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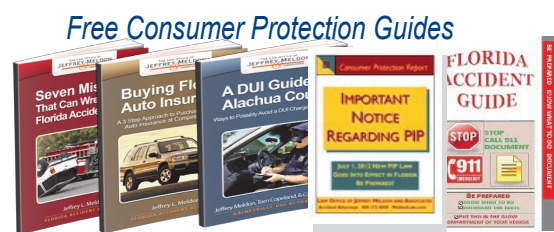
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April's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. The _____ is known as the first day of spring.
2. Around what day does Spring begin in the Northern Hemisphere?
3. Which March holiday does not occur during spring?
4. What does Spring symbolize?
5. For Australians, in what month does Spring begin?
6. What is the term for a period of unseasonably cold weather during spring?
7. What is the name of the Greek goddess whose return was believed to signal the start of spring?
8. In America, which bird is often seen as symbolizing the arrival of the Spring season?
9. Spring is the season of flowers. The Japanese celebrate the arrival of Spring by hosting mass viewings of which flower?
10. In England, eggs were used in folk magic for ?



Answers: 1. Vernal Equinox, 2. March 21st, 3. St. Patrick's Day, 4. Rebirth, 5. September, 6. Dogwood Winter, 7. Persephone, 8. Robin, 9. Cherry Blossoms, 10. Fertility.

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SPRING HAS ARRIVED!

Top 10 Things To Do This Season.

Spring has finally sprung and there's so much to do now that the weather is warming up. This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy activities in the great outdoors.

1. **Go Camping!** Find the perfect campsite in your area. Make sure that you have a tent and some sleeping bags and bring enough food to last on your trip.
2. **Go to the Beach!** Head off to one of Florida's great beaches. Depending on the distance, this excursion could be a simple and fun day trip.
3. **Go Hiking!** There are a number of hiking spots throughout the state. Take your family on a walk in nature.
4. **Fly a Kite!** Who wouldn't want to fly a kite on a nice day? You could even make it a neighborhood competition.
5. **Start a Garden!** The perfect flowers to plant in early spring are Pansies, Forget-me-nots, and primroses. In late spring, gladiolas, begonias, dahlias, daylilies, and daisies work best. If you'd rather plant vegetables, try tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, squash, beans, and cucumbers in late May.
6. **Take an Impulsive Road Trip!** The best kinds of road trips are the ones that happen in a spur of the moment decision. Pick a place you have always wanted to visit, grab your best friend, and just make it happen. Be sure to bring a camera to take snapshots along the way.
7. **Springify Your Closet!** There's nothing like a bit of spring cleaning to help you get excited for a new warm weather wardrobe. Donate the items you haven't worn in a while.
8. **Volunteer!** Volunteering this spring and beyond will enrich your life. Do your part to make a difference, and it will make you feel good in return.
9. **Learn how to bake!** Bake a pie or cake using seasonal spring fruits like strawberries, rhubarb, or cherries, and be sure to share your creations with friends.
10. **Add a Flea Market Addition to your home!** While you may be familiar with the flea markets in your area, a vintage splurge for your home is always a good thing.



Attorney Humor

- Mr. Big Shot

A young attorney had just started his own firm. He'd rented a beautiful office and had it furnished with antiques.

Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office. Wishing to appear busy, the attorney picked up the phone and started to pretend he had a big case he was negotiating.

He threw huge figures around and made great demands. Finally, he hung up and asked the visitor, "Can I help you?"

The man said, "Sure. I've come to install the phone".

- Quiet Please...

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Gracie replied, "Because people are sleeping."



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Small Business Spotlight...

O.A.K. Restaurant & Bar of Downtown Gainesville.



The IOM Management Group is proud to announce that a new bar & restaurant, O.A.K., opened in downtown Gainesville this spring serving up the best dishes and drinks in town.

Located at 15 SE 1st Avenue in Downtown Gainesville, the restaurant opened in early March 2015 and features gourmet comfort foods as well as old southern classics that live up to the name, Original American Kitchen. The menu has a strong emphasis on locally sourced, organic ingredients including all GMO free. Dishes include Red eye gravy shrimp & organic grits, Southern style short ribs, Bison burger, and a large selection of vegan/vegetarian options.

