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Money Isn't Everything

As an independent agent we have the competitive advantage of canvassing several companies to find the best value for you. The emphasis in that statement is the word value. As agents we try to provide you with coverage that meets your particular needs. Some people want all the bells and whistles, some bare bones, and some an average policy or whatever their agent recommends. I have a number of customers who frustrate me when they call to tell me they have found a better company because the rate is lower. They shop price and let price be the determining reason to select a company or agent. When I ask them about the coverages they have no idea if they have given anything away or if they now have less than they had before.

Each insurance company has differences, however small in some cases, which should be identified and used in comparison besides premium. Premium is important but not knowing how the two policies compare in coverages is asking for trouble. My advice to you is stick with a reputable agent that is local and available in the event of a tough claim or coverage issue, use only reputable "A" rated companies, names of which you recognize, and give your current agent a chance to point out the differences in policies.

It is easier to squeeze pricing than explaining why no coverage exists. Remember, the reason for insurance is protect you and your family. Saving a few dollars a month is not as important as your insurance company providing the correct amount and types of coverages and paying out in the event of a claim.

Cubs and Sox Facts

1. The Cubs obtained Steve Stone when they traded Ron Santo to the White Sox in 1974. Stone later won the American League Cy Young Award in 1980 while with Orioles.
2. Ernie Banks was selected to a Cubs record 14 All-Star games. Sandberg was selected to only 10, but he has started the most with 9 starts.
3. The tradition of singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" was started at Comiskey Park by Harry Carey. The tradition continues today. The song is the third most-played song in America, behind only "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Happy Birthday to You."
4. To commemorate the last game played at the old Comiskey Park in 1990, the White Sox wore replica 1917 uniforms, marking the first ever "Turn Back the Clock" day in the MLB. Many teams now do this, as the tradition continues league-wide.
5. The infield at US Cellular consists of dirt transported from the old Comiskey Park.
6. In 1901 the white sox officially change their name from the White Stockings to the White Sox.
7. The name of the Cubs first ballpark was the 23rd St. Grounds. The Cubs played there in the 1876. The Cubs' record there was 52-14 that season, and won the National League crown.
8. Phil Cavarretta played the most years with the Cubs. He was a Cub for 20 years, 1934-1953. He played 1,953 games with the Cubs
9. Weegham Park was the original name of Wrigley Field.
10. In 1900, Charles Comiskey moved his Saint Paul Saints minor league franchise to Chicago. It is believed that the Cubs owner at the time was not happy, and filed a lawsuit against Comiskey

Whom did the Cubs obtain from the White Sox when they traded Ron Santo in 1974?

Chicago Cubs: Lovable
Losers ([81gaucho](#))

Steve Stone. The popular Santo was towards the end of his career, and was traded to the American League where he could be a designated hitter. Stone later won the American League Cy Young Award in 1980 while with the Orioles.

Which player has been selected to the most All-Star games as a Cub?

Chicago Cubs
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■ **It is well known that the Cubs stole Sammy Sosa away from the White Sox in an early 90s trade. Who did they give up to get this tremendous star?**

George Bell. Bell had an okay year for the Sox, before fading away into oblivion. Sosa showed speedy ability at the top of the order before developing his renowned display of power

What was the original name of Wrigley Field?

Weegham Park.