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December Quarterly Meeting -
The quarterly meeting will be held at 1000 on December 14, 2011 at Concert Space Saver—Training will be on storage solutions and a tour of their operations.

Address is 2851 W. Kathleen Rd
Phoenix, 85053
602-265-1063

Concert architectural interiors

Kary Environmental Services will also be on hand for a discussion on hazmat disposal.

President's message

Wow, this year has just flown by and the holiday season is already upon us. It's also time to prepare for the January Legislative Sessions. Again, the AAPE will attempt to drop a bill for change. This year is promising, because we have peaked the interest of State Representatives Steve Urie, Eddie Farnsworth, and Cecil Ash. Each of the men toured the Mesa property room and expressed amazement over our relentless conditions. They have taken our proposal to their legal advisors and hopefully the AAPE will secure their full support.

As a recap, the AAPE is proposing the following changes to ARS §12-941 thru ARS §12 -945:

Allow agencies flexibility to determine what items should be destroyed, given to charity, converted or auctioned by removing the $25 threshold for unclaimed property.

Require the publishing of only found property with an unknown owner, which has a value higher than $150

Remove all references to petitioning the clerk of the court.

Reduce the retention of unclaimed and found property to a minimum of 30 days.

Please email me at Nancy.McKay-Hills@tucsonaz.gov if you would like the full version of the proposal. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Roy Casto and Lane Darling for working with our legislators, as well as the rest of the legislative committee for their dedication to this tedious project. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

Also, don't forget the upcoming quarterly meeting on December 14th. Concert Space Saver in Phoenix is hosting. They are providing a demonstration of the moving pallet storage. In addition, Kary Environmental Services will be there to answer any HAZMAT disposal questions. Come prepared with your most difficult scenarios.

I look forward to seeing each of you.

Happy Holidays,
Nancy

Weird sign

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Editor's Ramblings

Wow, it is hard to believe we are in the middle of the holiday season. I had hoped to have this issue out before Thanksgiving, but life got in the way. I had several papers due for my classes, along with the normal hustle and bustle involved with life in today's world.

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. I certainly hope you are all thankful for the blessings we all have in our lives. The last few years have been a challenge for employees (especially government employees), with the lack of raises or even mandatory furlough days and layoffs. I hope you can look at your blessings: job, family, etc. and look at the state of the world around us. We all live in safety (look at the murders around the world and even nearby in Mexico and count your blessings). Do you have food on the table? Do you still have an income? Do you still have a place to call home? If so, may I suggest you give a little time or hard-earned money to help those who do not have these things we take for granted. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas take on much more significance if we share our bounty with those in need.

I have been looking at digital evidence for an article. There are many facets of this type of evidence (storage, metadata, digital drugs, viruses, recovery of data, etc.). I find this an interesting topic, and I hope you do too. There will be training on computer and phone forensics at our annual seminar June 7-8, 2012. This training is returning to the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Prescott. Other topics include workplace ethics, hands-on training for crime scene techniques, medical marijuana and firearms, and the return of the ever popular speed robin small group problem solving. You might want to start planning for the training, letting supervisors know, etc. Look for the flyers and registration forms, they will be out soon. Do you have a favorite restaurant, or place you think others might enjoy visiting during our short stay in the Mile-High City? If so, forward the information to me and we will see if discounts , coupons or flyers can be available.

Check out the next page for a contest for those who like to travel our state. If you have a favorite travel destination, Arizona vacation spot, or an event in your area that you enjoy, please forward the information to me so we can share with the other members of our association. Remember, this is a quarterly publication, so if you have an upcoming event, make sure to give me enough time to get ti out (the last page has deadline information).

Bob azevidence@gmail.com

Lord, we know that nothing is going to happen that we can't handle together. Please help us attain the right attitude towards ourselves and toward others. Thank You for keeping us mindful you are forever with us however our lives are lived.

