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President's message

This year, December brings with it the upcoming 2013 elections for the AAPE executive board. At our next quarterly meeting we will begin accepting nominations for each seat on the board. Every member of our organization is a possible change maker. You, or the person who normally sits next to you, has the potential to lead the association thru growth and success. It just takes courage and a small amount of personal commitment. I began as a member sitting in the same seat, only to find myself eight years later facing a decision to run for another term. My commitment to this organization has been greatly fulfilling and is the reason I was able to build a successful property room in Tucson. Becoming a leader with the AAPE provides a level of knowledge unavailable from the sidelines. The time has come for new ideas and creativity, which would elevate our organization to the next level. Don't passively stand by hoping for more. Instead consider taking a chance to make a difference or talk to your associates and encourage them to run for office.

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Editor's Ramblings

Just when you think you've had enough with elections and voting, it is now time to think about running for office in the Arizona Association for Property & Evidence. If you are interested in serving on the AAPE Board, please have your nomination ready for the 12/12/12 meeting at Phoenix PD. Elections will be in March.

Don't want to serve as a board member? Then please think about joining one of the committees. There is still a vacancy on the Public Relations Committee and there is a new vacancy for Chairman of the Emergency Response Committee.

If you haven't seen, Maricopa PD has an opening for an Evidence and Crime Scene person. The announcement is available at the AAPE website.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Holiday and are planning for a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year's.

I hope you enjoy the funny signs placed throughout this issue.

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AZ Dep't. of Health Services Blog
First Dispensary Nov. 15, 2012 Will Humble

Our team just returned from a field inspection for a dispensary applicant in Glendale. There were no major deficiencies, and we awarded the dispensary an "approval to operate" late this afternoon. This is the first dispensary approval to operate we've issued in the State. By law, we're not allowed to publicly disclose the address.

The fact that a dispensary is now licensed in the Valley also means that the "self-grow" part of the law will change on Friday *(Nov. 16, 2012—Ed.)*. Beginning tomorrow we'll be declining new "requests to cultivate" among new cardholders in most of the metro area; because self-grow (12 plants) is only allowed when the patient lives more than 25 miles from the nearest dispensary. The vast majority of the Valley is within 25 miles of this new dispensary.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — Authorities are investigating cheese smuggling across the U.S.-Canadian border and the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reports sources say police may be the mules. Niagara Regional Police have been going from pizzeria to pie shop in the Niagara Falls, Ontario, area trying to track down the international smugglers of cheap cheese. The CBC reported several Niagara police sources say charges are expected soon against a few officers who are alleged to have been involved in schlepping caseloads of cheese from the United States back into Canada to sell to pizzerias and restaurants. They allegedly have been loading cases of "brick" cheese that costs as little as a third of what it costs in Canada into their vehicles and making the run back north across the border. Sources told the CBC drivers can make $1,000-$2,000 a trip. Brandon Elms at Volcano Pizzeria told the CBC police investigators had been in a couple of times to ask about cheese shipments. "We get all our stuff legit," he said. "We thought it was a joke at first. Who is going to go around trying to sell smuggled cheese? "The cheese bandits, the mozzarella mafia!" 09/27/2012

Lord, we turn to you for strength and guidance as we keep striving for fulfillment. We come to you during days of stress and return to our work refreshed and renewed. Thank You for revealing positive steps for us to take again and to stand tall. Thank You for the warmth of a smile or an outstretched hand from someone who cares.
Amen

December Quarterly Meeting -
The quarterly meeting will be held at 1000 (0900 for coffee) on Dec. 12, 2012 (12/12/12) at Phoenix PD Property & Evidence located at 100 E. Elwood
Phoenix 85040. The guest speaker is Officer Mike Dirilo (Bomb Squad) He will be speaking on Explosive Recognition.

BANNING, CA -
PCP fumes send police officers to hospital

BY KEVIN PEARSON The Press Enterprise STAFF WRITER kpearson@pe.com
Published: 03 August 2012

Two Banning police officers had to be taken to the hospital this week after PCP fumes escaped from an evidence packet that was about to be destroyed.

