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You may have recently heard a United States Senator call our country's president a liar, who concocted politically-motivated reasons for war at a Texas cook-off. Although the general consensus is that this criticism was beyond the pale, notice that this senator was not dragged off and publicly hanged. Can you imagine the disreputable and horrific fate such a critic would have suffered in a country ruled by a cruel despot?

Earlier this month in California, a disgruntled citizenry constitutionally recalled their chief legislator, and elected an immigrant body builder-turned-actor-and-private-businessman. The people said, "We're not happy with our leader, so we're going to call an election to replace him. And we choose this guy who speaks with an accent, and who has never held elected office, to lead us out of our crisis."

Think of it! The people organized, put their constitution in action, voted, and determined their own direction. This was one of the most invigorating (and tumultuous!) political processes in decades, and one which could not have happened in almost any other country. And the new governor has thanked his fellow California residents repeatedly for giving him "everything," and now the opportunity to go from dirt-poor immigrant to Governor.

There are many other blessings a free country offers: The right to own land (one which is dear to **our** hearts!), the right to worship the god of your choice, freedom to wear whatever clothes you want, freedom to marry and associate with whomever you please, and on and on!

Elections are coming in a few weeks, and we encourage you to use the power you have by casting a vote. It may not be as dramatic as what happened in California, but it will be no less significant.

For a link to an INTIMATE photo of Arnold Schwarzeneger and DeeDee, go to www.DeeDeeandMike.com

For this month's "Tip," we decided to provide you the names and phone numbers of the mortgage professionals we recommend. We hope you're as impressed with their service as we have been!

Bob Ahrendt, Pacific Republic Mortgage: 602-690-3012
Joseph Cowart, Bank One: 480-890-5052
Mark Leon, Ocotillo Morgage: 480-232-4606
Rolf Monson, Spectrum Financial: 480-444-2412



Service With an Old-Fashioned Touch

Lemon Bread

1/2 c. butter 1 c. sugar
1/2 c. milk 1 1/2 c. flour
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 c. finely chopped nuts
2 eggs (slightly beaten)
Grated rind from one lemon (save juice for topping)

Cream butter & sugar together, add eggs. Sift together flour, baking powder & salt, add alternately with milk. Add nuts & grated lemon. Bake 1 hour at 350 for large loaf. Remove from pan & pierce slightly with a skewer or tined fork. Top while hot with lemon juice mixed with 1/4 cup sugar. Cool before serving.

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