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**Tom's Thoughts >>>**



### Do You Like Change?

**Change.** I think most people are **resistance** to change in their lives. It is simply easier to keep doing what you are doing, rather than **taking chances** with life changes.

So, do **you** like changes or are you more of a **'let's keep things the same'** person?

On a scale of 1 to 10, I am probably in the **7-8 range** in liking change. For me, it usually takes a bit for my **logical brain** to grab hold of a change idea. But once I do, then I can get **excited** about the change!

Certainly, our latest move falls into that category. It would have been **MUCH simpler** leave things as they were, but we knew it was time to move. In fact, **moving** is a fairly common change for us. About every 8-10 years we are **changing the scenery** in our lives.

Including Ohio to Rutledge and then to Madison, Georgia. To Bozeman and then to Livingston, Montana. To Quitman, Bryan and now Georgetown Texas.

**I think the key is change is not about readiness, it is about courage!**

*Til May! Tom*

## Spring Cleaning - Digitally

**'Spring Cleaning' is a dirty word, right?** I know it is for me, but here's the thing, **now** is a great time to take a few minutes (or a little more), roll up the sleeves and tackle all those **'dust bunnies'** in your digital life!

**Why Clean Up?** Think of it this way, just like a **cluttered room** can make us feel **overwhelmed**, a cluttered digital space can impact our mental **clarity** and **productivity**. Emails piled up like digital **mountains**, files scattered across our desktops like **confetti**, and social media feeds that feel more like an endless scroll of **chaos** than a place of connection. It's time for a digital detox.

- 1. Tame the Email Beast that is your Inbox!** **Unsubscribe** from newsletters and companies that no longer spark joy. Create folders for essential emails and use filters and rules to bypass the inbox for low-priority messages. I am **brutal** when it comes to **unsubscribing** from emails and marking spam as **SPAM**. Your future self will high-five you for it.

**DIGITAL DECLUTTER CHECKLIST**

- Delete Unused Apps** (Save Space For Selfies)
- Organize Your Photos (& Scrap Bad Selfies)** (Delete Those Questionable Pics)
- Unfriend Exes On Social Media** (Ain't Nobody Got Time For That)
- Declutter Your Desktop Or Homescreen** (Cleanliness Is Godliness)
- Check For Software Updates** (Stay Up To Date)
- Become One With The Cloud & Sync All Devices** (Zen And The Art Of Backing Up Data)

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## The AffiliatePartner250 → \$500 Sweepstakes

# The AffiliatePartner250 Program Paid Has Paid Out \$2250!

1. For every **AffiliatePartner250 Client Referral**, you get an entry in the **\$500 Sweepstakes**. The \$500 will be awarded after every 5<sup>th</sup> AffiliatePartner250 Payout! Currently, we have **Two** AffiliatePartner250 referral on the books. **Only 3 more and someone will get an extra \$500 CASH. Could be you!**
2. The next way to earn **\$500 CASH** is after every 5<sup>th</sup> AffiliatePartner250 Client Referral you earn **\$500 in CASH**. That is **\$1750 CASH in your Pocket!**

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2. **Clear off your Digital Desktop!** Whether that is on your **computer, iPad or phone**. If it is feeling like a **treasure hunt** every time you are looking for, it is time! Just make a very **simple** (simple is the key here) filing/folder system to put stuff in.
3. **Social Media Crazyness Cleanup!** This is a tough one, but this can be a **HUGE Mental Boost**. **Unfollow** accounts that leave you feeling **drained**, and change your feed to be a source of **inspiration** and **positive vibes**. Remember, your time and attention are **precious**. **Invest** them wisely instead of mindless scrolling.
4. **Ugh, SECURITY!** This is probably the hardest **BUT the MOST IMPORTANT!** With our lives increasingly online, your **security is more important** than ever. Update those passwords (and maybe don't make them all 'password1234'). Always use **two factor authentication** (where it sends a code to your phone or email) if available. Consider a password manager to keep things **locked up tight** but easily accessible to you.
5. **Is your Tech Good? Or Bad?** Apps and notifications are designed to **hook your attention**. Whether it is Instagram/Facebook **notifications, email** notifications or the **countless apps** that are on your phone and computer. It's time to **take back control**. Set boundaries for how and when you engage with technology. For example, **I turn off my email** when I am writing this newsletter or working on programming. **Turn off notifications** entirely or at least after a **certain hour** or having tech-free zones in your home. Find what feels right for you.