Amen

Police Clerk Suffers Bullet Shrapnel Wound

Worker Dropped Evidence Envelope, Authorities Say

POSTED: 10:01 am PDT August 26, 2010
UPDATED: 12:26 pm PDT August 26, 2010

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- A Sacramento police property clerk was wounded by bullet shrapnel Thursday morning when she accidentally dropped an evidence envelope, authorities said.

The bullet went off at about 9:45 a.m. at the police property management building on Sequoia Pacific Boulevard, Sgt. Norm Leong said.

Shrapnel hit the clerk, a 10-year veteran, in the right leg.

She was taken to UC Davis Medical Center where she was treated and released before 1 p.m., Leong said.

The bullet wasn't in a weapon or clip, officials said. They described the accident as extremely rare.

Read more: http://www.kcra.com/news/24771694/detail.html#ixzz1ZSnM6gqM

This issue's tee-hees!

Think about how smart we'd be if we retained as much of what we read or hear as of what we eat.

People who survive grow older with each they live.
From Nature magazine article "Average remaining lifetimes can increase as human populations age".

Talk about overkill!
The only way to stop this suicide wave is to make it a capital offense, punishable by death.
Irish member of Parliament during a debate

To kick off the 100 year birthday celebration of the State of Arizona, I am kicking off a contest. Here are 106 unusual Arizona location names. I consider myself fairly well travelled in our state, but have not been to anywhere near all of these places. Bring the list with you to the December and/or March meetings with the places from this list that you have visited and see if you have traveled our state more than I. This list does not include some of the easy places that were listed on the website - like Surprise, Goodyear or Ahwatukee. I did leave some easy places like Tombstone and Tuba City. I will be giving two awards, one at the December meeting and one at the March meeting. The one person at each meeting who has travelled to the most of these places will receive their choice of a coin case or easel. (Sorry, but must be different winners at each meeting) ***Bob***

Ak-Chin Village, AZ.
Ali Ak Chin, AZ.
Apron Crossing, AZ.
Athos, Arizona
Bagdad, Arizona
Boneyard, AZ.
Bootlegger Crossing, AZ.
Booze Crossing, AZ.
Bumble Bee, AZ.
Burnt Water, AZ.
Camel, AZ.
Catfish Paradise, AZ.
Chair Crossing, AZ.
Chiawuli Tak, AZ.
Chilchinbito, AZ.
Chloride, AZ.
Christmas, AZ.
Chukut Kuk, AZ.
Chuwut Murk, AZ.
Coffeepot, AZ.
Comobabi, AZ.
Congress, AZ.
Constellation, AZ.
Contention, AZ.
Copperopolis, AZ.
Dennehotso, AZ.
Dragoon, AZ.
Fort Misery, AZ.
Goldbadge, AZ.
Grasshopper, AZ.
Gripe, AZ.
Gurli Put Vo, AZ.
Happy Jack, AZ.
Hard Rocks, AZ.
Hassayampa, AZ.
Highjinks, AZ.
Humbug, AZ.
Indian Moccasin,
Inspiration, AZ.
Jackrabbit, AZ.
Kahachi Miliuk, AZ.
Kaihon Kug, AZ.
Kawaika-A, AZ.
Ko Vaya, Arizona
Kokopnyama, AZ.
Kom Vo, Arizona
Komak Wuacho, AZ.
Kool Corner, AZ.
Kykotsmovi Village, AZ.
Lake of the Woods,
Lizard, AZ.
Love, AZ.
Lukachukai, Arizona
Many Farms, AZ.
Mexican Water, AZ.
Minnehaha, AZ.
Montezuma, AZ.
Nowhere, AZ.
Oatman, AZ.
Oit Ihuk, AZ.
Old Glory, AZ.
Peach Pu, AZ.
Picture Rocks, AZ.
Pink Arrow, AZ.
Pipyak, AZ.
Pitoikam, AZ.
Pivahn-hon-kya-pi, AZ.
Planet, Arizona
Point of Rocks, AZ.
Robbers Roost, AZ.
Santa Claus, AZ.
Shongopovi, AZ.
Shopishk, AZ.
Shungopavi, AZ.
Sikort Chuapo, AZ.
Sikul Himatk, AZ.
Sincuidados, AZ.
Sivili Chuchg, AZ.
Skoksonak, AZ.
Skull Valley, AZ.
Sleepy Hollow, AZ.
Smoke Signal, AZ.
Snaketown, AZ.
Stotonic, AZ.
Strayhorse, AZ.
Sunizona, AZ.
Tat Momoli, AZ.
Tees Toh, AZ.
Three Way, AZ.
Tiger, AZ.
Tintown, AZ.
Tombstone, AZ.
Tortolita, AZ.
Totopitk, AZ.
Tsintaa Yiti Ii, AZ.
Tuba City, AZ.
Turkey Flat, AZ.
Two Guns, AZ.
Vainom Kug, AZ.
Vopolo Havoka, AZ.
Wahak Hotrontk, AZ.
Why, Arizona
Wickchoupai, AZ.
Wikieup, AZ.
Winkelman, AZ.
Wood Trap, Arizona

THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

A) Which state produces more than half the U.S.'s cranberry crop?
B) What day of the year ranks second only to Thanksgiving when it comes to the highest food consumption in the U.S.?

See answers on page 8

Wholesale Smuggling

Opium and Chinese are brought across the border from Mexico, according to report from the Asiatic Exclusion League.

If you change the drug of choice and the nationality of the immigrants in the story, this headline could be from a recent newspaper. Since it dates to November 20, 1912, is it any wonder the state governments are frustrated with the federal government's inability to solve the Mexico border smuggling problem?

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Our Daily Bread

World's Best Pumpkin Bread

Prep Time: 25 minutes Cook Time: 40 minutes

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 2-1/3 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 - 15 ounce can solid pack pumpkin
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-3/4 teaspoons baking soda
- 2-3/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon*
- 3/4 teaspoons ground nutmeg*
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cloves*
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice*
- 1 cup chopped raw nuts (walnuts, pecans, etc), lightly toasted
- 1/3 cup golden raisins** ½ cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Grease two loaf pans or 24 muffin cups. Combine the eggs, sugar, oil, and pumpkin in a large bowl, and stir until smooth. In a medium bowl, mix the second set of ingredients with a wire whisk. Add the nuts and raisins**. Add to the egg mixture and mix thoroughly. Fill the loaf pans or muffin cups with the batter. Mix the last 2 ingredients in a small bowl. Sprinkle over bread loaves or muffin batter. Bake the bread at 375 degrees F for 1 hour and 10 minutes, or the muffins for 35 to 40 minutes. When the bread is done, a toothpick inserted in the center will come out clean. Yields 2 loaves or 24 muffins.***

* You may substitute 4 1/2 teaspoons of pumpkin pie spice for the starred ingredients. Be sure to note that you still need cinnamon for the topping.
** I don't care for raisins so I add 1/3 cup more nuts instead.
***I've only made the loaves of bread so I don't know if this makes 24 small or large muffins. If you prefer large muffins: fill the cups just to the top with batter. If you have any empty muffins cups, fill half full with water.

Lee

Quotable Quotes:

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.
Mark Twain (1866)

Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on, or by imbeciles who really mean it.
Mark Twain

Isn't it amazing how little the legislature has changed in over 100 years? Editor

World Wide Web Resources

Department of Health Services comments on medical marijuana:
http://www.azdhs.gov/prop203/

Find your state legislator, or what district you live in:
www.azleg.gov
And click on "How do I Find My Legislators".

Find Arizona Revised Statutes at :
http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp

Find City Municipal Codes at :
www.municode.com/library/clientlisting.aspx?stateid=3

Find the Arizona Association for Property & Evidence at: http://208.106.133.174/

Find the International Association of Property & Evidence at: http://www.iape.org

