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Welcome to the month of July. Be sure to wear your red, white and blue. We are heading into the summer months, so take care of your body and drink lots of fluids.

This month you can read about the history of Independence Day and learn things that you may have slept through in school. For those of you that have headaches every night, Dr. Vince and Dr. Lynn have some insightful info on this subject. One thing that the docs left out was headaches related to scheduling for T.E.A.M. , but Sam and Michael will fill you in on those headaches in their articles. While Andy reminisces about his younger days in the Califas Hood, Jeff spreads his pride and Mick get's a few things off his mind.

This Fourth of July is a blackout day, those of you that have not scheduled yet, hurry and sign-up. We have many events that day. Plan on working long hours and make sure you drink plenty of liquids the night before. Bring a light lunch, sun block and get plenty of rest.

Anyone interested in being a part of our softball team, sign up now. We are planning a game against the DTC crew by Sunday, July 14, bring your bat and glove.

See you all next month, remember- if you have any contributions to the newsletter, contact me in 111 or e-mail me at [chris@teamsecurity.net](mailto:chris@teamsecurity.net), thanks and be careful out there.....

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### JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/4: Independence Day- **Blackout Day**  
T.E.A.M. corporate office closed.  
Glendale 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Scottsdale 4<sup>th</sup> of July @ Westworld  
Tempe 4<sup>th</sup> of July @ Tempe Towne Lake  
Little Richard @ AVA- Tucson  
7/7: Martina McBride @ AVA- Tucson  
7/8: Payday in 111. 4p-6p.  
7/11: Mary Wilson @ AVA- Tucson  
7/18: 70's Soul Jam @ AVA- Tucson  
7/20: Advance training in 111. 1p-5p.  
7/22: Payday in 111. 4p-6p.  
7/26: Jeep World Outside Festival @ Cricket Pavilion  
7/27: Trisha Yearwood @ AVA- Tucson  
7/29: Goo Goo Dolls @ Cricket Pavilion  
7/30: Supervisor meeting. Call for info. coming up next month....  
8/6: Rock Never Stops @ Cricket  
8/7: Weezer @ Cricket  
8/20: Anger Management Tour @ AWA

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Louise Curley 7/2  
Brian Gustavson 7/4  
Kimberly Giannetti 7/5  
Floyd Orfield 7/10  
Alicia MacClennan 7/12  
Michael Ziegler 7/12  
Tyler Reichelt 7/14  
Doug Dubay 7/15  
Rick Gill 7/15  
Bill Selby 7/16  
Chad Graham 7/18  
Alan Wada 7/19  
Phillip Garduno 7/20  
Dallas McAlvey 7/20  
Robert Keilman 7/21  
Joe Barrera 7/23  
Nicole Richardson 7/23

- Tricia Steveson 7/24  
Ann Kessler 7/25  
Karri Maloy 7/25  
Kortnee Wright 7/25  
Joseph Willis 7/27  
Victor Holguin 7/28  
Johnnie Powell 7/29  
Donna Jenkins 7/30  
Michael Harley 7/31

### T.E.A.M. ANNIVERSARIES

- One year: Nicholas Macal 7/2  
Rose Lisi 7/11  
Nicolai Wendelboe 7/11  
Devin Harpool 7/25

Thanks for your time and dedication. Keep it up!

### LEARNING CAN BE FUN

**Classes For Men At Our Local Learning Center For Adults**  
Sign-up by July 28<sup>th</sup>

**Note: Due to the complexity and difficulty level of their contents, each course will accept a maximum of 8 participants each.**

**Topic 1:** How To Fill Up The Ice Cube Trays. Step By Step, *With Slide Presentation.*

**Topic 2:** The Toilet Paper Roll: Does It Grow On The Holder? Round Table Discussion.

**Topic 3:** Learning How To Find Things, Starting With Looking In The Right Place Instead Of Screaming. *Open Forum.*

**Topic 4:** Real Men Do Ask For Directions. With Real Life Testimonials.

**Topic 5:** Is It Genetically Impossible To Sit Quietly As She Parallel Parks? *Driving Simulation.*

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## **THOUGHTS AND RUMINATIONS FROM SAM'S CUBICLE**

By Sam Bokelmann

I don't think very many of you know what is involved in being a member of the scheduling realm. I am writing this in high hopes of saving myself and Michael possibly a few hours OFF of the phone on Saturday or Friday nights...

