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RONALD E. OSBORN

Many “Extreme Commuters” Enjoy the Ride

The desire to get away from the city and enjoy suburbia has turned some people into "extreme commuters." They travel more than 90 minutes to work one way. The U.S. Census Bureau says they are the fastest growing group of commuters with more than 3.4 million drivers involved.

High gas prices and a departure time between 5 and 6 a.m. aren't slowing the rise. Now more than

ever, people are willing to trade time in their car for a bigger house and a bigger yard. The long drive allows them to buy a home at half the price the same home would cost in the city.

An online poll by Newsweek shows that 37 percent of commuters don't mind the trip, and 13 percent said they enjoy it. But studies show that distractions such as eating or cell phone use increase the chance of a crash significantly.



Moneywise



The new 50-year mortgage

Want to keep house payments low? Most lenders already offer 40-year mortgages, but a few have rolled out a five-decade-long home loan.

In California, it's offered by Statewide. Because home prices are high, more

buyers can qualify for the 50-year plan. Other lenders also offer the plan.

Experts at the National Association of Mortgage Brokers say it works best for those who plan to stay in a home for about five years, while the loan's initial interest rate remains fixed.

LANDTEC APPLIES FOR PATENT

LANDTEC is applying for a patent on the Automated Extraction Monitoring System (AEMS); current status is "Patent Pending".

The AEMS (patent pending) is the solution for automating the collection, validation, analysis and communication of data from Methane recovery projects. Originally designed for Landfill Gas extraction systems the AEMS

(pronounced "aims") is being adapted to Coal Bed, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, Waste Water treatment and other Methane recovery projects. As a key component of the LANDTEC system, the AEMS provides accurate, reliable and verifiable information about these alternative energy generation operations.

Company Picnic



Members of AEI-CASC's extended family enjoyed bingo, water wars, games, prizes (and don't forget the Margaritas) at the annual company picnic.

COOL GUYS BIKE TO WORK

Commuting to work by bike is gaining in appeal. On top of its health benefits, it carries a certain degree of admiration among fellow workers. Both men and women say skimming by a bunch of cars stalled in traffic is fun and saves time.

Buses and trains are allowing bikes to come on board in cities including Albuquerque, Washington, D.C., and Boulder, Colorado. In Chicago, bike commuters can ride a mile or two to Union Station, board a train to the suburbs with their bikes, then ride a couple of miles more to get home.

In the Know

To remove a splinter stuck under your skin, cut a small square from a fresh onion. According to Bottom Line Health, you place it on the padded part of an adhesive bandage, then wrap it around the splintered skin.

Left over night, the onion will draw the splinter to the surface so you can pull it out with a tweezer.

Bulletin Board

New Employees

Aguilar Engineering-Telecom

Barbara Smeltzer, Victor Valdez

CES

Andy Doolittle, Kim Johnson, Jay Stuart

Colton

Brant Austin WQS, Anabel Contreras Engineering

Riverside

Chris Mielke

Irvine

Austin Brandt

Calendar

The Company Holiday Party will be held at the Riverside Convention Center on Saturday, December 2, 2006. More details will follow as the date gets closer.