

# Homes are getting too smart for their own 'hood

"Put down the remote and no one gets hurt."

The voice comes from behind me. I set the TV remote down carefully alongside the other two remotes, which allegedly also govern the family room television. I have no earthly notion how they work, what they do and why we need three. Maybe if I watched TV more than twice a year, I'd remember between viewings. But I don't.

I keep my hands visible and my motions slow as I back away. "Guilty," I say. No denying I have violated the restraining order certain family members who shall remain unnamed have placed against me.



**AT HOME WITH Marni Jameson**

I am forbidden from operating the TV remotes. Whenever I

do, the television and all its various components (again, why?) lurch into inoperable modes, eliciting bad language from same nameless family members. My name is used in vain.

"I was just trying to turn off the TV, since no one was watching," I say.

"First of all, you were pointing with the wrong end of the remote. It goes this way," says the voice.

It's no use. What happened to the days when you got up and turned the TV on and off with one knob?

Faced with new technology, I'm like a farm dog on Wall

Street, willing to work but out of my element. If it were up to me, and good thing it isn't, we'd still have crank-up cars and men delivering ice blocks for the ice box and coal for the furnace.

Yet the world inventively marches on.

Recognizing my limitations and my obligation to tell you about the latest smart home technology, I tap someone who knows way more than I do. I call my techno-trend-tracking friend and lifestyle expert Kathryn Emery. This same woman built my Bitmoji. You want to talk about life changing.

"Smart home is definitely

having its moment, and that trend will continue to elevate as people look for ways to make life more convenient at home with technology," says Emery.

"But can a home be too smart?" I ask. "I mean, do we really need to be able to turn our oven on and fire up the Jacuzzi from the car?"

"That's the question," she says. "How do you cut through all the noise and decide what technology you should let into your home?"

"Surely, there's an app for that."

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**1407 Lyndale Drive, Charleston**  
\$169,500  
2:00-4:00 PM

Lovely mid entry home convenient to downtown Charleston and Corridor G shopping. New siding & windows installed & new garage door with automatic opener within last 5 years. Deck in back with Hot tub. Washer / dryer remain. All curtains, draperies and blinds included. Security camera and computer remain.  
DIRECTIONS: Corridor G South to Angel Terrace on right at Wells Home Furnishings. Top of hill turn left then right to 1407.

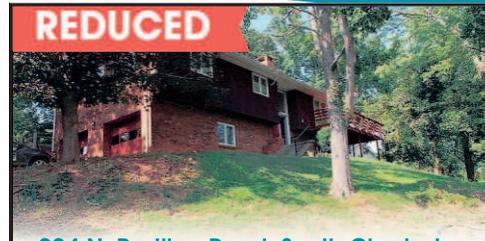
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\$89,995  
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Complete make over—Everything new!—New metal roof, HVAC, windows, wiring, flooring, stainless appliances and so much more—Crown molding in every room—Features 3 BR plus a den—Den could be fourth BR to fit twin bed only—Covered front porch—Privacy fenced back yard with storage building—Walking distance to bus stop—Neutral paint and carpet—Qualifies for USDA loan  
DIRECTIONS: I-64 to Nitro Exit - Turn L on Rt 25 (1st Avenue) - Turn L on 35th Street - House on L

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\$179,000  
2:00-4:00 PM

4-bedroom mid entry in Thousand Oaks. 3 full baths, 2-car garage, open floor plan, wrap around deck, corner lot, Pella windows, immediate occupancy

DIRECTIONS: Montrose Dr. to entrance into Thousand Oaks. Go up hill on Geary Rd to Echo Rd. R on Echo & proceed to Harmony Ln, L on Harmony Ln. L on Rustling Dr.

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\$69,500  
2:00-4:00 PM

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\$477,500

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