The incident took place Tuesday afternoon, July 31, in the Banning Police Department's evidence room. An officer was prepping the sealed evidence packet for destruction and fumes from the liquid PCP escaped, the Riverside County department of Environmental Health said in a news release.

PCP is a hallucinogenic drug that can cause delusions, disordered thinking and extreme anxiety, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

A hazardous materials team came into the evidence locker, removed the package from the evidence envelope and resealed it in a new package, along with gloves used by the officer and the original envelope.

The officers were treated and released from an area hospital that day.

Donate or recycle old electronics

by **Veronica Sanchez** - Nov. 11, 2012 12 News

With the introduction of new iPhones and Androids and the latest iPad craze, I have about three old cellphones in my house that are just sitting around. Mostly, I give them to our my curious 16-month-old boy, who loves to play with buttons. But recently, one of our viewers had a question about those old cellphones, and I thought I'd pass along what I learned.

Jerry Hutchison from Gilbert wrote me: "I do have a question about where to dispose of old cellphones locally? Googling just brought up places to send them in for cash, but that's not what I was looking for. I would rather just see they go to someone who may not be able to afford one."

If you want to donate your cellphone, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence accepts them. For those trying to get away from their abusers, a phone is an absolute necessity. Go to ncadv.org for information.

You also can donate your cellphones to soldiers abroad as a way to help keep military families connected. Find more information at cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

Old cellphones, computers and televisions are considered electronic waste, or "techno trash." Whatever you want to call it, it's easy to dispose of old electronics, especially old cellphones.

Just take them down to your nearest Best Buy or Staples and turn them in as part of the stores' recycling program. It's hassle-free and easy.

If you are looking to make a buck on your "techno trash," here are a few places you can go online, according to the website Kiplinger.com:

Old cellphones: Go to http://www.flipswap.com/, the phone to their California address and you'll get a check within a few weeks. The website even shows you how to erase your data to get it ready for a new user.

Computers: If you want to sell your computer, Gazelle.com will buy it, along with MP3 players, digital cameras and GPS devices

TVs: Best Buy will accept any brand up to 32 inches for a $10 charge and will give you a $10 card to offset the cost. You can bring in two devices per day, per household. For a fee, Best Buy will remove up to two TVs from your home, up to 36 inches.

I thought this would be of interest. Please remember that there is a lot of personal information stored on computer hard drives and even the older phones. We must make sure to protect people's (even suspects or criminals) private information to prevent misuse and liability to our agency. Editor

Neighbor asks permission to dump body in trash can

September 8, 2011- Local News - msnbc.com

TACOMA, Wash. – A man who asked his neighbors if he could dump a body in their trash can was arrested Wednesday night, Tacoma Police said.

It happened around 4 p.m. at an apartment complex in the 500 block of East 36th Street. Tacoma Police spokesman Sgt. Mark Fulghum said it was unclear if the neighbors actually gave the man permission to dump the body in their trash, but he allegedly did it anyway. Police said the body was that of a 16-year-old Tacoma boy who had been shot in the head. No other information was immediately released by police.

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fied," he said. Some bloggers, taking their cue from television and website headlines, even wrote that the pope had spoken out against Christmas carols. In the book, the opposite was true. Benedict says the evangelist Luke wrote that at the moment of Jesus' birth the angels "said" the well-known phrase "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased". But in the next line he explains that "Christianity has always understood that the speech of angels is actually song", that "the angels' song of praise has never gone silent", and that it is "only natural that simple believers (even today) join in their carolling on the Holy Night". So, no need to cancel any school performances. Another section of the book that irked some bloggers is where the pope restates what biblical scholars have known for decades, if not centuries - that Jesus was born several years earlier than the first century AD. Benedict writes that since King Herod died in 4 BC, Jesus was probably born "a few years earlier". He attributes the erroneous fixing of the year of Jesus' birth to a miscalculation by the monk Dionysius Exiguous some 500 years later. "No one's faith should be shaken by this book," said Dodaro. "On the contrary, it should be fortified by this account. This is a believable account of the birth of Christ," he said. And in St Peter's Square, workmen have started building the Vatican's larger than life nativity scene, which is expected to have animals and singing angels.

