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# Casey at the bat, or it's time to play ball!

Professional baseball has had a presence in Arizona since the early 1900's when minor league teams frequently stopped in Arizona to play exhibition games before their regular season. It wasn't until 1946, however, that the Cactus League first began to take shape. Cleveland Indians Maverick owner and baseball pioneer Bill Veeck brought his team to Arizona but not before he convinced New York Giants owner Horace Stoneham to do the same. Bill Veeck said, "If Stoneham will bring the New York Giants to Phoenix to train, I will bring the Cleveland Indians to Tucson."

"The Indians set up their spring camp at Hi Corbett Field in Tucson while the Giants opened their operation at the "old" Municipal Stadium in Phoenix. In the Cactus League's inaugural opener on March 8, 1946, Bob Lemon got the win as the Indians defeated the Giants 3-1 at Hi Corbett Field. The pair remained the only Major League clubs to hold spring training in Arizona until 1951.

In the spring of 1951, the New York Yankees swapped spring training sites with their cross-town rivals for one season. This gave Yankees co-owner, Del Webb a chance to see his ballclub play on a day-to-day basis. In the Yankees' single Arizona-based spring, Cactus League fans were treated to the historic pairing of the baseball legends training together for the first and last time. Joe DiMaggio spent his final training season with the club while Mickey Mantle arrived for his first. It was during this year that the beloved "Yankee Clipper" would symbolically pass the torch as Gotham's favorite son to the rookie country boy from Oklahoma, "The Mick".

Meanwhile, the Chicago Cubs had been training on California's Catalina Island, but found it difficult to get opponents to play against every spring. In 1951 they came to Phoenix to play two spring training games against the New York Yankees. With the help of Del Webb, Dwight Patterson, an ambitious Mesa rancher and businessman, was able to set up a meeting with Cubs. The meeting resulted in an agreement for the Cubs to train in Mesa the next spring and play at Rendezvous Park Stadium.

The arrival of the Chicago Cubs brought the number of teams training in Arizona to three. With the addition of the Baltimore Orioles in Yuma in 1954, Arizona's spring circuit was officially dubbed "The Cactus League."

In 1956 the Orioles moved into the original Scottsdale Stadium. The Boston Red Sox replaced the Orioles in Scottsdale in 1959. Ted Williams, "the splendid splinter", would play two more seasons for the Sox before being replaced in left field by another future Hall of Famer, Carl Yastrzemski, in 1961. A Cactus League mainstay, Scottsdale Stadium would become the most utilized of all the Cactus League ballparks, hosting the Orioles, Red Sox, Cubs, A's and Giants during its 43-year history.

Major League expansion brought the Houston Colt .45s to Geronimo Park in Apache Junction in 1962, with rookies Jimmy Wynn and Rusty Staub. After the 1965 spring season the Cubs abruptly left Mesa for supposed greener pastures in California. Little did they know, but their proposed new training facility was no more than a dirt little league field. They stayed in California for only one year, then returned to Arizona and played in Scottsdale from 1967-78. Rendezvous Park sat empty with no team to host until Dwight Patterson lured Charlie C. Finley and the Oakland A's to Mesa in 1969. That was also the year that the San Diego Padres came to Yuma while the Seattle Pilots landed in Tempe for their one and only year as a franchise. In 1970 the Pilots moved to Milwaukee, became the Brewers, and continued to train in Arizona.

By the mid-70s, the facilities at Rendezvous Park were outdated. In order to keep spring training in Mesa, the city razed the old stadium in 1976 and built a new ballpark. HoHoKam Park was opened in 1977, but the A's stayed only one more season before being replaced by the Cubs.

The late 1980s forced a turning point in Cactus League development. The Grapefruit League discovered the economic importance of baseball and, as a result, Florida introduced various mechanisms to raise revenues to assist communities in building new facilities to attract Major League clubs. Fortunately, Arizona's Governor Rose Mofford was ready to withstand the challenge and created the Arizona Baseball Commission to determine how to keep baseball in Arizona. She was also instrumental in passing legislation that would provide the impetus for the Cactus League's growth. New ballparks have been erected in Peoria, where the Mariners and Padres entered a cooperative effort, and in Mesa, where the Cubs are guaranteed to remain for another generation. Hi Corbett Field was refurbished for the Colorado Rockies. And, in the spring of 1998, brand new Maryvale Baseball Park became the home of the Brewers while brand new Tucson Electric Park became the home of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Chicago White Sox.

