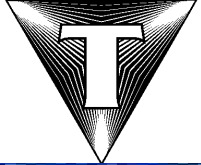


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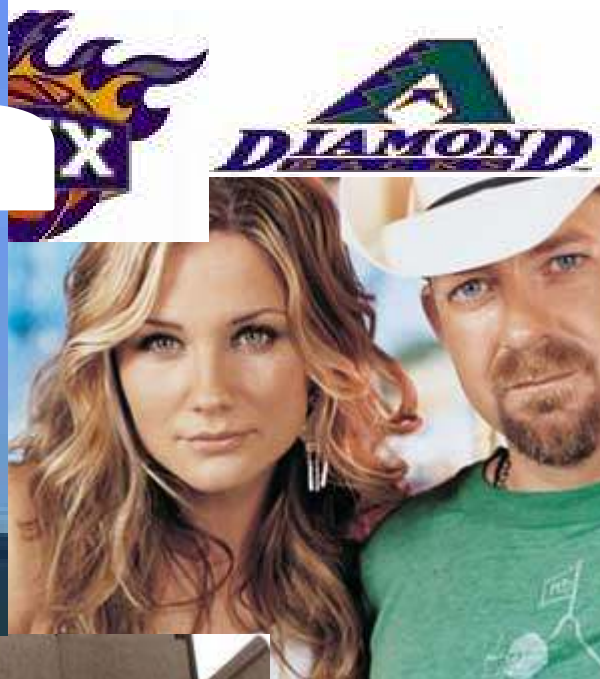
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# anniversaries

<b>Fred Begay</b>	<b>5 years</b>
<b>Dorsey Brown</b>	<b>4 years</b>
<b>Jay Alvarez</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>Josh Smith</b>	<b>1 year</b>

has moved away from me and that makes me sad. Opie is all grown up with a kid on the way and that just freaks me out. What's happened to my little boys? Anyway...

One thing I would like to bring up is responding to calls on the radio. I'm old, fat, quite cranky (especially at the end of a long night), and am a little irritated that Rick Springfield's manager hasn't called me yet for a record deal or a marriage proposal. Besides all of that, I get a little annoyed when a call comes over the radio and I respond that I'm 17 only to find that 3 other roaming teams are there too. If you are going to respond to a call, please call and say so. I know we all have radio issues periodically, but at least try to call it in so that our entire staff doesn't show up to one call.

not for work. Smoking is prohibited while you are working. If you need a smoke, someone needs to take your post and you can go back to dispatch (this applies to meals also). Do not leave your post until someone from TEAM tells you to. Barricade is a crazy place to be when people are pushing on it. Don't turn your back on these people! You are liable to lose the barricade and possibly get hurt. And if you don't get hurt, someone else in the barricade might! If your supervisor asks you to do something, just do it. If you get an attitude with them, you'll probably get it right back.

I guess that's all I have for now. I will leave you with this though...If the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off!

# birthdays



<b>Keith Smolik</b>	
<b>5/10</b>	
<b>Samantha Williams</b>	<b>5/11</b>
<b>Tim Rice</b>	<b>5/14</b>
<b>Mike Perez</b>	<b>5/14</b>
<b>Kathleen Mullin</b>	<b>5/22</b>
<b>Andrew Nihipali</b>	<b>5/23</b>
<b>Daniel Korp</b>	<b>5/29</b>

On another note, didn't I say I didn't have much to say??... please help keep us looking professional by dressing correctly and showing a little pride in the way you look. Tuck your shirts in! If I have to tell the same person more than once, I won't hesitate to yell at you and if you haven't seen my – "you're not listening to me and I'm going to rip your head off look", just ask around and BEWARE It's not pretty. This is a business and you need to remember that you're not there to just hang out. Pull your pants up! No one, and I do mean NO ONE, wants to see your ass crack! Do you know that when you wear them hanging down like that, it looks like you crapped your pants???. Not a pretty picture.

