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October 2009

Sixteen Years and Counting



9/11/01 Remember and



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ALL EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO WORK ONE SHIFT ON BLACKOUT DAYS!!

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anniversaries

Eric Campbell	3 years
Dan Sainato	3 years
Daniel Bojorquez	2 years
Shawn Hewitt	1 year
Kristy Nelson	1 year
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Ariana Hughes	1 year
Lorenzo Jimenez	1 year
Hector Ruiz	1 year

birthdays

Nathan Aceves	10/2
Dusty Schweitzer	10/3
Jeremiah Outland	10/6
Alfred Maldonado	10/10
Candy Ortega	10/10
Anthony Ruiz	10/12
Carlos Santillano	10/12
Nandi Khanal	10/13
Eric Reynolds	10/13
Jason Andrews	10/14
Jorge Santa Cruz	10/15
Mando Tovar	10/16
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Misty Petee	10/20
Steve Ortega	10/22
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Chris Caufield	10/29
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Clarence Tedder	10/30
Charles Springfield	10/31



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I would like to take a moment to say thank you for those of you that volunteered your time and energy to give to those that were lost on September 11, 2001 with the efforts in representing The Healing Field at Tempe Beach Park.

Many of us have choices every day that affect our attitude and the people around us. Some of those choices may be very simple, quick and easy. Some may not. Some may take work and planning and time.

For all of us that woke up on September 11, 2001, it seemed just like a regular day with many choices which may of reflected our attitude with our spouse, our children, our neighbors, our friends, the person in the car next to us, the people at the light we did not make, the pedestrians around us and the people we came into that morning. There were choices, choices of how we acted and what we said.

For the people, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, children and professionals, that did just what we all did that morning however didn't have the choice of coming home, we honor you and pray for your families. A loss is a lifetime.

For those that acted unselfishly, thank you. For those that perished, we will never forget you. For those of you that continue to fight for us, all of us, we will never be able to repay you. That sacrifice is too great.

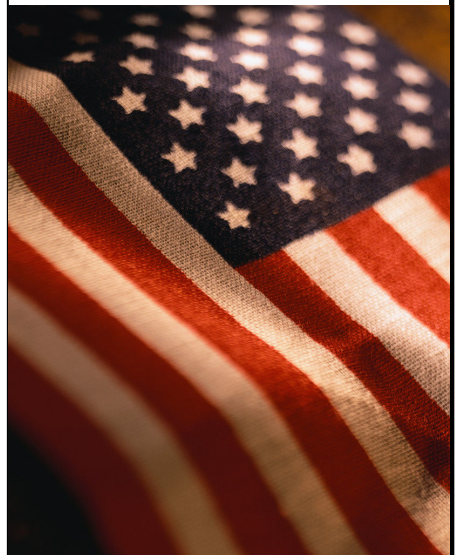
For those of you that dedicated your time and gave a little piece back for this 911 memorial, thank you.

You are appreciated more than you will ever know:

- Mike Bruner
- Michael Hammerand
- Christopher Craig
- Thomas Heck
- Frank Herbert
- Jason Smith
- Wayne Hoffman
- Steve Fortunato
- Ken VanDiver
- Marlies Meinhold
- Albert Valenzuela
- Mike Moreno
- Steve Vanegas
- Kendra Witham
- Jerimiah Outland
- Ashleigh Gaylord
- Dan Sainato
- Dennis Milford
- Mick Hirko

And many more volunteers.
Thank you

Always remember, TAZ



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Marlies Meinhold

Well it's that time again, and you know..... Well my project for the month was the cover of the newsletter. I decided to use the pictures from Healing Fields, and I wanted to show the story. So I have tried. I can show the story of what we did that day, but nothing can quite make you feel the impact of the event without being there. Healing Fields is a memorial to all the people that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. There were 3,000 flags set up in their honor. No words or pictures can quite do justice to the event or the events that inspired this event. But I'm going to add my two cents. We all volunteered to setup and take down these flags. While we were out there were a group of Marines doing their PT's. The effect of the event made them stop and help with the flags. I'm going to leave it short and sweet, because as always.... Stop and take a moment.....remember, pray, and give thanks. Take nothing for granted, live it, breathe it, feel it LIFE. THXYOU!

