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anniversaries

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Ashleigh Gaylord



So, remember to have fun and cool off! And remember to drink LOTS of WATER to stay hydrated.

Ashleigh

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VIEW FROM BUTCHERS JONES BEACH

It's getting HOT! And even though it's nice and cool inside, on the weekends most of us want to get out of the house and do something. So what is there to do in 110 degree weather? Over in the East Valley there is Saguaro Lake, where it's fun to go boating. If you don't have a boat, but still want to enjoy the water there are a few beaches along the lake where you can bring chairs and towels. The biggest beach to go to is Butcher Jones Beach. In order to get to Butcher Jones Beach, you have to go North of the 2 entrances to Saguaro Lake (2 entrance roads are both called Saguaro Lake Road), to the next road and it is named "Butcher Jones Beach Road". You just take that all the way down and it will dead end at the beach. You are free to swim, picnic, and grill there and there are also restroom facilities. It's open daily from 600-2000 from April through September. Also, you must have a Tonto Pass in your vehicle that is good for that day. If you "Google" Tonto Pass it will lead you to places they may be purchased, including online. It's \$6.00 per vehicle.

If you are not sure how to get over to Saguaro Lake, directions are listed below:

There are two ways to reach the Saguaro Del Norte Boating Site.. One is to take the Bush Highway north from U.S. Highway 60 to the Saguaro del Norte Recreation Site turnoff. The other way is to take the Beeline Highway (State Route 87) from either the McDowell Road turnoff in Mesa or from Shea Boulevard near Fountain Hills. About eight miles after crossing the Verde River, turn right at signs indicating the Saguaro Lake Recreation Area.

Ben Atkinson

This is a story about two different kinds of Security Guards. I was recently working on a project where we were required to check in at the guard shack upon arrival and receive visitors badges which were to be returned to the guard shack upon departure. At the end of the day we finished our work and prepared to return to the guard shack. Two of my fellow co-workers were in a truck ahead of me so they arrived at the shack first. They actually had to get out of their vehicle and knock on the door of the guard shack because the guard on duty was ASLEEP! His response was, "Man, I have a really bad headache". We all had a good laugh the next day but the sad (and scary) part is that this was a fairly high security site as well as a potential terrorist target and the guard company is a nationally recognized organization. This guard came across as the stereotypical Security Guard and now every time one of us has contact with him we will always remember that first impression. On that same day in Washington D.C. a Security Guard at the Holocaust Museum was shot and killed by a deranged gunman. By all reports, the guard, Stephen Johns, a six year veteran, was a true professional whose selfless actions saved countless lives. The Museum Director was quoted as saying that he "died heroically in the line of duty".

Every time we go to work, no matter what the job, we all have choices. We



can be like the first guard, stumbling blindly thru life, and wondering why we just can't seem to get ahead. Or we can all strive to be like Stephen Johns and be looked up to and respected for the professionals that we are.

Tom Heck

You might be from AZ if...

You've signed so many recall petitions that you can't remember the name of the current gubernatorial incumbent.
 You notice that your car is overheating --- and you haven't started it yet.
 You can say Hohokam and no one thinks you're making it up.
 You no longer associate rivers or bridges with water.
 You know that a "swamp cooler" is not a happy hour drink.
 You can contemplate a high temperature of 120 degrees as "not all that bad, after all it's a dry heat."
 You can go from the dead of winter to summer in a 4 hour drive.
 You go to a fake beach to ride fake waves and call it surfing without cracking a smile.
 You have learned to expertly maneuver your vehicle under any traffic conditions using only two fingers; a skill usually learned initially in July.
 You know that you can make sun tea outside faster than instant tea in your microwave.
 You have to run your air conditioner in the middle of winter so that you can use your fireplace.
 You notice that your idea of the "best" parking place is determined more by shade than by distance.
 The water coming from the "cold" tap is hotter than that from the hot" tap.
 You can correctly pronounce the following words: "Saguaro", "Tempe", "[Gila Bend](#)", "San Xavier del Bac", "Canyon de Chelly", "Mogollon Rim", "Cholla", and "Tlaquepacque".
 It's noon on a weekday in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one single person is moving on the streets.
 You actually burn your hand opening the car door.

