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I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for all.





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

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Anniversaries
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UN presses Gulf states on rights of women, workers
 JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AFP) - UN human rights chief Navi Pillay called Monday for Muslim Gulf states to lift restrictions on women and to improve the position of millions of foreign workers in the region.

Israelis celebrate Jewish state's 62nd birthday
 JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israelis fired up barbecues in packed campgrounds and beaches across the country on Tuesday 4/20/10 as they celebrated the 62nd anniversary of the creation of the Jewish state.

Mexico sets stimulus for quake-damaged Mexicali
 MEXICO CITY - Mexico is offering a package of tax and mortgage extensions and loans for the border city of Mexicali, after a 7.2-magnitude quake April 4 killed two people, damaged buildings and flooded some land with saline water.
 President Felipe Calderon says businesses and taxpayers in Mexicali and the nearby city of San Luis Rio Colorado will get extensions on tax deadlines.
 He said Monday that homeowners will get a 4-month grace period for paying mortgages, and government development banks will help finance the recovery of agricultural land.
 Another emergency program will

provide loans of up to 2 million pesos (\$162,000) for small- and medium-size businesses.

NFL opener: Super Bowl champs Saints vs. Vikings
 NEW YORK - The Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints will host the Minnesota Vikings in the NFL season opener in a rematch of their thrilling NFC championship game that was decided in overtime.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell confirmed the Vikings-Saints matchup for Thursday night, Sept. 9, during a web chat on NFL.com Tuesday. The league will release the entire regular-season schedule later Tuesday.
 The Saints beat the Vikings 31-28 on a 40-yard field goal by Garrett Hartley 4:45 into overtime. The Saints went on to defeat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in the Super Bowl.

Space shuttle Discovery, crew of 7 back on Earth
 CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Shuttle Discovery and its astronauts returned safely to Earth on Tuesday 4/20/10 after making a rare flyover of America's heartland to wrap up their 15-day, 6 million-mile journey to the International Space Station.

Hotels in Bangkok sending tourists packing
 BANGKOK - Thailand's bloody political crisis has been scaring away tourists for weeks but took a new turn Tuesday when some of the capital's finest hotels sent guests packing for fear of violence at their doorsteps. The Grand Hyatt and InterContinental hotels in Bangkok told guests they would have to leave, while The Four Seasons remained open but closed all four of its restaurants and saw its cavernous lobby empty except for a few wilted orchids.
 The hotels took action on one of the more relaxed days in the deadlock created by anti-government demonstrators who began occupying city streets more than five weeks ago.

They abandoned plans to march into the heart of the capital's central business district Tuesday after soldiers in full combat gear were deployed to bar the way.

Flights resume in Europe but travel chaos not over
 LONDON - Europe's busiest airport reopened Tuesday 4/20/10 as air traffic across the continent lurched back to life. But the gridlock created by Iceland's volcanic ash plume was far from over: Officials said it would be weeks before all stranded travelers can be brought home

Spring comes early
 Spring comes about 10 days earlier in the United States than it did two decades ago, a consequence of climate change that favors invasive species over indigenous ones, scientists said on Tuesday.
 The phenomenon known as "spring creep" has put various species of U.S. wildlife out of balance with their traditional habitats, from the rabbit-like American pika in the West to the roses and lilies in New England,

Mount Everest 'death zone' set for a spring clean up

KATHMANDU - Twenty Nepali climbers are setting off to Mount Everest this week to try and remove decades-old garbage from the mountain in the world's highest ever clean-up campaign, organizers said on Monday





