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The Greatest Honor

Everybody knows the story of the Phoenix Police Detective John Hobbs who was killed in the line duty recently. This horrific incident broke the heart of our community, and for all of us who work with police officers regularly, this hit a little harder. It is times like this that we think of the family left behind, how dangerous the job of a police officer is, and how fragile life itself is. Two weeks ago, I had lunch with a friend who is a police officer. He was in uniform, and with the black ribbon over his badge, the conversation of the upcoming funeral came up, and we briefly talked about other police officers who had died in the line of duty that we both knew.



After a wonderful lunch and great company, catching up with a friend that I never get to see often enough, the waiter brought our bill. After arguing with my friend that his memory was starting to get bad and that it had been too long for him to remember that he paid last time, I was able to take the bill from him. The waiter patiently stood by, and as I reached for my wallet, he said: "Ummm, you might want to look at the bill before you decide you want to pay it". I thought to myself "How much could it possibly be?" As I opened it up, I saw a hand written note, simply stating that our lunch was paid for and thanking the police officer for his service. It was signed simply with a first name. I handed him the bill speechless. In the meantime, another female waitress had come over to our table and my friend asked her if she had written the note. (Most police departments do not allow their officers to accept a free meal from a restaurant for obvious reasons) The waitress pointed to an empty table, and told him that it was written by the guest who sat at that table, and that she had left some time ago, after paying her and our bill. My friend was obviously touched, and stated that in 22 years as a police officer, this had never happened to him, and that this stranger, with her act of kindness had made his month. It was really special to have been there to share in that moment.

After 9/11, many of you remember that everybody waved at fire trucks and police officers, went up and thanked first responders for their service, and we, as a nation had so much empathy for the dangers of their jobs. Time moves on, and we all get immersed in our personal problems and life challenges. We quickly forget the news of the day, as the next bit of bad news rips yesterday's headlines off of the front page of our collective memory. If your heart was broken by the senseless murder of Detective Hobbs, like it was for so many of us, honor his memory by saying thank you to a firefighter, a police officer or a soldier. If you get pulled over by a police officer, leave your attitude in the glove box, and understand that he or she is only doing their job, and that they do not have a lot of positive interactions. Think about it – how often have you been happy to see a police officer? If you are driving, the mere sight of a police car in the rear mirror makes your heart jump, and if you call for an officer, it is because of a crime or something else negative has happened; never a good moment. Most of us rarely interact with firefighters, and only see them urgently heading for an emergency, but we all know that they save lives, and we all understand what a member of the military does. So, show your appreciation of all of them, wave at them, shake their hand (when they are not busy) and thank them. It does not happen often enough, and you could very well make their month. It should not take a tragedy for us to appreciate what they all do for us each and every day.

-Mick Hirko

We are excited to announce that we have



been awarded the security contract for Country Thunder in Florence! This event is always a good time. Some of the big headliners this year are Jason Aldean,

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Miranda Lambert, and The Band Perry. Cassadee Pope, winner of The Voice, season 3, will also be performing. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information about the event.

Put on your cowboy hat and dancing boots, and come out to have a good time!



In addition, we are also excited to be doing the parking out at Falcon Field for their Open House! Did you know that Falcon Field originated as a World War II pilot training base?

They will have static displays of helicopters, vintage war birds, and unmanned aerial vehicles, along with other displays. There will also be a car show and model railroad

Mesa - Falcon Field Airport exhibit. These are just some of the reasons to come out and join us for this great event.

Here's a video about the event, and the website for more information.

Event Calendar

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VENUE

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All Month	Maryvale Stadium
March 14-23	Superstition Springs Mall
March 14-23	Desert Sky Mall
March 17	Tempe Beach Park
March 19	Ak-Chin Pavilion
March 21	Alwun House
March 22	Kiwanis Park
March 22	Ak-Chin Pavilion
March 22	Comerica Theatre
March 22	Hall of Dames
March 27	US Airways Center
March 28	Comerica Theatre

EVENT

Spring Training Butler Amusements Carnival Butler Amusements Carnival Flogging Molly Kings of Leon Rites of Spring Ball Catch-A-Wave Car Show Lady Antebellum Chelsea Handler Roller Derby Bout Tool II Divo

March 28-30 Downtown Tempe

March 29

Falcon Field

Tempe Festival of the Arts Falcon Field Open House



Hackers are started to get more creative, and less obvious. Let's face it, all of those links you get about Russian brides, or the newest weight loss pill on the market that melts off the fat, are blatantly and obviously not emails that you will even open.

Then hackers started getting creative by sending emails from names of people in your contact list, or from LinkedIn, or Facebook, to trick you into opening them.



NOW, they are duplicating landing pages of certain websites, making it look like the real thing, to try to trick you into giving away your sensitive information. <u>This article</u> explains how hackers have made an imitation page for Google. If you read the article and look at the two pictures of the two different pages, it is not easy to tell which one is which. Even I thought I would be able to tell but everything is exactly the same, except for some of the coloring and sizing.

Be careful on your journeys across the web. I only sign into programs directly now (so if I get a LinkedIn notification, I don't click on the link from my email, but I go to the site and log in). They are always out there, trying to get you.

-Ashleigh Gaylord

"The mind is everything. What you think, you become." -Buddha

Happy Red Cross Month!

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