In 2003, the Kansas City Royals and Texas Rangers entered a cooperative effort to share a facility in the city of Surprise. The Dodgers and the White Sox moved into Camelback Ranch Glandale in 2009, and the Diamondbacks and Rockies open a new facility called Salt River Fields in Scottsdale in 2011. With these additions, Arizona's spring training circuit reached a new high water mark with twelve teams playing in nine ballparks across the state. But the state is not satisfied to rest on its laurels. State government and local communities are committed to securing Cactus League baseball as one of Arizona's major attractions for decades to come.

# T.E.A.M. ¢ents

# Pay it Forward by Ashleigh Gaylord

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS** 

Since Valentine's Day is what comes to people's minds for February, I wanted to write about random acts of kindness, as they are the perfect way to show other people you care. I can remember one random act of kindness that a stranger showed me not too long ago – and it made my day. I was in the line at Starbucks over by my work and ordered a coffee. When I got to the window, they said "the car behind you got it...enjoy." I looked in my rearview to see it maybe it was When someone is telling you a story that is someone I knew, but it wasn't, and that made it seem even more special. It was such a simple thing but it went a long way and it certainly put a smile on my face.

There are simple things you can do to help people and show them you care. Here's a list donations, give them one. They are probably of some that I can think of:

If you see someone drop something, pick it up and hand it to them; especially if it's money.

If someone accidentally leaves the stuff they bought at the check-out counter, run after them to give it to them so they don't leave without it.

important to them, give them your full attention and be a good listener.

Be like the guy at Starbucks, and get the tab for someone in line.

When you see the people outside wanting volunteering their time and trying to help a good cause.

Tip someone more than they expect when you go out to eat - they may be having a horrible day and you just might turn it into a better night.

If you see homeless people needing money, give them some food. I gave one some chocolate cake I had leftover once.

Give compliments. Let those people serving you know how great they are, or let someone know you like their outfit, etc.

Hold the door for someone, or smile and just say hello to someone

Let someone in front of you in traffic

# **News of the Weird**

January, Saudi officials detained a vulture from Tel Aviv University (part of endangered-species research), calling it a spy and alarming its Israeli handlers that the bird might face a gruesome execution as an espionage agent. Then, a day later, Iran reportedly detained an Arab-American woman crossing its border from Armenia -- after discovering a "spy microphone" in her teeth. In December, after an Egyptian woman was killed by a shark at a Red Sea resort, the local governor in Egypt accused Israel's spy agency, Mossad, of releasing "attack sharks" in order to stifle tourism. [BBC News, 1-5-2011]

Among the don't-miss tourist attractions in Thailand, according to Bizarre Thailand: the monkey hospital in Lopbun, where terminal patients are

treated with utmost respect (pending, of course, their imminent reincarnation); "Tortoise Town" in Khon Kaen province, where those critters outnumber humans by 4to-1 and the Buffalo Head Temple near Bangkok, where the abbot's pagoda, for some reason, is made of 6,000 water buffalo skulls. [CNN, 12-10-2010]



Every Dec. 24 in Sweden, at 3 p.m., a third to a half of all Swedes sit down to



watch the same traditional television program that has marked Christmas for the last 50 years: a lineup of historic Donald Duck cartoons. The show is insinuated in the national psyche because it was the first big holiday program when Swedes began to acquire television sets in 1959. Entire families still watch together, repeating their favorite lines. [Slate, 12-22-2010]

The General Authority of Islamic Affairs and Endowments in Abu Dhabi announced in December that it issued 350,000 "fatwas" in 2010 -- not the "death to" fatwas, but rather, Quranic interpretations governing everyday life. (The Authority ruled last year, for example, that car raffles are bad; that vuvuzelas are acceptable if kept under 100 decibels; that afternoon naps are prohibited because time should be better spent; and that half-sisters may shake hands with their brothers, even if their mother is Christian.) [Daily Mail (London), 12-28-2010]



When longtime Orange County, Calif. inmate Malcolm King demanded kosher meals and double helpings, jailers resisted, and King went to court. Judge Derek Johnson asked King if his demands were religion-based, and King said yes -- citing "Festivus", a joke religion popularized on the show "Seinfeld".

