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Well, here we are: 2003! So far I think everyone survived New Year's Eve and the Fiesta Bowl, which was a great game to see. For those of you that helped us out for the first time this year, I hope all of you had a great time and will join us next year or continue working with us.

Let us all make sure that the new year will bring us happiness, luck, courage and compassion to get along with others for this new year. Let us embrace changes and accept new things and new friends into our lives. Let us just be happy, try not to hurt anyone and hope that we fall in love. Those are the only three rules for a happy life!

Happy birthday to those that are celebrating one this month, and congratulations to employees that have been with us for five, three or one year, thanks for hanging in there guys and gals.

In the coming year we will have many changes and new events, help us in making this year one our best and proving once again that we are the best company in he state.

Thanks to all of you for picking up the newsletter every month, as this month marks our eighth year anniversary that we have had this newsletter. Thanks for your loyalty and look forward to the next eight years...

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JANUARY EVENTS

- 1/1-19: Barrett Jackson Auto Auction @ Westworld
1/11: Motocross @ BOB
1/18: Glendale Glitters in Glendale Advance training in 111. 1p-5p.
1/20: Payday in 111. 4p-6p.
1/23: George Strait @ Cricket Pavilion
1/25: Monster Truck @ BOB
1/28: Supervisor meeting @ 111. 6p

T.E.A.M. BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|------|
| Johnny Sanchez | 1 /2 |
| Chris Contreras | 1/3 |
| Zachary Smith | 1/4 |
| Michael Crutcher | 1/7 |
| Joe Pitts | 1/7 |
| Kathleen Stamm | 1/8 |
| Lynn Umbower | 1/12 |
| Michael Diehl | 1/16 |
| Robert Panzenhagen | 1/18 |
| Michael Juarez | 1/19 |
| Albert Moreta | 1/20 |
| Lisa White | 1/20 |
| Helen Cantu | 1/23 |
| David Garcia | 1/23 |
| Scott Walrath | 1/24 |
| Kodi Youngman | 1/26 |
| Daniel Bailey | 1/28 |
| Michael Warren | 1/30 |
| Aaron Dailey | 1/31 |
| Eric Sells | 1/31 |

Happy Birthday to all and to all a Happy New Year!!!

T.E.A.M. ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|------|
| Five years: Keith Liermann | 1/7 |
| Three years: Billy Royal | 1/17 |
| One year: Nathan Watts | 1/9 |
| Glen Coombs | 1/23 |
| David Jagla | 1/25 |
| Walter Mayher | 1/25 |
| Kodi Youngman | 1/30 |

Congratulations guys, hang in there and we hope you stick around for many more...

RAISING THE BARNES

By Mike Barnes

Happy New Year T.E.A.M.! Happy Holidays. I would like to thank all of you for all your hard work.

Andy, I would like to thank you for all your help. Katrina has been doing a great job and is a great person to work with.

We have a lot of events coming up, please let me know if anyone wants to get on a permanent schedule, I will do my best to work with your schedules. Please remember to be 15 minutes early to all your shifts.

Thx....let's have a great year! Mike

JESSICA'S JOTTINGS

By Jessica McDermott

This was given to me and I wanted to share it with you:

THIS IS ONE OF THE NICEST AND MOST UNUSUAL USES OF OUR ALPHABET THAT WE HAVE EVER SEEN. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY IT AS MUCH AS WE DID.

Whoever came up with this one must have had some divine guidance, I was impressed!

Although things are not perfect, Because of trial or pain, continue in Thanksgiving, Do not begin to blame, even when the times are hard, fierce winds are bound to blow, God is forever able, old on to what you know, imagine life without His love, joy would cease to be, keep thanking Him for all the things, love imparts to thee, move out of "camp complaining", no weapon that is known, on earth can yield the power, praise can do alone, quit looking at the future, redeem the time at hand, start every day with worship.

