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**Fun Fact:**

The human eye blinks an average of 4,200,000 times a year.



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# NEWSLETTER

**Decorating tips to help you add warmth and welcome to your home**

(ARA) - No matter where it is, no matter how it's decorated, a home should always provide a sense of warmth and welcome for family and friends. And at no time is this more important than during the holidays.

Start by focusing on the areas of the home that your guests will use the most. The design experts at Through the Country Door, a lifestyle and home decor store, offer advice on how to create a feeling of warmth and welcome in your home not only during the holiday season, but throughout the rest of the year, too:

\* Guest bathrooms can often be short on storage space, but your guests will need somewhere to stow their items while they visit. A freestanding towel cabinet, such as the Ridgeway cabinet, provides storage space for towels and other items, so you can keep vanities and counter spaces free for guest use. Or, if your space is really limited, the Ridgeway Space Saver adds elegance to very practical over-the-commode storage.

\* Don't forget to give guests somewhere to park their beverages and play board games. A coffee table can be an essential entertaining piece - and a great way to continue your decorating theme of comfort and class. For example, the Leeds Coffee Table from Through the Country Door evokes the appearance of a 19th-century baggage cart with its metal undercarriage, handles and stationary wheels, and a well-worn, "aged" finish that makes it look like a piece right out of the past.

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## Word of the Month:

Studies have shown that your income and wealth is directly related to the depth of your Vocabulary. Here is this month's word so you can impress your friends.

### enceinte

*\en-SEYNT\, adjective;*

1. Pregnant; with child.

*noun:*

1. A wall or enclosure, as a fortified place

### Example:

There are a few Equity agents who are enceinte.

## Quotes to Live by:

"The strongest oak of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It's the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for its existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun."

—Napoleon Hill

## Say What?

### In Your Face

An aggressive and bold confrontation.

## Vacation homes: From a dream to a \$35,000 income stream

(ARA) - For those who've ever dreamed of buying a vacation home in the mountains, on the beach, or in the big city, it's becoming easier and more common for people to make that dream a reality.

More people are able to afford a vacation home due in large part to the potential revenue stream that comes with renting the home to travelers - something that's become especially easy thanks to the rapid growth of the online vacation rental industry in the past few years.

HomeAway, Inc., which operates online vacation rental sites HomeAway.com, VRBO.com and VacationRentals.com, has grown dramatically since it was founded in 2005. The company now boasts more than 540,000 vacation home listings.

"Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for vacation home owners to advertise their properties and manage their bookings online," says Brian Sharples, founder and chief executive officer of HomeAway. "We literally deliver millions of rental inquiries each year to our owners who list their homes for rent on our sites."

Those inquiries can lead to substantial revenue. Sharples says the average second home owner rents out their property to travelers about 20 weeks a year, generating more than \$35,000 in rental income annually.

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**Movie Trivia: Quote:** Anybody can lose one fight, anybody can lose once; you'll come back from this you'll be champion of the world?"

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| a. Million Dollar Baby | b. Ordinary People |
| c. Rocky               | d. Karate Kid      |

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**Would you like to know how much your neighbor's home listed for?**

Maybe you're just curious. Or maybe you want to know how much equity you have in your home. Or perhaps you are thinking of selling soon and want to know how much your home increased in value. Either way, I can help...No "sales pitches" or runarounds. Just give me a call **303-909-2365** and I will give you the facts.

**Economy at a Glance:**

Data Series	Aug 2010	Sept 2010	Oct 2010
<u>Unemployment Rate</u>	9.6	9.6	9.6
<u>Change in Payroll Employment</u>	-1	-41	151
<u>Average Hourly Earnings</u>	22.65	22.68	22.73
<u>Consumer Price Index</u>	0.3	0.1	0.2
<u>Producer Price Index</u>	0.4	0.4	0.4

Information from <http://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.us.htm>

**US Population Clock**  
310,776,549  
**World Population Clock**  
6,883,588,304

-November 24, 2010

**Five tips to simplify your holiday shopping on a budget**

(ARA) - The holiday season is upon us. That means the stress that comes with shopping for that perfect gift is not far behind. So, what's the best way to go about making a list, checking it twice and sticking to a budget?

