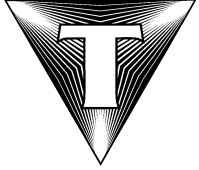


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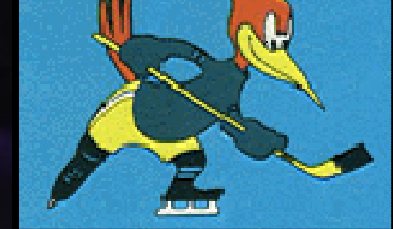
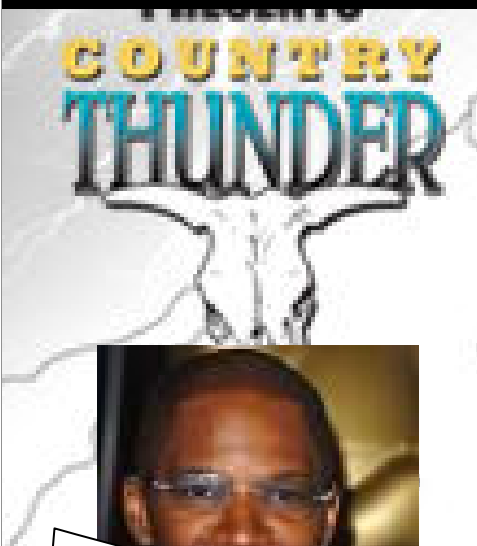
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Frank Herbert

Hello everybody. It's hard to believe that it's April already. "April showers brings May flowers"....oh wait a minute...we live in Phoenix scratch that, just enjoy your 3 weeks of spring.

This month I think I would like to discuss a topic that is near and dear to my heart. Pride and Professionalism. These traits are not generally something that can be taught. They are imbedded in your individual psyche. Individuals that have a good sense of Pride in what they do and how they present themselves tend to exude Professionalism.

What are Pride and Professionalism and why are they important? Dictionary.com defines Pride as "a high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in

the mind or as displayed in bearing, conduct." Professionalism is defined as "the standing, practice, or methods of a professional, as distinguished from an amateur." These traits are particularly important in our profession due to our high visibility position as representatives of our clients. Take for Cricket Pavilion as an example. We are the first people the patrons have contact with when they arrive at the venue. If they are greeted at the gate and dealt with in a professional manor by a person who behaves like a professional, it is going to set their mood for the remainder of the show and they will remember that the next time they attend an event at that venue. Additionally, the client needs to know that their customers are being greeted and handled by professionals because it is a direct reflection on them. A client is not going to want to employ a group of thugs and derelicts to represent them to their customers.

A funny thing about Pride though is that it can be taken to the extreme just like anything else. Don't become too proud to admit that you have made a mistake or too proud to receive criticism. I have been in the security business for nearly 13 years and I constantly learn new things. Not to mention that I have made A LOT of mistakes. We take these things in, learn from them, incorporate personal safeguards and thereby become more confident in the tasks we perform. That is Professionalism.

These traits can be taken anywhere you go and applied to any occupation you hold. Whether you are the CEO of Microsoft or the Fry guy at Pete's Fish and Chips, your wages should not dictate your personal pride or profes-

sionalism. Strive to be the best at everything you do, and people will take notice.

Well, that's all I've got for you this month. I look forward to seeing you guys out in the field.

P.S. Supervisors....remember, you keep them happy, they'll keep you happy.

Uwe Trier

Recently, I have been reading in German newspapers about American soldiers that come back from Iraq. Some of them are seriously injured. Seems that the situation in some hospitals of the States is horrible. I do not know, if these articles are true or not.

I only would like to state, that those, who give their life and their health for their country are worthy to honour them. It does not play any role, if we agree in that war or not. All these soldiers and all their families, who only do their duty are heroes and are worthy to be treated as heroes.

Best regards

Uwe Trier



Marianne Morrison

A statement made by Bill Gates for our younger generation

Rule 1 : Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3 : You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4 : If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5 : Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: the y called it opportunity.

Rule 6 : If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7 : Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8 : Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9 : Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10 : Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one

I don't always have time to put an article in the newsletter but am making a point to this time for couple reasons.