### The Takeaway

A digital spring clean isn't just about tidying up; it's about creating a space that **supports your well-being and productivity**. It's about making room for the things that **truly matter – both online and off**.

So, **here's to fresh starts and clean slates!** Remember how great it is to get a new phone or computer with nothing but the essentials on it? Those were the days! **Your Digital Clean Up will lead to a more mindful, organized, and joyful life.**

## April Prank Parade

### Are you Brave Enough?

**The Classic Autocorrect Prank:** Change a few words in your friend's phone autocorrect settings. For instance, "yes" to "no," or 'Mom' to Dad' and see how long it takes them to notice.

**Mouse That Won't Move:** Place a small piece of tape over the bottom sensor of someone's computer mouse. Watch as they try to figure out why it's not working.

**The Ol' Caramel Onion:** Coat an onion in caramel, making it look like a caramel apple. Offer it to a friend and wait for their reaction upon taking a bite.

**Soap That Won't Lather:** Cover a bar of soap with clear nail polish and leave it in the shower. It won't lather, leaving the user puzzled.

**Voice Activated Appliances:** Put up signs in the office kitchen or home saying the appliances are now voice-activated. Watch as people hilariously try to talk to them.

**The Phantom Vibrations:** Place a small wireless Bluetooth speaker in a hidden spot near someone and play intermittent vibrating phone sounds. They'll be searching for that non-existent buzzing phone for ages.

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- APRIL
- RAINBOW
- BLOOM
- GROW
- BUTTERFLY
- BLOSSOM
- DAFFODIL
- BUD
- GRASS
- ROBIN
- GREEN
- THAW
- TULIP
- UMBRELLA
- SUNSHINE
- RAIN



Top 10 Passwords

Here are the **10 most common passwords** according to cybersecurity reports and research of hacked accounts:

1. 123456
2. Password
3. 12345678
4. qwerty
5. 12345
6. 123456789
7. letmein
8. 1234567
9. Football
10. lloveyou

If these look familiar, it is time to change them!

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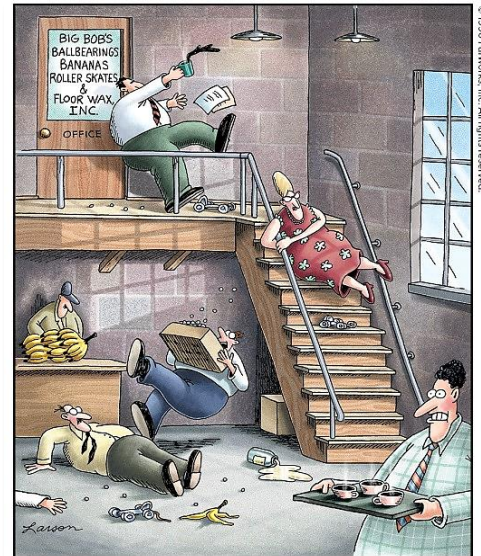
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**2024**

Front Range Casa recently upgraded their 9-year-old website! Just look at the **difference** a modern website makes in the pics above!

**APRIL BEAT THE TAXMAN SPECIAL!** Upgrade your website this April and not only beat the taxman with a **\$500 discount** but also jazz up its **style**, make it **phone-friendly**, boost its **professionalism**, and lock down the **security**. Stay **modern** and make sure your website reflects you and your business in **this new day and age!**

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