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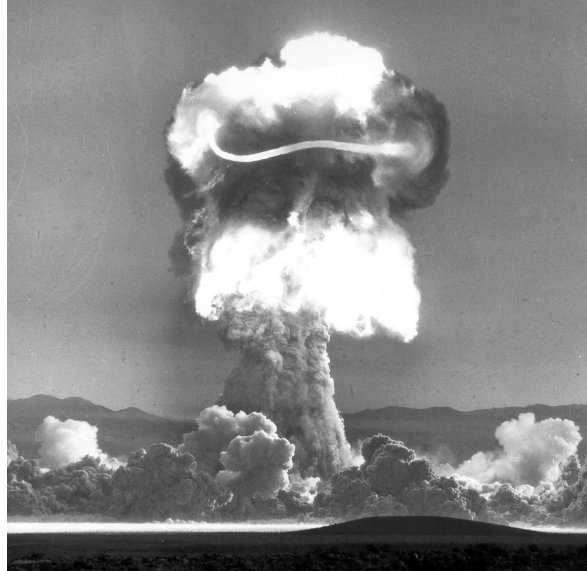
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THE WESTERN BOOM

An analysis of US housing compared December 2011 property values to the most recent available index, which was from June 2016. The percentage of change showed a significant variability. Eight different areas actually lost value over this time period.

And then there are the nine superstars that had an appreciation of at least 80%. Here is the list with Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and percentage of appreciation:

1. **Reno, NV** (98.1%)
2. **Vallejo-Fairfield, CA** (92.5%)
3. **Bend-Redmond, OR** (92.2%)
4. **Modesto, CA** (89.6%)
5. **Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV** (88.2%)
6. **Stockton-Lodi, CA** (87.6%)
7. **San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA** (84.9%)
8. **Carson City, NV** (83.5%)
9. **Merced, CA** (80.4%)

On a national level, the top 10 housing markets in 2017 with the highest price and sales increase include:

1. Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ
2. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA
3. Boston-Cambridge, MA & Newton, NH (tie)
4. Sacramento-Roseville-Arden-Arcade, CA
5. Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA
6. Jacksonville, FL
7. Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL
8. Raleigh, NC
9. Tucson, AZ
10. Portland-Vancouver, WA & Hillsboro, OR (tie)

Source: Reverse Mortgage Daily

Did You Know?

82% of small-business owners plan to grow their companies in 2017. Among the actions to be taken:

1. 58% expect to buy new equipment or furniture.
2. 33% plan to hire an employee.
3. 23% will move to a new location.
4. 30% will offer a new service.
5. 34% plan to sell a new product.

Source: Insureon

Quote for the Quarter

"I believe the unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality." (Martin Luther King, Jr., American Baptist minister and activist, 1929-1968)

Presidential Diets

Here's a fascinating look at how the diets of American Presidents have changed over the decades:

George Washington (1st): Enjoyed nuts, fish, and Madeira wine. For breakfast, he ate hoecakes covered with butter and honey, and drank hot tea.

Thomas Jefferson (3rd): Developed a taste for French cuisine and vanilla ice cream, and grew a vast vegetable garden.

James Polk (11th): Was known to be a finicky eater, preferring turnip greens and cornbread.

Abraham Lincoln (16th): Liked to eat apples and hot coffee and didn't demand much in a meal. He enjoyed oysters, venison, and corned beef and cabbage.

Ulysses S. Grant (18th): Enjoyed coffee and was fond of rice pudding.

James Garfield (20th): Enjoyed an occasional bowl of squirrel soup.



Franklin D. Roosevelt (32nd): Enjoyed hot dogs, fruit cake, and toasted cheese.

Harry Truman (33rd): Liked well-done steaks.

Dwight Eisenhower (34th): Switched to a health-conscious low-fat diet after suffering a heart attack in 1955.

John F. Kennedy (35th): Was particularly fond of soup, especially New England fish chowder.



Richard Nixon (37th): Usually ate a breakfast of cottage cheese garnished with ketchup, fresh fruit, wheat germ, and coffee.

Gerald Ford (38th): Enjoyed pot roast and red cabbage with butter pecan ice cream for desert.

Ronald Reagan (40th): Munched on jelly beans to quit smoking and fell in love with the candy.

George H.W. Bush (41st): Called pork rinds one of his favorite snack foods.

Bill Clinton (42nd): Famously enjoyed fast food, but now considers himself a vegan.

George W. Bush (43rd): Enjoyed snacking on pretzels.

Barack Obama (44th): Said his favorite vegetable is broccoli, but when it comes to chips and guacamole: "I lose my mind."

Donald Trump (45th): Enjoys Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonalds, and Trump Tower taco bowls.



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New Years Day, 1/01

*"Learn from yesterday,
live for today, hope for
tomorrow."*

~ Albert Einstein

**Martin Luther King Day,
1/16**

*"Darkness cannot drive
out darkness: only light
can do that."*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr

Groundhog Day, 2/02

*"It's just still once a year,
isn't it?"*

~ Phil Connors (Bill
Murry)

Valentines Day, 2/14

*"All you need is love. But
a little chocolate now and
then doesn't hurt."*

~ Charles M. Schulz

Presidents Day, 2/20

*"If this is coffee, please
bring me some tea; but if
this is tea, please bring me
some coffee."*

~ Abraham Lincoln

St. Patrick's Day, 3/17

*"Many an opportunity is
lost because a man is out
looking for four-leaf
clovers."*

~ Author Unknown

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Presidential Slogans

As we learned about various presidential diets over the years and how they've changed, let's fascinate ourselves with those same men's slogans while running for office:

George Washington (1st): He had none. He was elected to office on Feb 4, 1789 by the 69 members of Congress, the first and only President to be unanimously elected by the Electoral College.

