

Money Matters News

Welcome to 2012.

May 2012 bring you and yours all you wish yourself including health, wealth, good luck and happiness.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The youngest sky diver was four years old.
- Approximately 2 million parachute jumps occur annually.
- The highest parachute jump occurred in August 1960 from nearly 102,800 feet.
- The oldest recorded Tandem diver was a man of 100 years old.



Skydiving Experience 2012

We will be arranging a day out to do a Tandem Jump in May 2012 and would like to know if you are interested?

Transport will be arranged to the Sky Diving School and a light breakfast will be provided.

It is R 1 650 per person excluding a DVD of your jump, if you would like a DVD it will cost R 550 extra.

Please see the link below for the YOU Tube video showing The Tandem Jump experience.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1uLookfuUA&feature=g-upl>

We will require payment 1 month prior to the date.

We look forward to hearing from you!

" HE WHO IS NOT COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO TAKE RISK WILL ACCOMPLISH NOTHING IN LIFE. "

- MUHAMMAD ALI

Markets

Well we have finally recovered to new market highs. January sees a great run up in the JSE All Share index.

The index is now standing at 33.849, a few hundred points above the May 2008 high before the "crash".

And don't forget we are well ahead of other even first world, markets in the recovery states.

Those who started investing in January 2009 have seen a good return overall.

January

I am having an out-of-money experience.

However the market is now relatively highly priced. Volatility is also high so expect a fairly bumpy ride during 2012.

Rand has weakened to the \$ by about 15% over the last 12 months (R6.80 to R7.90) and the oil price has increased by about 13%.

I still believe overseas markets offer value over the next 18 – 36 months particularly if the Euro-zone manages to hold the fort.

Retirement ANNUITIES



Don't forget tax year end is 29th February 2012 (Yes it's leap year.)

If you need to adjust or make an "ad hoc" single payment to boost your retirement and SAVE TAX then give us a ring preferably by Friday 24th February to give us time to process everything.

SA can expect "strange weather" Elise Tempelhoff, Beeld

Johannesburg— South Africans in most parts of the country should prepare themselves for heavy rain and "strange weather" in February, March and April, the South African Weather Service says.

In addition, winter will begin earlier than usual.

The only regions that will receive much less rain over these three months are the central and northwestern parts of Limpopo, the northwestern parts of Mpumalanga and the Southern Cape, said Cobus Olivier, scientist and long-term forecaster at the SA Weather Service.

He said it was possible that all the rain forecast for the three months from February to April could actually fall in February.

Heavy flooding would then occur in February and the other two months would then be drier than usual.

For more information read on News24 (18.01.2012 @ 10:12)



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