Put yourself in our shoes, imagine trying to eat dinner with your family, or see a movie with "someone" and suddenly you get a page, and have to drop whatever it is you are doing. Only to hear that someone you had scheduled earlier that week is canceling for a shift because they don't feel like working. Away from T.E.A.M., I am a tattoo artist on the side, can you imagine getting a piece done and suddenly the artist gets paged and tells you to come back later, just because one of his employees felt it necessary to cancel his/her shift for whatever reason!

My daughter was in town for Father's Day, I have only seen her 4 times! I probably spent 50% of the entire weekend, if not more, on the phone finding people to work. Fellow employees, you may think it is no big deal to cancel, but stop and consider what might be happening at the other end of the pager.

The people who cancel are usually the first few to call in on Monday mornings. You set your hours. There are plenty of other people who would love them. If you don't want them, don't take them.

### **WHATZ UP DOC?**

American Chiropractic  
HEADACHES

Though there are many types of headaches, a frequent and overlooked cause of headaches is the malfunction of spinal bones in the neck and upper back.

When bones of the spine lose their normal position or motion, sensitive nerves and blood vessels to the head can be affected. When spinal nerves and related tissues are stretched or irritated, they can produce throbbing headaches. Aspirin and medications may cover up these warnings signs, but do not correct the underlying structural cause.

Many people find relief and correction with chiropractic care. If a thorough examination reveals reduced range of motion, loss of normal spine curves, or mechanical restrictions, chiropractic care

should be considered. After a complete explanation, you'll receive a care program designed for your unique spinal problem.

Many patients report headache relief. Others find that the correction takes longer because their spinal problem has existed undetected for many years. Every patient responds differently. Regardless of how you respond, experience the drug-free results millions have enjoyed by consulting a chiropractic doctor.

### **MINIMIZE HEADACHE FREQUENCY** Sleep schedule

Waking and sleeping times can play a critical role in controlling headaches. Sleep deprivation is a common headache trigger, as is oversleeping. Make an effort to normalize your sleep patterns, helping your body to become regulated.

### **Smoking**

Smoking cigarettes or breathing second hand smoke can increase your headaches. Although quitting smoking is not a guarantee that headaches will stop, it can ease the problem by eliminating the impurities and the carb on mono xide levels found in the blood of smokers.

### **Diet**

Most offending foods and seasonings will cause headaches shortly after you eat them. Some foods will only cause headaches if you eat a certain quantity. For example, nitrates in a hot dog may not bother you until you've had your second one. Cut down on foods and beverages that contain caffeine, chocolate, nitrates (preserved meats), fermented foods, alcohol, foods that contain MSG and artificial sweeteners which contain aspartame.

### **Stress**

Though it's almost impossible to eliminate stress from fast-paced, high pressure lifestyle, try to implement techniques that will help minimize its impact on your life. Take deep breaths, meditate, pray and keep a sense of humor. Be sure to exercise regularly, lower the unreasonable demands you put on yourself and leave work on time so you can spend leisure time with your family and friends.

### **Odors**

Perfume, lotions, cosmetic bases, colognes, cleaning products, auto exhausts

and cooking smells can all bring on a headache. You can't always control your environment.

Call your chiropractor if:

- \* You have pain behind your eyes.
- \* You have pain that makes you dizzy.
- \* You have pain in your temples.
- \* You have pain in the back of your head on one or both sides..
- \* You have pain that goes down the back of your neck into the tops of your shoulders.
- \* You have constant spasm in your shoulders that radiates up into your neck.
- \* You have a headache that persists for three or more days.

Dr. Lynn and Dr. Vince can be contacted at 480-946-3399.

### **BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!**

By Jeff Swanson

I've often heard how wonderful Arizona is because of it's "dry heat". News flash-dry heat, wet heat, regular heat does not make a lick of difference when it's 140 degrees in your car. Hot is hot, and it's hot!

If you are unaware, this year we have already been reaching record-breaking temperatures. Combine that with the drought and we are in some serious trouble. Water prices in my neighborhood just climbed over 150%. My average water bill went from \$30 per month to over \$75 per month. The trees on my property are turning brown and I'm scared.

Route 89A from Flagstaff to Sedona was closed today from 8am to 5pm to all tourists. This was done because many other locals and officials are scared. Why you ask are we all scared? Because the carelessness of humans. There is a "no burn" in effect in many parts of the country. This means NO CAMPFIRES!

Driving to work this morning I read sign after sign stating "Fire Danger Extreme". At the same time I witnessed several people flicking cigarette butts out of their car windows...Duh, what is it going to take before people start to care?

I have always believed that the world, as we know it, will eventually come to an end, but I'm not ready yet.