Family Tree of Vincent Van Gogh:

- His dizzy aunt -----
----- Verti Gogh
- The brother who ate prunes---
----- Gotta Gogh
- The brother who worked at a
convenience store ----- Stop N
Gogh
- The grandfather from Yugo-
slavia ----- U Gogh
- His magician uncle -----
----- Where-diddy Gogh
- His Mexican cousin -----
----- A Mee Gogh
- The Mexican cousin's Ameri-
can half-brother ----- Gring Gogh
- The nephew who drove a
stage coach ----- Wells-far Gogh

- The constipated uncle -----
----- Can't Gogh
 - The ballroom dancing aunt ----
----- Tang Gogh
 - The bird lover uncle -----
----- Flamin Gogh
 - The fruit-loving cousin -----
----- Man Gogh
 - An aunt who taught positive
thinking ----- Way-to-Gogh
 - The little bouncy nephew -----
----- Poe Gogh
 - A sister who loved disco -----
----- Go Gogh
 - And his niece who travels the
country in an RV --- Winnie Bay Gogh
- I saw you smiling . . . there ya Gogh!

Jeff Swanson

It's almost here! The annual company picnic! For those of you that have not had the opportunity to attend TEAM's company picnic, I recommend you go. There is always free food and drinks, games and best of all you get a chance to meet and hang out with co-workers in a non-work environment.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Richard "Taz" Zahn

TAZ THOUGHTS

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, "I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." . . .

You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

-Eleanor Roosevelt

TAZBOX

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the Peanuts comic strip.

You don't need actually to answer the questions. Just read straight through and you'll get the point.

Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.

Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.

Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.

Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.

Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remembers most of the headliners of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.

Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.

Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.

Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Isn't that list easier?

The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care about you most. Share this with

Ashleigh Gaybord

those people who have made a difference in your life. Don't worry about the world coming to an end today.

It's already tomorrow in Australia.

-Charles Schultz

Remember...TAZ

TAZ TOOLBOX

I would like to take this months article and explain something that we ALL should know and how we ALL should act. "Treat everyone the way you want to be treated." That is pretty hard to swallow sometimes for some of us, maybe for most of us it's most of the time. Nobody owes us anything! We expect things to be different however we don't go out and make things different. We usually just sit, watch and talk.

There is a gentleman that has a saying that goes like this," All you can do is All you can do, and All you can do is enough." Think about it. If All you can do is All you can do and All you can do is enough, then when is enough?

Enough is when you are sick and you go do it anyway. Enough is when you don't feel like it and you take care of your responsibilities anyway. Enough is when you've done all you can do and you do a little more. Enough is when life kicks you in the teeth and you smile and say It's a great day! Life is how you look at it. Do it without complaining. Treat people like you want to be treated and eventually more and more people will be attracted to you in a positive way. People are people and they will let you down, disappoint you, take advantage of you, talk behind your back and all sorts of things. Life is supposed to be HARD. It's not supposed to be easy. Life is what you make of it. There will be struggles and let downs, hurts and disappointments and a whole

mix of challenges, but life is what YOU make of it!!!

I'm from the thoughts of old school in that when something major comes along that has an impact on an individual or family, I'm there to lend myself and my resources to help make a difference. Well.....this time I'm on the other end of things and it is a very humbling experience. With much thanks I applaud, hug and shed a tear for each one of you that has mad a difference in my family situation. I cannot thank you enough! For those of you that don't know we had a fire in our home. The fire damage was minimal however the smoke damage was enormous. I've never seen how devastating smoke can be. Everyone is fine physically, and there was no structure damage. It's rebuild time, something that will take months to get done. I am thankful for the friends I have. I'm sure you've heard people say things like "keep in touch" or "call me if you need anything". Rarely do they follow through. It is even more rare that when someone finds out about a situation, they take their resources, time and money and say here...now what else can we do? That is what you have done. I will never be able to thank my friends enough for what you have done for my family and for what you mean to me....You have touched my heart. THANK YOU!

T.E.A.M. is more than just some place to work. It truly is a life changing company and this is just another way it has. People are human. If you learn from the issues and challenges that come your way and apply them to your life, then someday you can experience what TEAMWORK really means. Remember, "All you can do is All you can do and All you can do is enough."

TAZ

Family – people tend to think differently about who they consider family, but all of us have the same bond with those people.

Family and friends, to me, are one of the most important things in life. When I was little, I looked up to my mom a lot and loved her more than anything in the world. I still do. I lost my dad when I was about 4 years old, and I knew how very sudden death could knock on the door, so I was always afraid I would lose my mom too.