Find the Arizona State Retirement System at:
www.azasrs.gov

Find the Arizona Public Safety Retirement System at:
http://www.psprs.com/

Arizona Emergency Information Network
http://www.azein.gov/azein/default.aspx

What else would you like to see here? E-mail me at azevidence@gmail.com **Bob**

Hidden Handcuff Key

** Officer Safety Issue **

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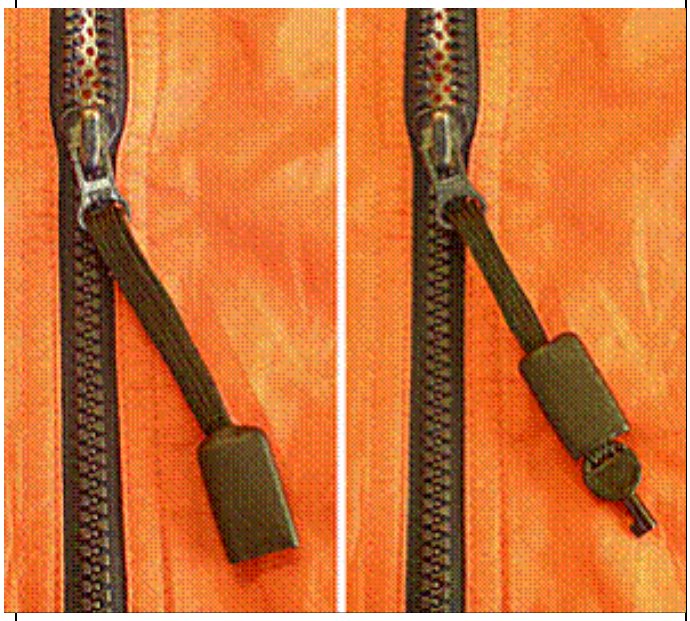

http://www.shomer-tec.com/product/zipperpull-hidden-handcuff-key-1526.cfm

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James pulled an envelope out of the bin, some change fell out, which should be impossible for a sealed piece of evidence, Cameron testified. Others were found to be opened, and the area was declared a crime scene, Cameron said. Cameron took the keys of the two key-holders in the office, had the electronic alarm code changed and began the investigation, he said. On cross-examination by Anderson, Cameron said that in the past six months, he had been in the evidence room a few times and had not seen the blue bin before that day.
"So you can't say how long those envelopes had been that way," Anderson asked.
"No," Cameron replied.

Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha

Other people's tattoos are like other people's kids: Only you can see how bad they are.

I dressed my dog up as a cat for Halloween. Now he won't come when I call him.

AZ100YEARS
CELEBRATE THE ARIZONA EXPERIENCE

Arizona Fun & Fascinating Facts
15. The world's largest solar telescope is located at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Sells, Arizona.
16. Bisbee, Arizona is known as the Queen of the Copper Mines because during its mining heyday it produced nearly 25 percent of the world's copper and was the largest city in the Southwest between Saint Louis and San Francisco.
17. Billy the Kid killed his first man, Windy Cahill, in Bonita, Arizona.
18. Pioneer filmmaker, Cecil B. DeMille originally traveled to Flagstaff to make his first film but he arrived there in the middle of a storm and decided to move operations further west, to Hollywood. His film, The Squaw Man (1914), went on to be wildly successful, launching the fledgling movie industry and establishing Hollywood as the movie capital of the world.
19. Arizona grows enough cotton each year to make more than one pair of jeans for every person in the United States.
20. Famous labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez was born in Yuma.
21. In 1912, President William Howard Taft was ready to make Arizona a state on February 12, but it was Lincoln's birthday. The next day, the 13th, was considered bad luck so they waited until the following day. That's how Arizona became known as the "Valentine State."
22. When England's famous London Bridge was replaced in the 1960s, the original was purchased, dismantled, shipped stone by stone and reconstructed in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, where it still stands today.
23. Mount Lemmon, in the Santa Catalina Mountains, is the southernmost ski resort in the United States.
24. Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch in Picacho, Arizona is the largest privately-owned ostrich ranch in the world outside South Africa.
25. If you cut down a protected species of cactus in Arizona, you could spend more than a year in prison.
26. The world's largest to-scale collection of miniature airplane models is housed at the library at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona.
27. The only place in the country where mail is delivered by mule is the village of Supai, located at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.
28. Located on Arizona's western border, Parker Dam is the deepest dam in the world at 320 feet.
29. South Mountain Park/Preserve in Phoenix is the largest municipal park in the country.
30. Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, located about 55 miles west of Phoenix, generates more electricity than any other U.S. power plant.