To "thank" is a command, until we see Him coming, victorious in the sky, we'll run the race with gratitude, exalting God most high, yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but..., Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad! "I AM too blessed to be stressed!"

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.

The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.

PS: GOD LOVES YOU.

THE NAVY CORNER

By Buddy Hammond

Hello everyone in TEAMland. How's it going out there? Some of you probably know me, and some of you probably don't. So I'm going start off by introducing myself. My name is Buddy Hammond. I'm the son of dispatcher Kathy Hammond and the stepson of everyone's favorite supervisor Terry Tautimes.

I worked for T.E.A.M. for about six months. During those six months I got to know most of the employees, supervisors, and managers pretty well. When I worked there it felt like one very close knit family.

Then back in July I left T.E.A.M. to go fight for my country in the Navy. So far the Navy hasn't been too bad. I think it's mostly because I'm still in school. Right now I'm in Florida at the Naval Air Station Pensacola. I've graduated Naval Aircrew Candidate School and am now awaiting to go to my "A" school or technical school. After that I will go out to the fleet to serve my country.

There isn't anything that I will do to make me forget the wonderful times I had at T.E.A.M. I still remember my first night at T.E.A.M. It was last New Year's Eve. That night I knew that it was a great close knit place to work. It was like working with my extended family. Well this New Year's Eve I'm going to get the chance to work with my family again. I'm taking Christmas leave and have already made plans to work the block party on New Year's Eve. I hope I get the chance to work with all of you and meet all the new people that work at T.E.A.M.

So until then Teamsters, let me say goodbye, or as they say in the Navy HOORAH! Also, if anyone would like to write me or have any questions about the Navy, e-mail me at <mailto:sailorbuddy2002@yahoo.com>.

KATRINA'S CURTAIN CALL

By Katrina Marquez

Hello everybody. First I would like to thank Mick for a great opportunity. As most of you already know I am the new addition to the scheduling department. I have four years of experience in event security.

I started out working in the field and ended up in the scheduling department. So that means I have heard it all... I have never met so many people in my life that have had their cars stolen, grandmothers die, forgotten schedules. I think my favorite is when they try to play the schedulers against each other.

I would like to thank everyone who worked New Year's Eve. To those of you who worked doubles, you rock! If you are looking for a set schedule and have a guard card let us know. I also would like to thank all the management for making me feel so welcome. If you see me at an event please come up and introduce yourself to me.

Just a couple of reminders: always be 15 minutes early to your shifts, and leave your name and number with the receptionist on Mondays (not on the pager or our voice mail).

I look forward to working with you all. If there is anything I can do let me know.

BERT'S BUSINESS

By Bert Rawls

Hey you guys and gals, I wanted to start off by saying to all of you what a great job on the block party. This year's block party went extremely well, due to the hard work of all T.E.A.M. employees. Thanks to all of you for working so hard and making this event a success.

I also wanted to say a special thanks to all of our T.E.A.M. members that manned all of the offsite and STO (permanent) posts. I have not heard any major complaints about the bar security that we provided. I could not be more pleased and proud to have worked this event and had it be such a success due to all of you out there.

When you get a chance make sure to thank your local equipment managers. Without them we would have had to use a couple of tin cans and string to communicate and we would have been wearing potato sacks for uniforms. They worked really hard for more than three days straight. So show a little appreciation when you get a chance.

Remember, it is a new year and to make your resolutions. Make sure that they are attainable. Remember, if you set your goals too low what is the point of setting goals, too high and you will just get frustrated and not stick to it, if you set your sights just in the middle of the two, you will have a challenge, but if you work hard you can reach any goal you set.

Have a good year and hang in there. The concert season will be starting in a few weeks. **You can contact Bert via e-mail at bert@teamsecurity.net**

OPSTRIX

By Richard Campbell

I can only say THANK YOU for the dedication that everyone has shown this past month. You have truly come through.

We went into our busiest week and everyone pulled up their bootstraps and made it work. It was a wonderful sight to show up at Block Party and everything was running smooth. I want to say to Jose, and Bert- Great Job! Your pre-planning was excellent, it made all the difference.

