

HACKERS BRIEF

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NORTON IMPERSONATION

A Big Horn citizen reported a fake invoice for Norton's antivirus software from Kevin Lif at a Gmail address with the subject line of "Thank you for doing order with us!" Remember that Norton's software retails for around \$40-\$60 and isn't \$399.99 and real invoices wouldn't be coming from a Gmail address.

SECOND NORTON IMPERSONATION

A Sheridan citizen reported a fake receipt claiming she had upgraded NotrPro+ from trial to premium. The email came from Quickbooks but the reply-to was to a wuupr.com email address, which did not come up with a legitimate website when CyberWyoming researched this report. The subject line is "Invoice HJGJ-7673 from David A. Koeller" and the greeting is Dear Custome (without the r). Don't call the number or open the attachment.

EMPLOYERS - BEWARE OF THE PAYCHECK DIRECT DEPOSIT SCAM

A Cheyenne business leader reported an email with the subject line of "QUICK ONE" from an iCloud account impersonating an employee with an attached direct deposit change form to have her paycheck deposited into a new checking account. CyberWyoming Note: *If it involves money or user credentials, always verify out of channel. Make a policy to call and verify.*

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

An email from the valid domain of drivethrustuff.com but with a reply-to Gmail address was sent to a Sheridan citizen with the subject line of "From the Desktop of Christian Garcia BOA (Priority ...)" (note the missing parentheses). Mr. Garcia claims to be a senior staff person with the BOA Bank of New York and wants to discuss a business opportunity with you. Don't reply. Just delete.

ORDER RECEIPTS DON'T USUALLY COME FROM A GMAIL ADDRESS

A Sheridan citizen reported an email from a Gmail address spoofed as "Order receipt" with the subject line of "Receipt". The email had an attached PDF claiming to be from Geek Squad with an auto-renewal of the 360 Power Protection for \$372.90. Don't call the number. This is fake.

STARGAZER WARNING

If you're one of the millions of people in awe of the images being returned by the new James Web Telescope (JWT), keep your eyes peeled for a phishing attempt that uses copies of JWT images embedded with malware. It comes with what seems to be a Microsoft Word attachment that contains a download link for the picture. Once downloaded, it installs malware that enables a hacker to access your computer. If you want to see genuine images, NASA has posted them on a Flickr social media photo site: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nasawebbtlescope/albums> Brought to you by [scambusters.org](https://www.knowbe4.com/).

NIGERIAN PRICE OR RUSSIAN BILLIONAIRE

It's all the same scam: A close ally to Vladimir Putin, Viktor Zubkov the 36th Prime Minister of Russia is being impersonated taking advantage of current events. Even though the email asks you for help with economic sanctions and promises to make you rich, it is still the same old scam and isn't real. Brought to you by [KnowBe4's CyberHeist News](https://www.knowbe4.com/).

FCC WARNS OF POST-HURRICANE SCAMS

With the devastation of Hurricane Ian on TV each night, remember that fraudsters often take advantage of current events and may contact you via phone, email, or text. Never commit money or reveal personal information via an unsolicited text, email or phone call. Check out the charitable organization on [CharityWatch.org](https://www.charitywatch.org/) or [CharityNavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org/) without checking out the cause or charity.

MS-ISAC AND CISA PATCH NOW ALERT

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) or the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has published a patch now (update your software) alert for Cisco, Microsoft, FortiOS, FortiProxy, FortiSwitchManager, Google's Chrome browser, and Adobe (ColdFusion, Acrobat Reader, Commerce, and Dimension) products. If you use these products, make sure the software (or firmware) is updated.

DATA BREACHES IN THE NEWS

Drone & airspace monitoring devices by DJI, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Celsius (cryptocurrency exchange), Toyota, CSI Laboratories (Georgia cancer testing laboratory), Ro, Family Medical Center Services (Amarillo & Canyon Texas), City of Tucson, Ferrari, Las Angeles Unified School District, Physician's Business Office (West Virginia), American Airlines, Uber, New York Racing Association, Empress EMS (New York ambulance service), OakBend Medical Center, and U-Haul (includes drivers' licenses).

Other ways to report a scam:

- Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker: www.bbb.org/scam-tracker/us/reportscam
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint
- Report your scam to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/complaint>
- Reported unwanted calls to the Federal Trade Commission's Do Not Call Registration. Online at <https://complaints.donot-call.gov/complaint/complaintcheck.aspx> or call 1-888-382-1222, option 3
- Office of the Inspector General: <https://oig.ssa.gov/>
- AARP Fraud Watch Network (any age welcome) Helpline 877-908-3360
- IRS: report email scams impersonating the IRS to phishing@irs.gov
- Call the Wyoming Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) for assistance with potential Medicare fraud, abuse, or errors at 800-856-4398

VICTIM SUPPORT

The AARP Fraud Watch Network and Volunteers of America (VOA) created a new, free program to provide emotional support for people impacted by a scam or fraud, called ReST. Visit www.aarp.org/fraudsupport to learn more about the free program and register.