First off I want to thank everyone who came out and worked the Ostrich Festival with me. Especially John Madaras!! He pretty much saved my ass every day. I owe you big time dude & promise to some how repay you. I also want to thank Sam who was always willing to fill a spot I needed covered without whining or complaining. I love a person who never whines. Honorable mention also goes out to Romero Slim, Jeremy Maine & Megan (sorry I forgot your last name) for spending countless hours out there with me. And Lane Honda for coming to my rescue each day at a moments notice. The Ostrich Festival is a great family event but is long hours. So everyone that came out to help me, I truly appreciate you being there. Please be sure to ask Kelly McQuillian about her singing debut

with Rick Springfield while she was working barricade for that event. She did quite a nice job from what I was told. :-)

Secondly I want to remind everyone that summer is right around the corner. I noticed at Ostrich Fest that several people came without their bottle of water. Please be sure to remember to bring a bottle with you. We do not always have access to bottled water to supply you with so if you need to right yourself a note or tie a string around your finger, please do so. It is a necessity you can't afford to forget.

Thirdly If you are doing ID checking please remember that at most of our events, rule of thumb is, check ID for those who look 35 & under. Asking an older person who looks well over the age of 35 for an ID, having you tell them they didn't bring it & then you telling them they can't drink does not when us any brownie points with the general public. We are here to make sure people have a good time & are safe. Not to piss people off for our own amusement.

In closing I just want to say have a good time while you are out there & remember to keep an eye on your fellow TEAM mates & patrons during the heat. Stay safe & hope to see you out there.

Marianne



Jill Simas-Wagoner

Jilly-Beans corner of POSITIVE attitude 101

It looks like summer is approaching us a lot faster than we anticipated, even though the calendar only says Spring, 98 is not Spring! I would like to remind all of you to always bring WATER. Dehydration and falling out is never pretty, so please water, water, water. A friendly reminder the heat always brings out attitudes in a lot of people while working or out side of work, do not take it personally. Next note, Taz, my husband has a shrine of candles, a stuffed Taz and that last T.E.A.M. cents on the wall. Guess what I told him that if he liked it that much he could go camping, so he did for a long time! J For all those who participated with the Cents it was GREAT!

With out further a due let's get on with our next lesson. We not only work for T.E.A.M. and take pride in our work, we work for cli-

ents. Cricket, Dodge, Brickyard, DTC, Usac, Chase, and many events in Tempe just to name a few. We need to keep in mind that we represent not only our company but our clients. If you remember they are the reason we have jobs it is better to be positive and make sure they are happy as well as the spectators that come in the house. At times we would like to lose our selves in a shouting match with a drunk or a person who is straight up out of their mind. The best thing to remember is they are mouthing off and remember that saying when we were little "sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me!" Please remember that. I have been called everything under the sun except a female. Just let them mouth off because they think it is cool when they push your buttons and get you to go off. In the end we will win and we will get them to comply. Remember back up is just a button away. If you need to take yourself out of a situation so it does not escalate do so. It does not mean you couldn't

handle the situation it just means that the person you are dealing with has a conflict of interest with you. I have been at work a couple of times when I was called an f'r a c't a fat c't with a little of a hoe on the side. (I know how to spell it) you get the meaning. I thanked that person and said I appreciate your opinion of me; however I still need you to xyz, for me. Then they said I am so tired of talking to your stupid mother f'n fat a's get someone I can really talk to. So I did. Thank you Walter and Ray for saving me a few times J I had that happen to me twice and back up was right around the corner. When back up arrives leave it saves the egos and the buttons from being pushed more. Those spectators sure can lie and will to make you angrier and make you feel stupid. Remember they are mouthing off, but in the end the good guy always wins. You are never alone and there is always help, no need to get worked up. Our jobs are FUN! So have fun! J C-YA next month.



Spring Training for both the Angels and the Brewers went wonderfully smooth this year, and T.E.A.M. would like to thank the supervisors and their crews for making it all happen. Kathy Rice at Diablo, Ray Darby and Mike Amaral at Maryvale.



Tempe Diablo

Maryvale Stadium Crew

ALBANY, JOHN, -BEARUP, JONATHAN-**BIAS, WAYNE** -BRIMER, BRANDY-CAMPBELL, MEGAN -CORDER, GRANT-CORDER, MASON - **CRAIG, GREGORY** - DEBARTOLO, MARK-DIXON, NATHANIAL -DONAHUE, PATRICK - DREGER, JARED - **FRANCO, PEDRO** - GALACGAC, KENDRICK R- HENDERSON, LYNZI-**HODGKINS, EDWARD** -HUGHES, THOMAS-**JEFFERSON, PATRICIA** - KORP, DANIEL -MADARAS, JOHN - **MCLEAN, PAULA** - MCMAHON, MARK-MILAM, MICHAEL -MONTAGUE, DEBORAH-MONTANO, MIKE-MORICI, ROBERT -**ORTEGA, CANDY -RABUN, VIVIAN**-REGER, BILL E.-RICE, TIMOTHY - ROLPH, JAN -. SAENZ, OSCAR - SMITH, JAMES-**SPICER, BUTCH**-STATEN, FORREST -THOMAS, TODD -.MARTINEZ, VIA-WAHLEKING, EDWARD -WORKMAN, PHIL

