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*"And what is so rare as a day
in June? Then, if ever, come
perfect days"*

—James Russell Lowell



ALL EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO WORK ONE SHIFT ON

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Advanced Training	2	3 Tim McCraw/ Lady Antebellum @CWP	4 The CleanUp Woman @ Dodge	5
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13 Hands Refresher	14 Report Writing	15 Doobie Brothers & Chicago @ Dodge T.A.T.T. 1	16	17 Iron Maiden/ Dream Theater @CWP	18	19 Orientation
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Anniversaries

Dave Ellis	3 years
Don Glazier	3 years
William Goldblatt	2 years
Michael Moreno	2 years
John Nelson	2 years
Richard Larios	1 year
Jessica Lee	1 year
Jeremy Lux	1 year
Mitch Werne	1 year

so desperate for food that they do, according to the BBC "jump over high ground into water", but they aren't committing group suicide

6) Water flushes differently in different hemispheres

No it doesn't. Sorry!

7) Humans evolved from apes

Darwin didn't actually say this, but he's been misreported ever since. What he did say was that we, and apes, and chimpanzees for that matter, had a common ancestor, once, a long, long time ago.

8. Vikings had horns/helmets with horns.

Vikings may have been buried with their helmets and with drinking horns. When they were dug up by the Victorians, they assumed that the helmets had horns.

9) Columbus believed the earth was flat

He may not have known how big the world was, but he wasn't worrying about falling off the edge of it.

10) Different parts of the tongue detect different tastes

You do have different taste buds on your tongue and some are more sensitive than others. But they aren't divided into perfect, easy-to-teach sections

Surrounded by the Sonoran Desert, mountains and lakes, the Phoenix area is an ideal place to experience nature by hiking the numerous trails in and around the Valley of the Sun. Spring and autumn are usually the best times to hike. Most hiking trails are rated easy to moderate, but there are some difficult climbs that will challenge the seasoned hiker. Check out Camelback Mountain, Piestewa Peak, the McDowell Mountains and South Mountain, the nation's largest city park.

Biking in the Phoenix Area.

There is endless road and mountain biking fun in Greater Phoenix. One of the most popular places is South Mountain Park where bikers are rewarded with tremendous views of the city. Over 2 million people trek and bike this mountain preserve each year on both easy and very difficult climbs.

Papago Park (the Phoenix Zoo is there) is a great place for the novice biker with awesome scenery. North Mountain Preserve in north Phoenix also features great biking trails for both the experienced and the novice. Also consider the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt in Scottsdale on a paved flat path that is about 10 miles long. Or try the shores along Tempe Town Lake in Tempe AZ. There are also great biking trails in the Cave Creek area north of Phoenix.

Horseback Riding and Trail Rides.

Phoenix is the nation's fifth largest city, but people still like to play cowboy here and there are a lot of wide open spaces where you can saddle-up and take a tranquil ride into the Sonoran Desert sunset. You'll find plenty of stables spread throughout the Valley including

Steve Vanegas' World Report

10 Biggest Misconceptions We Learn in School



1) Einstein got bad grades in school.

Generations of children have

been heartened by the thought that this Nobel Prize winner did badly at school, but they're sadly mistaken. In fact, he did very well at school, especially in science and maths (unsurprisingly).

2) Mice like cheese

Mice enjoy food rich in sugar as well as peanut butter and breakfast cereals. So a Snickers bar would go down much better than a lump of cheddar

3) Napoleon was short.

He was actually around 5ft 7, completely average for the 18th/19th century

4) Thomas Edison invented the light bulb.

Edison invented a lot of things – in fact he's one of the most famous inventors of all time – but the light bulb wasn't one of them. What he did was develop a light bulb at the same time as the British man, Joseph Swan, who came up with it originally.

5) Lemmings throw themselves over cliffs to commit suicide

The poor old things are sometimes

T.J. Atchison

Things To See In The Valley.

Boat, Fish, Water-Ski, Float the Salt. There's a bonanza of water recreation in and around Phoenix. The lakes of Saguaro, Pleasant, Canyon and Bartlett are all within about an hours drive from the Phoenix area depending upon your starting point. During the summer months, "tubing down the Salt River" is a popular activity. Tempe Town Lake is a great place to canoe, stroll and picnic in the shadow of ASU Sun Devil Stadium. For both kids and adults, there are 15 urban park lakes throughout the area that are regularly stocked with trout, catfish and other fish varieties.