Pat Maloney

When I was a young boy growing up in Wisconsin we all wanted to be the cops when we played cops and robbers. They were the good guys, the heroes that brought the bad guy to justice. My grandfather was the chief of police in the small town of Chippewa Falls. My father was on the force along with most of the fathers of the kids we hung out with. One of my uncles was a FBI field agent in Ohio, another one worked for Immigration in Bowie, MD. They were the role models that we looked up to and wanted to be like. The heroes on television always came out on top and got the girl. Looking back, the real heroes were the ones that stood up for what they believed in no matter what the cost. It is kind of hard to spot a real hero. They don't wear any signs that proclaim their status, or wave any banners. They just go on living their lives as if nothing happened, as it were part of the job. They will tell you it was no big deal, someone had to do it and I was there. Ask any survivor of Normandy and they will tell you that the real heroes are the ones that laid down their lives so that others could continue to move forward and take the beach head. Any marine that fought in the Pacific against a foe that believed that there was no such thing as surrender, to surrender was an act of weakness, and death was the only honorable thing to do. The ground troops in Vietnam that gave their lives and limbs even when their friends back in the states protested and then called them baby killers and spat in their face when they came back home. The pilots that endured torture and isolation in POW camps and never gave up hope. The ones that did not survive and still did not give up. The ones that are still missing in action. We only have to look as far

back as 9/11 to see how ordinary people do extraordinary things in the face of adversity. When every one was running away from the twin towers, firefighters were rushing in, not sure of what was in store for them. The passengers on United flight 93 who fought the enemy when they knew what was in their future. The man who jumped into the river to save a little girl he did not even know. You see, heroes are the people that do what needs to be done no matter what the consequences'. They do not think about what will happen to them, they only see what is happening at the moment and react. Believe it or not, we have some heroes that work for this company. They do not advertise, they do not wear capes, If you know them, thank them

Dear Frankie

DEAR FRANKIE: I listened very carefully during orientation, and confirmed when I got home. My favorite flip-flops are 100% black. I must assume per policy, that this is acceptable, correct? DIPPY HIPPY

DEAR DIPPY: Let me start by asking you if you have ever heard what happens when we "Assume". It is true that in the orientation we tell employees that their shoes must be at least 90% black. The second part of that is that the shoes must be closed toed, laces must all black and tied. Since it is all covered in the same paragraph of the instructor's manual, I can "assume" that you must have drank the bong water during break (We can discuss the random drug testing policy at a later date.) Having closed toed shoes is a safety requirement. Our jobs put us in large crowds on a regular basis. Your safety is very important to us, so we would like to make sure that all of your "little pig-gies" go home with you at the end of your shift. Making sure that your laces

are tied is an OSHA requirement. Hope this helps. By the way, wrapping your flip-flops in gaffer's tape does not constitute a close toed shoe. Food for thought.

DEAR FRANKIE: I was working a one man post and keeping my patrol log. However, I didn't necessarily have anything to report on my hourly logs. I was doing my rounds correctly, but how do I keep my log from just reading "patrolled grounds - all secure"? It's true, but I don't want 9 lines of the same thing. It looks like I wasn't doing my job. OBSERVE AND REPORT

DEAR OBSERVE AND REPORT: In my report writing class I discuss the proposed format on filling out patrol logs. Although the minimum requirement is to make entries on your patrol log every hour, we discuss making entries on a regular basis to account for your time on post. i.e.:

- 1605 -Began tour of property exterior in clockwise direction.
- 1628 - Completed tour of property exterior. No incidents to report. All conditions appeared to be normal.
- 1631 - Began tour of interior building #1 starting on 4th floor .
- 1635 - Completed tour of building #1, 4th floor. All conditions appeared to be normal.
- 1636 - Began tour of interior building #1, 3rd floor. Etc...

This requires that you have a notebook with you so you can make these notes. It is not reasonable to expect you to carry the 3 ring binder with you on your rounds. Take the notes that you need to in your pocket notebook, then transcribe them into your patrol log when you have completed your rounds. Using this format will make your reports ap-