This issue's tee-hees!

It's not whether the glass is half-empty or half-full; it's what's in that glass in the first place.

If knowledge is power, how come teachers get such lousy pay?

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Our Daily Bread

PHILADELPHIA
Chocolate-Vanilla Swirl Cheesecake

Prep Time: 15 min
Total Time: 4 hr 55 min
Makes:
16 servings, one piece each
What You Need

20 OREO Cookies, crushed (about 2 cups)
3 Tbsp. Butter, melted
4 pkg. (8 oz. each) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
1-cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup BREAKSTONE'S or KNUDSEN Sour Cream
4 eggs
6 squares BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Chocolate, melted, cooled
Make It

PREHEAT oven to 325°F. Line 13x9-inch baking pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides of pan. Mix cookie crumbs and butter; press firmly onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 10 min.
BEAT cream cheese, sugar and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add sour cream; mix well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating on low speed after each addition just until blended. Remove 1 cup of the batter; set aside. Stir melted chocolate into remaining batter in large bowl; pour over crust. Top with spoonfuls of the remaining 1 cup plain batter; cut through batters with knife several times for swirled effect.
BAKE 40 min. or until center is almost set. Cool. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight. Use foil handles to lift cheesecake from pan before cutting to serve. Store in refrigerator.

Lee

World Wide Web Resources

HB2371 AAPE Sponsored bill on unclaimed property:
http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=2371&Session_Id=107
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***

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Macayo's Mexican Kitchens have nominated the chimichanga as Arizona's official food. Vote here:

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CHIMICHANGA FOR ARIZONA STATE FOOD
Sign the Petition!

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CELEBRATE THE ARIZONA EXPERIENCE

Ha-Ha-Ha

The best things in life are free. All the rest of the stuff, you've got to wait for a sale.

An Alaskan was on trial in Anchorage. The prosecutor looked menacingly toward him and asked, "Where were you on the night of October to April?"

OOPSY DAISY TUESDAY, 02 OCTOBER 2012

Test confirms plants seized from north-side home were not marijuana Katie May

LETHBRIDGE HERALD (Alberta, Canada)

He doesn't blame police for thinking his daisies were pot, but he doesn't understand how they made that mistake. Ryan Thomas Rockman said he's relieved but not surprised that police dropped one criminal charge against him after they found out that the plants they seized from his backyard garden three months ago weren't actually marijuana. Back in July, police accused Rockman of harbouring the biggest outdoor marijuana grow operation in the city's history, even though he has repeatedly insisted all 1,624 plants seized were only Montauk daisies - a fall-blooming shrubby perennial that he's been growing for 10 years in his yard in the 900 block of 13 Street North. "It made me look like a villain and it made them look silly," Rockman said Monday afternoon, explaining police had let him know earlier in the day that they would be dropping one of five charges against him. Everybody makes mistakes. I still scratch my head over how," he said. "It baffles me, to be honest. At the same time, I don't want to try to point the finger of blame at them either because they're still just trying to do their mandate and make it home every day," he added. Rockman said he'd support relaxed laws on marijuana use so that police could spend their time on what he sees as more serious crime in the community. "I just hate that the whole situation happened and I wish that it didn't happen and there's nothing I can really do to change that at this point. I don't really wish to fling mud at them either," he said of police. "They're in a situation every day in their job where they could potentially be risking their life or dealing with situations that other people don't want to deal with," he added. "The police do an important job in our community. Everybody is human."