Hiking and Back Packing



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South Mountain and Carefree. There are working ranches that offer dinner trail rides and there are horseback riding guides that will lead groups on riding expeditions. Also see Dude Ranches.

Tours and Guides.

One thing Phoenix has plenty of.....outdoor adventure. Take a jeep or hummer tour into the mountain wilderness. Fly on a hot air balloon high above the city below. Hike and bike with professional guides who know where the best trails can be found. If you're a fishing enthusiast, hire a fishing guide for a day, a weekend or a week. Or sit back in the comfort of a tour van and see the best sights in Phoenix and beyond with guides that will highlight the tour with narrative history.

Golfing In Metro Phoenix.

Phoenix and Scottsdale are America's favorite golf destinations. Just ask Robb Report, Conde Nast, Golf Digest and Golf Magazine who continuously bestow prestigious golf awards. There are over 200 golf courses in the Greater Phoenix area and most of them are public golf courses. And there are an abundance of professional golf schools in the area. Test your skill with that little white ball on lush traditional tree-lined courses or around massive boulders of granite framed by desert vegetation.

Phoenix Area Museums.

There is a significant number of museums in the Phoenix area. The largest museum in the southwest and the crown jewel of the Valley is the Phoenix Art Museum which contains over 17,000 works. The world acclaimed Heard Museum features a myriad of Native American cultures and art. The Museum of History is located in Downtown Phoenix. Another major museum is the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art.

Adults and children will love the Arizona Science Center and the Challenger Space Center. View a list of the major museums in Greater Phoenix.

Annual Events and Festivals.

There are so many major annual events and festivals in the Metro Phoenix and Scottsdale area. If you're an auto-buff, try the annual Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction. The Parada del Sol Parade and Rodeo, the annual Renaissance Festival, the Ostrich Festival and the Fiesta Bow Tempe New Year's Eve Block Party are among some of the most popular things to do and see. If you are a college football enthusiast, the Fiesta Bowl and Insight Bowl are held in the Valley. And don't overlook NASCAR events, MLB Spring Training or the Phoenix Open, the most attended spectacle on the PGA Tour.

Phoenix Area Casinos

There are seven gaming casinos in the Phoenix and Scottsdale area. Gila River Casinos has three locations - Wild Horse Pass, Vee Quiva, and Lone Butte. Casino Arizona has two locations in Scottsdale. Fort McDowell Casino is near Fountain Hills and Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort is south of Phoenix in the town of Maricopa.

Ashleigh Gaylord

A funny thing happened to me the other day...

We tend to do a lot of group lunch orders here in the office, so one day (like many other days) we decided to get Jimmy John's sandwiches. They are delish. The bread makes the sandwich. Anyways, (sorry my life revolves around food, so it's easy for me to get off on a tangent) since Jimmy John's won't deliver to our office (it turns out their delivery radius falls one block short, and even

though we order from there frequently, refuse to drive 2 more seconds to our office) I volunteered to go pick up the food. Since there is no actual parking at Jimmy John's itself, I decided to park across the way at the Brickyard. Jimmy John's is almost directly in front of where the breezeway and escalators are at Brickyard, and I am a firm believer in "shortest distance from Point A to Point B is a straight line", so I decided not to go to the crosswalks, but instead to just cut across the median. The street was kind of busy, so I felt like a live version of Frogger. I got across and got into the restaurant, where I found out the order I was picking up hadn't even been placed yet. So I called the office to figure out what was going on, and they took the order right then and there. Good service. Next I went to wait in line to pick up my order, and realized they were calling out the name of the sandwiches. I had no idea what was ordered, so I had to call the office again to find out. I finally got my order, and had to cross the street again, playing Frogger, but this time with food in tow. Everything went well, I got across safe, and got into my car to head back to the office to chow down (woohoo! My favorite part!) Not too long after I was on my way back, I got a text from an unknown number, saying "I saw you on Mill and almost ran you over". At this point I'm thinking..."Hmm...who did I piss off that might want to run me over on purpose?" Since I had no clue who it was, I texted back, asking who it was. Turns out it was an ex-employee of ours and she said I "jumped out in front of her." I had no recollection of using such ninja skills at that point in time, nor did I notice anyone about to hit me. This proves the

Birthdays

Luis Ruiz	6/1
Gordon Boonie	6/2
Michael Fritz	6/3
Lee North	6/3
Tyler Ramsey	6/6
David Sessions	6/6
Bill Thibeau	6/6
Sharon Ramsey	6/7
Rachel Anderson	6/10
Terrance Gibson	6/10
Thomas Gibson	6/10
Kathy Rice	6/10
Joe Rios	6/13
Mark Ehrlich	6/14
John Loucks	6/18
Travis Ainsworth	6/24
Kevin Walz	6/26
Josh Milkowski	6/27

Royal Review too...