Some additional things I noticed this weekend...spandex pants are not part of your uniform. Spandex is a privilege, not a right, and

## First Quarter 2007

### Employee of the Quarter:

**Mike Amaral**

### Supervisor of the Quarter:

**Ray Darby**

runners up:

Employee: Dan Korp, Kyle Roy, Kendrick Galacgac, and Butch Spicer

Supervisor: Ruben Ramirez, Kathleen Mullen, Keith Smolik

Congratulations and Thank You to you all for doing such a solid job!

*Kelly McQuillian*

Well, another month is passed and surprisingly enough, I don't have a lot to say. I know some of you find this unbelievable, but it's true. I recently returned from a trip to Chicago on business where the first day it was 800% humidity and 30 degrees above normal and 2 days later it was 40 degrees and raining. It made me appreciate AZ weather just a little bit more. Unfortunately, I missed my son, Bearup's, birthday while I was gone. But I have promised to take him out and get him completely trashed when time permits. He's all grown up now and it makes me kind of sad. Benefield



# THANK YOU!

I would like to thank those who worked the great Arizona Central Pride event this past month at Steele Indian School Park. There were many obstacles, as in any big event, to overcome and continually adapt to challenges of the day. With the work of many hands the tasks at hand were quickly and efficiently taken care of. Our client had everything positive to say at the de-briefing meeting this past week. You all made it happen. It could not have been taken care of with out the respect to patrons, the cooperation of the staff members and ALL of the T.E.A.M. Security guards working together.

A special thank you to Marz, TJ, Marianne, Marsha, Dorsey and Bob.

*Jill Simas-Wagoner*

**Jilly-Beans corner of positive attitude 101**

WOW! We are already out of April and into May, I will tell you I am not sure were this year is going? Soon we will be getting ready for the New Years Eve Block party. Any way I want to thank all of you who came to the Tempe Arts Festival to help. It was a great success and could not have done it with out all of you. I also want to thank all of you who came out to help with PIR it was a long day and it was HOT! That too was a great success. I hope to see you all back in November. Again I must say again, PLEASE BRING WATER AND FOOD! If you are signed up for a thirteen or more hour day, you need to think ahead. Water and food are going to keep you going, and not get dehydrated or sluggish because your hungry. On that note please just remember.

I know it is hard to be positive on our job. I have seen a lot and heard a lot during my shift, not to myself but to other guards. We at best have to remember we can not always thump heads when we want to. I heard about a guard at Dodge who was working the barricades during Machine heads who had a tub of popcorn thrown on him. I am sure he wanted to jump

over the barricades and thump on him hard, but he didn't, he stayed and maintaind his composer. GOOD JOB! I was called some pretty bad names at PIR and so was another officer, who again brushed it off. GOOD JOB! What I am getting at is there is a time and place and if there is a roamer team. Their job is to take care of those wonderful people. We all can not be roamers just to thump heads or merely politely with a little help escort the ones who are not playing nice. Every job out there are important. If you are working a door, in a hallway, or in the house all of those positions are important. We all have to be positive no matter what the position is. If you can make the best out of the position you work, you will be noticed and moved later at a different show. Attitude is everything in this business and if for once you think you are not being watched you are so WRONG! As guards we are watched 24-7 by the public or our own and trust me it gets around faster then wild fire on a windy day. If you come to work with a chip on your shoulder then that chip will show with your work attitude. If you are naturally a person with a chip on your shoulder then my young friend you have a lot to learn. No one person is bet-

ter then another, yes some excel faster then others, there are reasons for that. The next time your at work or you want to complain about your assignment ask yourself, how far do I want to go with this career? If you are just here to wait for another job to come around it will show and you will be in the hall for a long time. I look forward to seeing all of our new talent out there, as far as I can see we have a great crew molding into wonderful guards. I hear about what goals some of you have and I think it is OUTSTANDING! Good luck to all of you and I will see you all real soon and to our new comers, thank you for choosing T.E.A.M. and I look forward to working with all of you.