After 10 p.m., admittance is 21 and up, catering to the older student or young professional. O.A.K. features 18 self-serve taps for patrons to enjoy. Sixteen of these dispense your choice of craft beer while the other two will dispense whiskey.

Once you've dispensed your whiskey, customers have the chance to build their own whiskey beverage with the help of a bartender. Drinks include Manhattans and Old-Fashioneds as well as other classic whiskey drinks. Customers have the option to sample different beers and whiskeys before purchasing a full beverage. Just load up your card when you arrive and enjoy the experience!

OAK will also offer themed events such as Boots & Bowties night which encourage patrons to play the part.



Photo happenings...



Attorney Jeffrey Meldon pictured with Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings and friends during the AIPAC conference 2015.



Attorney Jeffrey Meldon pictured with Stanley Tate, founder of the Florida Prepaid tuition program, Hillel at the University of Florida, and an original founder of AIPAC.

Office Highlights...

Attorney Jeffrey Meldon attends the 2015 AIPAC Policy Conference and Momentous Speech given by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held in Washington, D.C.

Attorney Jeffrey Meldon attended the 2015 AIPAC Policy Conference held in Washington D.C. during March 1st-3rd.

AIPAC is the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and our nation's largest pro-Israel lobby whose overall mission is to strengthen, protect, and promote the U.S. -Israel relationship in ways that enhance the security of the United States and Israel.

During his trip, Jeffrey was among the more than 16,000 conference attendees who were able to express the full scale of pro-Israel activism in just three days.

Speakers included Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. U.S. Senators Mitch McConnell (KY), Lindsey Graham (SC), Robert Mendez (NJ), House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA), U.S. National Security Advisor Susan Rice, and U.S. Permanent United Nations Representative Samantha Power.



Attorney Jeffrey Meldon pictured with Congressman Ted Yoho of Florida and the Gators for Israel organization at UF.

Jeffrey's ticket to attend Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's historic speech to a joint session of Congress. Thank you Congressman Ted Yoho.

Community Events...

Saturday, April 11- Sunday April 12th:

The 46th Annual Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival.

Come out and enjoy the festival each day from 9 a.m. -5:30pm in downtown Gainesville. Hosted by the Santa Fe College Foundation, each year this event brings new artists, new discoveries, and new inspirations. For more information please visit: www.springsartsfestival.com.

Saturday, April 18, 2015:

Hands Across The Highway Art Expo.

Come support the Local artists from On Top of the World and surrounding communities as they showcase their masterpieces at the annual art expo. Works include paintings, sculptures, clay jewelry, watercolors and much more. Event kicks off at 9 a.m. Held at the Circle Square Cultural Center. 8395 SW 80th Street, Ocala. For more info, call (352) 854-3670.

This month's topic of interest: April 2015

Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. Although we aren't always able to take every case we receive, there is always an opportunity to educate others. Here's a topic worth discussing.



Proposed FL Senate Bill could Require Drivers to Have Enhanced Motor Vehicle Liability Coverage.

Tallahassee, FL- Florida Senate Bill 1266 has many Florida motorists concerned as we wait out the current 2015 legislative session. Proposed Senate Bill 1266 sponsored by State Representative Darren Soto of Orlando could require Florida drivers to have mandatory bodily injury coverage on motor vehicles.

Currently in the state of Florida, drivers are required by law to have Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage, which pays 80% of an injured party's medical bills and 60% of lost wages up to \$10,000 in the event of an accident.

If passed, the new bill would revise current legislation with respect to the financial responsibility drivers have for the damages caused by an accident.

More specifically, the bill would enact the financial responsibility limits for bodily injury or death in a car accident while revising the current required threshold limit for self-insurers, and would terminate the PIP coverage all together.

In addition, the bill would eliminate the current 14 day requirement for drivers to respond to bodily injury claims and be seen by a licensed medical provider. For more info on proposed Senate Bill 1266 please visit: www.legiscan.com/FL/bill/S1266/2015

Bodily Injury Insurance "BI"

- Covers your out of pocket medical expenses, lost time, and pain and suffering for accident caused by other party.
- The "other" person's insurance.
- Unfortunately, 1/3 drivers in Florida do not carry BI insurance and 70% have inadequate coverage.