Before you give up, consider the bumblebee. According to the theory of aerodynamics, bees cannot fly. After careful study and analysis, it has been determined that its weight, size and body shape, in relation to its wingspan, makes flying impossible. Disregarding these "facts", the bumblebee just goes ahead and flies, it even hovers like a helicopter. Take a lesson from the bee. Anything is possible, if you believe in yourself.

### T.E.A.M. vs D.T.C.

Softball Game:

Anyone interested in joining the company softball team, call 111 and sign-up as soon as possible. Downtown Tempe Community (DTC) has challenged us to a game. We are planning on playing against DTC on Sunday, July 14, 2002.

Call 480-829-6066 to sign-up and get more details. It is only a couple of weeks away so hurry and sign-up, we are taking as many players as we can.

### MULE' MOMENT

By Shawn Mule'

Installment #3 of important words to know, today's word is pride.

Webster's definition of pride is as follows:

n 1:conceit 2:justifiable self-respect 3:elation over an act or possession 4:haughty behavior: disdain 5: ostentatious display - proud \ adj. \.

What does all this mean? How does it pertain to an event? If by chance you are unable to answer these two questions, perhaps you are in the wrong business.

Sounds a bit harsh I know, but it is the truth. If you do not have pride in yourself or the job you do, you will be unable to perform your duties in a manner which is expected and required.

Let me explain. Every single event I have ever worked, I have been approached, in one way or another, by someone wishing to gain access to areas they are not authorized to be in. Since I have pride in myself, and the job I do, these people were unable to reach their objective. I realize that a bribe of monetary value or sexual favors does sound inviting, it is the pride in yourself and your job that makes it easier to turn them down.

First impressions make a lasting image of a person and the company you work for. T.E.A.M. prides itself on being the very best and it takes the entire company as a whole to achieve this goal. Look at it this way, at any given event we are one of the first people the patron makes contact with. If we have pride in our appearance it can go a long way in how the patrons perceive us. If we look like slobs it makes it that more difficult to enforce the rules and for patrons to take us seriously. On the other hand, if we look professional we gain the respect of the patron and the client. The patron may not like all the rules we enforce, but they respect the job we have to do. The client is happy with us because the patrons are having a good time.

Having pride in yourself does not only apply to an event. It also applies to everyday life. Pride and respect are the two key elements that separate us from those in prison. You will also notice that most of the patrons that get ejected from an event have little respect in themselves or for others.

So in closing, always have pride in yourself and the job you do. And take pride in knowing that you work for the best company in the industry.

### THE "REAL DIEHL"

By Michael Diehl

Everyone knows that the number to the SCHEDULING PAGER is: **602-219-5965**.

I have noticed that many people do not understand what the purpose of the pager is. The pager is used to tell someone that you are going to be late to a shift or to cancel for a shift.

If you call the pager, you need to leave your name, date, shift time, location of shift, telephone number where you can be reached at, and the reason why you are canceling. The pager is not to be used for questions about your schedule or to schedule on Monday's.

I know there are some employees out there who may have Sam, Richard, Andy or my cell phone numbers. Do not use these numbers to cancel or to say you are going to be late, because whoever you call, may not be on the pager. It is not their responsibility to cancel you out with the person who is on the pager, that is your responsibility. Do not be surprised if you are written up as a no call/no show or if you get a reprimand if you decide to call

off with someone other than calling the emergency pager.

In other news, the month of July marks my one year anniversary in the office as a scheduler. It was not exactly what I expected when I started here, but I have survived. Most people did not expect me to last beyond the concert season, but I have shocked them.

I would like to thank Mick Hirko for the chance to work in the office, Andy LaFave for all the guidance he has given me, and to Billy Royal for teaching me to get to the point and not to ramble on, I'm still trying.

### THINGS TO PONDER

\* I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and think, "Well, that's not going to happen."

\* Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

\* In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

\* How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

\* Doctors can be frustrating. You wait a month and a half for an appointment, and he says, "I wish you'd come to me sooner."

### ANDY'S WATCHTOWER

By Andy LaFave

Hey Teamsters! How is everything going out there in T.E.A.M. land? I recently had an incident happen to me that I would like to share with all of you.

A couple days back I had the ever-dreaded misfortune of locking my keys in my truck. Normally this would not have been a big deal considering this was not the first time I had done this. I consider myself a seasoned pro at breaking into my vehicle.

However, the scenario around me is what really made things interesting. I was at school when this happened. I was on break when I realized that my keys were missing and I knew instantaneously what I had done. I walked to my truck and sure enough, there were my keys dangling from the ignition. I did not want to leave my truck there unattended for the next hour and a half with my keys in plain view acting as an open invite to whoever wanted to steal it.