The month of January is action packed and I look forward to starting the year the way that it ended.

I would write more but I am tired and going home to sleep. Thanks again to all that stepped up last year.

WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

It's hard not to get the resolution urge on New Year's Eve. There's that sense of renewal, of rebirth, and the guilty awareness that you ate your own weight in chocolate during the holidays. Sure, last year's resolutions didn't make it past the fifth of January, but hey, this year's going to be different, right?

Most of us don't have a clue how to make a reasonable resolution, which is why most of us fail to keep the ones we make. We set high goals for ourselves, and then wonder why we never attain them. So we either stop setting goals (never a good choice), or make resolutions that are ridiculously easy to keep.

I asked a friend what his New Year's resolution was last year. He thought very seriously and then replied "Breathing." An admirable goal, but hopefully not one he'll have to struggle to keep!

I reign as the undisputed king of the broken resolution. Lose Weight. Exercise. And, of course, the invariably stress-inducing I Must Relax More. They all failed, and not because I wasn't sincere when I made them. I'd say it, I'd mean it, and then I did . . . Absolutely nothing. Oh sure, the resolution stood firm for a few weeks, and its memory returned throughout the year, mostly to make me feel guilty and ineffectual. But I never did anything about it because I didn't have a plan. All I had was a meaningless expression (Save Money, Be Happy, Get in Shape . . .).

Once I realized this I made a prompt, if somewhat tardy, New Year's resolution (Okay, really tardy. It was April). This year was going to be different. Only this time, my resolution was to figure out a way to keep resolutions.

Ah, my collection of failed resolutions. Here they are in all their tarnished glory. Why don't you check off the ones you've tried to see how we compare.

You could also use the following as a checklist. Having checked your goals, come back in a few months re-check them and see how you're doing!

- Exercise (Jogging? Swimming? Using the Hamster Wheel?)
- Get in Shape (the sequel to Exercise. But what shape? Square? Rectangle? I understand ovals are popular this year . . .)

- Help Medical Science Join a clinical trial... Hangovers?
- Smile more (Enjoyed a career as a fast food cashier)
- Change Careers (see Smile More above)
- Quit Smoking (I keep this one. Of course, I don't smoke.)
- Get a Life (No one was willing to give me theirs, so that fell through . . .)
- Feeling Guilty (I kept this one! Maybe I should have specified not feeling guilt . . .)
- Save Money (I was going to start keeping this right after Christmas, really . . .)
- Make More Money (after Smile More and Change Careers? Are you joking?)
- Increase Productivity (I ate more fiber . . .)
- Go Back to School (A huge mistake. Turns out my Grade One teacher remembered me . . .)
- Be Happy (I kept this one for three months. My friends threatened to institutionalize me . . .)
- Honesty (Warning! I was arrested once, sued twice and divorced twice because of this one . . .)
- Lose Weight (I wore lighter shirts and weighed myself in the nude. Gained ten pounds . . .)
- Eat Better (Gained ten more pounds . . .)
- Relax More (Notice how those two little words make your muscles tense and your blood pressure rise?)
- Healthy Lifestyle (Amazing! Eat better, lose weight and exercise all wrapped up in one ego-draining package!)
- Get More Sleep (Was doing well until the boss heard me snoring in my office . . .)
- Get a New Job (See Get More Sleep above . . .)
- Stress Management (I managed so well I reported a 150% increase in stress by the end of the first quarter. Who says I'm not cut out to be CEO?)
- Get Organized (Never did get around to this one . . .)

T.E.A.M. TOP TEN LIST

Are you sick of making the same resolutions year after year and yet you never keep them? From our home office at Tempe Beach Park... here is the Top Ten Resolutions That You Can Actually Accomplish...

10. Read less.
9. I want to gain weight. Put on at least 30 pounds.
8. Stop exercising. Waste of time.
7. Watch more TV. I've been missing some good stuff.