FIELD CARDS

You can wear “Summer Gear” now. Please check with the schedulers for permission to wear shorts at each event. As always, indoor events, AVA-Tucson, Biltmore Resort, Chase Field, Dodge Theatre and US Airways Center do not allow shorts as part of the uniform. Shorts can be BDU/cargo style, denim/jeans, Dickies/work style or cotton/dress style. Shorts cannot extend below the knee or be higher than mid-thigh. All shorts must be black, worn around the waist and have belt loops for your radio. Women’s shorts must have a 4” inseam minimum. Please look at the picture samples.



Uniforms are not fashion statements. Please keep your clothes clean, neat and presentable. Cut off jeans, saggy shorts, capri pants, daisy dukes and other “fashionable” clothing has no place in the work environment.





POST ORDERS

Richard Zahn

TAZ THOUGHTS

Happiness is activity...

TAZBOX

SOMETIMES KIDS ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT MAKE SENSE

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed that the left shoe was on the right foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me, Mom. They're the only feet I got!"

On the first day of school, about midmorning, the kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers."

A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

A mother and her young son returned from the grocery store and began putting away the groceries. The boy opened the box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table. "What are you doing?" his mother asked.

"The box says not to eat them if the seal is broken," the boy explained. "I'm looking for the seal."

Remember...to laugh!.....TAZ

TAZ TOOLBOX

There are times in life when things go really well, and other times when circumstances are less than good. No matter what happens to you or me today, if we survive the days end, we will live to see another morning. Everyone has the same amount of time in a day to use how they want. We can invest our time or waste our time. At the end of the 24 hour period, it is all gone never to be found or used again. With that said I believe by investing our time we can get a return on the hours spent, down the road. Here are some thoughts to ponder or maybe even implement....

Have you outlined your values?

Whether you believe it or not we are all governed by values. Our values influence how we make decisions and effectively run our lives. Values can be instilled in us or we can choose to adopt them. Our values can change. The important thing to know is that when we have strong values, and positive values, they will be integral to our achieving what we want in this life.

Values are not goals. Goals are targets. Values are the base upon which we run our lives.

Values are how you see the world, what you see as important, what you believe.

Why are we talking about values? Because they form the base for your approach to life! Values are

the bedrock of your walking the path of life. They support and drive your purpose.

When you articulate what your values are, and write them down, you can keep your values present in your life.

Here are a few ways to go about clarifying your values:

1. Imagine you have a day to spend any way you want. What would you do? Some of the answers will give you clarity on what some of your values are.
2. Think about your sense of right and wrong. As you articulate what is right, you will become more clear on your values.
3. Consider what excites you and what motivates you. These will give you clues to values, as well.
4. Ponder about the actions that can add stability to your life. This will open up thought on what those values might be

When you write down your values, it is important to write them in the present tense. As an example, you might write one of your values as "I am financially stable" rather than "I will be financially stable."

A great way to do all this, is to use index cards or sticky notes, because you may find that you will have many things written down. Most likely, they will work their way into natural groupings. Some people like to set a few overriding values, with supporting values.

To use the example above, an overall value could be "I am financially stable". You might have several supporting values to this statement such as, "I pay all my bills before the due date." "I

review my insurance annually, "
"I save x percent of my income."

Start today, right now to invest rather than waste away. You may never know the difference you made somewhere for someone if you don't.

Be safe out there....TAZ

Marlies Meinhold

Marlies's Notes

I have decided to write this month's newsletter on sign in sheets. I thought that I had written about this last month, but I guess no one reads my newsletter articles. Sign in sheets are a very important part of the business. Sign in sheets are a way for employees to get paid. Employees sign in and out, I bill the client, and then I pay the employees. Every week no matter what I am supposed to get all the sign in sheets from the prior week. I am supposed to receive these sign in sheets Monday morning. But that doesn't happen. If it takes three days to get me a sign in sheet, than I should have three more days to do your paycheck? Right? So please everyone help me with the sign in sheets. If you are a supervisor, I shouldn't have to remind you about sign in sheets. If there is more than one person at a shift, then there will be a sign in sheet! Even one man shifts have sign in sheets. I appreciate everyone's help with this matter.

