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A Word From Craig

Where There's A Will, There's A Way

An old man lived alone in a village. He wanted to prepare his potato garden, but it was hard work. His only son, who would have helped him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and mentioned his situation:

Dear Son,

I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my potato garden this year. I hate to miss doing the garden, because your mother always loved planting time. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me, if you weren't in prison.

Love, Dad

Shortly, the old man received a telegram back from his son: *"For Heaven's sake, Dad, don't dig up the garden! That's where I buried the GUNS!"*

At 6:00 the next morning, a dozen agents and local police officers showed up and dug up the entire garden without finding any guns. Confused, the old man wrote another note to his son telling him what happened, and asked him what to do next.

His son's reply was: *"Go ahead and plant your potatoes, Dad. It's the best I could do for you from here."*

No matter what your circumstances in the world, if you have the will to help someone, you can find a way. Feel comfortable introducing me to the people you care about that I may be able to help. Have a great month, Craig

Chuckle of the Month

A real estate agent was knocking on doors of homes in his farm area. At one house it was clear that someone was at home, but his repeated knocks at the door went unanswered. So, he took out one of his business cards and scribbled "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it, stuck it in the door, and went about his rounds.

When he got back to the office the next day, the receptionist gave him a business card. It was his own, and he recognized the "Revelation 3:20" he wrote the day before. In a very neat handwriting, a cryptic message was added: "Genesis 3:10".

Later, when checking the Bible verse, he couldn't help but break into gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Genesis 3:10 reads: "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."



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Not intended to solicit those
already under contract

Market Stats - Sales and Price Up Year-Over-Year in March 2015

- “Home sales increased compared to last year as the cost of home ownership remained affordable, with lower interest rates going a long way to mitigate the effect of rising home prices. However, a substantial amount of pent-up demand remains in place, especially as it relates to low-rise market segments. This suggests that strong competition between buyers, which has fuelled strong price growth so far this year, will continue to be experienced throughout the spring,” said Mr. Etherington.
- In March, the average selling price for all reported transactions was \$613,933 – up 10% year-over-year.

	New Listings	Active Listings	Avg. Sold Price	Avg. Days on Market
Durham Region	1,527	1,142	101%	15
Eastern GTA	1,318	976	104%	15
York	2,949	2,717	101%	18

To read the full Market Watch Report, visit my website at www.HomesWithCraig.com

This Month's Recipe

Pasta Primavera

Ingredients

- Kosher salt
- 12 ounces fusilli or other corkscrew pasta
- 1/2 pound sugar snap peas, halved lengthwise, or broccoli florets (or a combination)
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup roughly chopped fresh mint
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 4 ounces goat cheese, crumbled

Per serving: Calories 638; Fat 27 g (Saturated 10 g); Cholesterol 33 mg; Sodium 841 mg; Carbohydrate 77 g; Fiber 7 g; Protein 24 g

Directions

- Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the fusilli and cook as the label directs. Add the sugar snap peas and/or broccoli, carrots and bell pepper to the boiling water during the last 2 minutes of cooking. Reserve 1/2 cup cooking water, then drain the pasta and vegetables and return to the pot.
- Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook until just golden, about 30 seconds. Add the tomatoes, red pepper flakes and 1 teaspoon salt; cook until the tomatoes begin to wilt, about 2 minutes. Stir in 1/4 cup of the reserved cooking water. Pour the tomato mixture over the pasta and vegetables. Add the mint, parmesan and half the goat cheese and toss to combine. Season with salt.
- Divide the pasta among bowls. Top with the remaining goat cheese and drizzle with olive oil.



Source: www.foodnetwork.com

Ask Tracey

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Q. Hi Tracey! Can you help us with a suggestion for our new home's windows? They are bare right now and we'll want some privacy until we can buy something more permanent.

A. Great question, there's always at least one room in a new home that needs window coverings. Matchstick blinds win this one hands down. They add texture and warmth to any room, look great in all seasons, their colours are neutral and they complement both traditional and contemporary styles. When the time comes to hang permanent fabrics, matchstick blinds also work beautifully with drapes, curtains or valances. Best of all, this window covering can be found at just about any price point to work within everyone's budget.

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