Thomas Jefferson (3rd): Didn't believe campaign slogans were "proper".

James Polk (11th): "Reannexation of Texas and Reoccupation of Oregon."

Abraham Lincoln (16th): Among several slogans were "Vote yourself a farm", "Honest old Abe", and "Don't change horses in midstream."

Ulysses S. Grant (18th): "Let Us Have Peace" and "Grant Us Another Term."

James Garfield (20th): Had none.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (32nd): "Happy Days Are Here Again" and "Carry on with Roosevelt."

Harry Truman (33rd): "I'm just wild about Harry" and "Give Em Hell, Harry!"

Dwight Eisenhower (34th): "I like Ike" (first term), "I still like Ike" (second term), and "Peace and Prosperity."

John F. Kennedy (35th): "A time for greatness 1960" and "We Can Do Better."

Richard Nixon (37th): "Nixon's the One" and "Nixon Now."

Gerald Ford (38th): "He's making us proud again."

George H.W. Bush (41st): "Kinder, Gentler Nation" and "Thousand Points of Light."

Bill Clinton (42nd): "It's Time to Change America" and "Putting People First."

George W. Bush (43rd): "Compassionate Conservatism" and "A Safer World and a More Hopeful America."

Barack Obama (44th): "Yes We Can" and "Change We Can Believe In."

Donald Trump (45th): "Make America Great Again!", "Build the Wall!" and "Drain the Swamp" among several others.

Did You Know?

Some of the interesting, obscure, and bizarre:

- **George Washington** was the only US President unaffiliated with a political party.
- **Thomas Jefferson** invented the swivel-chair.
- **James Polk** banned booze, card-playing, and dancing in the White House.
- **Abraham Lincoln** won 299 out of 300 matches in wrestling.
- **Ulysses S. Grant** could not stand the sight of blood.
- **James Garfield** could write in Greek with one hand and in Latin with the other at the same time!
- **Franklin D. Roosevelt** was really afraid of the number 13.
- **Harry Truman** met his wife, Bess, in Sunday school when he was six.
- **Dwight Eisenhower** changed the name of the presidential Maryland retreat from Shangri-la to Camp David.
- **John F. Kennedy** received \$1 million on his 21st birthday.
- **Richard Nixon** loved to bowl so much that he had a one-lane alley put in the basement of the White House.
- **Gerald Ford's** real name was Leslie Lynch King, Jr.
- **George H.W. Bush** inspired a Japanese word, "Bushusuru," when he vomited all over the Japanese Prime Minister in 1992.
- **Bill Clinton** has two Grammys for Best Spoken Word Album.
- **George W. Bush** was his high school's head cheerleader.
- **Barack Obama's** experience working at a Baskin-Robbins as a teen made him hate ice cream.



Just For Laughs

Expert Advice

A doctor and a lawyer are talking at a party. Their conversation is constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice.

After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asks the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you're out of the office?"

"I give it to them," replies the lawyer, "and then I send them a bill."

The doctor is shocked, but agrees to give it a try. The next day, still feeling slightly guilty, the doctor prepares the bills.

When he goes to place them in his mailbox, he finds a bill from the lawyer.

Doctor Chat

Three doctors are discussing which types of patients they prefer.

Doctor Watson says, "I prefer librarians. All their organs are alphabetized."

Doctor Fitzpatrick says, "I prefer mathematicians. All their organs are numbered."

Doctor Ahn says, "I prefer lawyers. They're gutless, heartless, brainless, spineless, and their heads and rear-ends are interchangeable."

All I Ask the Lord ...

All I ask the Lord is for the chance to prove that money cannot make me happy.



The Tale

Freedom

Billy: "They think we're gonna cut their throat or something. They're scared, man."

George Hanson: "They're not scared of you. They're scared of what you represent to them."

Billy: "Hey, man. All we represent to them, man, is somebody who needs a haircut."

George Hanson: "Oh, no. What you represent to them is freedom."

Billy: "What the hell is wrong with freedom? That's what it's all about."

George Hanson: "Oh, yeah, that's right. That's what's it's all about, all right. But talking about it and being it, that's two different things. I mean, it's real hard to be free when you are bought and sold in the marketplace. Of course, don't ever tell anybody that they're not free, 'cause then they're gonna get real busy killing and maiming to prove to you that they are. Oh, yeah, they're gonna talk to you, and talk to you, and talk to you about individual freedom. But they see a free individual, it's gonna scare them."

Billy: "Well, it don't make them running scared."

George Hanson: "No, it makes them dangerous."

~ *Easy Rider* (Film - 1969)

WORD WEIRD

CORNPONE: of, relating to, or appealing to people who live on farms away from big cities; down-home, countrified.

ETYMOLOGY: Virginia Algonquian, 'bread'; 'corn-bread'.

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