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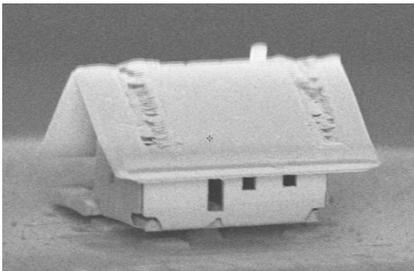
Recommending a service to friends is a way of giving them a gift of professionalism, so they don't get caught up in the wrong situation.

A real estate recommendation is easy to give, even if no one mentions buying or selling a home. **It's as easy as sending your good friends and family a copy of my newsletter**, or sending them a text saying, *If you're ever in the market for a real estate agent, give Dara Khoji, a call at:*

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Thank you, friends!

Guess How Big this Tiny Home Is...



Everyone loves a tiny house (they're cute, right?), but this takes it to a whole new level. Researchers in France have built a house that's just a few micrometers wide.

To get an idea of how "big" that is, it's too small for a mite to fit inside. This image is from a microscope camera. The house was built by an ion beam and micro-robot.

If We Have *Real* Estate... Do We also Have *Fake* Estate?



If you've ever wondered where the term "real estate" comes from, you're not alone. Some people think it relates to "royal." Others think it relates to being "real," as in solid. Which is it? From Etymonline, we get this history:

REAL (adj.) early 14c., "real, actually existing, true;" mid-15c., "relating to things" (especially property), and from Latin *realis* "actual." **The word "real" used in conjunction with "estate" was first recorded in England in the 1660s, and referred to the land portion of a person's estate.** An estate includes the money, name, land, and anything else of value owned by a person. So real estate is the most solid, real, tangible portion of that estate.

How, then, did we get the idea that "real" refers to royal? It stems from linguistic confusion. For instance, in Spanish the word "real" means "royal," as in Camino Real, which translates as "The King's Road" (camino = road, real = royal). **Since royalty were the only ones allowed to own property in the middle ages, "real estate" could logically refer to royal estates.**

The "royal" interpretation for real estate sounds intuitive, which makes it easy to popularize. For example, in this 1922 exchange within the US House of Representatives, Rep. Curry was defining the roots of the word "REALTOR." Curry explained that the word "comes from the Spanish words "real" meaning "royal" and "tor" meaning "bull." It's not known if he meant this tongue in cheek or if was genuinely attempting to define the origins of the word. (Source: The Word Detective.)

Since the term "real estate" was first seen in 1660's England, it's unlikely to come from the Spanish for royal, since the British were surely able to discuss property without adopting a Spanish word for it.

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Story: He's Leadership Material



A college student sought part-time employment to support himself during the school year. On a Friday, he was offered a stenographer position. He accepted and explained to his new employer he'd be able to start the following Wednesday. The employer agreed, and the young man arrived ready to work on the appointed day.

"I like your promptness and enthusiasm," said the employer when the student arrived that morning. "But I do have one question. Why couldn't you start until today?"

"Well, sir," said the young man, "I had to find a typewriter and figure out how to use it."

The man was Herbert Hoover, future president of the US, who later remarked:

"No difficult or simple job ever gets done until someone decides right now to do what it takes to get the job done. Unfortunately, too many people stand by ready to carry the stool when there is a piano to be moved." ~ Herbert Hoover

July Quiz Question

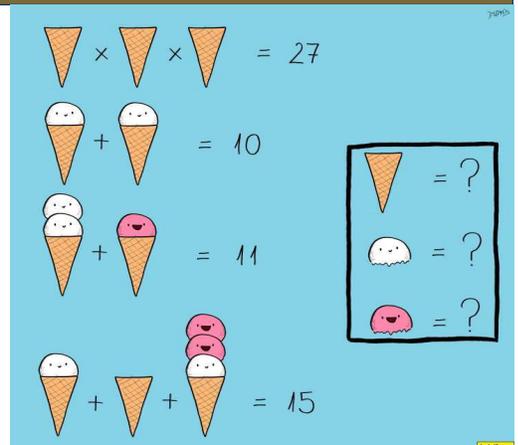
This month's quiz is a little different. See below for the question...

July Quiz: The Ice Cream Riddle

How much is an ice cream cone worth? In this visual riddle by Budapest-based artist Gergely Dudás, the answer requires a little math.

The riddle asks you to determine how much an ice cream cone, a scoop of white ice cream (let's call it vanilla), and a scoop of pink ice cream (let's call it strawberry) are worth, according to the logic of the puzzle.

Stare at the equations for a while, then send your answer to me at: YouWinWithONE@yahoo.com to enter my monthly quiz contest!