According to a December Orange County Register report, Judge Johnson approved King's demands. [OC Register, 12-10-2010]

A perp wanted on an arrest warrant has a powerful incentive to lie about his ID if subsequently stopped by police, and sometimes bluffing with a bogus name works. However, twice in January, in Dallas and in Great Falls, Mont., perps gave other names, only to learn that people with those names were in as much trouble as they were. Mario Miramontes, 22, wanted for parole violation, told an officer in Dallas that he was his cousin, without knowing that the cousin was wanted for sex abuse of a minor. Jonothan Gonsalez told police in Great Falls that he was really Timothy Koop Jr., but Koop was also a wanted man. [Dallas Morning News, 1-8-2011] [Great Falls Tribune, 1-7-20111

Which Branch Is Best? Dustin Jakes, 27, an Army soldier, was arrested for shooting drinking buddy David Provost, 24, a Navy sailor, in Florence, Ariz., on Christmas Day. They argued over which service was better (and since Jakes had the gun, the answer was "Army"). [Arizona Republic, 12-27-2010]

A sculpture on display at Normandale Community College in Bloomington,

Minn., was stolen in December. The piece, by artist John Ilg, consisted of wire mesh over a frame, with 316 rolled-up dollar bills stuffed in the mesh. The piece was titled,

"Honesty." (Attitudes have changed in the two years since the piece was first presented, at the



Minnesota State Fair, when visitors liked it so much that they added rolled bills to the display.) [Star Tribune (Minneapolis), 12-16-2010]

# **Tidbits** by Pat Maloney

**PARAPROSDOKIANS** 

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or reinterpret the first part.

I asked GOD for a bike, but I know GOD doesn't work that way.

So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agree with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right-only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk I have a work station.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw fish to them.

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "in case of an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCOTOR".

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it, so I did and said "Implants".

Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

I always take life with a grain of salt, plus a slice of lemon and a shot of tequila.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember the Fire Department usually uses water.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Some people hear voices. Some see invisible people. Others have no imagination whatsoever.

A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are on it.

If you are supposed to learn from your mistakes, why do some people have more than one child?

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Why do some people believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you look forward to the trip.

Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

Money can't buy happiness, but it makes misery easier to live with.

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# The Calendar February 2011

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# Heard on the Streets by T.J. Atchison

It is that time of year again. SPRING TRAINING is almost here. I am a huge baseball fan and spring training is the best time to go see a game. All of the teams are starting off the new season fresh and all the players can't wait to get out on the field. The atmosphere at a spring training game is very unique. The players are just out there trying to earn their spot on the roster and are out there to have fun. You can get up close and personal with most of them during the month of March. Autographs are easy to come by and the tickets are cheap. So even if you aren't a big baseball fan, I recommend going to see a game at one of the many Arizona spring training facilities (that is if you're not already working at one of them.)













# **Upcoming Events**

Although there has hardly been time to catch our breath after New Years Eve and rushing straight into Barrett-Jackson, the Spring keeps on rolling with a veritable TON on our plates in the next few months. My huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the successful events of the past month, and I look forward to working with you at the upcoming events!

Spring Training:

Camelback Ranch- We are pleased to return to CBR for another great year of watching the Dodgers and White Sox play ball. Our facility crew kicks off on 2/14, and the first game is February 27th. CBR has some pretty neat events planned for baseball fans!

Salt River Fields—The newest stadium in town, located off Pima Rd in Scottsdale. Home of the Diamondbacks and the Rockies, we are very honored to be working with the facility in all capacities. Players report on 2/15 and our game staff will be ready to roll for the first game on February 26th

Maryvale Stadium— the annual return of the Brew Crew! The Brewers are really looking like they might shape up into a serious contention team this year, and I have enormous confidence in Chris' crew out there. Also, NO ONE make a brat like those Milwaukee Boys.