Instead, I decided it would be best for me to try and break into my truck and retrieve my keys. Keep in mind it was still broad daylight and there were hundreds of people, including college security, walking

around. Due to the time restraint that I had because of my break, I was not able to get into my truck. Upset and disappointed, I returned to class.

During the rest of class my thoughts were consumed with who might be breaking into my truck at that moment. Realistically speaking though, I should have had no worries whatsoever. There were plenty of college security roaming the parking lots, I knew that they would have a visual on my truck because I parked not more than a hundred feet from their main security office. Why should I worry?

I was worried because when I was attempting to get into my truck, I was not so much as questioned about what I was doing. I was BREAKING into my truck. You know, using bits of coat hanger, screw drivers, and pretty much whatever I could get my hands on to accomplish the job. Nobody, including college security, approached me to inquire about what was happening. I was not asked for any identification, proof of ownership of the vehicle, name, etc.

After my class let out I began walking back to my truck, praying that it would still be there. Thankfully it was and I again, attempted to break into it. This time it was a success and I climbed in and drove off. I never really knew how easy it was to break into cars on college grounds. No wonder there is always shattered glass all over the parking lots. It must be a gold mine to car thieves.

Right now most of you are probably sitting there saying, "Why is he telling us this pointless story?". Well my friends, the reason I have expressed this story to you is because my experience made me think. I began to think about other security companies and how they could compare to T.E.A.M. The truth is they can't. The job that we do out in the field is unsurpassable. I think to myself, "What if it were T.E.A.M. out there that night?" I can guarantee that I would have had to give my information for a #7 (field card), and I would have had to provide some kind of documentation stating that it was my vehicle. That is the way that security is supposed to work, and I am proud to say that exemplifies that everyday we work out in the field.

Until next time, stay safe out in the field and most importantly: have fun. Later.....

## THE OPS WORLD

By Richard Campbell

The little things

I sit here thinking that my life's problems are hard to overcome, then I turn on the T.V. and see that people are displaced, due to someone who can't or won't follow the rules.

The recent fires are all acts of human negligence. This total disregard for us as a civilization to look the other way when we do something, yet chastise others for doing the exact same thing, is a lazy man's game.

We had a busy Friday this past week and I want to thank everyone who went out of their way to help T.E.A.M. when we needed it the most. This is hard to say when it comes to all the problems we've had taking care of the clients that we stake our reputation on. We seem to be having a problem again getting the job done and why we think we are too good to do some posts. Every client deserves the same professional service as the next, be it a one-man call or a one hundred-man call. We sit back and think, "I am a supervisor and I am not going to work somewhere that is boring". Or, "I have worked at T.E.A.M. for a long time, I deserve better". When we start thinking in those terms, we start losing sight of the big picture and how people perceive us as a company, and us personally. I hold no one to any different standards than I hold myself to. I work to get the job done no matter what it is or where it is. I will always go out of my way to help anyone, even if they don't reciprocate. Life isn't about what I can get out of it, it's what I can make of it. I will always get a greater pleasure out of giving, because I can't see the smile on my face when I give to myself.

I try personally to go to the start of almost all events where there isn't a manager on site. I do this to help with the normal first event day insights. I believe if we all took a little more time trying to give more in these areas, we can all become better, rounded people. We get to meet the clients, tour the facility, and get a chance to be able to answer some of those nagging questions ourselves instead of getting overwhelmed with all that is going on around us. I bring this into play in my personal life as well. I find in doing this that I can better appreciate the little things, because we sure miss them when they're gone.

All of my accounts are special. I take great pride in talking to people about the venues and properties where T.E.A.M. is providing security. Then I start getting pages about problems with employees or events. This happens over and over again because we all think that it's no big deal that we are calling of for a shift, or saying that you are too good to be at a certain post. This is a personal attack on my loyalty and my professional integrity.

I have heard the rumors about people getting preferential treatment or more hours or better positions than others. I only have one thing to say- the only reason people may seem to get this kind of attention, is because they are dedicated, hard working employees. They have proven themselves with their abilities to work with clients and patrons. I am not opposed to giving anyone any shift, but when employees start dictating or trying to get out of doing shifts, then the employee loses his value to client satisfaction. Thus leading to my ability to schedule said employee because he/she is setting the terms, not the client.

This brings me back to my point, everyone must play by the rules and live by your decisions. My faith in each employee may seem like a little thing, but once the employee loses it, it will be very hard to find.

