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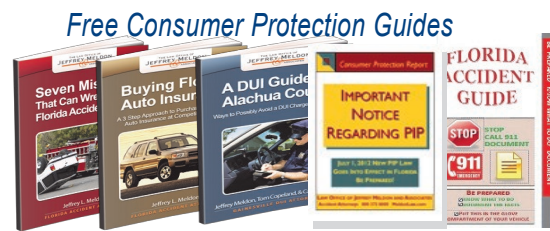
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January’s “Trivial Pursuit” >>>

Questions:

1. What is the most common New Year’s resolution made by people in the United States?
2. What parade is held each year on New Year’s Day?
3. What symbolic New Year’s character is often adorned with a top hat and sash?
4. What does Father Time signify?
5. Who is credited with inventing champagne?
6. Who was the patriot and silversmith born on January 1st, 1735?
7. Who established January 1st as the start of the New Year?
8. Richard Wagstaff, born on November 30th 1929, is better known by what name?
9. Who invented fireworks used around the world to celebrate the New Year?
10. In ancient Egypt what event dictated the timing of New Year’s celebrations?



Answers: 1. Losing Weight, 2. Tournament of Roses, 3. Baby New Year, 4. The previous year, 5. Dom Perignon, 6. Paul Revere, 7. Julius Caesar, 8. Dick Clark, 9. The Chinese, 10. Flooding of the Nile.

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New Year’s Humor

- Lecture Tour with A Difference-

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman.

“What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?” asked the police officer.

“I’m on my way to a lecture” ,answered Daniel.

“And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?” inquired the policeman sarcastically.

‘My wife,’ slurred Daniel grimly.

- Ode to January-
“Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste at the holiday parties had gone to my waist...



Happy New Year!

New beginnings, fresh starts, reaffirmation of hope and promises for a brighter future all come to mind as we ring in a New Year. It is our hope that as we embark upon the year 2015, we take this new beginning as an opportunity to pull together and make a difference for the greater good. AT LEAST ONE ACT OF KINDNESS EVERYDAY!

As we reflect upon national news headlines from the past year, we find that they have shaped conversations on race, politics, privacy, and much more. Everything from a new healthcare plan that was plagued by technical glitches

and confusion, an Ebola epidemic which sent shockwaves across the world, and to protesters marching in the town of Ferguson, MO. The year 2014 has truly tested the strength and endurance of the American spirit, while compelling us to pull together and stand up for the things that matter the very most. While the world that we live in will always have its share of societal issues, many of which are beyond our control, it is important to remember to embrace our American Creed, one that is characterized by great resilience, strength, and determination.

With this in mind we will be able to move forward and press on towards a great 2015 inspired by hope for a better future ahead, despite the curveballs life will throw us. Know that change for the greater good begins with one person at a time, and we as individu-

can make the greatest impact by one single act of kindness to our fellow man. At Meldon Law it is our continued hope that we as citizens of one of the greatest nations in the history of the world use the New Year as an opportunity to create a fresh start while cultivating new life experiences

that will bring another year of prosperity, good health, success and happiness.

You must be the change you wish to see in the world. -Mahatma Ghandi

Community Spotlight: Catholic Charities of Gainesville Presents the Spirit of Charity Gala 2015.



The Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Gainesville presents the 29th Annual Spirit of Charity Gala on Saturday, February 28, 2015. The event will be held in the Reitz Union at the University of Florida and will include a special evening of fine dining, dancing, and Gainesville’s premier silent & LIVE Auction! Founded in 1975, the Gainesville regional office assists anyone in need by providing non-denominational human services. The Spirit of Charity Gala is the organiza-

tion’s primary fundraiser used for the funding of its programs which include Emergency Assistance Services, the Weekend Hunger Backpack program, and Rural Mobile Food Distribution. For more info, please visit www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org

Small Business Spotlight...