Jeff Pallavivini

I swear every time I turn around Clear is telling me it's time to write another newsletter. I think she's newsletter happy, either that or she just loves playing with fonts..which personally that's my guess. You see it really doesn't take much to amuse her. Shiny nickel syndrome at its best.

So let's see, Ostrich Fest, hmmm..seems Clear had a minor little belly ache(she claims to think that I tried to kill her), Chandler PD had orders to shoot me on sight if I got off the 202 and for some unknown reason which will be a mystery for ever more Mick's Tahoe won't start when I get finally(I had to blow by Pro-em and who knows how many police to get in to the Ostrich Fest. I may be old but I can still get to where I need to go) get in and park next to it. Grim Reaper? I don't think so, I mean really, do I look like the Grim Reaper?? And evidently Marianne needs more than 6 people to run Ostrich Fest. Whatever.

I want to thank Ray and Luis for doing a great job at the Greyhound concert. Between the 2 of them they have it down pat. Greyhound is one of those events that you really need to be more reactive than proactive and have plenty of back up plans just in case. So other than the fact that the barricade just about came over: the event people didn't think it necessary to pin the bottom before

the show but during as people were trying to shove against it, the night was fun and rather pleasant.

Maloneys: Another one in the books. You guys did a great job! 156 ejections, no one got hurt and Mick got to use his Pepper Spray. Good times had by all.

We have a big weekend coming up, Tempe Music Fest and Tempe Art Fest. The two go hand in hand which makes for a fun 3 days. I hope everyone will step up one notch and help all you can. I know our schedulers will thank you for it.

With all the shows we have coming up at Dodge, we are trying to put together a "Dodge Crew". We have a few of you that are out there for all the shows but we still have a lot more to go and would like to fill those spots. If you are interested in working out there regularly give me a call.

Alright I really need to get this to the newsletter Nazi before she threatens to cut off my food supply. Til next time....Have fun be safe and for you older people, introduce yourself to our newer folk. remember the first time you were at a event and was standing there wondering what the hell.....



Diedre Lopian



Well I just started with TEAM and now Elizabeth is making me write this article for the newsletter. I spent the first 29 years of my life in New Jersey. Born and raised in Freehold, yes the same place Bruce Springsteen sings about and about 5 miles away from all of Kevin Smith's movie locations.

My office is the orientation room all the way in the back far away from everybody else.

So when you come by the office, stop in and say hi I love MEETING new people.



Please remember Cinco de Mayo is approaching fast and we are recruiting for all shifts. So if you know somebody

who is reliable, can work flexible hours and needs a job send them my way. I would love to MEET them!

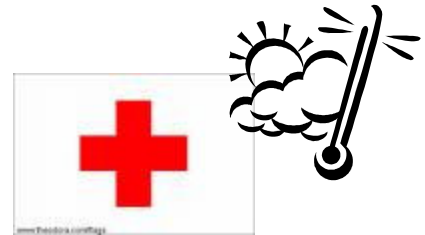
Deirdre's New Recruits Stars

- John Albany**
- Megan Campbell**
- Issac DeLeon**
- Nathan Dixon**
- Steve LaVaque**
- Mike Montano**
- Eric Serednj**
- James Smith**

**editors note. Diedre has been here for a few months now, so don't believe her "I am new" excuses.

Ryan Fulmer

This is where Ryan's article would go if he had done one.



Signs of Dehydration

To counter dehydration, you need to restore the proper balance of water in your body. First, though, you have to recognize the problem.

Thirst is one indicator of dehydration, but it is not an early warning sign. By the time you feel thirsty, you might already be dehydrated. Other symptoms of dehydration include:

- feeling dizzy and lightheaded
- having a dry or sticky mouth
- producing less urine and darker urine

As the condition progresses, a person will start to feel much sicker as more body systems (or organs) are affected by the dehydration.

