



**Quote of the Month:** Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

- Thomas A. Edison

### BAN THE BOTTLE!

Concord, Massachusetts has become one of the first communities in the U.S. to **ban the sale** of single-serving plastic water bottles.

Octogenarian Jean Hill lead the charge, saying in an interview, "The bottled water companies are draining our aquifers and selling it back to us."

The Town of Concord's website describes the bylaw, stating "It shall be unlawful to sell non-sparkling, unflavored drinking water in single-serving polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles of 1 liter (34 ounces) or less in the Town of Concord on or after January 1, 2013." There is an exemption for an "emergency adversely affecting the availability and/or quality of drinking water to Concord residents."

The first offense results in a warning, the second in a \$25 fine, and the third (and each following offense) in a \$50 fine. Concord's Health Division staff are in charge of enforcing the ban.

To read this entire article go to: <http://tinyurl.com/bd49455>

**Below are some interesting reasons to "Ban The Bottle":**

- \* The recommended eight glasses of water a day, at U.S. tap rates equals about \$.49 per year; that same amount of bottled water is about \$1,400
  - \* It takes 17 million barrels of oil per year to make all the plastic water bottles used in the U.S. alone. That's enough oil to fuel 1.3 million cars for a year
  - \* In 2007, Americans consumed over 50 billion single serve bottles of water. With a recycling rate of only 23%, over 38 billion bottles end up in landfills
  - \* Antimony, which is found in PET plastic bottles, in small doses can cause dizziness and depression; in larger doses it can cause nausea, vomiting and death.
- For more on this topic go to: <http://tinyurl.com/bb5gr76>



### METH IMPACTED HOMES

PART 1 OF A SERIES

The production of methamphetamine is alarmingly simple, composed of readily available, household items. The resulting chemical cocktail permeates nearly every surface of the home and property, exposure to which can lead to cancer, organ damage and numerous other health problems, particularly to children. The effects on homes and property are long-lasting and cleanup requires a hazardous materials team. In the next few months our Newsletter will be sharing the problems that meth impacted homes impose on REALTORS® and property managers. We will be sharing warning signs, disclosure laws and hazardous effects of meth and meth labs on humans and property.

**IS THERE A METH LAB OPERATION ON YOUR PROPERTY?**

What to look for:

- Strong chemical odors (e.g., ether, cat urine, ammonia)
- Blacked-out windows
- Frequent visitors at odd times
- Rent payments made in cash
- Excessive trash (fuel cans, antifreeze containers, other household products)
- Red-stained walls; stripped batteries; blue, corroded valves on propane cylinders



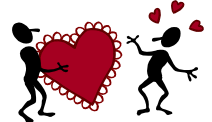
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Source: Life After Meth, (Journal of Property Management, May/June 2003, p 62-66) and National Association of Realtors.

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### February Events

- 02/01 - All Employee Meeting - 8:00 a.m.
- 02/09 - Happy Birthday Damion Jordan!
- 02/11 - Insurance Personal Lines Meeting - 8:00 a.m.
- 02/12 - Happy Birthday Barbara Waldo!
- 02/12 - Malheur County Board of Realtors Meeting
- 02/14 - Happy Valentines Day!!
- 02/18 - President's Day - All Offices Closed
- 02/19 - Real Estate Office Meeting
- 02/21 - Happy Birthday Myra Attebery!
- Mondays - Insurance Commercial Lines Meeting - 8:00



### Real Estate Market Statistics For 2012 Residential

Canyon County (Idaho)

**Total Listed:** 4,456- **Number Sold:** 3,181 - **Avg. Sale Price Sold:** \$111,292

Malheur County (Oregon)

**Total Listed:** 341 - **Number Sold:** 186 - **Avg. Sale Price Sold :** \$103,634

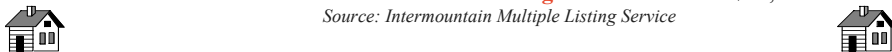
Payette County (Idaho)