Samples of the plants police had sent to a lab in B.C. tested negative for marijuana, so police have dropped the most serious charge against Rockman: producing a controlled substance, although the 41-year-old still faces charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a controlled substance, and possessing proceeds of crime in relation to 697 grams of dried marijuana, 6.3 grams of cannabis resin and some cash that police also allegedly seized during the investigation. Rockman's lawyer, Art Larson, said he expected the dropped charge to help his client's case, but added Rockman's reputation was tarnished from the moment police put out a news release declaring the bust the largest outdoor marijuana grow-op Lethbridge had ever seen. "I've never seen anything like this with such deliberate publicity," Larson said. "It's very disappointing that it was made such a big deal to the extent that his name gets blasted on the front page of the Lethbridge Herald with what turns out to be not marijuana."

The test results didn't confirm that the plants were daisies, only that they weren't drugs, said a spokesperson for the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT), which investigated the case. "All we know at this time is that it's not marijuana," Jill Baird said. Because the remaining charges are still before the court, she declined to comment on whether the outcome of this case will change the way police investigate drug busts, but she said she's never heard of this kind of mix-up happening before. "I can't recall this happening in the past, at least not here at ALERT," she said.

On July 30, Lethbridge regional police knocked on Rockman's door to check on a court-imposed curfew for one of his relatives, who wasn't there. Instead, police found Rockman had, admittedly, been smoking marijuana, which led them to a search of his property, where they ripped out the plants.

Marijuana joint falls out of assistant city attorney's pocket -- in court *NBC News staff October 3, 2012*

A New Orleans attorney was cited for marijuana possession this week after a joint tumbled out of his pocket in front of police, according to media reports. Police say Jason Cantrell, who has a private practice but also serves as a part-time assistant city attorney, was in the magistrate section of criminal court chatting with police officers when a marijuana joint fell out of his pocket and onto the floor. Cantrell, 43, was a first-time offender and was cited, issued a summons to appear in court for simple possession of marijuana and let go, according to a police spokesman. Besides being a private practice attorney, Cantrell doubles as a part-time city attorney, handling cases in traffic court. He was not working for the city when the incident occurred. A City told WDSU that Cantrell has been suspended without pay, pending an investigation.

Cantrell has practiced civil and criminal law in New Orleans for 17 years, including six as a public defender in juvenile court. He ran for a position as a judge in juvenile court in 2009 but lost.

For those hazy on pot law, Seattle police produces marijuana guide

By Vignesh Ramachandran11/15/2012

After voters weighed in on election day, Colorado and Washington became the first states to allow legal pot for recreational use, but they may face resistance from federal regulations. A week after legalizing marijuana, Washington state voters may be hazy about the specifics of legal pot use; which is why the Seattle Police Department published a tongue-in-cheek guide to pot in the Emerald City.

The basics: Washington state voters passed Initiative 502 with a 55 percent majority on Election Day. Beginning Dec. 6, adults over 21 won't violate state law if they possess up to an ounce of marijuana for personal use. The specifics are thornier. The Seattle Police Department's Jonah Spangenthal-Lee has proactively answered residents' questions before they light up in "Marijwhatnow? A Guide to Legal Marijuana Use In Seattle."

Spangenthal-Lee answers some practical questions such as "Dec. 6 seems like a really long ways away -- what happens if I get caught with marijuana before then?" (Answer: "Your case will be processed under current state law").

Spangenthal-Lee also tackles some questions local government may have to ultimately address:

What happens if I get pulled over and I'm sober, but an officer or his K9 buddy smells the ounce of Super Skunk I've got in my trunk?

Under state law, officers have to develop probable cause to search a closed or locked container. Each case stands on its own, but the smell of pot alone will not be reason to search a vehicle. If officers have information that you're trafficking, producing or delivering marijuana in violation of state law, they can get a warrant to search your vehicle.

SPD seized a bunch of my marijuana before I-502 passed. Can I have it back? No.

Will police officers be able to smoke marijuana?