Let me introduce myself. My name is Billy Royal and I'm one of the most recent addition to the T.E.A.M. family. Actually that's not entirely true, some of you that have been on board for sometime might remember me from years past. As I explained to Mick, I went out into the corporate world, and found myself yearning to be more involved with the overall operation of a company with a positive feeling, scruples, honor and a more family oriented work environment. To say being back feels like your favorite pair of worn shoes might not be the exact analogy I'm looking for, but for now it best explains the warm welcome and helpfulness I've been greeted with by everybody here.

More thoughts to come in the future, I just wanted to say hello. If you need anything, or if I can help you in any way, just let me know.

Every Dayz a Holiday!

Dear Frankie

DEAR FRANKIE: As summer is approaching, everyone keeps saying we should be watching the crowds for signs of heatstroke and stuff, but what ARE the signs, and what should we do? Does alcohol make it worse? ICARUS

DEAR ICARUS: Everyone is a potential heat stress victim, both on and off the job. Arizona residents must constantly be aware of the dangers of heat stress. Most people know they should stay alert to the warning signs when outside in the desert sun. But for many others working in industries that require hot work areas, such as

factories or foundries, the hazard can be just as threatening inside.

Heat stress is the potentially dangerous condition that occurs when your body is unable to regulate its temperature. There are three levels of heat stress that can be identified by specific symptoms.

Heat Cramps: Painful spasms in your arms, legs or abdomen, caused by not replacing body salts lost through sweating in extremely hot conditions. **Treatment:** Sit or lie down in shade or away from heat source. Drink cool water. Gently stretch and massage cramped muscles.

Heat Exhaustion: A more serious condition, which may include weakness, nausea, moist and clammy skin, a headache, pale complexion or rapid pulse. Heat exhaustion results when your body loses too much water through heavy perspiration. **Treatment:** Remove victim from heat. Apply cool, wet cloths. Fan victim. (Stop if victim develops goose bumps or shivers.) Get medical attention if no improvement.

Heatstroke: The most severe of all heat-related disorders. This major medical condition is caused by a breakdown in the body's cooling system. Three important signs of heat stroke are: 1. Hot, dry skin that is red or blotchy in color. 2. Hyperthermia, with a body temperature rising to 106 degrees F or beyond. 3. Mental confusion, delirium, loss of consciousness, convulsions or coma. **Treatment:** Remove person from heat. Remove clothing and place victim in a cool bath or apply cool compresses to body. Get medical attention immediately.

These symptoms can happen with little warning, and can be fatal if not treated. For more infor-

importance of 1) using a crosswalk, 2) NOT dressing in all black (like a ninja), and 3) staying OUT of code white, and being aware of your surroundings. Who knows what I was thinking about, that I didn't notice a giant car about to crash into me. So you see, it doesn't happen that often, but every now and then these funny things do happen. I'm just glad she didn't run into me...or I might be Limp "Boo"kit right now. It's getting hot! Remember to drink LOTS AND LOTS OF H2O!!!!

NINJA-BOO



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mation go to <http://www.webmd.com/a-to-z-guides/understanding-heat-related-illness-symptoms>

DEAR FRANKIE: Gold Bond or Baby Powder? It's getting hot out there. This is important. HOPELESSLY CHAFED

DEAR HOPELESSLY: Well... Chafing is generally attributed to sweating and rubbing. Interestingly enough there are 4 factors to chafing: Stay dry, hydrate, lubricate, and select proper clothing.

Stay Dry: baby powder is good for absorbing moisture. Gold Bond adds Menthol (for itching and cooling) and Zinc Oxide (for soothing and protecting skin). There are other products out there that are manufactured specifically for preventing chafing. (I have not tried them but I love the names..."Squeaky Cheeks Performance Powder", and "Anti Monkey Butt Anti-Chafing Powder". Hee hee...you can't make this stuff up)

Hydrate: This will assist you in perspiring freely so that the remnants don't dry into salt crystals which will make the possibility of chafing higher.