To Jeff, thank you for all your services to all of the guards and to T.E.A.M. I will miss you a lot more then words could ever express. On a personal note, you looked out for me and took care of me. I will miss you and I hope if you decide to come back we will work together again. Jeff, you were like a big brother to me and I miss my brother and you filled that void thank you for being you and thank you for not losing or leaving me someplace hahahahah! GOOD LUCK! Yea hug a Koala for me they are my favorite

Your friend and co-worker  
---Jill Simas-Wagoner



*Ryan Fulmer*

Hello to everyone, it's hard to believe that it is time for a news letter already, it seems like just yesterday Elizabeth was yelling at me for not giving her Aprils newsletter. Being that it is May and the start of the summer season, things is fixin to get real busy around the office and out in the field. A lot of fun and exciting events are in the works for the summer season like Cricket starting the season with Gwen Stefani and then Toby Keith, Cinco de Mayo weekend, 4th of July weekend and bunches more. Please do remember that it will be hot so always make sure your dressed properly for the weather and have lots of water and sun-screen if you're really white, like Clear. With all the extra shifts and such that come naturally with the summer's extra events it's more important than ever that when you schedule for a shift you are SURE you can be on POST on TIME, and that you get all the information you need for shift while you are still at the office. We can get maps and any information you may need for any shift you are working so if you are uncertain about anything please ask. Also anyone who does not have there own TEAM uniform shirt, keep in mind that any account you work with fewer than 5 people will not have shirts provided. I'd also like to welcome all the new employees to TEAM & hope that everyone here at TEAM has a great summer.

*Carolyn Elschlager*

Hello all T.E.A.M. members!  
My name is Carolyn Elschlager and I am the new scheduler. I recently

relocated here from Las Vegas, NV. I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we continue to be the leading company in Arizona for event security!

I would like to take a moment to remind everyone that it is very important to return phone calls. I understand that we all get busy juggling our lives and work, but if Ryan or I call you and leave a message to call the office, PLEASE CALL! Even if you can't work, just let us know so we can mark you off the list.

It is also very important to call in for scheduling at the beginning of each week.

Licensed people call on Mondays, and unlicensed people call on Tuesdays. We will call you back in the order we receive the calls. It works for all of our benefit!

One more reminder, May 5 is a black out day, CALL for your scheduled assignment!

I hope everyone has a great month!

Carolyn

*Richard "Taz" Zahn*

**TAZ TOOLBOX**

The innocence of kids can always be an eye opener as well as a life lesson for all of us. Children are simple, to the point and don't have to worry about all the sugar coating we put on things. A child's heart is pure and honest. They speak the truth and have fun at whatever they are doing.

Here is what some children responded with when asked about what love meant to them:

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.

So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

Rebecca- age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different.

You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Billy - age 4

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."

Karl - age 5

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your french fries without making them give you any of theirs."

Chrissy - age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

Terri - age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

Danny - age 7

"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more.

My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss"

Emily - age 8

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

Bobby - age 7



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"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate,"

Nikka - age 6  
(we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, and then he wears it everyday."

Noelle - age 7

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."

Tommy - age 6

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling.

He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."

Cindy - age 8

"My mommy loves me more than anybody.

You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night."

Clare - age 6

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken."

Elaine-age 5

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford."

Chris - age 7

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

Mary Ann - age 4

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones."

Lauren - age 4

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." (what an image)

Karen - age 7

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross."

Mark - age 6

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

Jessica - age 8

And the final one -- Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge.

The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said,

"Nothing, I just helped him cry"

So, maybe we should "listen" to children a little bit more. Actions DO speak louder than words!

Be safe out there.....TAZ

TAZBOX

SOMETIMES KIDS ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT MAKE SENSE II

A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

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After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money."

"Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?"

"Because my daddy says you're the poorest preacher we've ever had."

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A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, five, and Ryan, three. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait."

