

“Million Dollar” Trade Show and Educational Conference a Huge Success!

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Our Million Dollar Trade Show last month was a huge success! You should have been there! Our members were more educated, motivated and stimulated by some very knowledgeable speakers who helped give them that one idea that would help them make and keep more money than ever! WOW! Where else could you possibly spend a more profitable day? There was no place in the world like the Los Angeles Convention Center on Tuesday, October 18th.

And...a very special thanks go to you, our members, who truly are the essence of our trade show success!

Thousands of our members really know how to take advantage each year of this incredible source of information and...it's all free! It's just one of the many services we provide our members in addition to the lowest membership dues and credit check fees as well as the best service in town!

Many thanks go to our dynamic speakers, **Attorney Dennis Block, Attorney Dale Alberstone, John Kamin, Marvin Fleschman, Alberta Nisperos, Mark Walter, Reid Daub, Dale West and Jeffrey Taylor**. They provided the most powerful and contemporary information on wealth-building and apartment landlording that you'll ever be able to find.

Our thanks also go out to our large variety of exhibitors and their commitment to our members in offering the best possible professional assortment of services. This year, vendors gave away over \$6,000 in prizes via special grand prize drawings. All this in addition to the drawings and freebies given away at the individual booths. (See exhibitors on pages ____ and ____.)

And...a very special thanks go to you, our members, who truly are the essence of our trade show success! Your generosity to our Union Rescue Mission's "Christmas in October" Drive was greatly appreciated. Thank you! And your thirst for knowledge in your pursuit of excellence is a driving force in the betterment of our industry! A thousand thanks....and we'll see you at our next trade show at the Long Beach Convention Center on May 18, 2006.

It pays and saves you big just to be an AOA member. BUT...it pays and saves even more for those owners who turn up every year to discover new ideas at the Big Show! Be sure to mark your calendar for our next show at the Long Beach Convention Center on May 18, 2006.

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The below article was written by Gary D. Halbert of Profutures Forecasts and Trends. For more information, please visit www.profuture.com.

Normally, America comes together in a time of national disaster. Our "can-do" mentality normally unites us across party lines. But there was little that was normal about Hurricane Katrina. Rather than help rescue their brethren, thousands of New Orleans residents who stayed in the city turned into ruthless thugs who looted the city, raped young women, murdered fellow citizens and terrorized the shelters. It is a sad testament to the utter failure of the Welfare System in this country. The looters said they deserved what they stole. In my view, they deserved to be shot!

Members of the liberal left in this country could not even wait until all the dead bodies were recovered to use the misery of others for political gain. The Bush Haters saw this disaster as a new weapon to use against the President. President Bush, to his credit, did admit that some mistakes were made at the federal level in the disaster relief effort. In my estimation, the National Guard and the military arrived only one day later than had everything gone correctly. And if Bush

had rushed in the troops before the Mayor and the Governor asked for them, he would have been roundly criticized for usurping state and local authorities. Either way, Bush loses.

What the media refuses to discuss is the fact that the city of New Orleans had a master disaster plan, including a complete evacuation protocol. **But they never implemented the plan.** There was plenty of time and resources to evacuate those who could not leave on their own. We've all seen the photos of hundreds of flooded school buses that could have been used had the disaster plan been in place. The Mayor of New Orleans failed his people. Likewise, our troops could have been there a day sooner had Governor Blanco not hesitated for 24 hours to authorize them.

As you know, I have been a political observer in these pages for over 20 years. I've seen a lot and reported on same over those years. But I never expected the left to stoop so low as to use this national disaster for their own gain. I sincerely hope it backfires on them in 2006 and 2008! The latest CNN/Gallup poll certainly looks like a backfire. Good!

[Editor's Note: You may have also noticed an article in the newspaper noticing that 40 years ago, the Federal Government wanted to do the necessary flood construction job. An environmental group filed a lawsuit and was successful in stopping the construction. As usual, we can now see that they "protected" the area at a much greater cost to the people than any inconvenience the building-up would have caused!]