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Trial of former Clallam County, WA. sheriff's evidence technician begins

PORT ANGELES — The trial of a woman accused of theft from the Clallam County Sheriff's Office evidence room began Tuesday with suggestions from competing attorneys of greed, office infighting, a lack of supervisory oversight and support — and a cluttered, confusing evidence room.
Staci L. Allison, a former evidence technician who now lives in Montesano, was charged with first-degree theft and money laundering in the disappearance of more than $9,500, according to Assistant State Attorney General Scott Marlow during his opening statement Tuesday. “The theme here, unfortunately, is one of greed, recognizing a weakness and taking advantage of that weakness,” Marlow said in his opening statement. As much as $51,251 in cash was found missing from the evidence room in November 2006. Allison was charged with the lesser amount because that's what prosecutors believed they could prove she took.
Allison was the evidence officer for the Sheriff's Office from 2003 through 2006 and was in charge of logging in, maintaining and returning or destroying evidence collected in criminal cases by sheriff's deputies and detectives.

November snowstorm

The case began in Nov. 27, 2006, when a snowstorm trapped Allison at home, and her supervisor discovered a bin full of empty or partially emptied cash evidence envelopes near Allison's desk, Marlow said. The discovery triggered an investigation by the State Police and led to Allison, who was one of only three people who had both a key and the security code to the evidence room, he said. The focus of the prosecution will be on Allison's actions in deleting computer records the day before a state audit of the evidence room, bank records that show unexplained cash deposits and payday loan records, Marlow told the jury.
The defense told a different story.

Management ‘a mess'

“The whole management [of the sheriff's department] was a mess,” in 2006, though it was improved from an earlier administration, said defense attorney Ralph W. Anderson. “There were rivalries. Sides were picked,” Anderson said.
Allison's supervisor even kept a detailed list of Allison's failings, Anderson said. “She did her job, though there were those who were out to get her,” he said. Anderson told the jury that Allison's big gap in payday loans came during a time when Allison couldn't get new loans because of unpaid loans. As for the computer system, it didn't work right, and Allison was trying to delete and re-enter data in an attempt to get it to work, Anderson said. Office Administrative Coordinator Chris James was Allison's direct supervisor in 2006. James testified that she had been working with Allison to resolve problems with evidence room organization for six months, trying to clear up severe clutter that blocked the office's safe. Anderson asked James if it would have been simpler to just go in and clean the room.
“I didn't want to micro-manage,” James said. James said she preferred to help Allison resolve the problem herself, but Nov. 27, when the snowstorm trapped Allison at home and James in the office, she took the time to clear Allison's personal items from evidence shelves, to be replaced with evidence on the floor in front of the safe. “The evidence room is for evidence,” she said.
The order for personal items to be removed from the room came from Chief Administrative Deputy Alice Hoffman.

Blue bin

During the process, James found a blue Rubbermaid bin full of cash evidence envelopes, she said. She immediately informed Hoffman, who told her to find out why the cash evidence was not in the safe, she said. Anderson asked if she had noticed the bin earlier. James said no, she had not noticed it before that day. Anderson also questioned James about a long, detailed list of Allison's “shortcomings,” including the report of a personal phone call while on duty. That list was never entered into Allison's personnel file, which meant she had shown improvement on those items, James said.