**Total Listed:** 441 - **Number Sold:** 266 - **Avg. Sale Price Sold:** \$115,822

Washington County (Idaho)

**Total Listed:** 237 - **Number Sold:** 100 - **Avg. Sale Price Sold:** \$97,841

Source: Intermountain Multiple Listing Service



### What People Are Saying



**Cathy Myers**  
Sales Associate, ID

"We enjoyed working with your office. The ladies that were working with us were very helpful. We would recommend Waldo of New Plymouth to anyone. Cathy Myers is awesome!!  
~Troy and Angie Buck



## 20 REASONS YOUR CO-WORKERS DON'T LIKE YOU

Here are the next 5 reasons your colleagues might dislike you. Continued from last month.

**11. You talk too much:** You offer a constant verbal onslaught and the innocent, polite query of how you are doing results in a lengthy exploration of your roommate situation, mysterious rash and the last episode of "Dancing With the Stars." You have to tell everyone about the lunch you ate, the book you read and the toxins in your shampoo. Zip it. For your own sake. Think "need to know basis."



**12. You're a control freak:** You need to do everything yourself because you don't trust anyone else not to mess it up. Then, and now I'm just piling it on, you complain that you're doing all the work. Gah!

**13. You're inappropriate:** You tell dirty jokes and make people uncomfortable, then you look around with a "Come on, guys! What?" expression. You swear and you talk about sex. Keep it clean respectful. When it comes to jokes and language, play to the most uptight person in the room, not the least. The same applies to dressing inappropriately. You know what cues to take as to your attire. Take them.

**14. You brag:** You know that guy who has to tell everyone how WELL he's doing? How much the boss likes him? How big his car and house are? He has to let you know about every deal he closes and every woman he sleeps with? Don't be that guy. Yeah, we all know he's just insecure. But don't be him.

**15. You're not friendly:** You don't show an interest in the people around you, ask about their lives, or compliment their shoes. You don't sponsor people in their runs for cancer research or offer to buy coffee. You never want to have lunch together, listen to a story or share a joke. You suck. ~ Source - [www.ragan.com](http://www.ragan.com)—Elizabeth Bromstein

## WORTH THE PAPER IT'S PRINTED ON?

### A HISTORY OF THE BANKNOTE

Governments print it, misers hoard it under their mattresses, rich people light their cigars with it - but where does the idea of paper money come from, anyway?

China, actually. The banknote apparently originated during the Tang Dynasty (7th century), to replace bulky copper coins carried by merchants. The coins were minted with rectangular holes in their center so they could be strung together on cords, but wealthy merchants found that lugging their coins around was difficult.

A system was born in which merchants left their coins with a trusted agent in exchange for a note stating exactly how much money was being held. The merchant could return the note at any time to redeem his or her coins, and in time paper money called "jiaozi" evolved.

In Europe, banknotes first came into use in the 14th century. The term "banknote" derives from nota di banco. The holder of a note could redeem it for an amount of silver or gold held on deposit with a bank.

In the New World, the Massachusetts Bay Colony was the first of the American colonies to circulate its own banknotes in the early 1690s, but all 13 colonies were issuing their own notes by the early 1700s.

The First Bank of the United States, chartered by Congress in 1789 shortly after the signing of the Constitution, was authorized to issue banknotes, but the U.S. federal government didn't start printing its own paper money until 1862.



### Not Going Well...

A man was on a blind date, but realized that he just couldn't stand the woman he was with. He had arranged earlier to have a friend call him to see how it was going. If it was going well, he wouldn't answer the phone. If not, he would answer and get a good excuse to end the date. Finally, his phone rang. He answered it and listened with a sad look on his face. "I'll be right there," he said into the phone. "What's wrong?" asked his date. "Well, I have some bad news. My grandfather just died." "Oh thank goodness!" she exclaimed. "If yours hadn't, mine would have had to!"