This brings me to the end of my column. If anyone would like to respond to me about any thoughts on this article, please call and I will personally set up a time to meet with you and go over your concerns. If you can't find time to do this, I would ask that you please keep your comments to yourselves. You all have little things to deal with. **You can contact Richard via e-mail at richard@teamsecurity.net**

## UNDER THE PLATE

With Steve Sullivan

What's shaking T.E.A.M. family? Looks like we're starting to get busy again. We can all help in the search for qualified employees.

Qualified people make all of our jobs more enjoyable. Look at your friends and family. The uncle who wants a part-time job, the friend who can talk to anyone.

I found that the people I deal with everyday in grocery stores, at the bank, or paying bills make good security people. Here's the best part: you have people come in and fill out an application, they put your name on it, and after they work 100 hours you get 25 bucks!

If anyone knows of any groups of 10 to 25 that want to work, contact me and we can see about getting applications, and doing orientations at your group's clubhouses.

Remember, it's hot out, bring water to work. Stay away from event food and hydrate yourself the night before working long shifts out in the sun.

C-Ya. Sully

### **MARLIES' STUFF**

By Marlies Meinhold

Well, it has been another busy month here at T.E.A.M. It's time for me to write my article again.

As we have more Cricket Pavilion shows, I am finally getting to know more names and faces. It has genuinely been my pleasure to finally meet everyone. Now as I do payroll, I know the faces that go with the names. Otherwise it has been an uneventful month back here in accounting. I have been pretty busy with the A.L.I.C. program, and my normal accounting job.

Please remember if you need to call in your hours for your shift, you must call extension #233. Please note that it is a separate extension than #333. (Shift incident report hotline)

If anyone is interested in the A.L.I.C. program, and making some extra cash, please feel free to call me at 480-829-6066. **You can contact Marlies via e-mail at [marlies@teamsecurity.net](mailto:marlies@teamsecurity.net)**

As we come to the Forth of July, I would like to take a few moments to look back on H istory:

Independence Day, in the United States, an annual holiday commemorating the formal adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia. Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday has been accepted as the official anniversary of U.S. independence and is celebrated in all states and territories of the United States.

The holiday was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776, at which time the Declaration of Independence was read aloud, city bells rang, and bands played. It was not declared a legal holiday,

however, until 1941. The Fourth is traditionally celebrated publicly with parades and pageants, patriotic speeches, and organized firing of guns and cannons and displays of fireworks; early in the 20th century, public concern for a "safe and sane" holiday resulted in restrictions on general use of fireworks. Family picnics and outings are a feature of private Fourth of July celebrations.

"Declaration of Independence". Microsoft® Encarta® Online Encyclopedia 2002  
<http://encarta.msn.com> (26 June. 2002)



Has anyone read the Declaration on Independence recently?

The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies

In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these

ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. --Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain [George III] is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State

remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power

to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are,

and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

The signers of the Declaration represented the new States as follows:

New Hampshire:

Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton

Massachusetts:

John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island:

Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery

Connecticut:

Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott

New York:

William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris

New Jersey:

Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark

Pennsylvania:

Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross

Delaware:

Caesar Rodney, George Read, Thomas McKean

Maryland:

Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton

Virginia:

George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton

North Carolina:

William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn

South Carolina:

Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton

Georgia:

Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton

## THE ROYAL REVUE

By Billy Royal

"Meditation is simply about being yourself and knowing about who that is." --Jon Kabat-Zinn

As a child, I remember my grand father telling me that the whole country celebrated his birthday with fireworks on the Fourth of July. To this day, when I see that display in the sky, I think about him.

During this time of celebrating "Independence Day", let us remember its true meaning and those that have fought and died for our freedoms. Keep in mind the ongoing battle to this day, reflecting once again what Americans are willing to sacrifice to keep this Nation of ours free, independent, safe. Our enemies don't understand what we're about and what we stand for. Sometimes we need to look at our own history and remember how we got where we are.

I found this article on the American Flag. It brought back some memories of American history in school, that I wanted to share it with you.

See you out there. Be careful and remember, "every dayz a holiday!" br  
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"I pledge Allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty, and Justice for all."

Congress first authorized the United States Flag on June 14, 1777, the day we currently celebrate Flag Day in America. This date is also significant in that it qualifies our flag as the third oldest of the National Standards of the world, even older than Britain's Union Jack.

First flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the present city of Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777, the flag had a tumultuous beginning, going through the Battle of Oriskany when it was only three days old on August 6, 1777.

