



How can I help you?
What do you want from me?

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"How much is a TRILLION dollars?"

If you answered, "It's a whole lot of money!" You are correct. To put it in perspective, a MILLION dollars is a stack of \$ 100 bills about 40 inches tall. Someone said, "A BILLION dollars requires those \$100 bills to be stacked alongside the Empire State Building...NOT once, but twice!" What is a trillion dollars? Well, it's a million million. It's a thousand billion. It's a one followed by 12 zeros. Someone said, you could stack the same bills alongside every single building in Manhattan...and you'd still have money left over. I had problems believing & visualizing that, but I could understand a TRILLION dollars would require those bills to be stacked alongside the Empire State Building 2000 times.

Don't You Just Hate Pushy Salespeople?

If you're like me, you can live without the pressure and hassles from aggressive salespeople. That's why I am different. So if you or someone you know want information about real estate, please feel free to call me at:
1-714-776-3820

Check out trillion dollars on Google. Interesting! How about: Spending a dollar per second for 32,000 years or one trillion dollars in pennies would weigh as much as 2,755,778 Argentinosauruses (the largest known dinosaur). If you laid one dollar bills end to end, you could make a chain that stretches from earth to the moon and back again 200 times before you ran out of dollar bills! One trillion dollars would stretch nearly from the earth to the sun. It would take a military jet flying at the speed of sound, reeling out a roll of dollar bills behind it 14 years before it reeled out one trillion dollar bills.

So, yes a Trillion dollars is a whole lot of money. That was FUN, wasn't it? (Info from a newsletter I got. I have lost the actual clipping. Sorry about that.) There was more regarding the national debt, etc., but I didn't want to get toooo technical or depressing.

Word Of The Month...

Studies have shown that your income and wealth are directly related to the size and depth of your vocabulary. Here is this month's word, so you can impress your friends. You may even be able to fatten your wallet!

Eyjafjallajökull? Noun

Meaning: It's the name of the Icelandic volcano whose eruption caused travel chaos in April. By the way, it's pronounced: "AY-uh-fhat-luh-YOE-kuutluh" Don't ask me to pronounce it!

Cooking Tips

- If you dip bacon in cold water before frying, it won't curl.
- To ripen avocados, put them in a warm oven overnight or in a brown paper bag for a few days.
- Bake cookies in the upper 1/3 of the oven to avoid overly browned bottoms.

Strange Questions

- Why does mineral water that has trickled through mountains for centuries have a "use by" date?
- Why do women put on mascara with their mouths open?
- Why is the person who invests all your money called a "Broker?"
- Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- If croutons are stale bread, why do they come in airtight packages?
- You know that indestructible "black box" that's used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Quotes Of The Month...

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

Mahatma Gandhi

"Ask a question and you're a fool for three minutes; do not ask a question and you're a fool for the rest of your life."

Chinese Proverb

"Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon."

E. M. Forster

Fun Facts and Laughs

How To Design Your Own Dollar . . .

- Get your kids interested in money by letting them design their own! Go to:
www.newmoney.gov/education/default.htm

Arnold Schwarzenegger's Payday For Terminator 2 . . .

- Arnold Schwarzenegger received a salary of \$15 million for "Terminator 2: Judgment Day." The 700 words he spoke translate to \$21,429 per word. "Hasta la vista, baby" cost \$85,716!

Hummingbird-Irvine, CA - - -

- Watch the small hummingbirds born on Mother's Day 2010 and the next day. (Maybe they have flown the nest by now!)
www.PhoebeAllens.com

For Sale

3 Bedrooms - 3 Baths - 2,926 sq ft house - 7,490 sq ft lot
2 stories - in Seal Beach - 2 Car attached garage - Built
1984 - located on the ocean side of PCH - \$1,170,000
Probate sale - Call me to see it!

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Keep These Items In Your Car for Emergencies

It is not enough to have a cell phone and an AAA card. You need to be prepared for situations when you have to wait for help or make the car repair on your own. Remember, you not only need to have the "basics" in your car, but you also need to know how to use them. Here are a few items you should consider keeping on hand in your car.

First-aid kit

Flashlight with extra batteries

Road atlas

Flares

Tarp

Blanket

Drinking water

Jumper cables

Well-maintained spare tire

Basic tool kit

By stocking your car now, you can avoid being in a dangerous situation in the future. If you have already taken the time to stock your trunk with these items, make sure they are still in good working order.

Brain Teaser...

What is an animal that cannot jump?

(Answer on last page)

Have A Laugh: Wacky Definitions:

- . **Egotist:** Someone-me-deep in conversation
- . **Handkerchief:** Cold storage
- . **Committee:** A group that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
- . **Mosquito:** An insect that makes you like flies better.
- . **Heroes:** What a guy on a boat does.
- . **Antiques:** Items bought by your grandparents, which your parents got rid of, and you're buying.

The Amazing History Of The Internet...

Did you know the Internet was originally designed as a network linking four research computers to enable scientists to share information quickly.

For Sale

8+ acres with horse corrals in Topanga Canyon - abuts state park - 2 bedrooms - 2 bath manufactured home with extensive decking.

Probate sale
\$750,000

To see it, call
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Are We Getting Fatter?

