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Dear Reader,



This July we celebrate our nation's 237th birthday. But in a deeper sense we're celebrating **The American Dream**: The privilege of **freedom** that allows each of us to live as we choose and to pursue our own distinct potential. American Dreams have been built on the bedrock of faith, freedom, hard work and sacrifice since 1776. As a proud member of the Real Estate Industry which has brought **The American Dream of Homeownership** to so many, we stand proudly with you and shout - **"Happy Birthday America!"**

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Articles For July 2013

Recipes!

The All American Holiday!

The Fourth of July is the quintessential All American Holiday! Americans all over the world celebrate our independence with parades, outdoor concerts, jaw dropping fireworks displays and of course, All American food! Dig in, display your flag and celebrate!



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Holiday Style

Patriotic Craft Ideas

This month we offer hot ideas on decorating for the Fourth, some dreamily inviting nap locales, style for your deck and a smorgasbord of patio designs that will definitely start your creative juices flowing.



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What Homebuyers Desire Today



This month, Consumer Corner offers sellers insights on what home buyers want, factors that devalue a good home, top DIY mistakes and tips on properly maintaining your pool. Read on!



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Health & Wellness

Our July H&W section highlights a variety of health related items: summer swimming pool safety for kids, heart attacks and the lifestyles that can lead to them, and finally, whole grains that are not all created equal.



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THE STORY OF CAPTAIN NATHAN HALE



Nathan Hale was born in Connecticut in 1755. He grew up handsome, talented and an exceptional athlete. He was cheerful in his disposition, truthful, and favored by friends.

He was barely twenty years old when The Revolutionary War began. His plans to become a minister gave way to a duty to serve his country. Hale volunteered, quickly made lieutenant, then shortly, under General Washington, Captain.

The summer of 1776 was one of despair for Americans. General Washington needed to know the British war strategy. The only way of getting this "intelligence" was to place a spy behind British lines. A number of men were asked to volunteer. All said no. When Captain Hale was approached he replied promptly, "I'll go."

Hale spent several weeks among the British and gathered the documentation Washington needed. Unfortunately, as he awaited his escape he was betrayed and captured.

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Standing before British General Howe he was asked, "Who are you?"

"Captain Nathan Hale, of the Continental army," he replied.

"You have been within our lines seeking information?"

"I have, sir."

"And you seem to have obtained it," added Howe looking over the papers.

"Yes. And I am sorry that I could not place those in the hands of General Washington."

General Howe continued:

"No doubt. And you are aware of the punishment for spying?"

"I am sir; and I am ready for whatever you deem right to do with me."

Lord Howe admired the young patriot. Without boasting, he confessed to spying and asked for no mercy. He wanted to spare him, but could not, so he ordered him hanged.

The next morning Captain Hale was led to the gallows. Just before his execution, he turned to tearful bystanders and said:

"My only regret is that I have but one life to give to my country."

No one knows where his body is buried, but in New York's City Hall Park a statue of Nathan Hale stands today.

It depicts the selfless patriot, on his face an expression of calm nobility and stoic courage.