The flag's original design called for a star and a stripe for each state, making thirteen of each, to correspond to the original thirteen colonies. In 1791,

Vermont was admitted to the union, followed by Kentucky in 1792. The number of stars and stripes was accordingly raised to fifteen. As other states joined, it was clear something would have to be done about the ever-expanding flag. An act of Congress in 1818 reduced and restricted the number of stripes on the flag to thirteen. A star would be added for each new state.

The individual stars depicting the states represent the power of our Federal Constitution, which reserves to the States their individual sovereignty, except as to rights delegated by them to the Federal Government.

George Washington said of the flag's symbolism, "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

## JULY: A CELEBRATION OF OUR FREEDOM

By Chris Casias

In keeping with our Fourth of July theme, here's another insightful article. Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced

to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot of what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't just fight the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government!

Some of us take these liberties so much for granted... We shouldn't. So, take a couple of minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid . . . LET'S ALL REMEMBER THAT FREEDOM IS "NEVER FREE"!!!!

## MICK'S MEMO

By Mick Hirko

"There stands a house in New Orleans, before the rising Sun." - Every time I think about how I am going to start this month's newsletter, Eric Burton and the Animals "house of the rising sun" goes through my head.

Even though I am not entirely sure why, the recent death of John Entwistle of the Who may have to do with it. I know that for most of you, these are all bands that you either have never heard of, or know very little about. I had the privilege of meeting both Eric Burton and John Entwistle. Burton and I actually shared the same paths for a while, and have history together. Life is strange that way.

I, for the first time met John in 1979. This was during the height of the Who, and I was a very young punk, working as a stage hand. His graciousness and kind, unpretentious manner is something that still sticks with me. I always thought that all rock stars were prima donnas with major attitudes. Shortly after that, Keith Moon, the drummer passed away, and even though the band carried on, it was never the same.

I once saw Frank Zappa playing drums for the Who. On another night, it was Carlos Santana. Another night, John Bonham, who himself would soon enter Rock and Roll Heaven. This was in the day before everything was completely corporate, and bands still got together and jammed. You would never know who would show up, and no two shows were the same. I have many fond memories of the time, and the people that I met. I have to say that I am glad I got to meet John Entwistle. He was a good person, and incredible musician, and I, as many, will miss him. He lived hard, he died too young, but at least he lived.

People talk about great musicians of our time, and one name I hear too often is Kurt Cobain. He was not great. He was afraid to live, in fear of his own fame, and had no regard for anyone but himself. A shotgun in the mouth does not make a man great, it proves that he is anything but. We all only have one chance here, and what we make of it, is up to each of us. Live life like today is the last day of your life. Enjoy your life, make a difference, and make someone remember you. I will remember John Entwistle lived his life like that.

The recent fires north and east of us should remind us how fragile life can be, how easy everything we have built up can be gone, and how important our environment is. Even though no people have died yet, thousand of animals have. It will take hundreds of years for nature to return this landscape to how it looked a month ago. In April, I was in Vegas, and on the way back, I stopped at the Hoover dam, as I often do. When I saw how low Lake Mead was, and the water level at the dam, I got very scared. It is going to be a very hard, dry summer. The fire season has just started, and it is going to be very bad for many people. Some will lose their homes, others everything that have worked for their entire lives. Others will lose priceless memories, and some might lose loved ones. If you have never been told you have to leave your house now, you cannot appreciate what these people are going through. Why do that have to endure this? Because of the selfishness and carelessness of others. Hundreds of millions of dollars in damage, because somebody was stupid. Wow!!! Many fires this summer will be started by nature itself, but we sure did not help matters. I don't want to preach about nature or the environment, just ask all of you to be very careful, and appreciate how fragile nature is right now.

I cannot help mention the whole 9th Circuit Court of Appeals cast of idiots. To show your patriotism is now against the law? The idiot that started this whole lawsuit against the "Pledge of Allegiance" has already said that he is going after our currency next. Why is it that we have to take everything to the extreme? We have to take religious artifacts out of Christmas displays, because of the separation of church and State. We can no longer show our pride and allegiance to our own country? The same country that our forefathers and contemporaries fought for, and often died to preserve and protect? Who are these idiots. We change Christmas displays because of them, and by doing so, rewrite history. Anybody notice that Christmas is a religious holiday? Those same judges surely are more than happy to open their Christmas bribes, I mean gifts. Who are these ignorant fools? Osama bin Judge? The honorable judge Adolf Hitler-Stalin? One thing I am pretty sure of - That when it came time for them to serve their country, they were either the first to run to Canada and hide, or they were well enough connected that they never actually

had to do a damn thing!