Audrey McClelland is the founder of Mom Generations, an online destination for moms. She is an expert at holiday shopping for her husband, four boys, and a large extended family. Here are her top five holiday shopping tips.

1. Keep a master list. It can get overwhelming around the holidays when you are trying to decide whom to shop for. Outline everyone you need a gift for, and remember to incorporate any unexpected last-minute gifts. Then write down a realistic number on what you want to spend on each person and stick to it.
2. Be sure to have gifts on hand that can be given to anyone ... regardless of their tastes. For example, Staples carries colorful Omnitech mini speaker pods in jewel tones for only \$10 that can plug into any iPod, Sony PSP, or MP3 player, and are perfect for kids and grown-ups on the go. Digital photo ornaments in the different shapes make another universally likeable gift for less than \$15.
3. Don't waste time rushing from store to store. Try condensing your shopping visits to the fewest number of stores possible. Pick a shopping destination or two, and commit to buying as many gifts as you can for your list there.
4. It's a digital world - follow your favorite shopping places on Facebook and Twitter. Many stores reward their followers with up-to-the-minute deals via these social media outlets. Stores occasionally post exclusive print-out coupons and deals specifically for their Facebook friends, and let you know about upcoming events ahead of time.
5. Check out the websites of the stores that you plan to visit before heading into the actual store. This helps you to become acquainted with the product selection and can help you to nail down specific items for each person on your list, making your trip more efficient. You may even decide to purchase some items directly on the website and have them shipped to the recipient to avoid a trip to the store or post office.

"Every year, inevitably, I get caught up in the frenzy of the season," says McClelland. "However, by sticking to these tips, I can focus on the joy of gift giving and the satisfaction of knowing I did it all under budget."

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### Food Fact:

-Americans spent an estimated \$267 billion dining out in 1993.

-The vintage date on a bottle of wine indicates the year the grapes were picked, not the year of the bottling.

### Weird Laws:

*Kentucky*- It is illegal to fish with a bow and arrow.

*Utah*- Daylight must be visible between partners on a dance floor.

*Wisconsin*- Butter substitutes are not allowed to be served in state prisons.

*Delaware*- One may not whisper in church.

### U.S.A. Facts

- There are approximately 300,000 Christmas lights on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- Fallbrook California is the avocado capital of the WORLD.

**And...**Whether you are thinking of buying, selling, or financing real estate, or stop by and say "hi", I'd love to hear from you...

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### Resolve to keep your new PC protected in four easy steps

(ARA) - As the new year approaches, many of us begin thinking about our New Year's resolutions. However, we often forget one resolution that is increasingly important - to protect the health of our PCs.

From viruses to trojans to spyware inadvertently downloaded while surfing the Internet, your computer constantly confronts malicious software that can put it at risk

To prevent malicious software and poor PC performance from ruining your New Year, consider these four easy steps to help keep your PC protected:

- \* Enable automatic update. Keeping your PC up-to-date is a vital part of keeping it secure. Turning on the automatic update will help ensure you are receiving the most recent security signatures, which protect you from new and ongoing security attacks.
- \* Don't click on e-mails from unknown sources or open unfamiliar attachments. You should never open an e-mail from someone you don't know. Be wary of suspicious e-mails from people you do know as well. Phishing attacks are a common occurrence and if you receive an e-mail from a familiar address with a suspicious subject line, don't open it.
- \* Only install reputable antivirus software. Antivirus software from a reputable company can detect and remove viruses and malware. But sometimes malware can masquerade as security software, tricking you into paying for a product that actually infects your computer.
- \* Upgrade your browser. Just like your operating system, it is important to keep your browser upgraded because it can help keep you protected from security threats. Outdated browsers may have security flaws that could make you more vulnerable to malicious software attacks. Also, keeping your browser updated may be the optimal way to view certain websites.

The most important thing when downloading or opening anything is to make sure you trust the source the content is coming from. Microsoft offers a variety of options to keep your PC secure, from Microsoft Update which will help keep your operating system, software and browser updated to Microsoft Security Essentials, a free antivirus software that is easy to use and provides real-time protection that runs quietly and efficiently in the background. For more information on how to keep your new PC safe, visit [www.microsoft.com/security\\_essentials](http://www.microsoft.com/security_essentials) for more tips.

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