6. Procrastinate more.
5. Drink. Drink some more.
4. Start being superstitious.
3. Spend more time at work.
2. Stop bringing lunch from home: I should eat out more.
- and last but not least...
1. Take up a new habit: maybe smoking!

VILLA CON DIOS

By Jose Villa

Hello everyone, Happy New Year! I have the pleasure of writing this article from Aiea, Hawaii. It is a small town on a hill overlooking Pearl Harbor. I am able to see a full view of the harbor including the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial and the retired battleship U.S.S. Missouri that is right next to it. A very symbolic memorial for those who know what happened on Dec 7, 1941 and September 3, 1945, the beginning and the end of the U.S. involvement in World War II.

Well, another year has gone by and so many things have happened. We have made another Block Party successfully happen with your help. I know that everybody that worked made some kind of sacrifice and I would like to acknowledge some who did. I would like to start with Andy, who dealt with all the scheduling issues that are related with Block Party, once again you are the man, and I will miss leaning on you so much in 03'. Kelly, you made the impossible happen in the recruiting department. Mike and Katrina, you were able to manipulate shifts and schedules to get everyone where they were supposed to be with minimal issues. Chris and Jessica, I can define your unrecognized help in one word, paperwork. Thanks for keeping that straight. Richard, Bert, and Stephanie in the Operations department, someone had to tell everybody where to go and what to do, except I overheard a few people tell you guys where you could go after getting their deployments. Billy, I thought you were fired a couple of times? What were you doing there? I think you just wanted to see if we were going to fill all the shifts you sold after being told to STOP taking orders. Marlies, I think that you are probably knee deep in the Block Party paperwork right now! What are you doing reading this! Thanks for keeping the sign-in and out organized. Karen, the one who had 4 radios hanging off her for 12 hours and had the frustrating job of trying to understand the radios all night.

Finally, Mick, who had the very important job of filling the soda machine at 10-93 as Andy was trying to talk to a group. Thanks for running interference for us and getting yelled at for us doing our job the right way. In the end, we had ZERO liquor violations in the beer gardens. A simple "thank you" would have done from some people, but looking back...that's why they pay the best event security company in Arizona to be there!

Once again Thank you everyone and looking forward in experiencing more events and creating more stories that we can tell at the same time next year.

Anyway, Waikiki Beach is calling me...see you guys when I get back

UNDER THE PLATE

With Steve Sullivan

Well it certainly has been a long time since I have contributed to our newsletter, which I do apologize. The last six months has really brought some huge challenges for both T.E.A.M. and I.

On the T.E.A.M. front, our calls keep getting bigger. We have done some amazing things. Our client base keeps growing. Our Armed division keeps growing, our tour services division is up, and rolling in full. All this gives you potential to grow and learn some new and exciting posts. I do not get a chance to thank everyone at T.E.A.M. for the support on the road. I miss working events with everyone, I really enjoy getting to work alongside with everyone teaching and learning with you.

Being on the road can be the biggest roller coaster ride ever. The thrill of being part of a touring production can be brought to a complete stop by many things. It's very lonely. I have personally dealt with some of the biggest moments of my life on the road. Divorce, Death of a family member, and Missing loved ones and their school programs to just name a few.

Why do it you wonder? Many things keep me going back out. I love being a part of the show, going into an empty house and putting your brand of entertainment into it. The early fans, The good and bad staffs, The doors opening, the act hitting the stage, Airport Lounges, Black SUV's, girls and their angry boyfriends, The lingering fans, photographers, autograph hounds, Award Shows, Hotel managers and Security,

Video Shoots, Rehearsal studios, after parties, hotel lobbies, Media types, police, local HIB's (Huge Industry Bigwigs) Promoters, Truck Drivers,

Bus drivers, Bunks, Bus food, and of course the lack of sleep.

I guess that is most of it. I wish everyone in the T.E.A.M. family the best for 2003, I know what ever we come across we will rise. Peace, Sully.

