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Happy New Year 2019

This starts a 13 month series of 13 Ways Buyers Can Step Up Their Game When Buying A House

1. Home buying Is Not What You See On Television

In a hot market, buyers are frequently not prepared to do what it takes to win: act quickly and decisively and present a strong offer at the beginning. Too many buyers are watching too much HGTV and think they "know better." It generally requires that they lose out on a few houses before they understand that they are not in control. The sting of losing a house they love is sometimes the best teacher.

- Thomas McCormack, Resources Real Estate

Tip of the month

Clean your dryer vents and avoid a house fire

Every time you use your dryer, you're adding a little bit of lint to the vent. This means the dryer is less efficient at cooling down and will take longer to dry your clothes. But it also turns dryers into fire hazards.

Remove the vent at the back of the dryer and vacuum the area. Alternatively, use a cleaning kit to make sure you're maintaining this vital part of your home.

FROM THE LIGHTER SIDE
Locked Out

One rainy evening, my husband, John, and I emerged from a restaurant only to find that he had locked the keys in the car. He insisted he could open the door with a wire coat hanger, so we went back to the restaurant to get one. There were none to be found.

John then ran to a department store a quarter-mile away and returned with a hanger. After a few attempts, he got the door open and we climbed in. As we sat there, soaked and cold, he stuck the hanger under his seat.

With a smug grin, he said, "Now if this ever happens again, I'll have one handy."

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