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

Remember....keep laughing, always.....TAZ

## TAZ THOUGHTS

Appreciation energizes people.

It is easy to do.

Sometime we just need to make ourselves do it!

*Jeff Swanson*

When was the last time you took to "smell the roses". I personally have a habit of getting into a work pattern that doesn't allow time for such a silly task. Funny thing is, the purpose of working is to make money, but no matter how much money you make, it will never be enough. So if it's never enough, than how will you ever have the time to "smell the roses"? I believe that when you do anything, from working to playing, you should give it 100%. I believe that you should do the best that you can do with any task, or you should not do that task. I believe that sitting around and complaining or blaming someone for something is a waist of time. TEAM is one of the only companies that I have worked for that you can enjoy your work and be compensated according to how hard you are willing to work. This is one of the big reasons why I have worked here so long. But I was recently reminded that you only have but one life to live and I have not

been living it to 100%. I'm sure by now you think I'm rambling. Well your right, but I wanted to remind all of you to take the time to "smell the roses".

*Elizabeth Gill*

I sit at my desk, and am trying desperately to figure out what my happy thought for the day is, and so far the best I have come up with is "well, at least traffic is better, all the snow birds have left."

Which, honestly, isn't enough to take me to my happy place, and as I don't foresee George Clooney coming to town in the near future, I am going to need McQuillian to send me another of her uproarious emails. I have no idea where she gets that stuff from, but it cracks me up.

On a serious note, there is a lot of stuff going on right now. Cricket is.....Cricket. Long days, and long hours, but it is an account that, when you sign out to go home, you feel you truly accomplished something. Cinco de Mayo is upcoming, and as far as I can tell, it is like St. Patrick's Day for the Hispanic crowd. Nonetheless, It is one more day of security mayhem; Cricket, Dodge, Aunt Chilada's, you name it, and odds are good we will have security personnel present.

Pav leaving sucks, for a lot of different reasons for everyone. I am terrifically excited for him, and jealous too, but will miss him. He has had an effect on so many employees in the last few years, pushing everyone to be just a little bit more. I am proud to have him as one of my dearest friends. The positive to his move is that Austra-

lia is, like, 17 hours ahead of Arizona time, so we can email him and ask him what tomorrow looks like, and plan accordingly. 365 days until he darkens our doorstep again. Maybe we will at least be able to not lose any events in the interim.

Now a few work related things:

Time off requests:

1. These are requests, and I look at them based upon what the needs of the company are, as far as we are able to foresee

2. If it is for a blackout day, you need to fill out the request form, no matter what. All requests for a bye on a blackout day are done via HR, not Operations, not Marlies, not Taz. Do not put it upon them to take care of coming to me on your behalf. They have other things to do, and I make them fill out your paperwork.

3. If they are approved, copies are given to scheduling and your name is put on the board. If it is disapproved, I will call you.

4. They are not done the same day!! Often, I need to talk to Operations re: their staffing needs, or to Taz re: STO needs.

On a final note:

I want to thank all employees in advance for stepping up and helping in this transition. Frank will do a great job, and I am certain he will appreciate your help.





First I would like to welcome all new T.E.A.M. staff members. T.E.A.M prides itself on advancement opportunities within the organization. I would like to provide some tips on how to advance within our company.

- Always arrive 15 minutes before your call time in proper uniform
- Be proactive in the field, not reactive
- Step up to the plate and volunteer to fill shifts
- Always help out your fellow T.E.A.M. employees in the field
- Make a good impression, we love getting phone calls from our clients commending our employees for doing a good job
- When schedulers leave you messages, please call them back, even if you are unable to fill a shift
- Last but not least:  
**NEVER pull a no call, no show EVER, especially on a Black Out event**

*Welcome New Staff*

*Sherri Baker*  
*Eric Bevington*  
*Jacob Borge*  
*Debra Crawford*  
*Mark DeVault*  
*Michelle Lopez*  
*James Shelby*  
*Lila Stubbs*  
*Sheila Van Eck*

# 619

The 619 phone is for reporting shifts and reporting shifts only. Below I have devised a list as to what the 619 phone is **not** to be used for.