As of right now, no. This is still a very complicated issue. Complicated, indeed. Rachel Maddow highlights a new guide to Washington's new marijuana law, published by the Seattle Police Department to help clarify the contradiction between the federal ban and the state-level permission Washington state residents will be allowed to possess one-ounce of pot or have 16 ounces of solid marijuana-infused product or 72 ounces of marijuana-infused liquid, according to the primer.

The Washington State Liquor Control Board has until Dec. 1, 2013 to finalize its rules on the sale and distribution of marijuana.

Seattle Police Department spokesman Sgt. Sean Whitcomb said the guide's lighthearted tone was intentional.

"We deliberately designed (the guide) in a way that people would enjoy it," Whitcomb told NBC News.

Over in the Rocky Mountains, Colorado voters approved a similar marijuana measure. To be clear, the votes don't change how the United States federal government sees pot: Under the federal Controlled Substances Act, marijuana remains a Schedule I controlled substance, which means the feds believe it has no medicinal value. (Heroin and methamphetamine are also Schedule I drugs; cocaine is Schedule II because of its limited medicinal value.)

This is why, Spangenthal-Lee writes, "You probably shouldn't bring pot with you to the federal courthouse (or any other federal property)."

The Seattle Police Department makes clear that while they can't control the feds, "SPD officers will follow state law, and will no longer make arrests for marijuana possession as defined under I-502."

Internet Safety: Five Rules for Shopping Online

Stay safe while shopping from home

Online shopping is a modern convenience that many people use every day. You can comparison shop, find great deals and buy many items that are not available in your local stores. However, shopping over the Internet does carry some risks and it's important to follow a few simple safety rules to avoid problems down the road.

Check for a secure connection

One of the most important things you can do when shopping online is to make sure a merchant's website offers secure transactions. Most online stores use SSL (secure socket layer) encryption to keep your credit card information hidden as it passes over the Internet. You can tell whether a site is secure if its URL begins with "https" instead of "http." It may also display a padlock icon on your browser. The web store does not have to use SSL for every page, but the payment process should always be encrypted.

Don't store your credit card

When shopping online, try to avoid the temptation of storing your credit card information for future purchases. Although it's convenient, it can also be risky. If you do opt to have use a credit card storage site remember your credit card number, limit yourself to those sites where you shop frequently, make sure you use a strong password and review your purchase history often. Note that some web stores will save your credit card information without asking, but you can remove it by updating your account information.

Read seller's ratings and reviews

Many websites, including eBay.ca and Amazon.ca, let you buy items from small merchants and independent sellers. Before buying, read up on the seller's ratings and reviews from past customers. Look for sellers who have a long history of positive reviews. You should also take the time to understand their shipping and return policies.

Be wary of unknown shops

Large online stores like Amazon.ca or websites for chain stores (Home Depot, Best Buy, etc.) are generally considered safe. Small, unfamiliar stores should make you a little more wary. That's not to say that you shouldn't support these small businesses. You should simply take more care to read independent reviews, check for a secure payment page and perhaps look them up with the Better Business Bureau. Use common sense and avoid websites with amateurish presentation, poor grammar and multiple spelling mistakes.

Avoid shopping on public computers

The safest way to shop online is to only use your home computer. A public computer, like those at libraries or Internet cafes, opens you up to additional risks. If you do use a public computer for shopping online, be sure to log out of your account and clear the computer's browser history, cookies and page cache. You should also be wary of those around you while making the purchase. A thief doesn't need computer hacking skills to look over your shoulder and copy down your information.

When following basic Internet safety rules, shopping online has very few risks. Keep an eye toward security and you can safely enjoy the convenience of shopping from home.

Arizona Scenic Drives

Fall turns up the color in many areas of Arizona. Take one of these scenic drives to witness nature in all of its glory.

