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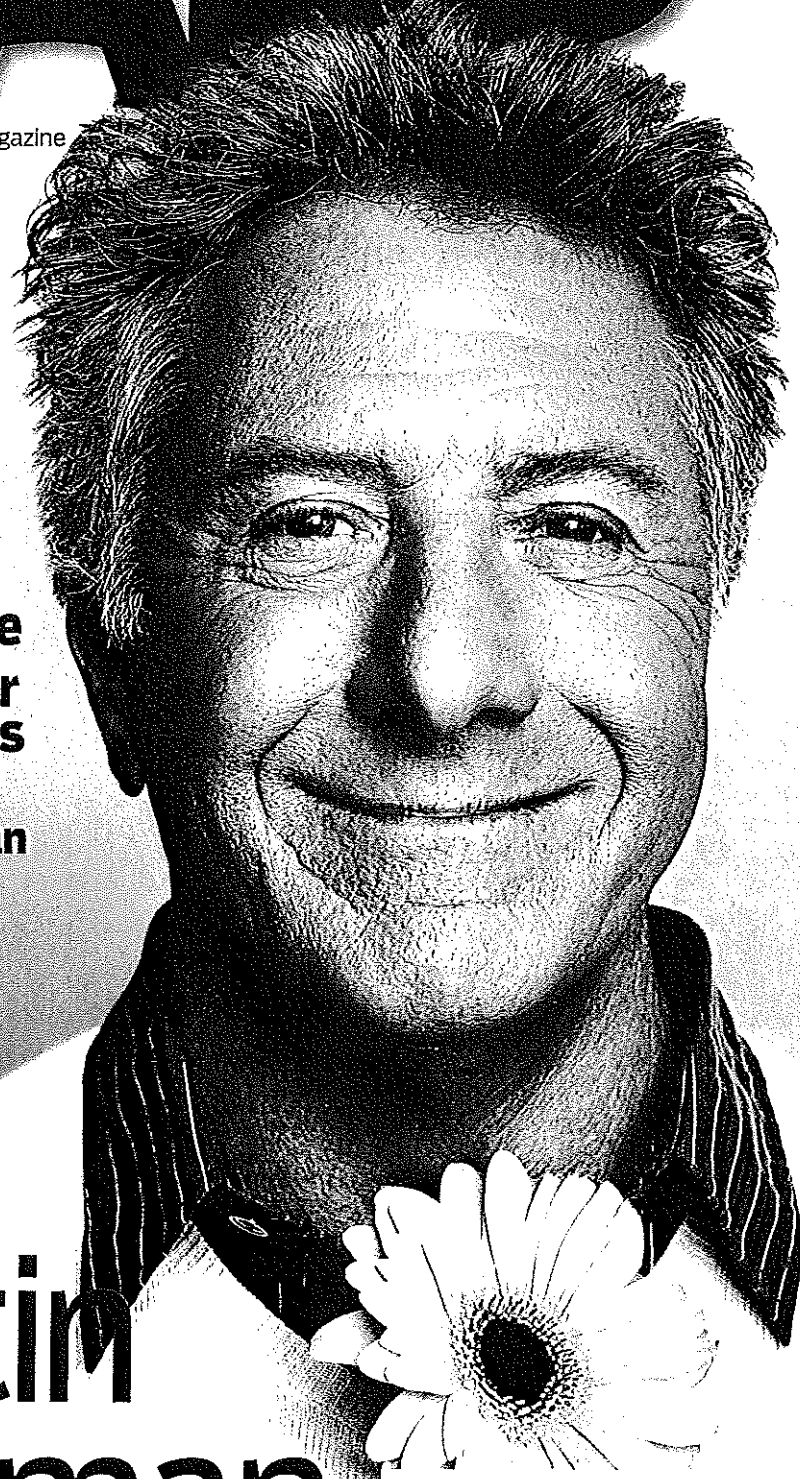


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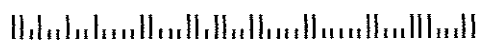
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Earn Extra Money—Fast!

Ten fun ways to boost your bank account **BY SALLY ABRAHMS**

• Whether it's to splurge on a nice dinner or pare your credit card debt, another source of income can bring much-needed cash when times are tight. "I'm busier than I've ever been," says Pamela Tossounian, a consultant for Southern Living at Home, a company that hires independent salespeople to sell home accessories. "The people who sell our products all seem to need that extra cash infusion that this kind of work gives them." You can do it, too. Some entertaining ways to earn extra money:

1 **Sell From Home**
POTENTIAL PAYOFF: \$100 TO \$400 PER PARTY

Companies such as Avon (cosmetics), Party Lite (seasonal home decorations), Simply Fun (games), and the above-mentioned Southern Living at Home let you sell their products in the comfort of your home or your friends' homes. One get-together can net \$100 to \$400 (plus free gifts)—and more parties and sales can mean more money. Kathy Lazear, 49, works full-time for an insurance company in Gainesville, Florida, but also conducts eight or so parties a month for Tastefully Simple, which sells gourmet seasonings and desserts. Her clients come mostly from referrals and previous partygoers. The money she earns—typically about \$3,000 monthly—has helped her pay off her bills. "I like the friendships," she says. "And I have flexibility about when I work."

2 **Pamper Pets**
POTENTIAL PAYOFF: \$10 TO \$60 AN HOUR

Animal lovers are purr-fect candidates for in-demand jobs such as dog walking



and pet sitting. As an employee of the national company Fetch!, Tina Beer, 67, of Sarasota, Florida, makes \$10 for a 30-minute dog walk, and more for day boarding. Working no more than two hours a day, the retired college dean earns \$600 to \$800 a month. The company provides insurance and bonding, does all the booking, and collects the money. If you walk dogs or pet-sit on your own, you could get \$15 to \$20 per walk and \$40 to \$60 for a sleepover at the pet's house. Check with your insurance agent about any extra coverage you might need. Another option: part-time dog grooming. Employees of the Sammamish, Washington, franchise

Aussie Pet Mobile make as much as \$225 a day. If driving a van isn't for you, bone up on opportunities at brick-and-mortar grooming shops.

3 **Teach a Skill**
POTENTIAL PAYOFF: \$20 TO \$50 AN HOUR

Conduct a workshop or course in a subject you love, from computers to crafts to Chinese cooking. Check for opportunities at your local community college or adult-education school, church, YMCA, or recreation center. "Adult-education programs are wonderfully receptive to good ideas from people with practical skills and experi-

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