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History of Flagstaff

An Army lieutenant named Beale was surveying a road from the Rio Grande to California, and camped near present day Flagstaff. The road he created led to settlers soon moving into the area, which had been previously inhabited by several native American tribes, due to nearby springs in this semi arid high desert.

In 1876, a group of settlers heading for California, camped near a spring in the area (at the bottom of Mars Hill), and stripped a Ponderosa pine tree to raise the US flag on its centennial, hence the name. In the same year, a group of sheep ranchers moved into the area, and set up the first permanent settlement. During the 1880's, the area began to grow, attracting the railroad, and soon Flagstaff was the largest town on the railroad between Albuquerque and the West Coast. Timber, sheep, and cattle were the mainstays of the early economy. By the 1890's, Flagstaff found itself on one of the busiest railway corridors in the United States, with 80-100 trains passing through town each day.

Route 66 was completed in 1926, and ran through Flagstaff. This opened a massive tourism

boom, going east-west (mostly west!), but also allowing visitors to easily get to the nearby Grand Canyon. Flagstaff now had many other attractions, including the world famous Lowell **Observatory (where Pluto was first seen, in** 1930), the Flagstaff Symphony, Northern Arizona University, and the National Monuments in close proximity. All this, and the largest Ponderosa pine forest in the world next door, and you have the makings of a great place to live.













"I don't suppose you're just writing me a Valentine?"

ALTHOUGH ROVER MEANT HIS GIFT TO BE AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE, PRINCESS BELIEVED IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO POISON HER.

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Do You Like to Save Money?

I was sure your answer would be yes. In addition to preventing damage, theft and vandalism from occurring at your place of business, did you also know that putting steps in place to better secure your building can possibly lower property insurance rates? If you think about it, it makes complete sense. A building that's more likely to get broken into would logically have higher insurance premiums than a building that has a guard on site, good lighting, visible cameras and alarm systems to discourage any criminal activity. Insurance companies know they will be paying out less in claims to a policy holder who is properly protecting their assets.

And although electronic security systems are a great idea, they don't always deter those unwanted visitors from coming onto property. Chances are, if someone breaks a window and sets off the alarm, they are going to go in and quickly take anything they can get their hands on before they run. The average time for a burglary is around 2 minutes. Having physical security can reduce the chances of something happening and is therefore a more proactive approach. In addition, there is also a chance that if something does happen, the criminal will be caught and held responsible. A security system can't do that for you. Having cameras as a backup does help in the cases where prosecution comes into play, so it's always a good additional tool to have. Every business is different, and so is every building. We can assist you with a physical review of your business and recommend what you can do to make your business more safe. Often there are very inexpensive and easy fixes, and we will never recommend something that will not help. For more information about security and insurance, you can visit this link. Then give us a call or drop us an email to have us give you a complimentary assessment of your facilities.

Apcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Event</u>
Feb 3-5	Downtown Glendale	Chocolate Affair
Feb 9	Scottsdale Plaza Resort	Bogies & Stogies Dinner
Feb 11	Westin Kierland Resort & Spa	1st Press Wine Auction
Feb 12	Comerica Theatre	Lenny Kravitz
Feb 17	Comerica Theatre	Kathy Griffin
Feb 17-19	Scottsdale Waterfront	Wine & Art Festival
Feb 19	Tempe Beach Park	PetSmart Pet Walk
Feb 24	Comerica Theatre	Alejandra Guzman
Feb 25	Tempe Beach Park	Greater Phoenix Heart Wa
Feb 25	Comerica Theatre	Gigantour





If you are one of those people (like me) that keeps hitting snooze for an hour after your alarm goes off, then I know that you, too, have issues getting out of bed. This article gives you some easy, creative ideas to give yourself a kick of energy in the morning.

Teach Your Old Gym Equipment New Tricks!

Who needs a gym membership? Especially when you have some of the basic equipment at home already? Sure you may feel that you've used them in all of the capacities you can think of, however if you are bored of doing the same old routines, here are some ideas to mix it up and give you a fresh new way to use all of your old stuff.



Love is the condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own. -Robert Heinlein

Happy Valentine's Day



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