Sunscreen is sold year 'round, is kept at the front of the checkout counter, a formula less than SPF 30 is a source of humor amongst shoppers waiting in line, and you apply it just to go to Circle K.

You think that Circle K signs are the state tree. (that was new to me and my personal favorite today 😡)

It does not seem unusual to you that someone would develop and market a personal misting system for joggers --- or that joggers would actually buy them.

Hot air balloons can't fly because the air outside is hotter than the air inside.

Having your car reupholstered in vinyl is legal basis for conducting a sanity hearing.

You can understand the reason for a town being named "Why".

1. You buy salsa by the gallon.
2. Your Christmas decorations include a half a yard of sand and 100 paper bags.
3. You think a red light is merely a suggestion.
4. All of your out-of-state friends start to visit after October but clear out come the end of April.
5. You think someone driving wearing oven mitts is clever.
6. Most of the restaurants in town have the first name "El" or "Los".
7. You think 60 tons of crushed rock makes a beautiful yard.
8. You've signed so many petitions to recall governors that you can't remember the name of the incumbent.
9. You notice your car overheating before you drive it.
10. Your house is made of stucco and has a red clay tile roof.
11. You can say "Hohokam" and people don't think you're laughing funny.

12. You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water.
13. You see more irrigation water on the street than there is in the Salt River.
14. You know a swamp cooler is not a happy hour drink.
15. You can say 115 degrees without fainting.
16. Every other vehicle is a 4x4.
17. You can be in the snow, then drive for an hour and it will be over 100 degrees.
18. Vehicles with open windows have the right-of-way in the summer.
19. People break out coats when temperature drops below 70 degrees.
20. You discover, in July, it only takes two fingers to drive your car.
21. The pool can be warmer than you are.
22. You can make sun tea instantly.
23. You run your air conditioner in the middle of winter so you can use your fireplace.
24. Most homes have more firearms than people.
25. Kids will ask, "What's a mosquito?"
26. People who have black cars or black upholstery in their car are automatically assumed to be from out-of-state or nuts.
27. You notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
28. The AC is on your list of best



POST ORDERS

friends.

29. Monday Night Football starts at 7:00 instead of 6:00.

30. You realize that Valley Fever isn't a disco dance.

31. You can finish a Big Gulp in 10 minutes and go back for seconds.

32. The water from the cold water tap is the same temperature as the hot one.

33. You can (correctly) pronounce the words: "Saguaro", "Ocotillo", "Tempe", "Gila Bend", "San Xavier", "Canyon de Chelly", "Mogollon Rim", "Cholla", and "Ajo".

34. It's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is walking on the streets.

35. You experience third degree burns if you touch any metal part of your car.

36. You know better than to get into a car with leather seats if you're wearing shorts.

37. Announcements for Fourth of July events never end with "in case of rain....."

38. When someone asks how far you live from a location, it's always in terms of minutes, not miles.

39. Everyone's smiling and talking about the great weather on rainy days.

You have to explain to out-of-staters why there is no daylight savings time.

Thanks,

Thomas Heck
T.E.A.M. Scheduler

Steve Vanegas

For those of you new to the valley I thought you guys might like to check this out: 122nd Annual Prescott Frontier Days: This is the worlds oldest Rodeo
Since 1888 folks have come from miles around to see what the ruckus in Prescott, Arizona was all about.
Every year that ruckus gets bigger, the contestants more daring and bold. When the bulls, the horses, the clowns come to town...well, let's just say you'll want to see what's kicking up all that dust.
Without giving away the show, I can tell you it's about top athletes competing for big dollars. It's about broncos throwing their hooves any which way, bulls that are mad at the world and leather straps holding cowboys together.

- June 29 - July 5, 2009
- June 28 - July 4, 2010
- June 29 - July 4, 2011
- June 28 - July 4, 2012

<http://www.worldsoldeastrodeo.com/index.html>

Dear Frankie

DEAR FRANKIE,
My friends and I have been debating this issue for a quite awhile, and things are starting to get very ugly. So could you please, once and for all, put an end to the argument. Who is cooler; ninjas or pirates? Thank you OLE' ONE EYE.