Concert Season:

Cricket Pavilion underwent a re-branding and is now Desert Sky Pavilion. Shows are already booked; Disturbed is headlining Mayhem this year, and \*drool\* Tim McGraw will be here.

USAC is hosting Linkin Park at the end of January, and Lady Gaga returns on March 26th for an encore of the sold out fall tour. (ps. Her Set is AMAZING) and both shows will be right up our barricade crew's alley

UoPs is hosting a Hip-Hop show on March 12th (very hush hush about the headliner— Announcement will be forthcoming)

Have Barricade- Will Travel- TCC (Tucson) is hosting Disturbed March 11th

Comerica has Sarah McLachlan, Jackson Brown, the Music of Pink Floyd, and a ton more concerts on their calendar.

Events:

Fat Tuesday on March 8th. Beads Beads Beads everywhere!

St Patrick's Day — Robbie Fox will have his annual shindig, and we will also have Flogging Molly in Tempe Beach Park.

The month of March will round out with the Tempe Arts Festival the last weekend of March

Gay Pride Weekend is set to be the 3rd weekend in April (15th / 16th)

AND- Keep it on your radar- Baseball All Star game is SOON!

So much to do! Please work with the schedulers and make certain you are calling in every Monday. You do not want to miss out on everything that is upcoming.

If you are unlicensed, NOW is the time to apply!

# Questions for the Guru by Dear Frankie

DEAR FRANKIE: I have been with the company for about 6 months now and I have worked several events. I have seen what the supervisors do, and I know I can do a better job. What do I need to do to be a supervisor? GEORGE A. CUSTER

DEAR FRANKIE: I have been with TEAM for about a month and a half now. Per the policy I got my guard card within 60 days of my date of hire. Now that I have my guard card, what do I need to do about getting a SECURITY shirt? FINALLY LEGAL

DEAR GEORGE: There really isn't anything overly difficult about the job we do. It takes honor, integrity, and common sense coupled with a liberal dose of following directions and being flexible. To be a supervisor you need to SHOW us that you have these qualities plus demonstrate the ability to make sound decisions and take care of your people. Not everybody has what it takes to be a leader. If you are interested and think you have what it takes, we will observe and let you know.

DEAR FINALLY LEGAL: I'm happy to hear that you have gotten your license. It opens up more doors for you by making you eligible to work "Security" posts. Remember, you must have your guard card with you at **all** times when you are on duty. DPS may issue you a citation if you are working without your guard card. Getting your security shirt is easy. All you need to do is bring your guard card with you to the office. We will have you sign the uniform deposit form to payroll deduct the deposit for the uniform. That's all there is to it! Once you have your security shirt you need to make sure to bring it with you for every shift. In an effort to be more consistent, we are requiring that ALL licensed security guards wear "SECURITY" shirts and ALL non-licensed staff employees wear "STAFF" shirts. So make sure that you have your security shirt with you for every shift.

DEAR FRANKIE: Why do the Elves always steal my stuff? And while we are on the subject, what's up with the Trolls eating the stuff that the Elves don't steal? I swear they are all out to get me and it's not fair! NOT FAIR I tell you!! What did I ever do to them? I'm just going to take my

Got some questions? Please send them via email to Frankie@teamsecurity.net or via text at 623-628-8326

Unicorn and go home! ANONYMOUS

DEAR ANONYMOUS: WHAT!?

# That Time of the Year Again by Marlies Meinhold

Marlies' Notes Marlies' Notes

Newsletter, newsletter, newsletter....... So here I am again, fashionably not late, but on time. So now the question of the day, what to write about, ...

It has been a crazy month! Taxes, Taxes, Taxes..... W-2's...etc. Barrett Jackson, Chase, Comerica, and more... Thank you to everyone that did a

great job at all these events!

On the subject of taxes, I am putting it out there again, I will help anyone do or do their taxes again this year. Please call the office, and let Kendra know, she will connect you to me.

Well I do not have much more to say for the month...

Remember what is important in life.... Smile, Live Life!

