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PROPERTIES

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Hi!

Over the years, I've sold many homes belonging to people who, having had enough of the country's crime problems, decided to immigrate.

So it was with interest that I read an article by Justin Foxton, founder of the "Stop Crime Say Hello" (www.sayhello.co.za) project the other day in which he contextualizes violent crime in South Africa.

And the first thing he notes is that a high percentage of the country's violent crime takes place between people who know each other (same as in any other country to the best of my knowledge). "Rowing spouses, drunken siblings, jilted lovers, angry teenagers, disgruntled staff, unhappy colleagues" ... according to Justin, murders between people who know each other account for 82% of all murders in our country with 'only' 18% being the result of hijackings or robbery in its broadest context. He believes that if we live our lives around peace, good-will, charity, fairness, generosity and in a way that resolves conflict speedily and satisfactorily with staff, family and those we know, we have roughly a 0.007% chance of being murdered in a 'random' attack by a stranger.

Compared with the odds of dying in a car accident (300 times more likely), dying of smoking-related diseases (15 000 times more likely) or even committing suicide (which people are twice as likely to do), that's good news!

And here's some more good news: according to Cees Bruggemans, Chief Economist for First National Bank (www.fnb.co.za/economics) "Though we are currently still experiencing the worst of times, stabilization is already months underway and the first general uptick in GDP is very close, even if the data will take time divulging its mysterious secrets."

Until next time: ciao ciao

Famous buildings in PE: No. 7 Castle Hill



Situated in the city centre, No 7 Castle Hill is a Victorian house museum dating back to 1827. The house is a declared National Monument. This picturesque cottage is one of the oldest remaining dwelling houses in Port Elizabeth and is furnished as a family home of the mid-Victorian period, depicting the early Settler way of life.

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Featured properties: June '09

Walmer Heights

R1,750m



A rare chance to buy in sought-after Wensley Dale. This immaculate home offers: 4 living areas, 3 bedrooms (en suite), guest loo, fabulous modern kitchen & scullery, designer pool, dbl garage

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Lovemore Heights

R2,695m

This gracious townhouse offers: 3 bedrooms (2 en suite) + third bathroom, excellent kitchen and scullery, spacious formal and informal living and dining areas, dbl garage

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