DEAR ONE EYE,
I think we should first define "Cool". According to Dictionary.com the *slang* definitions are:
a. great; fine; excellent: a real cool comic.
b. characterized by great facility; highly skilled or clever: cool maneuvers on the parallel bars.
socially adept: It's not cool to arrive at a party too early.
So if we drop the first 2 definitions (because I think they are pretty much evenly matched

in "coolness" based on the first 2 definitions) and go with definition "c". Ninjas are not known to be social or at least less social than Pirates. Therefore, I am going with Pirates are indeed cooler than Ninjas. Yo Ho Yo Ho, a Pirate's life for me!!

DEAR FRANKIE,
I have done extensive research on the internet, and am unable to find any documentation to support that powder coating a gun causes it to stop being a lethal weapon. So, it would appear to me that a gun is a gun is a gun that will still shoot you, even if it happens to be...oh, say...pink. Could you please explain to me the asinine male attitude that my pink gun is any less effective than their boring old black gun? Thank you, PRETTY IN PINK.

DEAR PINKIE:
As long as the powder coat was applied correctly and careful consideration was taken to insure critical components were not contaminated by the coating, the color should have no effect on it's functionality. Even though I would not personally carry a pink gun, I feel that it has merit. You can quickly gain the upper hand while your assailant is staring in disbelief or rolling on the floor laughing at your "pretty" gun. Not to mention, what a blow to the male ego, to be taken out by Pink gun. Want to add insult to injury, bedazzle your pink pistol. Hey if nothing else, you might hypnotize your assailant with the shiny sparklies. However, I do not recommend this if you suffer from ADOSD (Attention Deficit OH SHINY Disorder) it could have adverse effects.

DEAR FRANKIE,
I am aware that the form might say vacation REQUEST...but seriously...as long as I fill one out...I am good to go right? Blackout's be damned. And I don't really need to give advance notice right, it's cool if I drop it off on my way out of town, right? I'm still gonna have a job when I randomly come back, right? Thank you, I'LL SEND A POSTCARD.



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DEAR POSTCARD:

Actually, depending on the situation, you might be better off checking the newspapers for a new job while you are on your no notice vacation, because most likely you will NOT have a job when you return. The company's policy is that you submit vacation requests at least 2 weeks in advance of your requested days off. Vacation requests conflicting with black outs will be evaluated on a case by case basis. There are some black outs that vacations will definitely not be approved (i.e. New Years Eve). The best thing to do is to follow up about a week prior to your requested days off to see if your vacation was approved. Generally, if your vacation is not approved, we will call you to let you know why, but it is recommended that you follow up to insure that your request was received and approved if you do not hear from us.

Richard Zahn

TAZ THOUGHTS

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

[Thomas A. Edison](#)

TAZBOX

We perform many duties outside in the heat especially in the summer months when it is the hottest. We should have the proper protection in clothing, sunscreen, a change of socks, comfortable shoes and LOTS of water. Pre-hydration is very important to working outside a day prior and eating the proper foods. Listen to your body and do what it tells you. You will not overcome hydration and exhaustion once you start down that path. Preventative measures are available in many resources. Use them before you have a problem as listed to the side.

TOOL BOX

As the economy continues to deliver gut punches and we all stagger to keep from being rolled over, some truth of old come to mind.

Our Nation was one that was founded on the fundamental principles of GOD and FAITH, helping your fellow neighbor and treating everyone with respect. You fight for what you believe in and to protect your family. Things happened that were beyond others control. There were laws and rules, said or

not, that were followed and enforced. People respected authority and especially the law. Police were appreciated for doing their job and were feared when needed. Firefighters were heroes.

Things were NOT perfect. They worked. People worked at making things better. No excuses. When someone lost their job, they got another one doing ANYTHING. When people got sick or died, others pitched in to help out that family until they got back on their feet.