*Deirdre Lopian*

To find out when and where you are due for your shift. That is what you call the schedulers for on Monday or Tuesday. Please write down your schedule, have it emailed to you or have the schedulers print it out for you.

Do not call the 619 and ask if you could leave early. I'm letting you know right now, you can't.

I cannot transfer a phone call from the 619 to someone in the office, please don't ask.

On a personal note, if I have the 619 on the weekends I do not mind the occasional chit chat., in fact, I love to hear how you are doing. However, on Sunday nights between 6pm to 7pm The Sopranos is on. When calling on/off shift just let me know. Let's keep it quick and simple. **Capiche!**



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**With the spring upon us and summer vastly approaching I am recruiting professional candidates looking for a fun job.**

**You earn \$25 when the new recruit puts in their first 100 hours. When they put in 400 hours, you earn \$100!**

*Marlies Meinhold*

Marlies' Notes

Well it's that time again, I have decided to write my newsletter about scheduling, calling off your shifts, and again sign in sheets. T.E.A.M. has schedulers to schedule employees for their shifts. T.E.A.M. also has a scheduling pager (602-219-TEAM (8326) for employees to cancel their shifts. This system applies to EVERYONE that works for T.E.A.M. No exceptions to the rule, regardless of seniority. Now that we have that clear (no pun intended) If per say I was to call an employee for another reason, and in passing they tell me that their car is broken. I have no way of relating that their car being broken to what their scheduled shifts are, nor would I know to take them off their shifts. If you need to cancel a shift you must call a scheduler, or the scheduling pager. (End of Story no if ands or buts about it) That is why we have schedulers.

Now my second thing..... SIGN IN SHEETS – They are at every account. If you are working a shift, it is your responsibility to sign in and out. If you call the 619 Phone that does

not make you exempt from signing in and out from the sign in sheet. If you sign in and don't sign out that will get you NOT PAID. If you fill out a payroll protest, it will not be corrected until the next pay period. So this is my third month writing about this, so maybe 3 times a charm?

Have a great month.

*Jeff Pallavivini*

As some of you already know, this is my last newsletter. Tuesday evening I am on my way to down-under to start a one year sabbatical as an Art Director for a company that specializes in company branding. I'm wondering how they are going to react when I show up in a TEAM t-shirt, levis, and a stuffed penguin.

This was a hard decision to make in a way, but one of my dreams as always been to go to Australia, sailing in that area is bar none, and as some of you know, I'm all about adventure.

Don't get me wrong I love TEAM, I love the people I work with, I love what we do. As Mick always tells me "it's in our blood". Those long hours in the office and out in the field. Sometimes miserable weather and those 2-3 hour "naps" which we call a good nights sleep, all the events we work and make happen. How can you not love it. Do some of you realize that if you start adding up just the cost of what it would cost you to attend or go to all the events we do how much money you are talking? Think about it, then add onto that all the people we meet, the things we see and do, that my minions of the night is damn near priceless.

In my 5 years here at TEAM I have learned so much in dealing with people, about responsibility, integrity, trust. One of those people is Mick himself. I really want to thank him for that. In some ways his teachings were subtle and others..well lets just say he has a way of getting his point across. Nonetheless his years of experience in this field are invaluable to all of us. He gave me the opportunity to learn and the chance and the trust to come into this office and take over as operations. I just feel really bad that I am leaving him with Clear who has decided that he is now her



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new best friend. Mick, I am really, really sorry that you have to spend 47 minutes a day with her. And no you may not ship her ducked taped inside a box to Australia, I will not accept delivery of any large packages. Sorry but.....

I hate to say this Taz, but I am not going to miss "the purples" Those evil pieces of paper that inundate my inbox that cause turmoil when you add 6 overnights on a Friday for Saturday when we already have 15 to fill. If when I get into my new abode there is any purple at all I will quit and move to Tasmania. I'm sure Tasmanians don't use purple for anything.