Birthdays

Adam Cockrell	5/2
Jared Haywood	5/2
William Lux	5/3
Richard Duran	5/6
Chris Jones	5/6
Jeniece Toranzo	5/6
Shelley Joslin	5/8
Troy Dowies	5/16
Richard Larios	5/16
Jessica Lee	5/16
Mark Devault	5/17
John Overton	5/18
Kipplin Curran	5/23
Rusty Duncan	5/24
Travis Roy	5/24
David Magana	5/26
Don Gillespie	5/27
Nur Hussein	5/30
Jason Key	5/30
Bruce Lawson	5/30

the public. It is very difficult to prevent incidents from happening through your presence if you can't be seen. Listening to your radio while you are on post will hinder your ability to hear things that are going on around you, so that is out of the question. This is not to mention when you are sitting in your car, the urge to take a quick nap can be overwhelming, and we all know what will happen if you are caught sleeping. Security can be fun, but it is what you make of it. Do not sacrifice the safety and security of an account to entertain yourself. Measure the property by counting the steps from one side to the other; calculate the perimeter distance and figure out how many miles you walk on your shift. Inspect every building and vehicle on your post for damage or signs of insecurity. Maybe offer some words of support. The point is, be alert and adapt the adage "Not on my watch".

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
 Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
 If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
 If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it!
 It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
 Never buy a car you can't push.
 Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
 The second mouse gets the cheese.
 When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
 You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
 Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
 A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Richard Zahn

pear to be more complete and will account for your whereabouts on the property at any time during your shift.

DEAR FRANKIE: I got scheduled for some shifts last week doing an equipment watch, and the area was so big I thought it was best to do the patrols of the property in my car. Plus you know, it can get pretty boring out there, so I like to listen to my music. And it gets so hot and my legs start to hurt. This is okay right? I mean, security is supposed to be fun and easy right? Thanks, CID

DEAR CID: Security IS fun and easy. In most cases a caveman can do it. However, what sets T.E.A.M. apart from the competition is the caliber of the guards we provide. If you are in your car, you are not visible to

TAZ THOUGHTS

If not now, when? If not this, what? If not you, who?

TAZBOX

There are times in all our lives that we feel life is not fair, or we deserve better. Life is perspective. It's in how you look at things. There are two sides to everything. Which side do you want to be remembered by, the negative or the POSITIVE. It is a choice!

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
 Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Remember to live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly!

Life is NOT about what happens to you, it's about how you handle it.....

Remember, be careful and have fun! TAZ

TAZ TOOLBOX

EVENTS

Events have many meanings in our world and keep us moving forward. It helps us to become better people and offer those services to others. It enables us to make a difference in the economy and touch peoples lives. It

also creates an atmosphere of safety when we on site before, during and after the event. It allows us to create and develop relationships with city officials, police and fire departments, patrons, other business men and women and many others. We just never know where our good natured service is going to end up. Through Security, Parking and Equipment, we make a difference!

April was month of continuous activity with the Black Eyed Peas and Daughtry @ Jobing.com, a few shows consisting of Michael Buble', Muse, the Rock and Worship Roadshow and the Eagles at the U.S. Airways center, and in the middle of all of that Glendale's Jazz & Blue festival. The Suns and Coyotes play-offs began. Throughout the month we had some great shows at The Dodge Theatre consisting of The Norwegian Wood festival, Cheech and Chong, Norah Jones and Conan O'Brien. The City of Tolleson had their annual Founders Day festival and Scottsdale started their annual Jazz festival. McDowell Mountain Music Festival was moved to their new location and Reach 11 jumped in with a tournament. As we move into May the Cricket season will kick off on May 2 with Sugarland followed by Brooks and Dunn. More sorority and fraternity parties, a couple of 20/30 club events, hotels parties and a couple of alcohol events. Catch your breath as things are added weekly and June is packed with shows!

Have a Great Day! TAZ

All of us at T.E.A.M. wish Richard goodbye and good luck as he & his wife move on to a new career project together.

Marlies Meinhold

Marlies' Notes

A funny thing happened to me..... So a couple of weeks ago, I was working Papago with another TEAM employee, Juan Bancell. We were walking the property, and all of the sudden I tripped and fell flat on my face. Just imagine me, in full armed gear, tripping and falling, a hilarious sight if I may say so myself. I was so embarrassed, and jumped up and started walking again. My partner Juan asked me if I was ok? I just said I was fine, and a few minutes later, I was thinking about another armed



guard, and a similar incident..... And I said to my partner Juan, "I was just practicing my tactical roll....."