Oak Creek Canyon

Leaf peepers love to travel Arizona Route 89A between Sedona and Flagstaff during the peak of fall foliage. The 13-mile stretch takes them through Oak Creek Canyon, with its fall reds, oranges and yellows adding to the already colorful roadside rocks. Thanks to the many switchbacks on this road, you have to take it slow and enjoy the many wondrous sights. Stop at Oak Creek Vista for a longer look and to snap a few pictures and shop at the many booths selling Native American crafts. For more information, visit www.byways.org/explore/byways/11287.

Coronado Trail Scenic Byway

No matter where you travel along U.S. Route 191 or how far — it takes four to five hours to drive the entire byway thanks to more than 400 switchbacks — you won't be disappointed. Taking you through the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, the Coronado Trail Scenic Byway offers up fall pinks and oranges near Nutrioso, as well as evergreens and majestic views throughout the "White Mountains of Arizona." Check out www.byways.org/stories/52884 for details.

Rte. 67 to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon

The area's aspen, birch, maple and oak are ablaze against the always-breathtaking canyon views during the peak of fall foliage. Take Arizona Route 67 south from Jacob Lake for the 45-mile drive to the canyon. The North Rim stays open until mid-November, but Arizona Rt. 67 has been known to close earlier due to winter storms. Check out the website www.az511.com before you set out.

"You can't change where you come from, but you can change where you are going"
~Anonymous

Celebrate the Holidays, AZ. Style

Flagstaff North Pole Experience (until Dec. 28)

Greet the season in the snow-capped mountains of high country at Flagstaff's North Pole Experience. Board the Snowball and Candy Cane Express for a trip through an enchanted forest into a behind the scenes adventure at Santa's workshop. After you've checked the list twice, discover a different kind of wonder with a daytrip to the majestic vistas of the Grand Canyon.

Flagstaffarizona.org or 800-754-6571

Festival of Lights - Lake Havasu City (until Jan. 1)

Welcome the holidays every night on Lake Havasu, where more than 650,000 lights will set the Bridgewater Channel aglow. Stroll under the London Bridge or along the water walkway. Cruise the Channel boat ride, while gazing at the sparkling lights reflecting from the lake's surface. Rent your own boat or take a chartered day tour along the lush shoreline, filled with peaceful wildlife. It's a great escape from the hustle and bustle.

Arizonaguide.com or 866-236-1516

Arizona's Largest Gingerbread Village - Prescott (until Jan. 1)

Satisfy your craving for craftsmanship at the Gingerbread Village, presented by the Prescott Resort & Conference Center. With more than 100 enchanting estates, plus electric trains weaving throughout, this display is a confectionary classic. After your visit to the Gingerbread Village, peruse the memorabilia of Arizona's very first builders and settlers at the nearby Sharlot Hall Museum.

Visit-Prescott.com

Fiesta de la Navidad - Tubac (Dec. 7-8)

As the sun sets over the Village of Tubac, residents light the streets with hundreds of golden luminarias. Local artists add their own flair to this event, as stores and galleries stay open to accommodate shoppers. Join this charming community and explore gift ideas, authentic food and live music. Enhance your holiday spirit with a visit to Mission San Xavier del Bac. More than 300 years old, this church is one of Arizona's most treasured landmarks.

Arizonaguide.com or 866-236-1516

Christmas on Main Street—Benson (Dec. 8)

Outside the metropolitan grandeur of Tucson, a timeless and cozy experience awaits. Touch down in Benson, where street vendors, entertainers and a caroling choir fill Main Street with cheer. Replete with a visit from Santa, Christmas on Main Street is fun for the whole family. Continue to bring your season to life by touring the "living" Kartchner Caverns, an evolving limestone cave that features extraordinary colors and formations.

Arizonaguide.com or 866-236-1516

Christmas Village—Yuma (Dec. 15-22)

Every winter the Yuma Quartermaster Depot is transformed into a dazzling Christmas village, with playhouses depicting various stores, a gingerbread house, Santa's Workshop, historic Yuma homes and thousands of lights. In the heart of it all will be tons of snow for sledding. After a busy day of exploring, relax and take a seat at the Historic Yuma Theater. Once a vaudeville house, this theater now engages communities through song, dance and film.