Here are a few shocking statistics: 26 percent of men and 28 percent of women become obese by the time they are age 37. In 1962, 13 percent of adults were considered obese. In 1999, 27 percent of Americans were found to be obese. If you are worried about your weight, check out Overeaters Anonymous, it is based on the Alcoholics Anonymous program.

In A Bad Mood?

Did you know that most people spend up to 34 percent of their lives in a bad mood? There are many reasons for crabbiness, including lack of sleep and changes in hormone levels. Researchers have even linked bad moods to too much activity in the frontal lobe of the brain. Whatever the cause, here are a few tips to help you deal with (not so) occasional crankiness.

- ◆ If you wake up in a sour mood, it's likely you'll start spilling milk and dropping things. You may think there's a conspiracy out to get you, causing even more frustration. But don't let this domino effect ruin your whole day. Take charge by starting over. Sit with your eyes closed for a few minutes, take deep relaxing breaths, lower your heart rate, and calm your mind.
- ◆ If you're chronically crabby each morning, think about eliminating, or at least significantly reducing coffee, or other stimulant drinks. Instead, try a cup of vanilla herbal tea or apple cider. Both of these scents provide a calming effect by increasing the brain's alpha waves.
- ◆ Write a note. If your spouse, boss, relative, stranger, or whatever is putting you in a bad mood, write it down on paper. Writing can help slow your thinking, and help you sift through the mental chaos that's causing your anger.
- ◆ Get your life organized. Disorganization can leave us feeling out of control, which is a major cause of crabbiness. Take a few minutes to organize something in your life, whether it's your office desk or personal affairs.
- ◆ If you need to lose weight, take action. There's an organization called Overeaters Anonymous. It is based on the Alcoholics Anonymous program. Read, the best seller, "Women, Food, and God" by Geneen Roth. Oprah interviewed her and it's in Oprah's magazine. Information about Geneen's book is also in Oprah's magazine. Men, You can check this out also!
- ◆ Dr. Daniel G. Amen, M.D., a psychiatrist, in Newport Beach, has been on PBS about the food you eat and your brain. He scans the brain. Interesting! www.AmenClinics.com.

Great Guidelines For Grads

Seeking Jobs

You just got a degree and you're ready to find a job. It's quite a challenge in today's competitive job market, so use these SEVEN tips and THREE websites to make the most of your time and get started on your career path:

- **Do your research.** Chances are you've chosen a field of interest. (If you haven't, you may already be behind the power curve). Check the latest stats by going to www.CareerOneStop.com Look under "Explore Careers" for info on the fastest growing industries (currently management, scientific or technical consulting followed by data processing and home health care) or check out employment trends by state. Also check out: www.WorkReadiness.com

"Trivia Question"

How Many Of The Great Lakes Are In Both The United States And Canada?

- a) Two b) One c) Three d) Five e) Four

See the left column for the answer.

"Thanks for "The Memories!"

As business has been slow lately, I have been thinking about my past clients who bought and sold real estate with me as their Realtor over the last 20+ years and I feel good about me. So, "Thanks for "The Memories!"

Do you happen to know a divorce, family practice, or probate attorney you could refer or introduce to me? No, Ted and I are not getting a divorce! These attorneys have clients that usually need to sell real estate. So, they need me!!!

REMEMBER, I always have time for anyone you refer to me. Put my telephone number in your cell phone!

Brain Teaser Answer....

The elephant

Trivia Answer ... e) 4 - - Only Lake Michigan is in the U.S.

Did You Know:

A recent European study suggests that walking backwards can help you solve problems faster & more effectively. Plus, it can also tone the body parts everyone sees except you. Fitness Magazine 10-09.

THANK YOU for reading my newsletter. I hope it is FUN, interesting, and has valuable content for you. Enjoy!!!

AND...as Mae West would say, "Call me!"

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A few days ago my husband and I went to the Buena Park High School's fun day at their farm on Magnolia where we could feed the pigs, goats, etc., watch children play games, eat fruit which they grow, and eat hamburgers made from the animals they raise. On our way home we discussed that the children who go through that program probably have less criminal records than other children. Then, I read in Sunday's Parade of 16 May 2010 something to support my thoughts.

"Animal Abusers are 5 times more likely to commit violent crimes against humans and 4 times more likely to commit property crimes than those without a history of violence against animals."

With the crime rate what it is and the number of violent crimes against humans, should we be learning something from this? What do you think?

Amusing Observations & Comments

- Doctors can be frustrating. You wait a month and a half for an appointment, and he/she says, "I wish you'd have come to see me sooner."
- In the 60's people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it seem normal.
- I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and think, "Well, that's not going to happen."
- I'm not 40-somehting. I'm \$39.95, plus shipping and handling.
- Why does a slight tax increase cost \$500 and a substantial tax cut only save us 50 cents?

Real Estate Corner...

Q. *Do you have information from reliable source to give us an overall picture of real estate?*

A. Last month (April 2010) I heard our OC assessor talk. A few of the highlights:

1. The percentage of distressed homes decreased this year from 37% to 32%.
2. Orange County Assessed value decreased 1% last year.
3. The population in Orange County is 3.1 million
4. The high point of the market was July 2007.
5. 1/3 of all homes which sold for \$450,000 last year, sold for cash.
6. You can reach the assessor's website at: <http://egov.OCGov.com>
When you reach the website, search for "Assessor"