Through my dad, I gained a half-sister, who I've always admired. She was always so pretty and smart and I wanted to be just like her. Since she lived with her mom, I only got to see her every now and then. I remember sitting on the couch in my living room crying because I missed her. Now she lives on the other side of the country.

My mom re-married and I gained a step dad. Now, as most kids probably are, I wasn't too keen on inviting this new man into my home. I called him by his name and was very unsure about the whole thing. He was pretty strict about things and pushed me to try harder when I wanted to give up. I am now very close with my step dad and appreciate the way he raised me. I'm glad he pushed me beyond my limit and taught me independence and thriftiness. I think it built character and strength. I am close to my step dad now and even cried when we danced at my wedding.

From my step dad I gained a half brother. I spent a lot of time with



NO-DOZE

It's late...or early. You've been on the clock for hours. You are on a lonely, isolated shift. Nothing happening. Your eyes are tired, perhaps burning a little. Just close them for a minute...ahhhhhh, feels good. Opps....WAKE UP RIP VAN WINKLE...it's 2010.

We've all been there. Fighting to stay awake on a long, lonely shift. What can be done to help avoid the Sandman?

First, try to make sure you are well rested before the shift. This can be tricky for those who regularly work late/overnight shifts. It is difficult to get the same quality of rest during the day that one gets during regular night time sleep. Other people are up and going about their business, sometimes making noises that wake you. Most people will also be fighting their natural biological clock.

Fitness, diet and energy boosting substances also play a roll in meeting the challenge of avoiding the nods.

Fitness or lack of it plays a roll in stamina and endurance. We all know that lack of fitness contributes to the onset of that lathargic, tired feeling that can lead to the eyes getting heavy. But be careful if starting a fitness routine as this can also lead to excessive tiredness during the shift. If you are working out several times a week it may be wise to take it easy on days when you know you will be working a late shift. Sometimes you may get a call to work a late shift on short notice. Perhaps after you have had a workout that day. You would probably want to avoid a high calorie/high carb meal as this would defeat the purpose of the workout if you are trying to loose weight and cause you to be more prone to drowsiness later that night. You may want to do some brisk walking if possible on your shift. If you can't walk about,

stretching and deep breathing may give some relief from drowsiness.

Energy drinks have become very popular and do give one a boost. But as you have probably heard, there are concerns that many of the energy drinks can cause a variety of health problems, especially for those who are already at risk because of being overweight, smoking and stress. They may be of helpful a time or two in emergency situations where one just can't fight the drowsiness anymore, but they should not be a regular part of one's routine when working the late shifts. It is easy to get addicted to them though. Some people drink 3 or 4 of them a night. Not a good idea as a small energy drink can have as much caffeine as 4 or 5 cups of coffee. Take coffee or tea for a caffeine boost. Try to reduce caffeine consumption in the regular diet such as having soft drinks with meals. This will help if you do need a cup of coffee or tea on watch. You won't need as much to stimulate yourself and stay awake. Also, eliminating soft drinks from meals will help balance blood sugar and aid in losing the weight. It also saves a lot of money.

Last, if you don't feel well, call in and see if someone else can take your shift. This can be tricky as some people seem to constantly cancel shifts. But if you are one of the people that never miss a shift, are not late and those in the office know can be counted on to take a last minute shift...even on a weekend, then they shouldn't give you a hard time if you are really not up to an assignment once in a great while.

Finally, if you have some good techniques for avoiding the nods, share them with others. We all learn from each other...good or bad

*Dear Frankie***DEAR FRANKIE:**

I am hearing a lot of buzz about the upcoming Company Picnic. What is it about? I do love picnics. GRILLMASTER JOE

DEAR GRILLMASTER JOE:

The Company Picnic has been a tradition at T.E.A.M. for many years. It is held in October, because T.E.A.M. was started in October of 1993, and every year we have a picnic to show our appreciation to all of the employees for helping us be so successful. This year it will be on Monday October 12th. Taz runs the grill cooking up delicious hot dogs and hamburgers. The other employees usually bring in some of their special dishes to share as well so there is usually lots of food. We have coolers with drinks and space to put drinks that people bring to the party. (no glass bottles please) We usually try to organize some team games (Football, tug-of-war). We hand out awards (some serious, some funny), but most of all we socialize and have a good time in a non-work setting. Everybody is encouraged to bring their families because we also understand that working in this industry, families are asked to make sacrifices as well, and this is a way for us to show our appreciation to them for their support as well. So please RSVP with Kendra at the front desk and come out to join us.