Talk to you Next Month!

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\*\* W-2's are mailed to the address on file. If you have moved or changed addresses, then you must notify the office immediately. We are not responsible for returned w-2's if you have not updated your information.

Thank You

## T.E.A.M. Heroes

Since I have been with TEAM, I have come to understand and respect how deep the military support is here and believe that this could be a fun project for all of us here, either individually or as a group. I know we have many prior service members and that we all carry a deep belief of honor and respect for those still serving our country.

**Operation Marshmallow** 

A nonprofit organization, dedicated to supporting and assisting our men and women serving, who have dedicated their lives to protecting ours.

They also provide families with bereavement boxes to those who have lost someone in service to their country. They also assist with "Sweet heart boxes" for wives/husbands and girlfriends of deployed soldiers around Valentine's Day.

'Operation Marshmallow' was conceived as a ministry to soldiers when a family friend, having a sleepless night, came up with the idea of sending marshmallows overseas. These are treats close to the heart, and the idea caught on. The service is based in the belief that that our men and women serving deserve all the support we can offer, as they continue to make the ultimate sacrifices to preserve our freedom.



They would welcome the opportunity to help send a loved one serving a "Hug Box from Home" package with marshmallows included. Recently they added to each box they ship, to include a tea light candle in a metal holder. This is so that the soldier receiving the package can light it in honor of a fallen comrade.

Family support boxes and bereavement boxes are sent upon request. Letting significant others know that America supports them also.

This is an "Adopt a Soldier" program. Operation Marshmallow provides boxes and name lists, with APO information to the Sponsors only.

Sponsors basically get a shopping list for the soldier and are able to "run with it". You can send as much and as often as you'd like to your solider or family.

On a personal note, having deployed several times overseas to Korea, Kuwait and Iraq, I was able to speak to the Rio Salado Rotary Club on behalf of Operation Marshmallow, and explain to them what it means to a soldier, when a box is received. It is a mental grounding that touches the heart, knowing someone back home is thinking of them, and knowing that American is supporting them.

Just something to think about as we go about our lives here.

http://operationmarshmallow.vpweb.com

MSgt (ret) Charles"Chuck" Zellers

Check individual stadiums Dos/Don't, FAQ, and helpful tips at:

tp/Cactus-League.-417.htm

# What to pack to go to a Spring Training Game

Water, Water, Water

- Sunscreen 2.
- 3. A hat
- 4. 2 sharpies (for little kids who forget. It's a nice thing to do)
- 5. Field cards
- 6. Lunch (nothing heavy)
- CARPOOL! The season is LONG 7.
- A light jacket, as mornings and evenings get cool still 8.
- A great attitude—it's a beautiful day and everyone is there to have fun. 9. Show your team spirit!! 9.

- No hard sided coolers of any size
- 2. No bags larger then 16" x 16" x 8"
- 3. Leave plenty early. Good parking and the best grass spots go very fast.
- 4. Light tailgating is allowed. Unless you are a Cubs Fan-then mandatory
- 5. No cans, glass containers, open containers, alcohol, or weapons
- Not only are pets not allowed in, it is too hot to even bring them
- 7. All bags will be inspected before they are permitted into the ballpark
- 8. Plastic, factory-sealed, bottles of water (1 liter) are allowed.

# **Looking Towards the Rest of the Year**

Ten Great Tips For 2011

1. Stay out of trouble.



2. Aim for greater heights.



3. Stay focused on your job.



4. Exercise to maintain good health.



5. Practice team work.



Rely on your trusted partner to watch your back. Take your time trusting others.



7. Save for rainy days.



8. Rest and relax.



9. Always take time to smile.



#### AND

10. Realize that nothing is impossible.



#### THE SENILITY PRAYER:

Grant me the senility to forget the people
I never liked anyway,
ne good fortune to run into the ones I do, and
The eyesight to tell the difference.

### And remember this:

"You don't stop laughing because you grow old, You grow old because you stop laughing!!!"