Another funny thing happened to me..... Well last week Joe Hoursoff came in because his check was wrong. To be exact his check was short. So I pulled out the sign in sheet, and Joe Hoursoff had totaled the hours on the sign in sheet. He had totaled the hours wrong, which means that he was paid incorrectly. I explained to him that the "HOURS" column is not for anyone's use but accounting. Well Joe Hoursoff was pissed because I wouldn't redo his check. So the moral of the story is DON'T TOTAL THE HOURS. Please.

I'm not sure if that is a funny thing that happened to me or we could make it the cheapie and deal of the day..... Don't total the hours, and your check hours should be right.

It's another month and that's all for me.

A quote I just came by, that I happened to like

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, and become more, you are a leader.

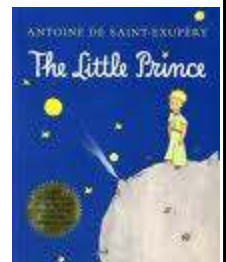
This Month in History

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

May 1 - Observed as May Day, a holiday and Spring festival since ancient times. It became a workers' day in the U.S. in the 1880s and is also observed in Socialist countries as a workers' holiday or Labor Day.

May 2 - Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903) was born in Carpino, Italy (as Giocchino Pecci). He was elected Pope in 1878 at age 67 and lived to govern the church another 25 years, laying the foundation for modernization of Church attitudes toward a rapidly industrializing and changing world.

May 3 - Italian writer and statesman Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527) was born in Florence, Italy. He offered a blunt, realistic view of human nature and power in his works *The Prince* and *Discourses on Livy*.



May 4, 1970 - At Kent State University, four students - Allison Krause, 19; Sandra Lee Scheuer, 20; Jeffrey Glenn Miller, 20; and William K. Schroeder, 19 - were killed by National Guards-

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men who opened fire on a crowd of 1,000 students protesting President Richard

Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia. Eleven others were wounded. The shootings set off tumultuous campus demonstrations across America resulting in the temporary closing of over 450 colleges and universities.

May 5 - Celebrated in Mexico as Cinco De Mayo, a national holiday in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862, in which Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered three to one, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.

May 6, 1937 - The German airship Hindenburg burst into flames at 7:20 p.m. as it neared the mooring mast at Lakehurst, New Jersey, following a trans-Atlantic voyage. Thirty six of the 97 passengers and crew were killed. The inferno was caught on film and also witnessed by a commentator who broke down amid the emotional impact and exclaimed, "Oh, the humanity!" The accident effectively ended commercial airship traffic.



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May 7, 1945 - In a small red brick schoolhouse in Reims, Germany, Field Marshall Alfred Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of all German fighting forces thus ending World War II in Europe. Russian, American, British and French



ranking officers observed the signing of the document which became effective at one minute past midnight on May 9, 1945. Jodl was then ushered in to see Supreme Allied Commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who curtly asked Jodl if he fully understood the document. Eisenhower then informed Jodl that he would be held personally responsible for any deviation from the terms of the surrender. Jodl was then ushered away.

May 8, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Battle of the Coral Sea began in which Japan would suffer its first defeat of the war. The battle, fought off New Guinea, marked the first time in history that two opposing carrier forces fought only using aircraft without the opposing ships ever sighting each other. May 9 - Victory Day in Russia, a national holiday commemorating the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II and honoring 20 million Soviets who died in the war.



May 10, 1869 - The newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah. A golden spike was driven by Leland Stanford, president of the Central Pacific, to celebrate the linkage. It is said that he missed the spike on his first swing which brought roars of laughter from men who had driven many thousands of spikes themselves.

May 11, 1969 - During the Vietnam War, the Battle of "Hamburger Hill" began. While attempting to seize the Dong Ap Bia mountain, U.S. troops repeatedly scaled the hill over a 10-day period and engaged in bloody hand-to-hand combat with the North Vietnamese. After finally securing the objective, American military staff decided to abandon the position,

which the North Vietnamese retook shortly thereafter. The battle highlighted the futility of the American military strategy.