MARLIES' NOTES

By Marlies Meinhold

Well, there's another month that has passed, quickly. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and or Chanukkah, and a Happy New Year. I know everyone's New Year was at Block Party. I was there too.

As we all know, it is tax time. Please make sure your social security numbers and addresses are correct. All W-2 will be mailed on the 31st of January. I am hoping to have them done and available for pick up by the 28th of January, but to be safe, please call first, and just ask Jessica if W-2's are ready. If you don't pick your W-2 up by the 30th, they will be mailed on the 31st. I appreciate everyone's help with this, there will be a lot of W-2's to do this year, so this will be a busy month for us.

Have a great month, and I will talk to you next month.

ANDY'S LAST WATCH

By Andy LaFave

Hey Teamsters! How is everything going out there in T.E.A.M. land? A new year is upon us and along with it comes change. The year 2002 was my last as a full time T.E.A.M. member.

I have decided to further my education and attend school on a full time basis. Going back to school has always been a goal of mine, and now I finally have the resources to do it. For those of you who are wondering, I am not going to leave T.E.A.M., I am just going to cut down my hours so I can concentrate 100% on school.

For the past four and a half years that I have been with T.E.A.M. I have seen and done some amazing things, and met some amazing people along the way. When you share almost a half of a decade of your life with people it becomes very hard to let go, because not only am I saying good bye to co-workers, I am also saying good bye to friends. Being a part of this family has been one of the most amazing experiences

of my life and I owe it all to you guys. There are some people that I want to give special thanks to, (yes I am practicing for when I win a music award):

Mick- Thank you for taking a chance and bringing me in the office. You gave me an opportunity to prove what I could do, not only to you and the company but also to myself. I am forever grateful for what working here has taught me and look forward to using my skills in the future.

Chris- Thank you for everything you have done for me. I would list them all but really, there are just too many. You have always been there, through thick and thin, and never gave up hope on what I could accomplish.

Billy- What can I say man? You are the true master when it comes to employee and client relations. I have learned a lot about communication just from watching you through the years and studying how you relate to people. Thanks for all of your help and guidance, and especially the (keeping me sane talks). You rock man!

Jose- Even though you have a tendency to cause more work for me, you have taught me the art of being efficient. I would find myself double and triple checking things just to make sure the calls were perfect. It is a great trait to have.

Marlies- The accounting goddess! Your willingness to always help in whatever way you could has always meant a lot to me. You really are more appreciated then you will ever know.

Richard- All jokes aside you are really one of the coolest guys I know. I have known you for a long time but it has been truly an honor for me to work with you here in the office. You are a great individual and you bring a sense of pride and compassion to your work that I feel has not gone unnoticed.

Jeff- Your sense of organization has greatly improved the quality of our work atmosphere. The dedication that you put forth on a daily basis is seen by all of the T.E.A.M. employees, and appreciated by all of the managers.

Steve- Even though I have not seen you very much I know that you are out there spreading the word around about this amazing company. Keep doing what you do man, and keep rockin'!

Kelly- Sharing an office with you has been an adventure all in itself. You have taught me that no matter how difficult the situation

is at hand there is a solution. Sometimes it just takes a little Poison, Twisted Sister, Warrant, or Cinderella to solve it.

Bert- I look at you and see me about two and a half years ago. Coming into the office straight from the field is a great thing. You are already knowledgeable about how we work, and know what needs to get done. Remember to relax and don't overwhelm yourself with too much. There is always a way, and most of the time it is right in front of your face. You are the poster child of T.E.A.M.

The schedulers- Mike and Katrina- You guys have the hardest job in the world! Everything that I learned from the scheduling department came from trial and error. Thankfully we have a boss who has been there and understands the complications that come with the job. Whenever there seems like there is no light at the end of the tunnel and things could not get any worse, remember one thing, things can always get worse (but it is up to you to stop it) and get yourself out of the tunnel so you can see all of the light that is around you. We always need to think outside of the box. You guys will do great.