DEAR FRANKIE:

I am a single (had to throw that in there), blonde, six foot, 130 pound, female. People have told me over the years that my best assets are my legs. They are long, silky smooth, and very well toned. I love to show them off. When I put on my uniform and look in the





mirror, I love how the black and white contrast of my uniform shirt and shorts make my legs really stand out. They look great (if I do say so myself). However, I am hearing that we are not always allowed to wear shorts. Something about "only during the summer months". Is this true? This is really going to put a damper in trying to find a man. MUSTANG SALLY

DEAR SALLY:

I'm sorry to say, it is true. Our company policy states that we may only wear shorts during the summer months, at outdoor events only. Being in Phoenix, when we say summer months, we are referring to the 7 months out of the year when the Devil himself goes back to Hell to get out of the heat. As a matter of fact, October 31st will be the last day you will be permitted to wear shorts as a part of your uniform until approximately March of next year. As for finding a man, I would say you increase your chances exponentially by steering clear of the Mongoose.

DEAR FRANKIE:

I have a problem. When I started with T.E.A.M., I was able to go anywhere at anytime and loved to be your go-to-guy. Unfortunately, my car is really acting up and I never know if it is going to start when I need it to. I want to continue to be your go-to-guy, but I don't know what to do about my car. JOHNNY ON THE SPOT

DEAR JOHNNY:

You have been a tremendous help to us and I appreciate your dedication to us. I actually have a way that I might be able to help. Our T.E.A.M. vehicles are serviced by Sidework Performance LLC. Brian, the owner, has been pretty good to us and has offered to give any T.E.A.M. employee a 10% discount on vehicle maintenance. If you

would like to contact him, his number is 480-632-0099. His shop is located in the East valley at 734 N. Golden Key St. Suite D5 Gilbert, AZ 85233. He's open Monday thru Friday from 0800 to 1700. I hope that helps.

Moments in History

October 1, 1908 - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 2, 1968 - California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of all trees, growing up to 400 feet (120 meters) during a lifetime that can span 2,000 years.

October 3, 1995 - The O.J. Simpson double-murder trial ended with the former American football star acquitted of the murders. In June of 1994, Simpson had been arrested and charged in the stabbing deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her male friend.

October 4, 1582 - The Gregorian Calendar took effect in Catholic countries as Pope Gregory XIII issued a decree stating the day following Thursday, October 4, 1582, would be Friday, October 15, 1582, correcting a 10-day error accumulated by the Julian Calendar. Britain and the American colonies adopted the Gregorian Calendar in 1752.

October 5, 1964 - The largest mass escape since the construction of the Berlin Wall occurred as 57 East German refugees escaped to West Berlin after tunneling beneath the wall.

October 6, 1927 - The first "talkie" opened in New York. The Jazz Singer starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.

October 7, 1985 - Palestinian terrorists seized the Italian passenger ship Achille Lauro carrying about 440 persons, threatening to blow it up if Israel did not free 50 Palestinian prisoners. Leon Klinghoffer, an elderly wheelchair-bound American, was murdered.

October 8, 1918 - During World War I, in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant Alvin C. York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing 132. He was later awarded the U.S. Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.

October 9 - John Lennon (1940-1980) was born in Liverpool, England. He was a member of The Beatles. He was murdered in New York City on December 8, 1980.

October 10, 1973 - Spiro T. Agnew (1918-1996) resigned the office of Vice President of the United States amid charges of income tax evasion on illegal payments allegedly received while he was governor of Maryland and after he became Vice President. He was later given a \$10,000 fine and sentenced to serve three years probation. He was succeeded as Vice President by Gerald R. Ford, who went on to become President after the resignation of Richard M. Nixon.

October 11, 1939 - Albert Einstein warned President Franklin D. Roosevelt that his theories could lead to Nazi Germany's development of an atomic bomb. Einstein suggested the U.S. develop its own bomb. This resulted in the top secret "Manhattan Project."

October 12, 1492 - After a 33 day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named

the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians.'