"For those who have fought, and nearly died, freedom has a flavor that the protected will never know." I saw this on a wall in Israel some years ago, and I used it in my senior yearbook. There is much truth in that. I am sure that those ignorant fools in the 9th Circuit have never wanted for anything. They should at least appreciate that our constitution was written over 200 years ago, and the intent of our forefathers was pretty clear. Some idiot who probably has never worn shoes that were not sandals should not use the "Pledge of Allegiance" to get his 15 minutes of infamy. Next, these idiots will declare the Constitution unconstitutional, because it mentions "God". I am not a religious person, but I sure do believe in our right to worship, if we want to.

- Stupid people are collecting millions because they poured hot coffee on themselves.
- Judges are declaring patriotism illegal.
- Brandon Sirochman and Billy are agreeing on budgets.
- Our land is on fire.
- The good are dying too young.
- Nobody is willing to take responsibility for their own actions, as long as they can blame and sue someone else.
- Courts are awarding billions in damages
- Computer geeks, who flunked out of high school are charging more than doctors
- Attorneys are charging more than doctors
- Doctors cannot afford to practice medicine, because they are being sued by too many lawyers, and cannot afford the insurance.
- Good companies, that are working hard to do a good job, are either being sued out of business because those lawyers can't find enough doctors to sue.
- Good companies are going out of business, because they cannot afford the insurance, to protect themselves against those lawyers, because too many lawyers are suing them, and even though they didn't do anything wrong, they still have to pay, to defend themselves against these lawsuits.
- The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, and other idiot judges entertain idiotic lawsuits(Including the crazy woman who sued us, claiming that I assassinated John F. Kennedy), causing all of the above.
- The insurance industry is predicting that 20% of all businesses will fail in the next year, because they cannot afford to pay the insurance premiums needed to defend against the lawyers and judges.

- 0% of law firms and Insurance companies will fail in the next year
- The companies we now find out don't know the difference between accounts payable and accounts receivable.
- The lawyers made sure that the bosses who run those companies got tons of money before we found out that they cannot even do simple math.
- The judges are going to produce a ton of paperwork, keep a bunch of lawyers busy, who will all get paid a bunch of money, to ultimately tell the little guy who either invested in the big company, or worked for the big company, that they really feel bad, but all the money is gone, and the last of it went to pay the attorneys.
- The federal government paid over \$150 million to lawyers, to come up with nothing more than Bill Clinton had sex in the White House, and didn't want his wife to find out. Who really got screwed?
- If we sent all the money we are giving insurance companies and lawyers, maybe we would be able to better prevent forest fires, or see asteroids the size of football fields, before they almost hit our planet.
- We (the U.S.A.) have the ability to feed the entire planet, but the only ones getting fat are the attorneys.
- We have to hire attorneys, to make sure that we are allowed to be Americans, and say our Pledge of Allegiance.

If Armageddon is not upon us, people, it has to be on the way. That is the only way any of this makes any sense.

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### THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

From a speech made by Capt. John S. McCain, US, (Ret) who represents Arizona in the U.S. Senate:

As you may know, I spent five and one half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room. This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POWs 10,000 miles from home.



One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provide for people who want to work and want to succeed.

As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing.

Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed on the inside of his shirt. Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it.

That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in.

We cleaned him up as well as we could.

The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room. As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag.

He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to Pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the

sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

### CHRIS' FINAL THOUGHT

By Chris Casias

Gossip. The pastime of those who spend their lives preoccupied with the lives of other people. It's the tawdry trash seen on television programs like *Extra*, *Inside Edition* and *Access Hollywood* and published in vacuous rags like *People* magazine.

Is Cher really 100 years old? Could Madonna possibly age any less gracefully? How many times has the virginal Brittany Spears had sex? These are just some of the pressing issues of our time.

Entertainment figures may not deserve the unflattering attention they receive. But, it's hard to feel much sympathy for them. They tend to be rather unflattering people. Self-indulgent. Narcissistic. Vain. Pretty much what we've come to expect. And, as such, they seldom disappoint.

Besides, their shallow protests to the contrary, the Hollywood crowd thrives on gossip. The only thing worse than someone saying something mean is no one saying anything at all. Perish the thought.

The same cannot be said for us common folk, those of us who purchase their overpriced music, see their movies and attend their concerts. In contrast to their lives and within the context of our own, gossip serves no useful purpose. It's often cruel, generally mean-spirited and usually presumptuous.

What drives certain people's insatiable urge to gossip? A lot of things. Boredom, jealousy and insecurity. Rivalry, spite and paranoia. Some gossips are just downright nasty. They take delight in the havoc born of their slander.

