

Founder's Message: Keep on tryin'

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Obviously, I believe in the power of the press, or I wouldn't be still writing these messages 46 years later. Would you believe that I started the New England Real Estate Journal when I was only 13 years old? Hmm, that would make me 39, or so. Right?

Before I entered the publishing world I spent 6 years spinning records as a DJ. It was fun and non stressful. One of my favorite songs was the only country tune Frank Sinatra ever recorded - Cycles. I think it grabbed me because I've always been a positive thinker (or tried to be even when things looked the bleakest like during recessions). When things really looked the grimmest I would hum and even mouth some of the words from Cycles. It's nice to see the major newspapers printing positive headlines for a change. Stock Market Up, Recession Coming to a Close, Banks Lending Money Again. Here's the words to Frank's Cycles that have helped me through the tough times, and maybe can give you a lift. You can hear the song for free by just Googling Frank Sinatra Cycles. Lately, I've been listening to it every day. Now you'll see why:

So I'm down and so I'm out, But so are many others so I feel like tryin' to hide my head 'neath these covers life is like the seasons after winter comes the spring so I'll keep this smile awhile and see what tomorrow brings.

I've been told and I believe that life is meant for livin' and even when my chips are low there's still some left for givin' I've been many places maybe not as far as you so I think I'll stay awhile and see if some dreams come true.

There isn't much that I have learned through all my foolish years except that life keeps runnin' in cycles first there's laughter, then those tears.

But I'll keep my head up high although I'm kinda tired my gal just up and left last week Friday I got fired you know it's almost funny but things can't get worse than now so I'll keep on tryin' to sing but please, just don't ask me how

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