Heat Exhaustion and Stroke Symptoms

Heat exhaustion

- Often pale with cool, moist skin
- Sweating profusely
- Feels faint or has collapsed
- May be complaining of headache, weakness, thirst, and nausea
- Core (rectal) temperature elevated—usually more than 100°F—and the pulse rate increased

Heat stroke

- Unconscious or has a markedly abnormal mental status
- Flushed, hot, and dry skin (although it may be moist initially from previous sweating or from attempts to cool the person)
- May experience dizziness, confusion, or delirium
- May have slightly elevated blood pressure at first that falls later
- May be hyperventilating
- Rectal (core) temperature of 105°F or more

Elizabeth Gill

A few quick gripes, and 1 good thing.

I live in a world of paperwork. Ask whoever is helping me with my filing. A huge function of my job is controlling that flow of information into the office. As such, I need to tell you guys a few things about that flow. When I ask you to document something or fill out an IR, I need you to ACTUALLY do that, and get it to me in a timely manner. I am usually pretty reasonable about a timeline, but I HAVE TO GET THAT STUFF. The whole point of the report is that it is done while memory is current. NOT 2 weeks later. And doing one and leaving it at home for weeks does me no good at all. The majority of you are lucky in that you have never been required to deal with a lawsuit. I, however, do deal with all types of legal crap, and I need the paperwork that must accompany legal requests. On that same note, I do appreciate that many of you call me to inform me of issues that take place at sights. Whether concerns, situations, or a confidential "heads up" that information is crucial, but for the majority of those issues I need to have SOMETHING to follow up on. Not everything has to be done as a reprimand, sometimes I just need something that tells me WHAT HAPPENED. (field cards are fine) If it is easier, just email me. (elizabeth@teamsecurity.net) I will let you know if I need you to then provide me with additional information.

On the flip side, I sort through piles of paperwork everyday. Some of you may wonder why you don't hear from me immediately on certain things. Trust me, some times it is just a matter of priorities. But I assure you that I track everything, review shift reports, read patrol

logs, and look for patterns. Everyone is late once in a while, and you may not hear about it, but you certainly will when it happens again. Some issues also require that I do a little poking around before I talk to anyone about it. There are only so many hours in a day, and taking care of Pav and Mick is very time consuming.

I also want to clear up a recent confusion- what equipment can be carried while on duty. Unless you are an armed guard with THIS company, you may not carry anything except your flashlight, field cards and a pen. I don't care what you think you are qualified for, what your other job lets you do, or where you are working.

None of you work armed accounts. (except Terrie, Frank, and Roger) Park n' Swap handcuff and mace certification ONLY APPLYS AT Park n' Swap. Nowhere else, not even Greyound concerts. And there are only 2 people trained to carry those things there. NO ONE ELSE! NO HANDCUFFS.

NO KNIVES, ASPS, MACE or anything remotely in the confiscation category.

This is your only warning about this issue.

What you choose to have with you outside of work is your business, but these rules will be followed at work. Don't bring things and expect that you can secure them somewhere onsite. Don't bring any weapons into the office. (it is posted and has been for a long time)

The few exceptions come from Mick Hirko only.

My last gripe is fairly simple. If it important that you speak to me face to face, please make an appointment. Mondays are never good. We can sched-

ule a time, because just dropping in is tricky. Odds are good I am in the middle of 3 other things. If you make an appointment, please be on time, or I may not be able to meet with you. And I will do my part to try to be flexible around your other schedules.

Now the good thing: new shirts are REALLY going to be coming soon. Lane spent a big chunk of the weekend printing them, and lots of them. I am aware of all of your frustrations, but as I don't print them myself, I am dependent on others availability. They are busy too. Nonetheless, soon!!!

A couple valuable websites:

www.cricket-pavilion.com
www.dodgetheatre.com
www.pollstar.com
www.tempe.gov

Cricket is just hitting its stride of adding shows, so please check that before you start making vacation requests.

Thanks for letting me vent.
Elizabeth



Mick Hirko

Does anyone know the name Brad Delp? I didn't remember it either, until one day recently, when I saw a newsflash that he had died. I was maybe 19 when I met Brad Delp. It was a chance meeting, and I not only will never forget it, I have a picture to prove it. Brad was the lead singer for Boston. Boston at the time was HUGE. They were not a touring band, and I had read several times that Tom Scholz, the genius behind the music of Boston was fairly shy and introverted, and did not care to tour. So, when some time later it was announced that they were touring, there was quite a bit of excitement over that announcement.