The days started way before the sun came up and ended well after the sun

Condition	Symptoms	First Aid Response
Severe Sunburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin redness • Pain • Possible swelling • Blisters • Fever • Headaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a shower • Use soap to clean skin • Apply dry, sterile dressing • Seek medical attention
Heat Cramps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painful spasms (in legs or abdomen) • Heavy sweating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to cooler location • Gently stretch muscles to relieve spasms • Sips of cool water every 15 minutes • No caffeine, no alcohol • Discontinue liquids if nauseated
Heat Exhaustion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy sweating • May be cool, pale, flushed or have normal body temperature • Fainting, dizziness • Exhaustion • Headaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lie down • Loosen or remove clothing • Apply cool, wet clothes or towels • Fan or seek air conditioning • Give sips of water if awake • Sips of cool water every 15 minutes • Discontinue liquids if nauseated • Seek immediate medical attention if vomiting begins
Heat Stroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperature of 105+ • Hot, red, dry skin • Rapid, weak pulse • No or stop sweating • Possibly unconscious 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danger! Call 9-1-1 • Move to cooler location • Remove clothing • Cool bath, sponging or cover in a cool, wet sheet • Watch breathing • Use extreme caution • Use fans and air conditioners

went down. Manual labor was something you learned at a very early age. People depended on you.

You did not take something that was not yours or hurt someone because you felt like it on a Saturday night. Punishment was enforced, so was the death penalty.

So, what happened?

It was a long time coming. We became greedy and impatient. We are very selfish and demanding. We don't take responsibility for our own actions and blame others. We want everything now and don't want to work for it. We dig a hole with our shallow thoughts and desires and then expect others to bail us out.

The Cost

It is so much more than financial at this point. A thousand, a million, a billion a trillion, what's next?

Money has no value. People are taking life like its food, using it until they are done, then just disposing of it. Where are our morals?

We don't have much left. We are self destructing from the inside out.

Thomas Jefferson said "undivided we succeed, divided we fall." He was right. Look at what is going on. We are falling apart.

What do AMERICANS belief anymore? In the government? In the economy? In a person?

It's time to make a change, time to take a stance. Enough is enough. We need different leadership and the people to change their value system to support their actions

Dennis Waitly made a comment in one of his speeches,

"There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them."

Are you tired of being taken advantage of? Will you be responsible? Will you help?

Get educated on what is going on and team up with others to start. We can make a difference!

Think Pray Start

TAZ

This Month in History

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

July 1, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

July 2, 1964 - President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Act allowed for cutoff of Federal funds in places where discrimination remained.

July 3, 1775 - During the American Revolution, George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

July 4, 1776 - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

July 5, 1775- King George III issued a proclamation declaring the Americans to be in a state of open rebellion.

July 6, 1885 - Louis Pasteur gave the first successful anti-rabies inoculation to a boy who had been bitten by an infected dog.

July 7, 1898 - President William McKinley signed a resolution annexing Hawaii which it remained until becoming a state in 1959.

July 8, 1776 - The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence occurred as Colonel John Nixon read it to an assembled crowd in Philadelphia.

July 9, 1868 - The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified.

July 10, 1991 - Boris Yeltsin took the oath of office, becoming the first popularly elected president in Russia's thousand year history.

July 11 - John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) the 6th U.S. President, and son of the 2nd Presi-

dent, John Adams, was born. After just one term as President, he served 17 years as a member of Congress.

July 12, 1994 - Germany's Constitutional Court ended the ban on sending German troops to fight outside the country.

July 13, 1787 - Congress enacted the Northwest Ordinance. The Ordinance included a Bill of Rights that guaranteed freedom of religion, the right to trial by jury, public education and a ban on slavery in the Northwest.

July 14 - Gerald R. Ford, the 38th U.S. President was born. He was the first non-elected vice president and non-elected president of the U.S.

July 15 - Dutch painter Rembrandt (1606-1669) was born in Leiden, Holland. Best known for The Night Watch and many portraits and self portraits.

July 16, 1945 - The experimental atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off at 5:30 a.m. in the New Mexican desert, creating a mushroom cloud rising 41,000 ft. The bomb wiped out all plant and animal life within a mile.

July 17, 1996 - TWA Flight 800 departed Kennedy International Airport in New York bound for Paris but exploded in mid-air 12 minutes after takeoff then crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Long Island about 8:45 p.m. All 212 passengers and 17 crew members on board the Boeing 747 were killed.

The exact cause of the disaster has not been determined, although investigators have ruled out terrorism and know that the center fuel tank exploded.

July 18, 1947 - President Harry Truman signed an Executive Order determining the line of succession if the president becomes incapacitated or dies in office.

July 19, 1863 - During the U.S. Civil War, Union troops made a second attempt to capture Fort Wagner near Charleston, South Carolina. This battle marked the first use of black Union troops in the war.