Community Spotlight: University of Florida Dance Marathon Raises over \$2 Million Dollars for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Gainesville, FL- Each year more than 800 UF students stay awake and on their feet to raise money and awareness for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. In the 20 years of Dance Marathon at UF's existence, more than \$6.4 million has been donated, making it the most successful student-run philanthropy in the Southeastern United States. This year's event held on March 14th -15th raised over \$2 Million dollars which will benefit our local UF Shands Children's Hospital. Go Gators!

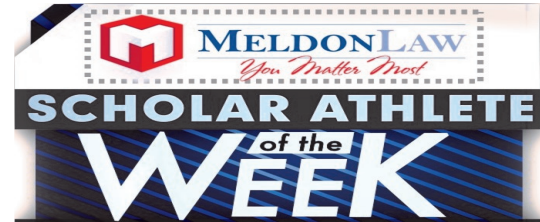
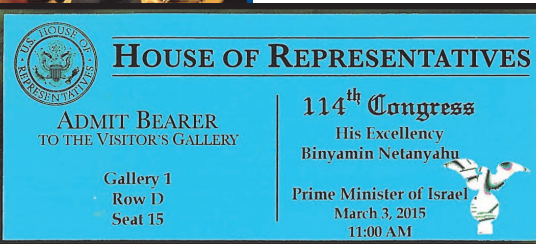


Local Students Pull Together For Autism Research.



Gainesville, FL- On April 4th, 2015 members of the Students Together for Autism Research club of Eastside High School held the 8th Annual Autism Awareness Star 5K Walk/Run to raise funds for autism research.

The event was held at the Boulware Springs park of Gainesville in partnership with the University of Florida's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. This year's event drew a crowd of over 400 participants supporting the cause. The University of Florida's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, better known as CARD, serves over 1,800 people in 14 counties across North Central Florida. CARD provides free services to children and adults with autism and offers information, training and consultations for schools in how to effectively deal with autistic students. For more information about CARD, please visit www.card.ufl.edu.



Congratulations To Our Jeffrey Meldon/ TV20 Scholar Athletes of the Week!

Meldon Law has sponsored the Scholar Athlete Program since 1997. Every week of the school year a high school senior in the North Central Florida area is chosen as the Scholar-Athlete of the Week and given a \$100 scholarship and a plaque. At the end of the school year we hold a banquet for all the winners and their families. Last year nearly 200 people attended the Scholar Athlete Banquet where one male and one female is chosen as **The Scholar Athlete of the Year**. The winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship plus a beautiful glass trophy commemorating their achievement. Starting in 2003 the Meldon Law Firm teamed up with WCJB TV20 to promote the event widely on TV 20.

Our Most Recent Scholar Athletes!

February 12, 2015: Garland Evans from P.K. Yonge for Softball. Garland is a 7 year varsity softball player for the Blue Wave and is one of only three Seniors on the team. Garland holds a 4.3 GPA and will major in Psychology next fall at Flagler College in St Augustine, FL.

February 19, 2015: Keldric Bradley from Hawthorne H.S. for Basketball. Keldric is the leading scorer and rebounder for the Hornets, averaging 20 points and 10 rebounds per game. In the classroom Keldric holds a 3.4 GPA and took his team to the State Championships this season.

February 26, 2015: Kylah Dawson from Trenton H.S. for Softball and Volleyball. Kylah serves as a team captain for both teams and she is the Student Body President. In the classroom Kylah holds a 3.7 GPA and will attend Florida Gateway College next fall as she continues her goal to earn her A.S. degree in nursing.

March 5, 2015: Alexa Hatcher from Fort White H.S. for Softball. Alexa is a true leader on and off the field, and she is also the Valedictorian of her graduating class. In the classroom Alexa holds a 4.0 GPA and will major in Pre-Med at Florida State University next fall with the goal to become an Orthopaedic surgeon.

March 12, 2015: Jackson McKaig from Buchholz H.S. for Lacrosse. Jackson is a varsity starter and captain of the Bobcats lacrosse team. He serves as a true leader both on and off the field with a 19 goals and 2 assists so far this season. Jackson holds a 4.0 GPA and will attend Brevard College in North Carolina next fall.