Lubricate: *grin* While exercising all kinds of lubricants are used to keep the skin areas sliding past each other instead of rubbing raw

Proper clothing: Loose clothes may feel good, but to prevent chafing you need a snug fit. Bike shorts are designed to give a skin tight fit that will prevent chafing

DEAR FRANKIE: I want to go out and buy a plethora (Yes she actually used "plethora") of energy drinks to get me through all the upcoming Cricket shows this hot summer. What brand do you recommend?
TWEAK

DEAR TWEAK: Ummmm....NONE! Energy drinks will dry you out faster

than you can say "I don't feel so good". Soft drinks and energy drinks both contain caffeine, but there is more caffeine in energy drinks to achieve the desired effect. Caffeine affects the human body in the following way:

*"Caffeine works by blocking the effects of **adenosine**, a brain chemical involved in sleep. When caffeine blocks adenosine, it causes neurons in the brain to fire. Thinking the body is in an emergency, the pituitary gland initiates the body's "fight or flight" response by releasing adrenaline. This hormone makes the heart beat faster and the eyes dilate. It also causes the liver to release extra sugar into the bloodstream for energy. Caffeine affects the levels of dopamine, a chemical in the brain's pleasure center. All of these physical responses make you feel as though you have more energy. Because caffeine is a stimulant -- consuming a lot of it can lead to heart palpitations, anxiety and insomnia -- it also can make you feel jittery and irritable. Over time, caffeine can become addictive. It is also a **diuretic** -- it causes the kidneys to remove extra fluid into the urine. That leaves less fluid in the body. so drinking an energy drink while you're exercising can be particularly dangerous. The combination of the diuretic effect and sweating can severely dehydrate you."*

Any questions?

...Tidbits...

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BUT PROBABLY DON'T

1. Money isn't made out of paper, it's made out of cotton.
2. The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp (marijuana) paper.
3. The dot over the letter 'i' is

called a 'tittle.'

4. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.

5. Susan Lucci is the daughter of Phyllis Diller .

6. 40% of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.

7. 315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.

8. The 'spot' on 7UP comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was albino.

9. On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents, daily.

10. Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister.

11. Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system; a few ounces will kill a small-sized dog.

12. Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.

13. Most lipstick contains fish scales (eeww).

14. Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

15. Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.

16. Upper- and lower-case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the Upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.

17. Leonardo Da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time, hence multi-tasking was invented.

18. Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.

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19. There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.

20. The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan; there was never a recorded Wendy before!

21. There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange and purple.

22. Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors. Also, it took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa 's lips.

23. A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it instantly go mad and sting itself to death

24. The mask used by Michael Myers in the original 'Halloween' was a Captain Kirk's mask painted white..

25. If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar (good to know.)

26. By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand (and you thought this list was completely useless.)

27. The phrase 'rule of thumb' is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

28. The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.

29. Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with. It's the same with apples.

30. Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!

31. The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.

32. Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public

Libraries.

33. Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a space suit damages it.

34. George Carlin said it best about Martha Stewart, "Boy, I feel a lot safer now that she's behind bars. O. J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around; Osama Bin Laden too, but they take the ONE woman in America willing to cook, clean, and work in the yard, and they haul her off to jail."

Frank Herbert

So this month I was asked to come up with a quote for the newsletter. I have been getting into our Founding Fathers lately and thought I would look up something from one of them. However, when I started doing my research, I found so many great quotes and had to stop myself after Thomas Jefferson. Think about these as you read them, and ask yourself why there are so few who share these thoughts anymore.

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. It is better be alone than in bad company.

George Washington

Firearms are second only to the Constitution in importance; they are the peoples' liberty's teeth.

George Washington

Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism.

George Washington

I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles,

the character of an honest man.
George Washington

If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.

George Washington

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

George Washington

Laws made by common consent must not be trampled on by individuals.

George Washington

Mankind, when left to themselves, are unfit for their own government.

George Washington

The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon.

George Washington

The marvel of all history is the patience with which men and women submit to burdens unnecessarily laid upon them by their governments.

George Washington

The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference - they deserve a place of honor with all that's good.

George Washington

Press forward. Do not stop, do not linger in your journey, but strive for the mark set before you.