July 20, 1969 - Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step on the moon. As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" inadvertently omitting an "a" be-

fore "man" and slightly changing the meaning.

July 21 - Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961) was born. His works included; The Sun Also Rises (1926), A Farewell to Arms (1929), For Whom the Bell Tolls (1940) and The Old Man and the Sea (1952). Awarded the Nobel Prize in 1954, he wrote little thereafter, became ill and shot himself on July 2, 1961.

July 22, 1934 - Bank robber John Dillinger (1902-1934) was shot and killed by FBI agents as he left Chicago's Biograph Movie Theater. Dillinger was the first criminal labeled by the FBI as "Public Enemy No. 1."

July 23, 1952 - Egyptian army officers launched a revolution changing Egypt from a monarchy to a republic.

July 24 - American pilot Amelia Earhart (1898-1937) was born in Atchison, Kansas. She became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic and to fly solo from Hawaii to California. She perished during a flight from New Guinea to Howland Island over the Pacific Ocean on July 3, 1937.

July 25, 1909 - The world's first international overseas airplane flight was achieved by Louis Bleriot in a small monoplane. After asking, "Where is England?" he took off from France and landed in England near Dover, where he was greeted by English police.

July 26, 1945 - The U.S. Cruiser Indianapolis arrived at Tinian Island in the Marianas with an unassembled atomic bomb, met by scientists ready to complete the assembly.

July 27, 1953 - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.

July 28 - Jackie Kennedy (1929-1994) was born in Southampton, New York). She was married to John Fitzgerald Kennedy and after his death later married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

July 29 - Benito Mussolini (1883-1945) was born in Dovia, Italy. He governed Italy from 1922-1943, first as prime minister and then as "Il Duce," the absolute dictator.

July 30, 1975 - Former Teamsters Union

leader James Hoffa was last seen outside a restaurant near Detroit, Michigan. His 13 year federal prison sentence had been commuted by President Richard M. Nixon in 1971. On December 8, 1982, seven years after his disappearance, an Oakland County judge declared Hoffa officially dead.

July 31, 1790 - The U.S. Patent Office first opened its doors. The first U.S. patent was signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Elizabeth Gill

Summer Time in Arizona is hard. There is no doubt about it. I went outside last Saturday to clean to the pool before my roommate came home from vacation and yelled at me and the heat swamped me. but honestly, despite that, there are so many fun things to do. I thought I would mention a few that go from both the indoor to the outdoor perspective.

1. Kill zombies. you know what I am talking about. if you don't- one of your friends does. The part after you solve Call of Duty World at War and you get to kill the Nazi Zombies. It never ends, you don't solve it...you just kill them over and over and it freaking rocks.
2. Go to a D' Backs game.
3. Go see a concert: Dodge has some good one coming up and tix are pretty reasonable(it has AC too) There are also a ton of local live music venues around. Pick up the New Times for free
4. rent some of the great movies: Top Gun Fast Times at Ridgemont High, Breakfast Club, The Lost Boys, etc. For those of you who didn't see them when they first game out, trust us old farts when we say they are timeless. Then rent all the Happy Madison Production and Kevin Smith movies. Be retarded for a day. Eat White Castle.
5. perhaps you have decided the outdoors is your friend and you do not have leather or vinyl interior. Head to the lakes. Ash gave directions to Saguaro, and it is beautiful. I love Canyon Lake. If you are more social, a lot of

