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Uncommon Sense

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Stock Market Roller Coaster - Don't Jump

You never undo your seat belt or jump from a moving roller coaster. Nor, should you when it comes to our current Stock market.

Eight years ago, if you

bought a share of VOO or Vanguard S & P 500 ETF stock, you may have paid about \$220 for the share. Today, as of this writing it's worth \$490.55. In other words, even with the fall of the stock market recently you have made good money on your investment. A couple of weeks back it was up to \$560 which means you were flying high on your profit. Still yet, you have done well.

If you bought your share of VOO two weeks ago at \$560 then you have lost \$70, at least for now. You may lose some more but you have to hold tight. Don't panic and sell now or you will have a loss. Ride it out and give the market time to settle down and rise again. If you have to cash in your stock then cash in while they are high. Don't invest your grocery

money in stock. This is the money you need every week for food, shelter, travel and overhead. This is not the money you spend on stock. If you do, then in two weeks you will have to sell your stock to eat and risk losing some of the money you invested. Only invest in stock what you don't currently need for general living expenses.

Who knows how the market will perform over the next few weeks. It's going to be a few weeks or months before the tariffs really shape up as to what is really what. The reports are that numerous countries are coming

to the table interested in making deals and playing fair with the United States. This will be good for us and them. As these deals stabilize look for the stock market to become more stable once again. If Japan, India, South Korea, Canada and Mexico all level the playing field with the United States our stock market will level out. If there are more reports of industry manufacturing coming to the United States the stock market will begin to rise again.

Now may be a good time to buy but keep in mind the market may go down some more. If you bought VIG two weeks ago then you've already seen a significant drop. Keep in mind you only lose it if you sell it when the stock is down. I feel confident that the stock market will come back bigger and bolder than ever but it may take a few months or longer.

The stock market has averaged making about ten percent over the last fifty years. This means it has had years when it made more and years when it made less. An average of ten percent is about the best you can do on your money over the long haul.

Now is not the time to faint or jump from the roller coaster. Rely on your stable income such as Social Security, or any other stable income you may have. If you have a regular paying job you may want to stay with it a little

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piece of legislation across the finish line this session, which makes the process of renewing a standard driver's license easier and more accessible for all Kentuckians," said Rep. Chris Freeland, R-Benton, the sponsor of HB 161.

Under this legislation, thirdparty entities wishing to issue standard driver's license renewals must apply to and receive approval from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. A third-party entity could include AAA offices, insurance offices, or other government agencies that wish to participate and are approved by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

"With only 34 driver licensing regional offices across the state, many Kentuckians, particularly those in rural areas, are forced to travel long distances to renew their driver's licenses," Freeland added. 'The passage of this legislation marks an important step toward increasing accessibility to these services by giving local entities the opportunity to offer them closer to home."

Those Kentuckians wishing to change their standard driver's license to become REAL ID compliant will still be required to visit one of the driver licensing regional offices, since a REAL ID will be required starting May 5, to be admitted past airport security checkpoints for U.S. commercial air travel, or to visit federal facilities that require a passport of REAL ID, such as the White House or military bases.

AMERICA

When an American says he loves his country, He means not only that he

loves the New England hills,

The praries glistening in

The wide and rising plains, The great mountains and

He means that he loves an inner light in which freedom

And in which a man can

The breath of self respect.

—Author Unknown

Submitted By Alpha Clevenger

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Tardigrade Alliance is soliciting qualifications from consulting engineers for professional engineering services on Vortex Distillery Project.

Tardigrade Alliance is a non-profit public charity organization seeking funding to construct a small sorghum distillery facility in Wolfe County, Kentucky. The project proposes to include a Distillery building, Rickhouse building, with parking and landscaping. The project proposes incorporate farmers and Kentucky made products.

Tardigrade Alliance is seeking the technical assistance of a qualified Engineering consulting firm to assist them in the development, planning, design, and construction observation of qualified projects.

Minimum requirements include previous experience in engineering on similar projects.

All interested parties and firms should contact Tardigrade Alliance C/O Kentucky River ADD, 941 N. Main Street, Hazard, Kentucky 41701, (606) 436-3158, donnas@kradd.org attention Donna Stacy, to obtain an information packet.

Respondents should submit minimum of six (6) copies of their statement in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Tardigrade Alliance - Engineering Services - Vortex Distillery Project no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025. Submittals should be made to Donna Stacy, Infrastructure Coordinator, Kentucky River ADD, 941 N. Main Street, Hazard, KY 41701. Tardigrade Alliance reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Attention is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109, Title VI, Section 504 and EO 11246. Local, minority, and female owned firms are particularly encouraged to participate. Tardigrade Alliance is an Equal Opportunity Employer.





I'm pretty tired...

Uh-oh, what is Bunny worried about? After Easter, his magician friend wants Bunny to join his magic show. Bunny knows that the magician's favorite trick is to:

o r p e 5. jellybeans

Follow the

alphabet code to "see."

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Alphabet key for secret message: 12 13 <u>Y</u> 25 21 23 24

15 21 20

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