A Hash for Potato Chip Lovers

Think of it as a college short cut, or think of it as an adventure. But give it a try . . . add potato chips to your morning eggs. Crumble them into a scramble. Stuff them into an omelet. Or go with the hash: Toss them with bacon and vegetables, then crack in a couple of eggs. You can measure everything by hand. Here's what you need:



- A big pat of butter
- 2 handfuls of vegetables, whatever's in your fridge
- 1 handful or so of cooked breakfast sausage, bacon, leftover carnitas, etc.
- 3 handfuls of potato chips (The best choice here is the salt & pepper crinkle cut chips from Kettle.)
- 2 eggs
- Chives, fried leek greens, parmesan cheese or other cheese for topping.

Melt the butter on medium heat, then cook your vegetables until they are soft, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste. Add and heat your meat. Then add your potato chips, a handful at a time, crushing each handful slightly. Give everything a good stir until it's coated in butter. Finally, make two little wells in the chip mixture, reduce the heat to low, and crack two eggs into the wells. Cover the pan with a lid, and let the eggs steam until they are just set. Top with chives or fried leek greens, and sprinkle on some Parmesan or other cheese. Enjoy with hot sauce if you like.

Thank You!

Welcome to the newest members of our **ONE**family. Thank you for your trust, friendship and loyalty. You will always be our first-priority (Agents First / Clients First). A special welcome this month to...

Menfi Guerrero

Thea Georgieva

Demi Noack

Want to Win a \$10 Coffee Card?

It's easy to win! Just send in the answer to the **quiz question** on **page 2**. Each month, all correct entries have a chance of winning a coffee card. Put the word **QUIZ** in the subject line and email it to: **YouWinWithONE@yahoo.com**

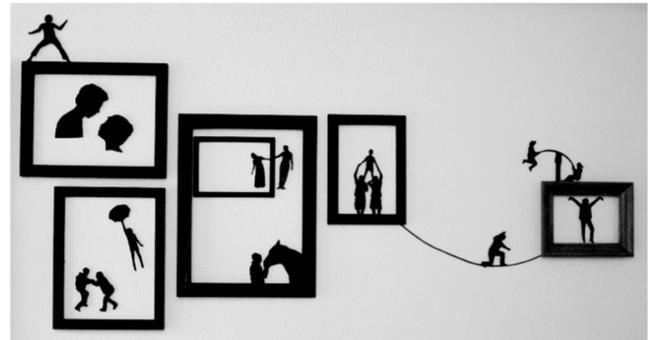
- **June's question:** *How did the word 'cattle' come to refer to a herd of cows?*
- **Answer:** *From the word 'chattel', which refers to moveable property (as opposed to real estate).*



Home Décor DIY: 3D Wall Art Project

Materials:

- photos with clear forms
- black poster board
- foam board
- double-sided tape or glue
- wall putty
- pencil
- scissors
- empty frames (thrift stores and garage sales)
- black paint and a paintbrush
- hammer and nails



1. Cut figures from your photos. This is the first step to creating silhouettes.
2. Trace the photo figures on the poster board and cut them out. Now you have the actual silhouettes.
3. Cut small tabs from foam board and use strong double-sided tape or glue to stick them to the back of silhouettes. This prevents the silhouettes from puckering when you mount them on the wall and also adds a little dimension. A few pieces of foam on the back of each figure should do it—no one will see it, so be messy.
4. Paint the frames, decide on an arrangement, and hang them. Test different designs on the floor before hanging.
5. Position silhouettes within and around the frames and secure them to the wall using putty (apply the putty to the foam tabs and press it to the wall. You're doing it right if the actual poster board shouldn't touch the wall).



Just for Fun: Left on the Bus

A man was seated on the bus having an aggressive conversation with someone on his phone. He swore, shouted and made demands. The other passengers were afraid to look at him, and several mothers tried to distract their kids.

Suddenly the man shouted, "Hey, I need to get off here!" The driver pulled over, and the man walked forward and jumped down the stairs. Just as he stepped off the bus, the driver called to him.

"Excuse me sir," the driver said, "you left something behind."

The man looked confused, as he checked his pockets. He then shouted at the driver, "What are you talking about? What did I leave?"

"A bad impression," the driver replied as he closed the door and drove away.

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I'm in College Now. When Should I Buy My First House?

Traditionally, many young graduates put off buying a house until they start thinking about getting married. But these days, as marriage rates are falling or young people are getting married later in life, they’re starting to think about buying a house earlier, while they’re still independent. They’re realizing it’s a long-term investment, much like a stock investment that earns compounding interest.

They realize that either the home will increase in value or their equity will increase over time—or both. Either way, they’re seeing buying a home as a smart long-term investment, whether they’re getting married or not.

If you, or someone you know is in their twenties, please put us in touch with each other. Together we’ll sit down and create a buying plan that fits their income and lifestyle, so they can buy a home that will be a great long-term investment.



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