George Whitefield

All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good con-

science to remain silent.
Thomas Jefferson

Commerce with all nations, alliance with none, should be our motto.
Thomas Jefferson

Do not bite at the bait of pleasure, till you know there is no hook beneath it.
Thomas Jefferson

Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves are its only safe depositories.
Thomas Jefferson

Experience demands that man is the only animal which devours his own kind, for I can apply no milder term to the general prey of the rich on the poor.
Thomas Jefferson

Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny.
Thomas Jefferson

For a people who are free, and who mean to remain so, a well-organized and armed militia is their best security.
Thomas Jefferson

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.
Thomas Jefferson

I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them but to

inform their discretion.
Thomas Jefferson

I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our monied corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial by strength, and bid defiance to the laws of our country.
Thomas Jefferson

This Month in History

June 1 - Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962) was born in Los Angeles as . Following an unstable childhood spent in foster homes and orphanages, she landed a job as a photographer's model which led to a movie career. She later married baseball legend Joe DiMaggio. Beneath her glamorous movie star looks she was fragile and insecure and eventually succumbed to the pressures of Hollywood life. She died in Los Angeles from an overdose of sleeping pills on August 5, 1962.



June 2 - Marquis de Sade (1740-1814) was born in Paris. He was a military leader, governor-general, and author, whose acts of extreme cruelty and violence resulted in the term *sadism* being created from his name to describe gratification in inflicting pain.

June 3, 1972 - Sally Jan Priesand was ordained a rabbi thus becoming the first woman rabbi in the U.S.

June 4, 1989 - The Chinese government ordered its troops to open fire on unarmed protesters in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. The protest had started on April 16 as about 1,000 students marched to mourn the death



of Hu Yaobang, a pro-reform leader within the Chinese government.

Despite government warnings, pro-reform and pro-democracy demonstrations continued for a month drawing ever-larger crowds of young people, eventually totaling over one million persons.. However, in the pre-dawn hours of June 4, the People's Army, using tanks, machine-guns, clubs and tear gas, opened fire on the unarmed protesters. Armored personnel carriers then rolled into the square crushing students still sleeping in their tents. The Chinese government later claimed only 300 died in the attack. U.S. estimates put the toll at over 3,000.

June 5, 1968 - Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded while leaving the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles. The shooting occurred after a celebration of Kennedy's victory in the California presidential primary. President John F. Kennedy had named his brother and campaign manager, Robert Francis Kennedy, to the post of U.S. Attorney General in 1961.

Robert served as the president's closest



confidant. After the assassination of JFK, Robert remained as Attorney General until 1964, when he resigned to make a successful run for the U.S. Senate from New York.

June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the north coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while

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British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.



June 7, 1965 - The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Connecticut law banning contraception. In *Griswold v. Connecticut*, the Supreme Court guaranteed the right to privacy, including freedom from government intrusion into matters of birth control.

June 8 - American architect Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin. He designed about 1,000 structures and is considered the most influential architect of his time.

June 9, 1898 - The British signed a 99-year lease for Hong Kong was administered as a British Crown Colony until July 1, 1997, when its sovereignty reverted to the People's Republic of China.

June 10, 1652 - In Massachusetts, silversmith John Hull opened the first mint in America.

June 11, 1991 - Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines erupted spewing ash into the air, visible over 60 miles.

June 12, 1898 - The Philippines declared their independence from Spain. Once freed from Spain, the islands were then invaded and occupied by U.S. forces. They became an American colony and remained so until after World War II.

June 13, 1966 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled (5-4) in the case of

You will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world. Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped, and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely...The free men of the world are marching together to victory. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory. Good luck, and let us all beseech the blessings of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

~General Dwight D. Eisenhower giving the D-Day order on June 6, 1944.

Miranda v. Arizona that an accused person must be apprised of certain rights before questioning including the right to remain silent, the right to know that anything said can be used against the individual in court, and the right to have a defense attorney present during interrogation.

June 14, 1775 - The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress.

June 15, 1215 - King John set his seal to Magna Carta, the first charter of English liberties, guaranteeing basic rights that have since become the foundation of modern democracies around the world.

June 16 - Film comedian Stan Laurel (1890-1965) was born in Ulverston, England. He teamed up with Oliver Hardy as Laurel & Hardy delighting audiences for more than 30 years.

June 17, 1972 - Following a seemingly routine burglary, five men were arrested at the National Democratic Headquarters in



the Watergate complex in Washington, DC However, subsequent investigations revealed the burglars were actually agents hired by the Committee for the Re-election of President Richard Nixon, eventually leading to the resignation of President Nixon on August 9, 1974.