I do want to thank all of you out there who have helped me be successful throughout my time here. Whenever any of you covered a last minute shift for me or worked a double for me it helped me shine. Thank you guys for all of your hard work and dedication.

I want to close my article by saying I am not saying good-bye to the past, I'm saying hello to the future. I will cherish all of the memories that this company has given me and those memories will live on through me.

T.E.A.M. has helped create the person that I am and I will take all of my experiences with me throughout my life.

Remember to be safe out there but most importantly have fun.
Late.....

ROYAL REVUE

By Billy Royal

"A loud voice cannot compete with a clear voice, even if it's a whisper." --Barry Neil Kaufman

Happy New Year everyone! Two Thousand and Three has just begun and it seems like yesterday that we were saying the same thing about Two Thousand Two!

This year has just flown by.

I want to thank everyone for all the hard work we've put into making this year a successful one. I don't know how many people really know what it takes to do what we do. From the office and all the planning of each and every event, to the scheduling of each shift, the equipment needed, to the work that you do in the field, to all the paper work including sign in sheets, shift reports and invoices. Think of what it takes to take a simple request for service and make sure everything goes just as planned. I think we all deserve a standing ovation!

The first of the year is usually my favorite time of year. There is something about a new start, a new beginning, a clean slate. It gives me a chance to reflect on the previous year and gather my thoughts as to what my plans for the upcoming year are. I still haven't cleaned out my garage yet, but I'm sure I'll get to it this year.

I think this year will be very interesting. We will continue to provide the level of service that has been the basis for our reputation, we will continue to strive to do even better. That's what makes this company great, we're just never satisfied with where we are. Set the goal a little higher and then go for it. Think about it folks, we're taking on new clients such as Suncor, PIR and Barrett Jackson, just to mention a couple, while still maintaining our strict level of performance.

That's about it. I just wanted to thank you all for a great year. I've made great friends and we couldn't have done this without each other. I hope each of you realize what you have and what you can be, and go for it. The only thing that limits us, is ourselves!

Take care, be careful and remember, every dayz a holiday! br

MICK'S MEMO

By Mick Hirko

First of all, I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year, and for all of you who worked New Year's Eve, I not only want to thank you, but also congratulate you for a job well done. It is safe to say that this was our smoothest Block Party ever.

I'd also Like to say a special thanks to Jose Villa, who spent endless hours preparing for this event, planning, sacrificing his favorite soap operas to attend meetings at the crack of dawn, and

who was the consistent and persistent driving force behind this event. He is right now laying on a beach in Hawaii, either jumping off cliffs, trying to create a Tsunami, or wondering why he really needs to come back here. I just want to know to know how come I never got to go after the Block Party. This was, I believe my 15th. All I ever got was to sleep in the next day. Hey, I have no reason to complain - Santa was very good to me this year. I am wondering how many of those paper umbrellas Jose has stuck in his hair right now.

The year 2003 will bring many challenges and opportunities for us. There will be new events, additional responsibilities at existing venues and events, and new directions we are going. I have set several new goals for us, and we are all motivated to the challenge on new and exciting prospects. We will continue to pursue opportunities with the Tour services division. As some of you might have heard, we will be sending a crew out with Cirque de Soleil, we are just not sure if we are joining them in New Orleans or in Raleigh, NC. Either way, it is a firm commitment. This is a great opportunity for those of you who are interested in doing tour work, in that it deals with a lot of the same issues and pressures of a concert tour, but is not as stressful, and we will have the opportunity to rotate you out of the tour every few months.