### ROMANCE ON A SHOESTRING

A surprise dinner on the Riviera. A huge diamond ring. Sounds like a great Valentine's Day, huh? Well, for the rest of us, there is reality! Here are some ideas to show your love without breaking the bank.



**A Getaway** ~ You may be able to swing a night away. Look for a local bed and breakfast. Or go all out to make a weekend at home "super special", seeming like a getaway.

**Dancing in the Dark** ~ Make a romantic evening dancing in your living room. Turn the lights down, light some candles, and put on some dance tunes.

**Love Letters** ~ Taking the time to write someone a love letter can mean more than any other gift you can give. Spend some time thinking about all that he or she means to you and then put it down on paper. This gift that is sure to be appreciated and saved.

**Go Fly a Kite** ~ Spend Valentine's afternoon outdoors together flying a kite. You can find inexpensive kites at most toy stores or consider spending an hour first making your own.



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### **10 THINGS TO STOP SHARING ON FACEBOOK**

Tiny Timmy's toilet training, your eternal love for your spouse, your eternal hatred for your cubemate—no one cares. Foursquare? Farmville? Oh, please! **Just. Stop. Now.**

There's no denying Facebook can be a great tool. It helps us connect with friends, family, colleagues, and acquaintances in real time. We can let people know what's going on in our lives. However, some people reveal a little too much about their lives. Here are 10 things you should stop sharing on Facebook:

#### **1. Pregnancy and childbirth specifics**

There are certain details about your pregnancy and childbirth process that I do not need to know about. For instance, I had a friend who updated frequently how far along she was. Your family might want to know, but all high school classmates really don't need to know how many centimeters dilated you are.

#### **2. Small baby milestones**

We get it. You're so excited little Timmy learned how to roll over, how he just cut his first tooth, or how he just called you Momma for the first time. This is big news for your family, but not so much for 500 of your closest Facebook friends. Posting these "milestone" photos every day gets borderline annoying. If you must share every little milestone, create a private Facebook group and share with the people who really want to know.

#### **3. Potty training photos and tips**

You might find it adorable and be incredibly relieved that little Timmy went pee-pee on the toilet for the first time, but the majority of your friends on Facebook don't really care. Again, if you want to exchange stories, create a private Facebook group.

#### **4. Medical side effects/conditions**

Facebook is not WebMD. Please stop sharing your and your kids' medical side effects. It can be uncomfortable and potentially nauseating to see in our newsfeeds, and trying to get a diagnosis on Facebook is potentially dangerous. Save it for WebMD, or call your doctor's office.

#### **5. Foursquare check-ins**

Besides being completely unnecessary to cross-post on every social media site, they can also be dangerous. Most of us don't care that you went to Olive Garden and Walmart today. Beyond that, it's just an open invitation for creepy stalkers.

#### **6. Lovey-dovey notes**

We get it. You're madly involved with your significant other. However, when you post lengthy updates about how your boyfriend is the best boyfriend every single week, it gets a little annoying. Send private Facebook messages or texts to your boyfriend and BFF instead.

#### **7. Passive-aggressive comments**

These are my favorites, the ones where people post a generic rant about something or someone but they don't disclose who it is. It's super childish behavior. Please stop this.

#### **8. Intimate relationship details**

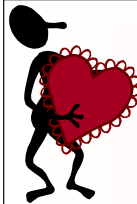
All your Facebook friends do not need to know that you've been romantic, or any details surrounding said event.

#### **9. How much you hate your job**

This one isn't just petty and childish, but could have real consequences. Unless you want to stand in line at your local unemployment office, it's best not to rant about how much you hate your job, your boss, or your annoying co-worker(s).