May 12 - English nurse and public health activist Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was born in Florence, Italy. She volunteered to aid British troops in Turkey where



she improved hospital sanitary conditions and greatly reduced the death rate for wounded and sick soldiers. She received worldwide acclaim for her unselfish devotion to nursing, contributed to the development of modern nursing procedures, and emphasized the dignity of nursing as a profession for women.

May 13, 1846 - At the request of President James K. Polk, Congress declared war on Mexico. The controversial struggle eventually resulted in the annexation of lands that became parts of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado. The war ended in 1848 with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

May 14, 1607 - The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

May 15, 1972 - George Wallace was shot while campaigning for the U.S. presidency in Laurel, Maryland. As a result, Wallace was permanently paralyzed from the waist down.

May 16, 1862 - During the U.S. Civil War, Union Gen. Benjamin Butler,

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military governor of New Orleans, issued his "Woman Order" stating that any southern woman showing disrespect for Union soldiers or the U.S.



would be regarded as a woman of the town, or prostitute.

May 17, 1792 - Two dozen merchants and brokers established the New York Stock Exchange. In good weather they operated under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street. In bad weather they moved inside to a coffeehouse to conduct business.



May 18, 1980 - Mount St. Helens volcano erupted in southwestern Washington State spewing steam and ash over 11 miles up into the sky. This was the first major eruption since 1857.

May 19, 1930 - The 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises.

May 20, 1927 - Charles Lindbergh, a 25-year-old aviator, took off at 7:52 a.m. from Roosevelt Field, Long Is-



land, in the Spirit of St. Louis attempting to win a \$25,000 prize for the first

solo nonstop flight between New York City and Paris. Thirty three hours later, after a 3,600 mile journey, he landed at Le Bourget, Paris,

earning the nickname "Lucky Lindy" and becoming an instant worldwide hero.

May 21, 1881 - The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton. The organization today provides volunteer disaster relief in the U.S. and



abroad. Community services include collecting and distributing

donated blood, and teaching health and safety classes.

May 22, 1972 - President Richard Nixon became the first American president to visit Moscow. Four days later, Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed a pact pledging to freeze nuclear arsenals at current levels.

May 23, Birthday - Journalist Margaret Fuller (1810-1850) was born in Cambridgeport, Massachusetts. She became the first American woman to serve as a foreign correspondent, reporting for the New York Tribune.

May 24, 1844 - Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington to Baltimore.

May 25 - Memorial Day in the U.S., also called Decoration Day for the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers. The observance dates from Civil War years, with the first documented observance on May 5, 1865.

May 26, Birthday - Actor, singer Al Jolson (One of the premier American vaudeville entertainers of his day, he appeared in the first motion picture with full sound, The Jazz Singer, in 1927.

May 27, 1937 - In San Francisco, 200,000 people celebrated the grand opening of



the Golden Gate Bridge by strolling across it.

May 28, 1961 - Amnesty International was founded by London lawyer Peter Berenson. He read about the arrest of a group of students in Portugal then launched a one-year campaign to free them called Appeal for Amnesty. Today Amnesty International has over a million members in 150 countries working to free prisoners of conscience, stop torture and the death penalty, and guarantee human rights for women.

May 29, 1453 - The city of Constantinople was captured by the Turks, who renamed it Istanbul. This marked the end of the Byzantine Empire as Istanbul became the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

May 30, 1922 - The Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. was dedicated. The Memorial was designed by architect Henry Bacon and features a compelling statue



of "Seated Lincoln" by sculptor Daniel Chester French.

May 31 - American poet Walt Whitman (1819-1892) was born in Long Island, New York. His poem Leaves of Grass is considered an American classic. His poetry celebrated modern life and took on subjects considered taboo at the time.

Elizabeth Gill

I love the start of Cricket Season. To me it signals the beginning of summer and "I live in a hair dryer" time. But Cricket is also one of my most favorite venue, mostly due to the constantly changing dynamics of what we do there, and the getting together such a large staff to work together. (ps. Miss you Bif-fany) For any of you who have never attended a show there, I strongly urge you to, if you are not working. Being outside at night with some great music is amazing—and lawn tickets are always pretty reasonably price.

