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PLEASE, DO-NOT-CALL

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A few weeks ago, I had settled at home for the evening. I was sitting in my favorite chair with a bowl of popcorn in my lap and my favorite TV mystery series, Law and Order, just ready to start. Just as the plot started, the telephone rang. Thinking it might be important, I jump up to answer the call. It was someone telling me about their unbelievable credit card offer. After a quick no thanks, I resumed my TV watching position.

Just as I was catching up with the plot, the phone rang again. This time I was given a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to purchase a cemetery plot. Another, slightly less polite, no thank you. Before I was even able to get comfortable, I was again summoned by the ringing phone. This time it was a salesman for Satellite TV. They just "happen to be in my neighborhood" and wanted to install a system for "free". I told him I just want to get back to my own TV and please do not call again.

By now I had lost track of the plot and was rather frustrated with the interruptions. The phone rang again. I thought I might just ignore it this time, but by the fourth ring I was afraid it might be important. This time I was greeted by a speech about how low mortgage interest rates were and I just had to refinance now!!!! I was completely out of patience. The plot of the mystery was lost. I looked at the trail of spilled popcorn leading from my easy chair to the phone and just lost it. I decided to see just how much this "mortgage expert" really knew. After about 15 minutes of trying to respond to my intense questioning, she finally hung-up on me!!!! I don't think she will be calling back.

Fortunately, I have found a better way to handle these annoying folks. I just signed up for the new free National Do-Not-Call Registry run by the FTC (Federal Trade Commission). It was easy. I just went to www.donotcall.gov to register. You can also call toll free to 888-382-1222 to register by phone. If you call, you must call from the phone you want to register. The whole process took only a couple of minutes. On October 1, 2003 the FTC will start enforcing the program with fines up to \$11,000.

Thanks,

Harry Gribnitz
Your Home Loan Specialist for Life!

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