilac wrote, "For sale: A beautiful property, where birds sing at dawn in extensive woodland, bisected by the brilliant and sparkling waters of a large stream. The

house is bathed by the rising sun. It offers tranquil shade in the evenings on the veranda."

Sometime later, the poet met his friend and asked whether he had sold the property? To which he replied: "I've changed my mind. When I read what you had written, I realized the treasure that was mine."

Sometimes we underestimate the good things we have, chasing after mirages of false treasures. We often see people letting go of their children, their families, their spouses, their friends, their profession, their knowledge - accumulated over many years, their good health, the good things in life. They throw out what

God has given them so freely. Things which were nourished with so much care and effort.

Look around and appreciate what you have: your home, your loved ones, friends on whom you can really count, the knowledge you have gained, your good health and all the beautiful things of life, that are truly your most precious treasure.

We can no longer shower kindness on those we love after they have died; it is useless to want to re-do the work that we may have done negligently.

It's best to appreciate and do things

well now.

Ask God, at every moment, that our problems and concerns never degenerate into feelings of sadness and anxiety. Be in union with God, who will provide the courage needed for victory in the struggle; because God gives with abundance what we need. We are all imperfect. Always praise and value your family. Do all you can to make it even better. Always praise and value your work-companions. See what you can do to improve your environment. Instead of isolating yourself because of weakness or failure, seek to invest in true and constructive friendships in your life.

◆ Received from Joe Downs

DUCKS & EAGLES

From page 2

'It sure has,' Wally replied.

'My first year as an eagle, I doubled

my income from the previous year. This year I'll probably quadruple it. You were lucky to get me today. I don't sit at cabstands anymore. My customers call me for appointments on my cell phone or leave a message on my answering machine. If I can't pick them up myself, I get a reliable cabbie friend to do it and I take a piece of the action.'

Wally was phenomenal. He was running a limo service out of a Yellow Cab. I've probably told that story to more than fifty cab drivers over the years, and only two took the idea and ran with it. Whenever I go to their cities, I give them a call. The rest of the drivers quacked like ducks and told me all the reasons they couldn't do any of what I was suggesting.

Wally the Cab Driver made a different choice. He decided to stop quacking like ducks and start soaring like eagles.

How about us? Smile, and the whole world smiles with you... The ball is in our hands! A man reaps what he sows. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up... let us do good to all people.

Ducks Quack, Eagles Soar.

◆ Received from Ruth Bushnell



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Only two were able to come up with the correct answer to last month's quiz. Katie Jackson and Pastor Hossler. The answer is found in the 22 chapter of I Samuel. The man who did the killing was Doeg, he served Saul and David was the one who got away. Doeg killed the priest Ahimelech and eighty-four others.

Here is this month's quiz.

*I had no soul when I was born
But I gained one quick before
too long
But I lost it soon I'm sad to say
It just upped and went away.*

*Now if you want my name don't
bother to look
I'm sad to say it's not in the Book
But my story's there I know it's
true.
And if you know it there's a
candy bar just for you.*

used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Papa,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love, Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Papa,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love, Vinnie

catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists, saying that the game is a lot of fun. I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5. Then you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500, he says.

This catches the senior's attention and to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. 'What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?'

The senior doesn't say a word, but reaches into his pocket, pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer.

Now it's the senior's turn. He asks the lawyer, 'What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?'

The lawyer uses his laptop and searches all references he could find on the Net. He sends e-mails to all the smart friends he knows; all to no avail. After an hour of searching, he finally gives up.

He wakes the senior and hands him \$500. The senior pockets the \$500 and goes right back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the senior up and asks, 'Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?'

The senior reaches into his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5 and goes back to sleep.

◆ Received from Joe Downs



TOMATO GARDEN

An Old Italian lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard.



His only son, Vincent, who

DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS CITIZENS

A lawyer and a senior citizen are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The lawyer is thinking that seniors are so dumb that he could get one over on them easy. So the lawyer asks if the senior would like to play a fun game. The senior is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to