Please report scams you may experience to phishing@cyberwyoming.org to alert your friends and neighbors.

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GUEST COLUMN

LIFE IS CHALLENGING

As I lay in a puddle of sweat thinking about how hard that hot yoga class was and how thankful I am to have the opportunity to go, not only for me but for one of my most beautiful friends, the instructor ends with the phrase, "When you leave here today, be kind to others. Everyone has s--- that they are dealing with and we just need to surround each other with kindness."

I don't know why she ended class that day the way she did. There's always something inspirational, but that day, that message, it meant something to me. Maybe it's because it's been weighing heavily on my mind because I know quite a few people that are going through really tough times right now, yet they seem strong and as if life is normal — to the outside world that is.

I believe it is common for people to tear each other down by telling someone else they shouldn't be feeling the way they are or be rude to them for actions that they may be portraying. Although it might not seem like the



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situation would be hard for you, it doesn't mean it isn't a tragedy for them. Most likely, you don't know the depth of the situation, if you know there's a situation at all.

What if you knew the person that you nearly ran into with a shopping cart because they were in the middle of the aisle seeming to be in another world just got off the phone with their parent that has Alzheimers that doesn't remember who their child is?

What if you knew the person that doesn't want to engage in small talk or participate in events is grieving the loss of a loved one, even though they haven't passed away yet.

What if you knew the kid causing trouble doesn't have a safe place to go at night because their parent is

intoxicated and a victim of domestic violence and the kid would rather be anywhere but there?

Most of the time if someone is dealing with a serious challenge, they aren't going to be public about it. There is no reason to believe someone else has an easier life than another because no one truly knows the whole story. It's common for people to project problems for others or assume their actions are because they want to make another's life inconvenient. Reality is, most of the time they simply have some challenges that they are dealing with the best they can and the best they know how.

Next time you come across someone that you think is a problem, try to change the way you think. Instead of tearing someone down more, be understanding. Be supportive. Have a positive impact in other people's lives. Just *be kind*.

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First in-person race since COVID

Sheridan Memorial Hospital CEO Mike McCafferty chats with coworkers during The Link — Partners in Pink races Saturday, Oct. 17, 2022. This was the first in-person Link race since COVID-19 forced virtual races the last two years.

The best airlines for holiday travel on points

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If you're seeing Halloween

decorations at the store, you should take that as a sign the holiday travel season is just around the corner.

Cue the expensive flights. If you're relying on points and miles to cover the cost, you might want to consider whether booking award flights for the holidays is the best use of your travel rewards.

In NerdWallet's annual analysis of airline mile values, holiday flights in December often didn't provide the highest per-mile value compared with flights booked 180 days out or 15 days out from the date of departure. With flight prices up 43% from last year, according to the latest Consumer Price Index data, you'll likely have to use a lot of miles to pay for the flight.

If you're a points and miles maximizer, you probably would prefer to save your miles for a time of year when you might be able to get more value.

But if fares are getting too expensive, you may choose to book award flights instead. The best airline for holiday award travel based on the value of its points is a four-way tie among American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines and Frontier

Here's how we came to that conclusion, plus more advice on how to shop holiday flights on points.

AIM FOR 1.4 CENTS PER MILE

NerdWallet examined nine major U.S. airlines and analyzed the prices of nearly 600 domestic flights in 2022. In this analysis, holiday flights were defined as those departing on Dec. 18 and returning on Dec. 29. Of the nine airlines examined, four airlines tied for the highest baseline value for miles spent on holiday flights, which was 1.4 cents per mile. If you fly American, Delta, Frontier or Southwest, you should aim to get about this much when you divide the cash price by the number of miles.

For example, a \$600 round-trip flight should cost about 42,857 miles (or less, if you're getting an even better deal).

Here is the full list of each airline's valuation per mile when used for holiday flights.

— Alaska Airlines: 1.2 cents (nonholiday valuation: 1.2 cents).

— American Airlines: 1.4 cents (nonholiday valuation: 1.5 cents).

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LUNCH
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Entrée choice or soup/salad. Entrée only offered for home delivered meals.

TUESDAY, OCT. 25	WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26	THURSDAY, OCT. 27
Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Peas & Carrots Garden Salad Fruit	Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Veg Medley Fruit	Turkey Noodle Casserole Peas & Carrots Garden Salad Brownies
FRIDAY, OCT. 28 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Green Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie	MONDAY, OCT. 31 Sweet & Sour Chicken Fried Rice Asian Blend Vegetables Fortune Cookie	Renew your registration now! Updates are subject to change.

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Home delivered meals: 307-672-6079

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Support center: 307-675-4954

Housing: 307-675-4957

Fun and wellness: 307-675-4952

Help at Home services: 307-675-1978

Day Break adult care services: 307-674-496