Other gossips are more benign. They don't know when to keep their big mouths shut. They don't consider the ramifications of their ill-chosen chatter. They're completely oblivious to the feelings of other people. They don't understand the nuances of their mis-spoken words.

Still others lack sound judgement. They practice neither tact nor diplomacy. They make grand assumptions based on little or no facts. They harbor an uncontrollable compulsion to flap their gums and interject themselves into the lives of others at the most inopportune of moments.

Gossip flourishes because well-meaning people inadvertently fuel it.

They say things without thinking. They listen uncritically. They act on what they hear, rather than on what they see or know to be true.

Despite those who choose to believe otherwise, there is right and there is wrong in the world. Gossip falls in the latter of the two categories. It's not ethical and it's not moral. But, it's always destructive to the reputation and lives of other people.

It's important to respect and protect the privacy of those we know and those we don't. You do so by challenging the veracity of people who say malicious things and by practicing the time-honored art of discretion.

After all, one of the signs of the onset of adulthood, regardless of age, is the ability to intuitively know when it's appropriate to open one's mouth and when it's desirable to keep it closed.

I'm trying to use as much tact as I can, as this subject has been covered so many times in the newsletter. This will be the last time we mention rumors and gossip, as it seems that it doesn't help.

I try to keep my personal life away from work, as many of you know, but there was a reason why I brought this up. Two months ago I was one of fifteen people chosen from across the valley for a story in a local Spanish newspaper. I gave the reporter some names of friends and a few co-workers, unfortunately they felt free to mention things other than what the article was about: *Hispanics Overcoming Barriers in the U.S.*

It was supposed to show my accomplishments and I was proud of being an American. Happy Independence Day.

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By Bobby Ertmann

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## **THANK YOU...RUPERT'S GARAGE**

By Jeff Swanson

I just wanted to say thank you. It is not very often you find a mechanic who is honest, reliable and fairly priced.



For those of you in need of good work on your car, and like dealing with an up front professional, give Eric at Rupert's Garage a call. (480) 968-6829... This is not a solicited ad.

## **COOKIES! THIS IS A TRUE STORY**

My daughter and I had just finished a salad at a Neiman-Marcus Café in Dallas, and we decided to have a small dessert. Because both of us are such cookie lovers, we decided to try the Neiman-Marcus cookie. It was so excellent that I asked if they would give me the recipe, and the waitress said with a small frown, "I'm afraid not, but you can buy the recipe."

Well, I asked how much, and she responded, "Only two fifty--it's a great deal!" I agreed to that, and told her to just add it to my tab. Thirty days later, I received my VISA statement, and the Neiman-Marcus charge was \$285.00! I looked again, and I remembered I had only spent \$9.95 for two salads and about \$20.00 for a scarf. As I glanced at the bottom of the statement, it said, "Cookie Recipe-\$250.00". That was outrageous!

I called Neiman's accounting department and told them the waitress said it was "two fifty", which clearly does not mean "two

hundred and fifty dollars" by any reasonable interpretation of the phrase. Neiman-Marcus refused to budge. They would not refund my money because, according to them, "What the waitress told you is not our problem. You have already seen the recipe. We absolutely will not refund your money at this point." I explained to the accounting department lady the criminal statutes which govern fraud in the state of Texas. I threatened to report them to the Better Business Bureau and the Texas Attorney General's office for engaging in fraud. I was basically told, "Do what you want. Don't bother thinking of how you can get even, and don't bother trying to get any of your money back." I just said, "Okay, you folks got my \$250, and now I'm going to have \$250 worth of fun." I told her that I was going to see to it that every cookie lover in the United States with an e-mail account has a \$250 cookie recipe from Neiman-Marcus...for free. She replied, "I wish you wouldn't do this." I said, "Well, perhaps you should have thought of that before you ripped me off!" and slammed down the phone.

So here it is! Please, please, please pass it on to everyone you can possibly think of. I paid \$250 for this, and I don't want Neiman-Marcus to EVER make another penny off of this recipe!

NEIMAN-MARCUS COOKIES (Recipe may be halved)

- 2 cups butter
- 24 oz. chocolate chips
- 4 cups flour
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 - 8 oz. Hershey Bar (grated)
- 5 cups blended oatmeal
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups chopped nuts (your choice)

Measure oatmeal, and blend in a blender to a fine powder. Cream the butter and both sugars. Add eggs and vanilla, mix together with flour, oatmeal, salt, baking powder, and soda. Add chocolate chips, Hershey Bar, and nuts.

Roll into balls, and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet.

Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Makes 112 cookies.

Please read the recipe and send it to every person you know who has an e-mail address! This is really terrific! Have fun!!!

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