The Phoenix area actually has a ton of great things to do if you live on a budget, like I do.

First Friday's are a great way to wander the downtown once a month. Tons of local vendors, entertainers, and urban culture. Check out www.artlinkphoenix.com For more info.



Boo and I went on an adventure last week so I could show her the train park, so she could take her son. That place is such a riot—who doesn't like trains?? Located in central Scottsdale (Scottsdale and Indian School) The park has a train to ride, a train to explore, amazing model structures, etc. Its worth visiting, for certain.

Check out <http://therailroadpark.com/index1.htm> Seriously, indulge in being a child.

Speaking of childish indulgences, I just found out about a new thing—well new to me,



everyone else seemed to know—The Phoenix Zoo has an Overnight Experience. It is a little pricey, but you get fed, and a tent and both night time and daytime admittance and WOKEN UP BY MONKEYS. Yes. There is no price too great.

www.phoenixzoo.org

If only to say you have been, everyone needs to visit Mystery Castle at some point. A hodge-podge of history and craziness, it is something normally only found in the mind of Tim Burton, but it is actually here, and people LIVE in it. [http://](http://phoenix.about.com/od/attractionsandevents/ss/mysterycastle_10.htm)

phoenix.about.com/od/attractionsandevents/ss/mysterycastle_10.htm



The Phoenix Police Museum and the



Fire Museum are both amazing places to visit and walk through.

The sense of bravery and purpose is inspiring. I strongly recommend these to anyone who works in this field and/or plans to further their career.

www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com
www.hallofflame.org

Always, always, head to the area lakes to cool off.....but there are some even niftier spots. For instance: SLIDE ROCKS. Yes. Massive fun. Nature's rockstar waterslide. I have done this, and then picniced at the bottom. Sedona has a ton of things to do, but in 120° weather, slide rocks are easily the best. [http://](http://azstateparks.com/parks/SLRO/)

azstateparks.com/parks/SLRO/
7 Springs Park. Hidden and beautiful and delightfully COOL, when 7 springs isn't underwater it is one of the most relaxing spots to duck out of the world. Less than an hour away, just north of Carefree (HEY, stop at Jim Keefner's shop and maybe get a tattoo?!) the entire drive is worth the trip. [http://](http://www.publiclands.org/explore/site.php?plicstate=AZ&id=823)
www.publiclands.org/explore/site.php?plicstate=AZ&id=823

I fully admit that tubing down the Salt River is something of a right of passage. It is a ton of fun. Words to the wise: multiple applications of sun-

screen!!, buy some old sheets at Goodwill to cover your tube, bring rope to tie them together, DO NOT eat the marshmallows, learn to love Dysentery and god knows what else, MORE sunscreen, and have a SOBER DRIVER. [http://](http://www.saltrivertubing.com/)



www.saltrivertubing.com/

The biggest tip for some cheap or FREE stuff to do in the city can be found sometimes by checking out AZCentral's Things To Do. There is a ton of stuff listed, in every neighborhood and every price range. From free beer tastings to free classed on desert yard landscapes.

They cover just about everything. And it is easily sortable by date range, price range, or the of activity you are looking for.

Finally, I urge you all to check out some of the events and venues that we get to be a part of, even when we aren't there, or if YOU aren't, they host some pretty great stuff. (Go Suns!)

Dodge Theatre

<http://www.livenation.com/venue/dodge-theatre-tickets>

Cricket Wireless Pavilion

<http://www.livenation.com/venue/cricket-wireless-pavilion-tickets>

US Airways Center

www.usairwayscenter.com

Chase Field

www.azchasefield.com

Tempe Beach Park

<http://www.tempe.gov/calendar/>

City of Phoenix

<http://phoenix.gov/PRL/artsmain.html>

City of Glendale

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/special-events.cfm>



TJ Atchison

Mick Hirko

what he is in for....

A "REAL" Q and A with Steve "Fortune Cookie" Fortunato

Q: How long have you been here with us at T.E.A.M.

A: Here at T.E.A.M., about 2 years now. But I've known Mick for about 20 years. I worked with him back in the VIP days.