October 13, 1775 - The U.S. Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

October 14, 1947 - U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier, flying in a rocket-powered research aircraft.

October 15, 1815 - Napoleon Bonaparte arrived on the Island of St. Helena beginning a British imposed exile following his defeat at the Battle of Waterloo.

October 16, 1995 - The Million Man March took place in Washington, D.C., under the direction of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who delivered the main address to the gathering of African American males.

October 17, 1777 - During the American Revolutionary War, English General John Burgoyne and his entire army of 5,700 men surrendered to American General Horatio Gates after the Battle of Saratoga, the first big American victory.

October 18, 1945 - The Nuremberg War Crimes Trial began with indictments against 24 former Nazi leaders including Hermann Goering and Albert Speer. The trial lasted 10 months, with delivery of the judgment completed on October 1, 1946. Twelve Nazis were sentenced to death by hanging, three to life imprisonment, four to lesser prison terms, and three were acquitted.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
THE 16TH ANNUAL T.E.A.M. PICNIC IS COMING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2009
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PRIZES-FUN
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October 19, 1987 - "Black Monday" occurred on Wall Street as stocks plunged a record 508 points or 22.6 per cent, the largest one-day drop in stock market history.

October 20, 1944 - General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."

October 21, 1879 - Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey, keeping it lit for over 13 hours.

October 22, 1962 - President John F. Kennedy appeared on television to inform Americans of the existence of Soviet missiles in Cuba. The President demanded their removal and announced a naval "quarantine" of Cuba. Six days later, the Soviets announced they would remove the weapons. In return, the U.S. later removed missiles from Turkey.

October 23, 1983 - Terrorists drove a truck loaded with TNT into the U.S. And French headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, exploding it and killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroopers.

October 24, 1929 - "Black Thursday" occurred in the New York Stock Exchange as nearly 13 million shares were sold in panic selling. Five days later "Black Tuesday" saw 16 million shares sold.

October 25 - Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) was born in Malaga, Spain. He was an experimental painter and also became a fine sculptor, engraver and ceramist.

October 26, 1881 - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between the feuding Clanton and Earp families. Wyatt Earp, two of his brothers and "Doc" Holliday gunned down two Clantons and two others.

October 27, 1978 - The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded jointly

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to Menachem Begin of Israel and Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

October 28, 1886 - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France commemorating the French-American alliance during the American Revolutionary War. Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the entire structure stands 300 feet (92.9 meters) tall. The pedestal contains the words, "...Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

October 29, 1929 - The stock market crashed as over 16 million shares were dumped amid tumbling prices. The Great Depression followed and spread worldwide, lasting until the outbreak of World War II.

October 30, 1938 - The War of the Worlds radio broadcast panicked millions of Americans. Actor Orson Welles and the Mercury Players dramatized the story by H.G. Wells depicting a Martian invasion of New Jersey. Their script utilized simulated radio news bulletins which many listeners thought were real.

October 31 - Halloween or All Hallows' Eve, an ancient celebration combining the Christian festival of All Saints with Pagan autumn festivals.

Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?
 Why is it you must wait until night to call it a day?
 Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
 Why is it called a "building" when it is already built?
 Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?
 Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
 Why is a boxing ring square?
 Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
 Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
 Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?
 Why do you need an appointment to see a psychic?
 Why does a grapefruit look nothing like a grape?
 Why do your feet smell and your nose runs?
 Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game," when we are already there?
 Why do we call them restrooms when no one goes there to rest?
 Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
 Why do we call something sent by car a shipment and something sent by ship a cargo?
 Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
 Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
 Why do they give you a tape with a VCR to tell you how to use it?
 Why do people park in driveways and drive on parkways?
 Why do flammable and inflammable mean the same thing?
 Why do hot dogs come ten to a package and hot dog buns only eight?
 Why do mattresses have springs, if they aren't made for jumping on?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
 Why are violets blue and not violet?
 Why aren't there ever any guilty bystanders?
 Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
 Why are they called "stands" when they're made for sitting?
 Which is the other side of the street?
 Who killed the Dead Sea?
 Why are all blackboards called that when some of them are green?
 Where does your lap go when you stand up?
 Where does the white go when the snow melts?
 Where did Webster look up the definitions when he wrote the dictionary?
 When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?
 When night falls who picks it up?
 What's the synonym for thesaurus?
 What's the sound a name makes when it's dropped?
 When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
 What was the best thing before sliced bread?
 What is the speed of dark?
 What hair color do they put on the driver's license of a bald man?
 What happened to the first 6 UP's?
 What do you call a male ladybug?
 What do you say if you're talking to God, and he sneezes?
 What do sheep count when they can't get to sleep?
 What do penguins wear for play clothes?
 What are imitation rhinestones?
 Is duck tape made out of ducks?
 Is it OK to use the AM radio after noon?
 Is a sleeping bull a bull-dozer?
 Is a small pig called a hamlet?