#### **10. Social game announcements**

Contrary to what you might think, the rest of the world doesn't care that you reached another milestone in Farmville or CafeWorld. Please stop auto-sharing these announcements. . ~ Source - [www.ragan.com](http://www.ragan.com)



Jeff took his new girlfriend to a football game. They found their seats and were watching the pregame activity. As the team took the field, Jeff said, "Hey, do you see number 44 out there. I expect him to be our best man next year." His girlfriend hugged him and said, "Well that is the strangest way I've ever heard for a guy to propose to a girl. But I accept!"

### **DID YOU KNOW: TABLE MANNERS**

\* At a formal place setting, the silverware should be placed so that the utensils are used from outside to inside. In other words, the salad fork should be placed farther from the plate than the dessert fork. \* When eating bread from a common breadbasket, place your bread on your plate first. Then take some butter and place it on your plate as well. Use this to butter your bread. Do not take butter from the butter dish and directly butter your bread. \* To eat soup, dip your soup spoon into the bowl and scoop away from you. Only fill your spoon about two-thirds full and sip it from the side of the spoon. Never slurp. \* Once used, a utensil should not be placed back on the table. It should be laid on a flat dish or plate. \* Salt and pepper should always be passed together, even if someone asks only for one. \* To indicate that you are finished eating, place your knife and fork on the plate so that they are parallel to each other, at the eleven o'clock position (a diagonal from bottom right to top left) with the points facing away from you. Place your napkin on the table, not on your plate or on your chair. \* If you are unsure of what to do next in a formal dinner setting, simply take your cues from your host. You can sit, eat, put your napkin on the table, and leave as soon as your host does so, unless you are asked to do otherwise.



**New Listing!**

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### **Overnight French Toast**

Put bread in bottom of greased 9x13 pan. Beat cream cheese & sugar, mix in whipcream & sugar until fluffy. In separate bowl, whisk eggs, vanilla, cinnamon and pinch of salt. Fold into cream cheese mixture. Pour over bread, over and refrigerate overnight. Cook at 350 for 30 minutes. **I made it 2 days ahead and it worked out GREAT!**  
*Submitted by Dee Anne Mosman.*

7 cups of French bread cut into cubes (shave off bottom crust)  
3 oz. cream cheese softened  
4 Tablespoons sugar  
8 oz. whipping cream  
1/2 cup of maple syrup  
6 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon






# TVCC SCIENCE CENTER



Dana Young  
TVCC President

The Treasure Valley Community College Science Center opened for classes on January 7, 2013!

The *Imagine. Invest. Inspire.* Capital Campaign was TVCC's largest fundraising campaign and it was met with incredible support and inspiring dedication from local community members.

In just over a year and half, the College raised more than \$3 million towards the matching funds needed to receive the additional \$3 million from the State of Oregon to construct this new science building. To say this new building is a dream come true is simply an understatement.

Seeing students walk through these doors to learn and train in state-of-the-art labs and classrooms is the realization of a promise we made years ago and one that our community made possible.

At the beginning of the campaign, I'm told many were skeptical. Not because of the need, but simply because of the state of the economy. That's what makes this success so incredible. Despite the national economy, local donors saw the need for this project and identified it as an investment in not just the College, but the community.

Providing new technologies and enhanced science programs at TVCC will not only help recruit new students and businesses to our local community, but it will provide access to these essential courses to those who already live and work here – fueling the opportunities for continued economic growth. We know the best way to encourage students to stay in our local communities is to make instructional programs in high demand careers accessible and affordable.

We are currently working on the donor wall that will proudly showcase our Business Partners and major donors who contributed to this project.

We've set our grand-opening and official naming ceremony for March 19<sup>th</sup>. This gives us time to finish a few more details, finalize the donor recognition wall and make sure the faculty and students have had a chance to settle into the new classrooms and labs this term.

Please mark your calendars for 4 p.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup> and plan to tour the new building, enjoy community connections and help continue the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

Thank you for all that you do for TVCC! ~ Dana Young

IMAGINE. INVEST. INSPIRE.

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4 p.m. ~ March 19, 2013



**You imagined it! You invested in it! Now this new building will inspire students for generations to come!**