June 18, 1815 - On the fields near Waterloo in central Belgium, 72,000 French troops, led by Napoleon, suffered a crushing military defeat from a combined Allied army of 113,000 British, Dutch, Belgian, and Prussian troops. Napoleon was then sent into exile on the island of St. Helena off the coast of Africa.

June 19 - Baseball great Lou Gehrig (1903-1941) was born in New York City. He played in 2,130 consecutive games and seven World Series for the New York Yankees and had a lifetime batting average of .340. He contracted the degenerative muscle disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, now called 'Lou Gehrig's disease,' and died on June 2, 1941.



June 20, 1782 - The U.S. Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the United States of America.

June 21, 1964 - Three white civil rights workers went to investigate a church burning. Their murdered bodies were discovered on August 4.



June 22, 1918 - A Michigan Central Railroad troop train struck the rear of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus train in Ivanhoe, Indiana. Fifty-three circus performers were killed. Of the circus animals not killed, most were maimed and had to

be destroyed.

June 23, 1865 - The last formal surrender of Confederate troops occurred as Cherokee leader and Confederate Brigadier Gen. Watie surrendered his battalion comprised of American Indians in the Oklahoma Territory.

June 24, 1948 - The Soviet Union began a blockade of Berlin. Two days later the Allies responded with an emergency airlift to relieve two million isolated West Berliners.

June 25, 1950 - The Korean War began as North Korean troops, led by Soviet-built tanks, crossed the 38th parallel and launched a full scale invasion of South Korea. Five days later, U.S. ground forces entered the conflict, which lasted until July 27, 1953.

June 26, 1945 - The United Nations Charter was signed in San Francisco by 50 nations. The Charter was ratified on October 24, 1945.

June 27 - American musician Mildred J. Hill (1859-1916) was born. She composed the melody for *Happy Birthday to You*.

June 28, 1919 - The signing of the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I. According to the terms, Germany was asked to admit guilt, give up Alsace-Lorraine and overseas colonies, and pay reparations of \$15 Billion. The treaty also prohibited German rearmament.

June 29, 1972 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled (5-4) that capital punishment was a violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibiting "cruel and unusual punishment." Four years later, the Court reversed itself. On October 4, 1976, the ban was lifted on the death penalty in cases involving murder.

June 30, 1971 - The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was enacted, granting the right to vote in all federal, state and local elections to American citizens 18 years or older. The minimum voting age in most states had been 21.

Mick Hirko

This is the third and last month that I will be writing about stupid people. I have one last grand prize winner to share with you, but due to technical problems, I will no longer be able to write about the dumbest people of the month. I recently got a new computer. It is fast, multi-tasks and is really a great machine. Marlies loves it too, because she has not heard me complain about how it will not do something fast enough, it does not crash (very often) and is lightning fast. The New Windows 7 is a pretty neat operating system, and very intuitive. In other words, it learns its user, and tries to anticipate what you want to do. It is like a really smart auto fill. In the next few years, you will start seeing more touch screen computers, and eventually the obsolescence of the good ol' mouse. Some predict that voice command will be the next generation, with all of your typing and system commands will be voice activated. No more typing. Great idea, but do we not already type and write bad enough? No one will know how to write a coherent sentence anymore, but others argue we would not need to anymore when technology gets to that point. The world is a-changing.... Anyway, I am not bragging about my new computer, but trying to explain why I can no longer write my monthly article about stupid people. Every time I type "stupid", "dumb", "idiot", "moron" or "incompetent" why computer flashes a screen that says: "Are you trying to type Nancy Pelosi?" As I promised to keep politics out of this list, and it is hard to beat the stupidity of politicians, and it is really hard to compete with that. So, that being said, let me give you the grand prize winner, with an understanding that if I hear of anyone dumber than either this

person of Pelosi, I will still share it with you.

So, woman is looking for directions to a store. She goes to Google maps, and gets step by step directions to where she wants to go. So, she goes on her way, precisely following her directions, so much so that she promptly walks into traffic and gets hit by a car. Wait, can you see where this is going? Come on, you have to know what comes next. Yup, she survives (Because God protects drunks and idiots) and is so thankful for having survived that she is suing Google for giving her directions that caused her to get run over. How do you beat that? I think it is an appropriate time to end this short lived serious with that shining example of Darwinism being a complete lie.