I remember the day of the show – there was a massive set up, one of the largest productions of the time, but still he stage was bare. Lots of lights though. They had a closed sound check, and all the security guys and the stage hands were instructed to not look at the stage and that the same applied during the set as well. Well, the show eventually started. It was one of my first times working as production manager, and as I was standing on the stage wing on Stage Right, the lead singer took a pause, looked right at me, and nodded and smiled. I looked around, to see who he was smiling at – and I was the only one there. Ironically, a local photographer happened to be in the pit, and caught the moment on film. I still have the picture, and there is no doubt. For a young kid, just getting going in the music business, it may have been a big deal. For someone who had met the great and the forgotten ones for over a quarter century, you would think the memory would had faded. It didn't. It always stuck with me as

one of the moments I would never forget. It was just a smile, an acknowledgement for a job well done, but for me, it meant the world. His voice has been silenced, but the memory of a man who touched my life for only a second, but left the memory of a lifetime carries on. As long as someone remembers you, you never really die. On Boston's official website, the site was taken down and replaced with the statement: "We just lost the nicest guy in rock and roll." May he rest in peace.

Try to remember the power of a smile the next time you come to work, the next time you are greeting a guest and the next time you are dealing with an upset patron. Remember it too, the next time a member of the opposite sex catches your eye. All those situations may create a memory you will never forget.

On a side note, for those loyal readers who have been around for a while, I need to report the untimely demise of fairly regular past character of this newsletter. It appears that his lies caught up to him. May you also rest in Peace, Dickey Soup.

I have the red-headed journalism Nazi harassing me, because it is time to go to print, so I need to keep it short. The next several months are going to be very busy. Our event calendar is filling up faster and more events than I can ever remember. If you have any friends or neighbors that are looking for a job, or just some extra money, have them give us a call. We can really use the help.

The world is an ever changing place. I have written before about the shifting baseline. I have watched AL Gore's Movie "An Inconvenient Truth" several times,

and don't know if I can believe all of his conclusions, but if you look at pictures taken 40 years ago and compare to a current picture of the same scene, it gets a bit scary. Glaciers are really disappearing, ice caps shrinking, and ocean reefs are losing their color and life. That is a reality. It is the new reality, the way it is. It never will be the way it once was. WE destroyed it. All we can do is try to not damage Mother Earth even more. Nature is not the only thing that has changed. We, as a society have changed. There recently was the "Gathering of Eagles" a loving group of patriots of joined together to protect the Vietnam War memorial and other war memorial sites from the peace activists that had gathered in Washington to protest the Iraq war. Rumor had it that they were planning to deface or even destroy the monuments that gave glory and memory for those who fought and died for this country. NEVER in my life did I think I would have to worry about Americans so full of hate and anger towards our own soldiers and leaders. How can you call yourself a peace advocate, and say on national TV that you hope the president and vice president die? How can you as an American deface a memorial of 52,000 names of American soldiers who died fighting for this country. I grew up with love and respect for this great nation. I still respect the process, and consequently the man who is President. I respect the office. I respect our history, and those who have fought for it. I have NO respect for the hate filled, angry peace protesters, whose right to protest was earned by those warriors that these demonstrators hate so much. I any other country, these demonstrators would have been beaten down by the police or military, and dragged off by their hair, often never to be heard from again. Thank God we live in the United States of America,

where we are still free to spit at our soldiers and police officers. In a country where we can express our hate for our President without repercussion. I love my country, and am not ashamed to admit my support for the President, because I was brought up to respect the office and the man that sits in it. I feel sorry for people so full of rage and hate. Too bad we can't get them to focus that hatred and anger towards the people that want kill us, destroy our society and way of life. Oh, I forgot, according to the same people who want to kill the President and bring our troops home in defeat, those terrorists are really misunderstood victims of American imperialism and of a president who should be killed. And people wonder why I want to just go live in the back woods of Montana.....

I have enclosed a summary of life that has been floating around the internet for some time, but is so very true. Growing up when I did was so very different than it is today. It explains why an 18 year old employee cannot work longer than a 4 hour shift, because he is tired. I used to laugh at the stories I heard on how tough our parents had it. Well, I am not officially on their side. Enjoy, keep the peace, and I'll see you out there.

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes. Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As infants & children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, booster seats, seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and ... NO ONE actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank Kool-Aid made with sugar, but we weren't overweight because WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING !!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, XBoxes, no video games at all, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVD's, no surround-sound or CD's, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet or chat rooms..... WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays,

Made up games with sticks and tennis balls and, although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them!

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law! These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever! The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!

The quote of the month is by Jay Leno:

"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, "Are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

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