Things to Ponder

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
 Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Mick Hirko

This month, I am reporting from our temporary field office in Montana. Located on the William Henry Harrison Army base, located on the outskirts of Helena, I have determined by the amount of armor, guns and aircraft that they have, they have very little need for additional security, and that they can handle just about any problem coming their way. It is absolutely beautiful here, and so quiet. I can absolutely say that I can not hear Clear at all from here. Taz and I came up here to get away from the Arizona heat for a few days, extend the amount of time before we had to deal with Clear again (We left right when she as returning from her vacation. Thus, we extended our own vacation), and to take care of some personal business I had to attend to. I own some land up here, and as I sit here typing, I am sore all over, as we spent 2 days playing dam busters. Some very industrious beavers built some dams on my land, and are trying to turn it into a swamp. So, what started as what we thought was just pulling some branches apart, turned into a 2 day grueling ordeal, and some of the hardest (and most fun) work I have ever done. Those suckers are amazing! The ingenuity in how they construct is only surpassed by their speed. We found nearly 2 foot in diameter trees chomped down by these guys, and they managed to completely repair all of our work of the first day by the time we returned the second day. These dams are built to withstand massive pressure, and all the parts and materials are interwoven with such precise placement, that I doubt even modern computers could replicate the engineering aspects of their work. Busy as a beaver is one thing, but smarter than I ever assumed, too. It was a stark reminder of not only the beauty of nature, but also the role that every creature has in nature, and how many animals have talents that we must appreciate and can learn from. I do believe that modern dam construction evolved largely from the study of beaver

dams. The physics are definitely the same.

One of my many blessings is to own a small piece of land up there. I really do like being up there. Aside from it being very pleasant weather in the summer, there are at least a dozen other reasons why Montana is a great place to be:

There is no brown cloud over Montana

You can breath deeply without it hurting

You can go places and hear only nature

The food is chemical and preservative free

The people are friendly

The people respect the American Flag

You can go places and not see any people

The beauty of the nature will overwhelm you

The water tastes like water, and does not come in chunks

There is very little crime there

There is wildlife of every sort everywhere

Most important – Clear is not there!

Speaking of respecting the American flag, I want to thank all of you who came out, volunteered your time and labor to set up and later teat down the healing fields. As always, it is an event that takes your breath away, an event that matters, and always will. I especially want to thank Taz for his commitment to this project, his dedication and his deep-seated patriotism.

And, speaking of Taz, it is almost time for him to put on the apron and start grilling for our 16th annual picnic.

Wow, has it really been that long?

There have been many great moments, and many good people that made them happen. We have evolved in so many ways, and I am often told that this is my doing, or congratulating me. I say with all sin-

cerity that is simply not true. T.E.A.M. has always, and will always be about each and every person within it. This company would be nothing without the dedication, hard work, commitment, integrity and honor of the many people that make us who we are each and every day. Our standards are high, and I could not be prouder seeing again so many not only keeping, but often times exceeding those standards. The picnic is a little way for us to thank all of you, and to let you know you are appreciated. Please help us make this a great success by R.S.V.P.'ing to Kendra at your earliest convenience. Times are tough everywhere, and we want to make sure we have enough food and drink for everybody.

Lastly, on a personal note, the end of September would have been my Dad's 90th birthday. There is not a day that goes by that I do not miss him. You often do not realize how much you can miss someone until they are gone. For all of you who still do have your parents (which is most of you) – show them your gratitude and love. They can be a pain at times, but they think the same about you. They are the only parents you have, and no one will ever be there for you the way your parents can be. I try to tell my mom every day that I love her. Try to do the same for both your parents, and hope you never regret not having told them how you feel about them. This year, we have all lost too many good people. It stands as a reminder that our time here is short, and that only a few things really do matter. The love of those close to you is one of the most important.

Be safe, keep the peace and I'll see you out there.

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