Marlies has her pool and as soon as she quits stressing out over it and gets Frank trained to bring in fudge and cake will forget all about me as she lounges about her pool in her pink director chair. In all seriousness, there is alot I have learned from Mars. Integrity is Marlies and making sure that if it needs to be done then even if it is not your so-called responsibility, you just do what needs to be done to make it happen or fix it. She also has all my toys from my office sealed in a time capsule so yes, I will be back. The only thing evidently I get to take to Australia is my penguin, a bottle of wine and a bottle of Rum. I guess I'm packing light.

I figure by the years end I should be healed up from the stab wounds and bite wounds. I won't have to worry about my papers getting eaten, poked in the eye, and gee, maybe some sanity will come back. One great thing about Clear is that in an office where sometimes the stress levels rise to maximum critical mass is that you can count on her to whap you up the side of the head and see that, you know what, it ain't that bad and gets you to laugh.

Anyone want to place bets on who is going to make who go totally insane first, Mick or Clear?

I am leaving backstage in the very capable hands of my grasshopper Ray. As long as there are midgets and fire, he will be a happy camper. He has come along way since I got a call on the radio last year at Maryvale spring training saying his boot was stuck up in a tree. Now following in my foot steps I get calls about fires, rain and riots. I'm so proud of him!

Marianne and TJ, What can I say, you girls rock! The two of you are what make TEAM and all it stands for. Without the two of you doing orientations, being at Cricket, and doing all you do, this place would have an empty void. And really, who is going to say a bad thing about either of you. And besides, you two will hurt me if I do. I may be goofy, but I'm not stupid.

Brandy, you have come such along way my little smiling red-neck. Just keep making me proud, you know you have it in you, you know there were hurtles and will be but you know as well as I do, you can, and will. I expect to come back and see you still here.

To all the others that I have failed to mention. You guys kick ass. Remember it is you that make TEAM and make us the best. Another prime example was Country Thunder. 4 days of wind, rain, long hours, rude people, drunk people, friendly people and making it happen, there stood you guys doing what

ever it took to make it happen.

My shopping list so far:  
 Clear – platypus and a video of the corrilous effect.  
 Sam – Wallabee  
 Jill – Kangaroo  
 Brandy – Koala and cute surferboy with a heavy accent (which if a I happen to send one home, that poor boy has no idea what he is getting into with an Arkansas redneck girl)

Marlies – Panda (which I have no idea how I am going to pull that one off, seeing as Pandas are in China)

Ray – wants a dingo, and a midget

Mick – Wants me to take Clear with me...Hmmm

A quote and a saying to leave you by until we meet again:

"Attitude; The difference between adventure and ordeal."

-Dennis O'Conner

"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body.

But rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming—

Whoa!! What a ride!!

*Jeff Gallaricini*





*Mick Hirko*

Among many of the celebrations and special events in May is National Law Enforcement Week, from May 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> this year. It is primarily celebrated in Washington D.C., highlighted by a amazing memorial Service held at the actual National Monument to honor the men and women what have given their all in the line of duty.

Please check out the official web site, that lists all the events and commemorations during this very special week of memorial: <http://www.nleomf.org>

In a time where we hear so much about "heroes", we really need to remember our heroes here at home. After 9/11 we waved at Firefighters as they rode by in their big engines, and we nodded in appreciation at police officers. Now, we have reverted back to second guessing everything a police officer does. If a cop shoots a kid, it is automatically the cops over-aggressive reaction that caused the kids death, and the cop must be punished. We all hear and see the stories every day. Then we look with bewilderment at the stories of every police department desperately trying to hire officers, and cannot understand why no one wants to become a career police officer anymore. There is only so much frustration, lack of community support, only so many times that you are still writing the paperwork while the bad guy is on the way out the door, and only so many days in court realizing that the crooks have every right in the world, and the good guys have no rights, for you to decide that is not a fun profession. Maybe if the crooks started robbing the lawyers, raping the judges wives, beating up the grandmother