YumaChristmas.com or visityuma.com

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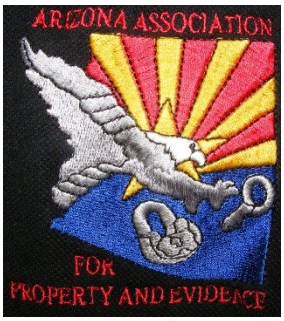
Dates of interest

Future Dates

December 12 –AAPE meeting @ Phoenix PD
December 25—Christmas Day
January 1, 2013—New Year's Day
January 21, 2013—MLK Day
February 18, 2013—President's Day
March 13, 2013—AAPE meeting @ Ft. McDowell PD

Association polo shirts are available. Please see Nancy, Mary, or any board member for prices, sizes, colors and an order form.

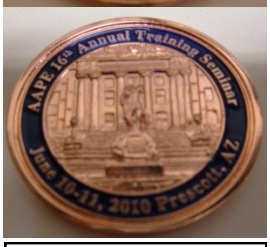


Association Coin Back (front is same as the Seminar coin, but antique copper instead of bright copper)

2010 Seminar Coin Front

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

2010 Seminar Coin Back



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 Back

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Some tabloids and media were so up in arms over the latest book by Pope Benedict that a Catholic social network ran a blog to explain some misinterpretations of the book.

VATICAN CITY - And so it came to pass that in the eighth year of Pope Benedict's reign, some tabloid and social media decreed that he had canceled Christmas. The day after Benedict's latest book "The Infancy Narratives - Jesus of Nazareth" - was published on November 20, Vatican officials found some headlines they were not expecting.

"Killjoy pope crushes Christmas nativity traditions," read one tabloid headline, claiming that Benedict had snubbed traditions such as animals in nativity scenes and carolling. "Pope sets out to debunk Christmas myths," ran another. Holy Scrooge! Some blogs unceremoniously branded Benedict the new Grinch that stole Christmas and one rocketed him to the "top of the grumpy list for 2012." And then there was this zinger headline from a web news site: "Pope bans Christmas".

Coming little more than a month before Christmas, it was the last thing the Vatican needed - another image problem for the pope. Alarmed by some of the headlines, the Catholic social network XT3 felt compelled to run a blog that dissected the media's coverage of the book. It was headlined: "The pope has not banned Christmas".

So what was all the fuss about? In the 137-page book, the pope states a fact: that in the gospels there is "no reference" to the presence of animals in the stable - actually, it was probably a cave - where Jesus was born. Bloggers had a feast with that, with one calling it "Bombshell number one". What some neglected was that just a few sentences down, the pope states that even today, "No representation of the crib is complete without the ox and the ass". He explains: The tradition of the ass and ox came from reflecting on parts of the Old and New Testaments. Christian iconography then adopted the motif early in Church history to show that even animals knew Jesus was the son of God.

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In other words, the tradition that has developed over the centuries matters more than an unverifiable fact, at least as far as the case of the ox and ass in the stable is concerned. "I think that what people need to realize here is that the pope is trying to be as historical as he can be," said Father Robert Dodaro, professor of patristics, or the study of early Church writings, at Rome's Patristic Institute. "He wants to see the biblical narratives as history where possible but he is also trying to explain details in the narratives that cannot be historically veri-

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A young lawyer was attending a funeral. Another mourner arrived late and asked the lawyer, “Where are they in the service?”. The lawyer gestured at the minister and replied, “He’s just opening for the defense.”

Two-thirds of the world’s lawyers are located in the United States. This has led, in some quarters, to occasional suggestions for a new export product.

Q: What do you get if you put one hundred lawyers in your basement?
A: A whine cellar.

Attorney: Sir, what is your IQ?
Witness: Well, I think I can see pretty good.

Attorney: Doctor, did you say he was shot in the woods?
Witness: No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region.