This leads to the next goal we have for 2003. - We need to develop more leaders and more supervisors. Jose and Lisa White have been working on a new curriculum, to create more consistency and a better training ground. As we lose people to tours, we will need new supervisors to step up to take on the challenges of leading or crews. I don't know if you are all aware of the huge amount of work we turn down every year, simply because we do not have enough qualified supervisors. We have several clients that are really giving us a great complement, but at the same time, some serious pressure, to take on more responsibilities at their venues and events. The lack of supervisors is holding us back there, as well. This is a challenge to all of you who feel that you have what it takes to be a leader - Step up, and accept the challenge. If you have the right abilities, many opportunities will arise. The days of walking around with no great responsibility are ending, and a head set means nothing more than you can hear your radio. Our

motto for 2003 - In any event, We set the standard. Join us in the inception of a new and exciting year, and welcome the change and the challenges. It will be a good year for us all.

Guys and gals. I am so very proud of the work we have done in the last couple of months. You are great. Keep up the good work, and Keep the Peace.

See you out there!

CHRIS ' FINAL THOUGHT

By Chris Casias

Could everything I have believed in for years be wrong? Can I seriously be so far from reality that I can no longer determine when I crossed over?

The mind can do so many things to a person; it's amazing! If we were not such complex beings, life would be a much simpler task to carry out. It would be much more boring, and plain. No art, no creation, no invention...Is simplicity worth all of that? I think as life goes on, it just gets more complicated and much harder to deal with. As if each time you woke up, all your burdens and stress got a little bit heavier. Then after a year has passed by, you now have so much to deal and cope with, much more than you ever anticipated, and way more than you ever wanted. The worst part about it all is looking back, reflecting. At least for me it is...It troubles me to see how much I took/take for granted, how much opportunity I passed/pass by, how much I waste; for what?

We all like to think we are always living life out to the fullest, doing everything we want to because we like the feeling of achieving our ambitions, but in reality, we often stray away from our goals because of greed, laziness, temptation, etc. anybody that tells you, "If I had to go back and do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing" is lying through his or her teeth.

I wish I knew how to solve my own puzzle. I can't though; I am just as lost as the next person. I have too many questions to ask that nobody in the entire world can answer. I have so many feelings to share with only one person in the world. I have so much anger to shed for just a few people in the world. I have so much to offer this world if only I could find a place within it so I could finally be freed from these prisons that are bestowed upon all of us: school, religion, institutions, politically correct statements, etiquette, and the list

goes on. When I die, what will I be known for? What will people think to themselves about me? Will they say, "I wish I got to know him better", "I'm glad I won't have hear about him anymore". Ask yourself this- if someone close to you, friend or family, died right now without warning, would you regret not telling them something? Would you regret anything?

What is the one thing that everyone does in time of war? Writes a letter home, telling their parents and loved ones everything they wish they could say in person.

If you knew you were leaving- would you tell all your friends and family that they would always be in your heart no matter what? Would you say anything? Would you feel like you lived for all the wrong reasons? Can you honestly say that you go to sleep at night feeling absolutely content with you and your life and if you died during your sleep you would have no feeling of remorse or anything remotely close to it? Or would another angel fall from the sky, wings tattered and torn, and try to save one last person before the beginning of forever?

I wish I could do a lot of things right now. I wish time wasn't holding my heart back anymore I wish I knew a way to not let something like that create a barrier between me, and love. Time may be the worst enemy we as humans have. It controls our lives. Money is sharing the throne. It controls our lives. Remove time and money from your life and what are you left with? Freedom.

I fear I am a little too off base trying to do this all at 4:30 in the morning. But do yourself a favor, do something I can't find out how to do. Stop living day to day in fear and in worry, because it's not worth it. Close your eyes at night and sleep peacefully knowing that you're happy.

Take care and be safe.

'This will give you a lil' laugh

1. Only in America.... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
2. Only in America.... are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
3. Only in America.... do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. Only in America.... do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

5. Only in America.... do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

6. Only in America.... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

7. Only in America.... do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

8. Only in America.... do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

9. Only in America.... do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.

10. Only in America.... do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

EVER WONDER????????????????

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?

Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?

Why is it that to stop Windows 98 or XP, you have to click on "Start"?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food? When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes?.....

Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?