- people prefer the convenience and party atmosphere of Lake Pleasant.
6. Locally for me, Tempe Town Lake and Tempe Beach Park as well as the rest of the parks are usually hosting activities of some sort. The site to check out stuff is tempe.gov/calendar/ I am certain you can find a similar one for any city you live in.
 7. I love to go camping and exploring. I tend to head East most of the time past Tortilla Flats to the Superstitions Springs Areas. You will find some great nooks and crannies, with shady spots by creeks perfect for hiking and picnicking.
 8. The most important thing to surviving summer here is simple. you need to find someone with a pool. you need to become friends with them. you need to bring them nice gifts so they WANT you to come over. ALWAYS make certain you are a good guest and clean up after yourself so you get invited back again. THIS IS IMPORTANT. (I would also interject to really remind you that copious amounts of sunscreen- applied at regular intervals is very very very important also.-- do not forget this)
 9. Salt River Tubing. This is an AZ right of passage. Now sure, there is a strong probability you will end up with dysentery and sunburn (refer to sunscreen warning number 7) but it is so much fun; you fling marshmallows, jump off cliffs, eat soggy food, lose things, there is mayhem & tomfoolery. All in all a great time.
- CAUTION: DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE. MAKE CERTAIN THERE IS A SOBER CAB**
9. The Infamous BBQ. My cautionary Tale to this is to try to have 2 separate grilling devices. One for the food, One for the weird the things boys feel compelled to burn. In truth, there is nothing more casually relaxing that barbequing with friends. It is an inexpensive way to wind down at the end of the day.
 10. Umm, Have any of you been to the Library? Can I just tell you that it is an amazing place that I wish I could live at?
 11. I just heard they opened at Aquarium at the World Wildlife Zoo out on the West Side (thanks T.G. for the info)
- I hope this gives you some ideas of things to do this summer, whether you are new or have been around for a bit.

Mick Hirko

Some of you might know that I have a degree in journalism. I rarely use those learned skills, and one would think that our newsletter would be a great example to let me practice my craft. One would think. I often wonder around the office, or my house, thinking of what to write about. Last week I was sitting out by my pool, and realized that I finally understood the pressure of deadlines. It is not like Clear can fire me if I miss a deadline, but I know she would love to, and my late contributions make her life a lot more hectic. Hey, I do what I can.... I do not know how editorial writers can come up with material every day, that is timely, not completely based on personal opinion and not completely repetitive. Heck this is a monthly newsletter, and it is very hard to stay current. Often, what I write is already out of date by the time it goes to print. Thank God I have characters like Clear, Grandon and Biffany to write about. They are timeless.

I recently talked to Grandon, and was reminded how timeless everything you publish on the internet is. He still, to this very day cannot rent videos, is not allowed to go into city parks and often finds his picture on the web site of PETA and the ASPCA. This all stems from an investigative report many years ago from your truly about an alleged, but repeated accidental abuse of a little puppy. We reported about it, and since our newsletter gets published on the internet. Well, his name keeps popping up in that article. In his defense, he has since met a wonderful woman, married her and settled down. We are convinced that his youthful misadventures were just that, and that eventually he will be able to get his credit score up over 12 again. It

is amazing how many dog lover there are, where they work, and how much they google people. This is why we now do not use his real name anymore, and instead use a code name that no one would ever associate with the Executive Director of a west side amphitheater.

Speaking of west side amphitheaters, Let's chat about Biffany. My parents always told me that if you have anything good to say about somebody, don't say anything at all. Well, one of my journalism professors told me that if you have nothing good to say about someone, you probably have yourself a leading story. Unfortunately, there is so much gossip journalism these days, and I am here to add to it. I do not know if you remember the old cartoon characters of Smedley and Muttley, but whenever Biffany and Clear get together, that is what I have to think of. Just a bit too much snickering going on, and I have no idea what the two of them are plotting, but I know they are up to no good. In spite of whatever wicked planning she has been up to, she has been a good friend to us, and unfortunately, I have nothing bad to report about her this month. I will eventually catch her in the act, though! Hey, anybody that can keep Grandon from puppy abuse can't be all bad, even if it was accidental. You not tell me that someone who is a fan of Ozzy and Todd McFarlane should be trusted around small furry animals. Ext time I really am going to tell his mother!

Hey guys and gals, we have been blessed with an incredibly mild summer so far That will change soon, and I just want to remind all of you to be careful, drink plenty, and protect yourself against those rays. That

can be a killer, right Clear?

This summer has been very quiet for us, and much of that because of the economy, but we are using the slow time to work on a lot of new and exciting projects. We are working on a completely re-designed web page, with a lot more information, and hopefully more things that will make all of your lives easier and keep your more involved. There are a lot of other things on the horizon, for the re-launch of our Total Events And Management philosophy, to all sorts of new equipment and tools to make it better and easier to do your jobs, and for us to provide an even better value to all of our clients. We are very excited about all the things we are working on, and hope to share a lot more details in the next month or two. Until then, be safe, keep the peace and I'll see you out there!

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