of that liberal politician, and giving drugs to the children of the lawyers things would change. But as long as lawyers and judges can get into their BMW's and drive into their secure gated communities every night, things will not change. In the mean time, tell a cop that you appreciate him or her being there, tie a blue ribbon to your car antenna, to show your support, and wave to a fire engine the next time it drives by you. Part of not forgetting 9/11 is remembering what we learned - a little bit of humanity goes a long way.

A few weeks ago, an old acquaintance of mine passed away unexpectedly. He was not old, he was not sick. He just died for no good reason. (Not that there ever is one) I have many memories of Matt Lopez. Some good, some bad. Matt was a good guy, a teddy bear. I met him working for V.I.P. Security nearly 20 years ago. Matt became one of those fixtures over time - everybody in the business knew him, and at one time or another he worked for every security company in town. Matt had this amazing way of screwing everything up. It was just about his trademark. He liked to talk, and began every story with "Well, basically..." Boy, did he like to talk. He would make a point of calling everybody on their birthday. People were often amazed that he even knew their birthday, but once a year, he would call. If you were a pretty girl, your chances of that phone call grew exponentially. I learned a lot from Matt, sadly often how not to do it, by watching how he did it. I still tell the story how he got left behind at the Portland International Raceway, after a stupid overnight wreck on the racetrack of golf carts with their governors removed. Mostly it would not have been that big of a deal, had it not been for one of the golf carts losing control and crashing into a parked

NASCAR race car. Well, while the rest of the crew got back on a plane after the race and flew back to Phoenix, Matt was left behind to work another week of overnights. When it was time for him to finally to come back, he called and wanted to know which flight to take. He was informed by our boss that he was not flying back, unless he bought his own ticket. Matt did not have enough money for a place ticket. Matt barely had enough money for a bus ticket, which is how he got back. Courtesy of Greyhound, Matt meandered throughout the Southwest for the better part of a week before he got back to Phoenix. Matt came wandering into the office, sleeping bag and suitcase in tow, same goofy grin, asking everybody if they missed him (That was his other trademark expression). Our boss yelled at him to come into his office, and informed him that he needed Matt to head out to another event, and start working in an hour. Matt began complaining about all the hours he put in in Portland, the long days and nights he spend on the bus, and on and on. John (our boss) finally jumped up, slammed his fist on the desk, and said: "Yeah, that's great, but what have you done for me lately?" I'll never forget that.

I will also never forget late one night in my living room - It was actually more of a morning time, after many cases of beer, Matt finally came up with "Total Events And Management" as the meaning for our acronym. (Please don't tell Karen Foley that, because she still swears she came up with it, even though she repeated it several minutes after Matt had said it, but she simply does not remember it that way...) Matt was also my room mate for a while, and is the only person I ever met who managed to not only wear out a couch but fry the projection tubes (all three) of a



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Sony projection TV. Matt was a big guy, but not a real active guy. I remember there were times were I do not think he moved off the couch once in a whole week. He never slept, but watched TV 24/7.

He continued to work security long after he had outstayed his welcome with any of the event companies, working in bars, and an occasional special event. In all the years that he did security, I do not know if he ever hurt the hair on a fly, but I doubt it. Matt was a gentle giant, one of the good guys, who meant no harm to anyone else. He and I walked the same path for many a mile, and even though our paths eventually parted, they still crossed, and I have a hard time believing I will never hear that baritone "Miss me?" from him again. Matt, may you rest in Peace.

Guys and gals - Be careful out there. Appreciate the people in your life, be thankful for what you have, and live truly as if every day could be your last. Stop and smell the flowers, watch a sunset, and smile at a stranger. This is the only life we all have, and we must make the most of it. Be safe, keep the Peace, and I'll see you out there.

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