# T.E.A.M. Day – Half Price White Sox vs. Dodgers Tickets

Wednesday, March 23rd will be

T.E.A.M. Day at Camelback Ranch. All

T.E.A.M employees and clients can

purchase half-price tickets in four categories (baseline field box, infield box,
baseline reserved and lawn) for the

1:05 p.m. game where the White Sox

will take on the Dodgers. Tickets may
be purchased at the box office or at

whitesox.com/spring using code



# On this Day but from Before by Frank Herbert

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



February 1, 2003 -Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in flight over west Texas, kill-

ing all seven crew members. This was the second space shuttle lost in flight. In January 1986, Challenger exploded during liftoff.

February 2, 1848 - The war between the U.S. and Mexico ended with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquired the areas encompassing parts or all of present day California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas.

February 3, 1943 - An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. Army transport ship Dorchester was hit by a German torpedo. When it



became apparent there were not enough life jackets, four U.S. Army chaplains on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.



February 4, 1861 - Apache Chief Cochise was arrested in Arizona by the U.S. Army for raiding a ranch. Cochise then escaped and declared war.

February 5, 1917 - The new constitution of Mexico, allowing for sweeping social changes, was adopted.

February 6, 1933 - The 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted. It set the date for the Presidential Inauguration as January 20th.

February 7, 1795 - The 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the powers of the Federal Judiciary over the states by prohibiting Federal lawsuits against individual states.

February 8, 1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William



February 9, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal Islands after six months of battle.

February 10, 1942 - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.

February 11, 1929 - Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini granted political independence to Vatican City and recognized the sovereignty of the Pope.

February 12, 1999 - The impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton in the U.S. Senate ended. With the whole world watching via television, Senators stood up one by one during the final role call to vote



"guilty" or "not guilty." With the necessary two-thirds majority not having been achieved, President Clinton was thus acquitted on both charges.

February 13, 1635 - Boston Latin School, the first tax-payer supported school in America was established in Boston, Massachusetts.

February 14th - Celebrated as Valentine's Day
around the world, now one of the most
widely observed unofficial holidays in which
greeting cards and gifts are exchanged.

February 24 - Admiral Chester
Nimitz was born in Fredericksk
Texas. He commanded Allied
forces in the South Pacific duri



February 15, 1898 In Havana, the U.S.
Battleship Maine
was blown up. The
incident inflamed

public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"

February 16 - Sonny Bono was born; following a career as a popular singer, he became mayor of Palm Springs, California, then became a Republican congressman, serving until his accidental death.

February 17, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control.

February 18 - American politician Wendell Willkie was born in Elwood, Illinois.

February 19, 1942 - Internment of Japanese Americans began after President Franklin Roosevelt issued an Executive Order requiring those living on the Pacific coast to report for relocation.

February 20, 1943 - German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel broke through American lines at Kasserine Pass in North Africa as U.S. Troops lost their first major battle of World War II in Europe.

February 21, 1972 -President Richard Nixon arrived in China for meetings with Chairman Mao Tse-

tung and Premier Chou En-lai.

February 22, 1956 - In Montgomery, Alabama, 80 participants in the three month old bus boycott voluntarily gave themselves up; Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks were among those arrested.

February 23, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began after a devastating month-long air campaign targeting Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait.

February 24 - Admiral Chester Nimitz was born in Fredericksburg, Texas. He commanded Allied forces in the South Pacific during World War II, and signed the Japanese surrender document on September 2, 1945.



February 25 - Millicent Fenwick was born in New York City.

February 26, 1848 - The Communist Manifesto pamphlet was published by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels.

February 27, 1991 - In Desert Storm Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces.

February 28, 1994 - NATO conducted its first combat action in its 45 year history as four Bosnian Serb jets were shot down by American fighters in a no-fly zone.