Q: Wow, that's quite a long time. I know you didn't grow up here in Arizona, where did you spend your childhood?

A: I grew up in Brooklyn, New York. I met my wife there and then after we got married we moved out here. We've been in Arizona for about 25 years now.

Q: So what did you do for work before you came to T.E.A.M. full time?

A: I was a mechanic for 25 years. I started off by turning wrenches and eventually became the service manager at the last station I worked at. I was a service manager for about 13 years.

Q: Do you like running the Logistics department better than being a mechanic?

A: Much more! As stressful as our job is here in the Logistics department, it doesn't even compare to the stress I felt everyday as a service manager. (And I don't bust my knuckles nearly as much here)

Q: Do you still do any Security shifts?

A: Not very often, but if the schedulers are in a pinch or if there's a show I'd like to go to, I'll throw on a security shirt and get into the barricade.

In the past few days I have thought again and again about the not-so-bright painter who, while painting a floor, ends up painting himself into a corner. Since my new reoccurring theme is supposed to be not so bright people, I guess that is only appropriate. Why do I keep thinking of this painter? Well, I really feel a lot like him. In wanting to write an on-going expose on stupid people, I find it hard to write about other things, especially about people that I respect or admire. If for even a mere moment you were to think I would stop writing about the continued misadventures of Grandon or First Mate Biffany far out to sea (I hear she now wears an eye patch and always has a parrot on her shoulder. I heard she named the parrot Clear. It must be one loud and obnoxious parrot!), well, if you thought that I would stop, then you would be massively mistaken.

So, prior to starting to write about the dumb and those that just either cannot or should not be saved, I want to take care of some other business and share important information. Please remember that this is completely unrelated to my top o' the stupid heap list for the month, and in no way has anything do with or implied with that list. So, in the absolutely not stupid category, I would like to let everybody know that we will soon be starting another exciting and event filled season at Cricket Pavilion. There are over 15 shows already announced or booked, and more to come. It should be a lot of fun again, and a little for everybody's taste, except for Clear, whose favorite band and light show "the Shiniies" has not been booked yet. Rumor has it that she wants a really large diamond ring for her wedding, for no other reason but that she read that it really sparkles. Poor Frank, I really do hope he knows

I also would like to tell everybody of a miracle that occurred. With Easter and all the history that goes with it, I guess I should not be too surprised that it happened at this time of year, but a miracle it was none the less - We worked at U.S. Airways Center!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We do not know if it was the sad faces we made every day outside the facility when Mr. Bloom drove in, the beer filled bonbon boxes we sent weekly, the sobbing emails that Clear sent to him how she did not even have enough money to buy crickets to feed her spider because we are not allowed to work there, or those videos I threatened to put on Youtube from his Christmas party 2 years ago (He did hire us to do the security for that, and I think that was the last time) but we got in!!!! Yes, there is an Easter Bunny and a Santa Claus and miracles do happen!! If I knew this works, I would have been writing about never winning the Power Ball jackpot. I have never won the Power Ball Jackpot. Let's see if this works too. Maybe lightning does strike twice?

I have thought long and hard about this, and need to re-clarify one point regarding stupid people: We all do stupid things occasionally. Some of us more than others, but I am sure Clear has many other redeeming qualities. The fact of the matter is, that I do not want to offend anyone for having done something stupid. I really only want to point out how stupid some people are, and how they manage to remind the rest of us how blessed with intelligence we are. That being said, I do not think that it is fair to rank one dumber than the other, because it really would not be fair to list politicians as the dumbest people on the planet month after month. There are so many. So, instead, I will try to tell you all about the really special ones without opening the political



can of worms, because invariably I will upset someone, and that is not my intent. So, the people I see as especially "special" this month, in no particular order are:

