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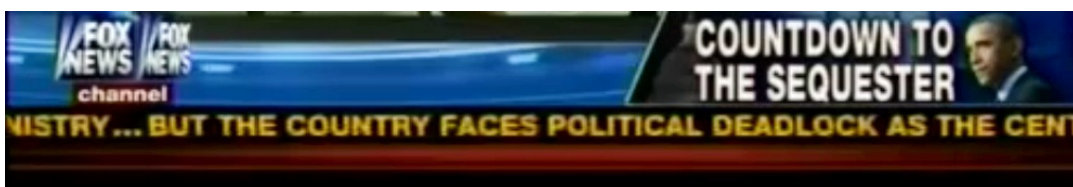
Let's Review: Our Monthly Newsletter.....10/01/2013

This Month:

We have seen this drama before, in fact since 1977 we have had seventeen shutdowns, the longest was in 1995-6 lasting 21 days. Perhaps this is why even with all the discussion and warnings most people (and apparently the stock market) aren't buying the direr predictions. Congress and the President use to pass a budget and then fund 12-13 separate appropriations bills, but that has not happened in over three years...perhaps another reason the public is not buying into the worst case predictions (stock market too).



Is this a real life rendition of the fable "the boy who cried wolf"? Has our government branches reach the point no one is listening or believing their vitriol? Not to mention all the market forecasters! It would seem reasonable that at some point we may actually find out that the wolf is real, but no recent history suggests the end is near. Recall it was just 10 months ago when no agreement lead to the dreaded and feared government sequestration resulting in... Nothing bad!



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Somehow all this is making me feel old and cynical, seeing the markets roaring ahead and the FED adding to their QE commitment and our government stalemated its hard not to be concerned. One thing is certain, nobody can predict the future but so far we have always found solutions, it just a little scary sometimes. We think this will work out soon, however be prepared for some volatility in the world.

Bob Stanton (registered principal):

It's been a very busy time with work; we opened a satellite office in Hawaii so I have been out of touch at home! Joyce has kept the ship afloat and apparently shopping with Cole for clothes to wear to Homecoming is not fun! (I could have told her that...but I know not to!)... Scary Halloween!

Ron Castleton (registered principal):

If it's October, then we must be thinking about school....and for us....there's only one left. Ari, our youngest, is studying Fine Arts at Cal-State Fullerton with great hopes of becoming an animator. Check out his stuff on You Tube under Castletoons!

Amy Negri (administrative assistant):

My favorite season is here! Boots, scarves, leggings and Pumpkin Spice Lattes! Ryan and I celebrated 1 year of marriage on 9/15 by watching football...I actually planned it. I'm a huge football fan, and very competitive in Fantasy, so yes I HAD to watch. Oh, he surprised me with a new car...see marriage isn't so bad after all ;)

Kevin Kraus (Business Development):

Football officiating is in high gear during October. More and more I want to throw flags on the PARENTS! It amuses (but does not amaze) me that the conduct of the children at games is usually better than that of the parents. Yes, I too walked in those moccasins!

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This month “scary thought”....



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The Intelligent Investor

The Numbers:

Monthly Closing Values and Changes / 09-30-2013

DOLLAR	Weaker vs. Euro	NASDAQ	3,771.48	+181.61
10-YR YIELD	2.61%	S&P 500	1,681.55	+48.58
GOLD	\$1,331.20	DJIA	15,129.67	+319.36

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