List common practice

Hoffman testified that the list was common practice, that supervisors were expected to document problems for weekly meetings. Hoffman said no one could have entered the evidence room without the key and a code. Chief Criminal Deputy Ron Cameron testified on the state of the evidence room that morning and how it was discovered that money was missing. He said he had gone to the evidence room to get a key, but it was not where it belonged.
After a search in which James became “animated” over the condition of the evidence room, James pulled out a blue bin and showed him the contents, Cameron said. When

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December 2011

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FEBRUARY 2012

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Dates of interest

Future Dates

December 14—Wednesday *** AAPE quarterly meeting
December 20-Tuesday *** Hanukkah begins at sundown
December 25-Sunday *** Christmas
January 1-Sunday *** New Year's Day 2012
January 16-Monday *** Martin Luther King holiday
June 7-8, 2012—AAPE Annual Training—Prescott, AZ more info / flyer to follow

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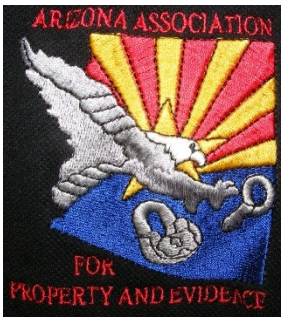

Association Coin Back (front is same as the Seminar coin, but antique copper instead of bright copper)

Seminar Coin Front

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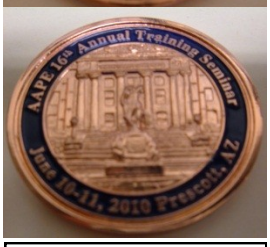

The 2010 Seminar coins are bright copper and the back is the Yavapai County Courthouse.

The front is the same as the Association Coin.

Association coins - $10.00

2010 Seminar coins - $10.00

Easels & Cases - $1.00 each

See Bob for purchase

2011 Seminar Coin photo coming soon
Still only $10.00

THANKSGIVING TRIVIA ANSWERS

A) Wisconsin; followed by Massachusetts, New Jersey and Oregon. The rest of the nation's crop comes from Washington, Maine, Michigan and Minnesota.
B) Super Bowl Sunday.

Answers to questions on page 3

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Politicians! (or did I really say that?)

Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt said to his wife, during his Democratic Presidential campaign) - "Hattie, I'm horny" - without realizing his microphone was on. *At least he said it to his own wife, unlike many candidates seem to have said in more recent years—ed.*

Vista, CA council member Jeanette Smith told other council members—"You're so damned concerned with what the public thinks that it gets in the way of what's best for us". This to members who were against holding a dinner meeting at public expense.

Louisiana State Senator Charles Jones said during a legislative debate—"I've had just about all of this good government stuff I Can stand".

Macon, GA Mayor Jack Ellis said "We're not able to tax people as much as we would like to".

Politics!

Asking our legislators to fix the debt crisis is like asking an arsonist to be the fire department chief.

Watching the presidential debates is like watching a sitcom without the jokes.

Since a president spends most of the time cleaning up messes other people make, maybe we should get school custodians to run for the office.

**Democracy is like a garden ...
And professional politicians are the weeds.**

Maybe Congress would look differently at the unemployment problem if we made enough of them unemployed.

Halloween is teaching our kids to be liberals; because we're teaching our kids to knock on other people's doors and ask for a handout.

Arizona Association for Property and Evidence

Advertising rates for the Lock & Key

Please see our webpage for current rates.

Call any AAPE board member to reserve your advertisement in the next edition of the newsletter.

The deadline for submissions is the 1st day of February, May, August and November.

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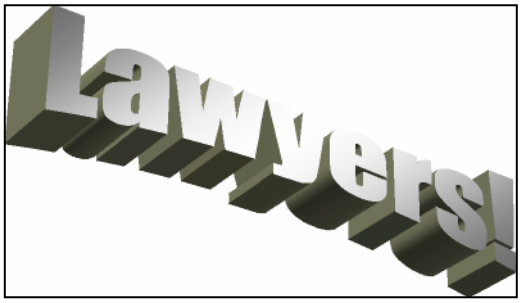

Actual courtroom testimony:

Attorney: Okay. Do you know when Mr. Reynolds passed away?
Witness: Not exactly, no.
Attorney: Okay. It was after — after you had talked to him?
Witness: Oh, yes.

Defense attorney: Are you sure you did not enter the 7-11 on 40th and Northeast Broadway and hold up the cashier on June 17 of this year?
Defendant: I'm pretty sure.

How was copper wire invented?
Two lawyers were fighting over a penny.