Somalian Pirates - I know, I know, I wrote about them last month. Well, since then, they have risen to a whole new level of stupid. Last month, they attacked a Dutch warship. Boy, they learned their lesson, and did not do that again. Instead, they not once, but twice attacked a U.S. warship. How do you think that ended? A pretty lopsided score, let me assure you. They attacked 2 different U.S. warships, and the result was the same. A year ago, when they last tangled with our Navy, you probably remember that the 3 hostage takers all ended up with holes in their foreheads. That should have been their clue, but it was not. First warship they attacked, 2 of their banana boats came along side the warship, and one of the boats manages to get its pirates on the deck of the ship. The second boat realizes their error in judgment, and attempts to flee. It gets sunk pretty quickly, and the other pirates, now on the deck of the warship realize that bringing AK-47s and RPGs to fight a boat load of US Marines just is not a fair fight. Not a week later, another bunch of Somali brain surgeons attacks another US warship. One boat is sunk as one Somali tries to shoot at the warship with a Rocket Propelled Grenade. The second boat flees, and the Us in hot pursuit. The banana boat heads right to its mother ship, with all the rest of the pirates on it. So it ends up in Davey Jones Locker. The U.S. now has 11 of these boneheads in custody, and is not quite sure what to do with them. Of course the U.N. does not want them, and there really is no other world courts jumping up and down to get the pleasure of prosecuting them, so I figure that we will bring them to the U.S., and eventually

offer them citizenship. Speaking of stupid people... Sorry, no politics. The second stupid person of the month - Dominica Juliano and her guardian, who in 2204 files a lawsuit in Pennsylvania. The suit claimed that she suffered eye damage, burned retinas, psychological problems, traumatized, future pain and suffering, loss of future income, loss of quality of life, anti-social issues and every other ambulance chaser unprovable ailment known to man. It seems that Dommy and her guardian went into a convenience store in 2004, and Dommy was having a little temper tantrum. She was 12 at the time, and the clerk, in trying to cheer her up, because the guardian was probably doing nothing to help the situation, called her "grumpy", told her to smile and shined a price scanner at her and told her to smile. End result - a massive lawsuit against the store. Yup, payday for losers, right? Guess again - Finally, this month a Pennsylvania judge by the name of Ernest DeSantis, Jr. threw out the lawsuit, ruling in favor of the store, after they were able to prove that the price scanner only used harmless led lights, incapable of causing any sort of damage. They thought it was a laser, and immediately started flopping on the ground. Judge DeSantis is my hero of the month, for having the guts to call this shameless scam what it was. Too bad he did not have the foresight to make Dominica et al losers pay for the store's legal expenses and for the waste of the courts time. Finally, my favorite stupid person of the month is Dr. Terry Oatts, Principal of Woodland Middle School in Georgia. He invited rapper T.I., who has a 12 year record or criminal activity, including a one year federal sentence he just completed for weapons violations. It seems that felons are not allowed to have machine guns. Well, Dr Oatts (I wonder in what and how he got his doctorate. It must be an honorary doctor-

ate from a box of Cracker Jacks) invited T.I. to address a student assembly. Parents were not told about this until after the assembly, and not from the school, rather from their kids. Some were understandable upset, and questioned what kind of role model he represented, and why they were not told ahead of time, so they had an option of not letting their kids attend. Dr. Oatts responded the inquiry, by stating: ""I thought about asking a guy who snorted cocaine and got arrested for DUI when he was 30 to come and speak to our kids, but President George W. Bush was not available."

I guess Dr. Oatts must be snorting something himself, otherwise he might remember that our current President wrote his autobiography already, clearly admitting all the drugs he took in college. Yes, he inhaled, snorted and whatever else all. My issue here is not political, and I apologize for starting to slide down that slimy slope, but rather once again the stupidity of someone who is responsible for a bunch of young minds, thinking that it is better to expose them, and have them create as a role model a gang banging, criminal drug addict than a President of the United States of America. Dr. Oatts - you should be ashamed of yourself. In my opinion, you should not be responsible for an ant farm, let alone teenagers.

I really do see stupid people. I need to learn to not look. But it is like a traffic accident, it is so hard not to look. Anyway, next month I will revert back to more company relevant issues. By then, we will have had a our first few Cricket shows, the Suns and the Coyotes will hopefully have kicked some serious butt and I will probably have new Grandon tales to tell. Until then, be safe, keep the peace and I'll see you out there.

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