Last month we celebrated memorial day, and I hope you all had a great time and hopefully got to spend some time with friends and family. I also hope that you all remembered the reason for Memorial Day, and what it means to so many. As we come up to the anniversary of the birth of our great nation, I think it is appropriate that I share the following with you. Clear suggested I include this. On Memorial Day I got an email from my dear friend Walter Morrison. It included a link to a really neat website - <http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm> . I hope you go there. Someone did an amazing job of listing everyone who was lost in the Vietnam war. It breaks it down by State, gives personal information about the soldier, including their military service information, the awards they received. It is a very powerful and emotional site. I hope you go check it out. It prompted me to write a response, and I got quite a few positive comments about it, so I would like to share it with you. This was my response to Walter and a few select friends:



Some of you might not be able to relate to the Vietnam war. It was a bad time for this country, not too different than what we are going through now. There was racial tension, an unpopular war that no one understood why we were fighting, and the rise of the left wing and hippy movements. The big difference between then and now is that the people let out their anger and frustrations on the soldiers. There were no welcome home parades, no thank you for their service. We have spent nearly four decades trying to repair that wrong. This is a great and deserved tribute to those that did not return. This is what Memorial Day is about. May they never be forgotten.

If you have never been to Washington DC, or even if you have, you must go the Vietnam War Memorial. Even if you know no one whose name is inscribed on the wall, and even if you do not understand the Vietnam War and what happened, the memorial itself will suck the air right of your lungs and force you to your knees. It is one of the most powerful sights I have ever seen in my life, and it really puts the human cost of war into perspective. It truly is a healing field.

The issues we are dealing with today, the SB 1070, the erosion of our civil and constitutional rights, the power grab and all the other things being perpetuated upon the American people – It is the soldiers that fought and died to give us those rights that we must defend, and no self serving, arrogant politician who has never served in the military or seen the consequences of war or understands what makes a man or woman risk their life for their country that they love, should have the right to take away a single thing from the people of this great country. It might be ok for

other countries, but NOT for the United States of America!

We recently worked the pro SB 1070 bill rally at Tempe Diablo stadium. At one point, one of the speakers asked that every veteran or active duty personnel stand up. I would estimate that 70% of the people there stood up. Later, they asked everyone who lost a loved one in war stand up. Between those 2 groups, it came pretty close to 100% of the people. It tells you something that it is the soldiers, the people that served their country that feel the strongest about citizenship. I learned something then. I learned that it is the American patriot that will stand up, take responsibility for their lives and work hard to provide for their loved ones and give back. It is others that will squat and “demand their rights”, screaming and whining. It is the same people that will demand wealth redistribution and everything for free. It is the them that will take no responsibility for anything, only blame others for their shortcomings. If you work hard for something, it is not surprise that you do not want to give up the fruits of your labor. If all you have ever done is whine and complain and only take and not give, then it is easy to demand others to give you what you do not deserve. Be it health care, social welfare or citizenship – They are not “social rights”. Everything this great nation has was built on the blood, sweat and tears of its citizens. Everything we will ever have comes from hard work, and not from a sense of entitlement or self worth that is far beyond reality. You get things from working hard, not from watching others work hard and screaming: “Where is my money, I want my money?”. (In memory of the “New Orleans survivor” that had just looted a liquor store in post Katrina New Orleans, yelling at the news camera because she had not

gotten her \$2000 FEMA credit card yet.)

Remember those who served this Memorial Day and those who are military family members of those deployed into war. Their sacrifices are massive. And please remember who earned us our rights. As I always have felt – It is the soldiers who have earned the rights we so often claim. It is the rest of us who merely have the privilege to use those rights.

I apologize for my drawn out response here, but there are few things I care more about, and even less that matter more. May God bless and protect all of our military personnel and see us through these trying times. I am not a racist. I am a proud American. You are going to have to come up with a better argument than calling me a racist just because you are wrong.

As we approach the 4th of July, and those documents we hold so sacred, the Declaration of Independence, and by association, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, I strongly suggest that everybody read one of those documents. It is easy to be a citizen. It is hard to understand how much better this country is than any other country on this planet. It is not better because of what is happening today or 20 years ago, but because what foundation was laid almost two and a half centuries ago. The principles that built this great nation still hold true to this very day, and it is important that we all understand how special this great nation really is, and why so many people have been willing to give their all to preserve our way of life.

Until soon, be safe, keep the peace and I'll see you out there.

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