



For the fourth consecutive year, Machado Consulting has been named one of the top 500 Managed Service Providers in the country by The Channel Company. We are honored to once again be nationally recognized for our efforts in supporting the SMB industry within the New England area. If you would like to learn more about this award [please view our press release](#).

Can you believe Spring is right around the corner? Despite some nasty nor'easters, we've seen the early signs of spring with some unusually warm days over the last few weeks. We are excited for warmer and longer days as Daylight Savings time kicks into gear and the days start to get longer.

To celebrate the new season, Machado Consulting will be sponsoring an employee night to the Worcester Railers at the end of March. We're excited to support our local hockey team and provide a night of fun and relaxation for our employees and their families. We hope everyone is enjoying 2018 and look forward to what's still to come!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helder'.

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**Could Your Favorite App Infect Your Device?**

**Employee Spotlight**



When considering solutions to help ensure your business' IT security, mobile devices often go overlooked. This makes sense--for most of the time the telephone has existed, it has been attached to a wall, only capable of transmitting sound. However, with phones now being palm-sized computers that we carry in our pockets, keeping them safe from cyberthreats has a new importance.

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## **Ransomware Makes Backup a Necessity**



**Domenic Gemma**

Meet just one of our talented network engineers, Domenic Gemma!

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## **Choosing the Right Storage for Your Business**



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## **Has Your IT Team Attained these Goals Yet?**



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Your business relies on its data to succeed, which lends itself to the fact that your organization needs to have some sort of security measures put into place to guarantee its safety. 2018 is thought to be the year of ransomware, so it stands to reason that your business should prepare to deal with it. One of the best ways to deal with ransomware is to make sure that your company has a plan to restore data affected by said ransomware.

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## How to Protect Yourself from Invoice Impersonation



As cybercriminals become increasingly sophisticated in their methods of attack, it is important that your staff--the ones on the front lines--are educated to spot these attempts and know what to do if one is encountered. In order to spot these attacks, it is important to know what to look for.

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## News You Can Use

### Remote Work is a Huge Help, With the Right Preparation

There are plenty of benefits to allowing your employees to work from home, but that doesn't mean you can just implement it without

## Tech Term: What Does "Encryption" Mean?



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## Make the Most of Your Data Migration



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## Quotes

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

**Charles Dickens**



""The promise of spring's arrival is enough to get anyone through the bitter winter.

**Jen Selinsky**

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consideration and planning. You have to have a system in place that allows you to enjoy the benefits of remote capabilities while mitigating some of its potential risks.

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### Do You Know What to Do When Involved in Identity Theft?



The unfortunate truth of increased technology use in the workplace is that there is a corresponding increase in the potential for cybercrime, more specifically identity theft, to strike the workplace. The question is, what can you do to help prevent it, and how should you react to it should it strike?

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### Why You'll Likely See More and More Chatbots



Chatbots have been around for quite some time, and artificial intelligence is shaping the way that they are utilized for the modern business. Virtual assistants have risen in popularity, and they are featured on most smartphones out there. How can these "bots" help your organization?

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### Brain Game

**Q:** In a year, there are 12 months. Seven months have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?

Click on the button below to submit your answer.

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*\*Each person with the correct answer will be placed into a hat and drawn on Wednesday (03/14) so that everyone can get a chance in getting a \$10 Dunkin Donuts Card.*

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### Building the Future

Machado Consulting is excited to have KyRasia and Nickey from North High School in Worcester helping us in our office. We've partnered with North High to give students valuable experience in the work environment.



*Machado Consulting interns KyRasia and Nickey*

## Giving Back

### St. John's Food for the Poor



St. John's Food for the Poor Program at the unique St. Francis Xavier Center in Worcester, Massachusetts is a nonprofit charitable organization. Volunteers serve up to 700 hot nutritious meals a day, five days a week. Free food and support programs are available to all men, women and children in need of food regardless of race, color, creed, gender or way of life.

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### Abbey's House



Abby Kelley Foster House, Inc. (Abby's House) opened in 1976 as one of the first overnight emergency shelters for women -- with or without children -- in the U.S. Abby's House is committed to ending homelessness. In this spirit, we have not expanded shelter services, but rather, have expanded the number of service-enriched, affordable housing units.

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