# Rearview Window by Mick Hirko

The other day, I drove out to Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. It was right after the major construction had ended, and it was a quiet afternoon, giving me the opportunity to think about some details I was still trying to work out in my head. After I was done, I wanted to grab a bite to eat. I had a lousy day, my phone had crapped out on me, I was woken up early by a phone call on one of the few days I could have slept in, I had gotten several pieces of bad news, and missed an appointment because I had to deal with an idiot bureaucrat that gave me a headache. So now to crown the day, I was so hungry I was getting ill. I decided to stop by the Taco Bell at the Pavilions, just south of the new ball park, and at least grab a bite until I got a chance to eat some quality food. As I drove up to the drive thru, I was already expecting the usual experience of a person on the other end of the speaker, who barely spoke English, would not get any part of my order right the first 3 times I repeated it, would try to meal deal me, order drink, dessert and an upsize. To my surprise, it was a cheerful, up-beat and friendly voice, who got my order right the first time and caught me generally off guard. I pulled up to the window, and was very curious who this happy soul was. He had a big smile, was polite and engaging. As I paid, I thanked him for his great attitude. His positive outlook changed my whole day.

Several weeks ago, a few days after the horrible shooting in Tucson, Clear and I were heading to a meeting. It was lunch time, we were early and wanted to eat. Ironically, it was another Taco Bell we steered towards, down on Broadway and 48th Street. We had just left the office, and as we were driving over the Hohokam overpass, a big blue truck pulled up on the driver's side of my truck, and started honking the horn at me. I looked over, and saw a fairly large guy shouting and pointing behind me. I could not understand him, as my window was up, and both Clear and I agreed that I had not committed any kind of traffic faux pas. I decided not to engage a guy who was clearly upset about something. As I continued towards Broadway, I watched where he was heading, as he continued yelling and pointing. I stayed in the middle lane, and as we got close to the intersection, he got in the left turn lane. I watched Why do I tell you of these 2 incidents? Beas other cars got between him and me, and I went to the far right. The southbound light changed almost as soon as I got to the inter-

section, and I made sure the mad driver made his left turn, as I proceeded straight ahead. Clear and I parked at the Taco Bell, still baffled what he was so animated about. We had just ordered our food and turned towards the tables, as the door opened, and the guy walked in the door! He looked right at me, and asked as he pointed at my truck: "Are you the driver of that black truck?" I had already shifted my left side back, and moved myself into a defensive position. I acknowledged that I was the driver, not knowing what to expect next. The man proceeded to tell me that as I turned south onto 48th Street, my antenna with the blue ribbon had come off of my truck, and he wanted to let me know where it was, so I could go get it. Well, as I and Clear both returned back to condition yellow, we both profusely thanked the gentleman, and went to eat our lunch. We talked about having enough time to go back and get it, and that I even had a traffic vest in the car, so I could play frogger a bit more safely. As we sat there, I looked out the window, and saw the same man drive back into the parking lot, jump out of his truck, and attach my antenna to my car again. I walked outside and thanked him again for his kindness. His actions caused both of us to just have a whole lot better outlook on that day, remind ourselves that not all people were bad and up to no good, and that random acts of kindness, even if rare, really were profoundly wonderful.

Over the past 9 and a half years, I have written repeatedly about how everybody was a little kinder and polite after 9/11. I also remember the first time I saw someone acting like a complete jerk again, and where I was when it happened. I immediately thought that the man who returned my antenna was someone who was probably profoundly impacted by what had happened in Tucson, and decided to try and make our community a better place, one action at a time. The young guy a few days ago at the drive thru? - I do not know if he had any reason to be so positive, or if he is just the kind of person who wakes up in the morning, and just has a great outlook on life.

cause we all have the opportunity to have that kind of effect on others. We are the point of first contact for so many people, be it at concerts, spring baseball, festivals, parties or on properties we protect. It is a simple smile, a good attitude and the willingness to go above and beyond to help a guest that will not only make our guests and visitors feel a little bit better about their day, maybe even turn their whole day around, but it will make you feel good too.

We teach this in every orientation, and repeat it continuously, but I wanted to share a few personal examples of why this is so important. It is going to be a few very long and busy months, and we will have the opportunity to make positive impressions on very many people. Try to think about this every day, every shift.

Keep the peace, be safe, have a good attitude (That means you too, Dave Ellis!), and I will see you out there.

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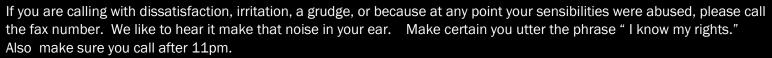
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