Vine Bread & Pasta, Bakery/ Café

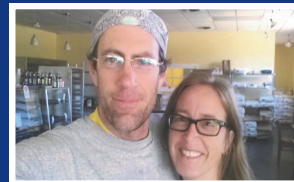


For the start of the New Year, we at Meldon Law want to introduce a new feature to our monthly Law Talk newsletter publication, a section dedicated to recognizing local small businesses and celebrating entrepreneurship across the North Central Florida area.

To kick off this year's program, we would like to recognize our neighboring business Vine Bread & Pasta, a local small business that has been thriving in the downtown Gainesville area since its opening. The Meldon Law staff enjoys going to Vine for breakfast items.

Vine celebrated its grand opening in the summer of 2013. Founded by owner Dean Griebel, who has been cooking for over 15 years in Gainesville and has honed his skills enough to be able open his newest small business. Sharing with people in the local community the belief that food should have an ingredient list that is short and recognizable.

Vine's breads, pastas, and other menu items are made fresh daily from natural and organic ingredients. The bakery is located at 627 North Main Street in Gainesville and open Mon -Thurs. 8a.m to 6 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. -8p.m., and Saturday 7a.m. -4p.m. For more info on the Vine Bakery, please visit www.vinegainesville.com



Dean Griebel & Teresa Zokovitch, Owners of Vine

Photo happenings...

Scenes from the Meldon Law office holiday party, held on December 7th, 2014.



Special Thanks to 101 Downtown restaurant of Gainesville for hosting us. A great time was had by all.

Community Events...

Wednesday, January 21, 2015: Gingerbread House Workshop! Kids, family and friends are invited to participate in the second annual Gingerbread House Workshop hosted by Alachua Branch Library, then take your house home to enjoy! For more info, please contact the library at (386) 462-2592.

Saturday, January 10, 2015: Winter Gospel Concert Series: The event will feature the Southern Gospel quartet. College Road Baptist Church, 5010 SW College Road, in Ocala. Event starts at 7:00PM, admission is \$10. For more info, please contact (352) 237-4144.

Friday, January 30, 2015: Phantom of the Opera! The University of Florida (UF) College of the Arts and UF Opera Theatre Program presents a semi-staged concert version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera at the University Auditorium on the campus of UF in Gainesville, Florida, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2015. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30-31, and 2 p.m. For ticket info, please contact the box Office, by phone at (352)-392-2787

This month's topic of interest: January 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.



Four Florida Cities Rank Among Top 10 Most Dangerous Cities for Pedestrians.

Every two hours, a pedestrian in America dies in a traffic accident. Accounting for 21 percent of these deaths are seniors aged 65 and older. In 2013, crashes killed 36 pedestrians and injured another 534 in the city of Orlando and Orange County.

Walking can be risky in many cities and towns across the country. Between 2003 and 2012, crashes killed 47, 025 pedestrians nationwide and injured another 676,000, according to the "2014 Dangerous by Design" report on pedestrian safety by Smart Growth America. Reducing those numbers has proved to be difficult: Distracted drivers increasingly look at phones instead of the road; people cross streets where they shouldn't; cities and suburban areas have been built to move traffic, not to keep pedestrians safe.

Older people bear a higher risk as they navigate city streets on foot. Those 65 years and older make up about 13 percent of the population, but account for 21 percent of pedestrian deaths.

To better educate pedestrians, The Best Foot Forward coalition gives presentations several times a month at local churches, Rotary Clubs, and senior living centers explaining where and when pedestrians can cross streets, and how they can stay safe on the streets. A major concern is that the traffic signals are too short, which can be a particular problem for older people on wide, multi-lane streets. More than half of pedestrian traffic deaths over the past decade occurred on these types of high capacity roads through suburban sprawl, where drivers often speed.

More than 90 percent of the people hit by cars traveling at 20 miles per hour survive the crash, but at 45 miles per hour only 35 percent live. Better design of roads could help the problem. If a boulevard has a raised median, pedestrians can pause and wait for traffic to clear, and overhead lights make crossing less treacherous after dark.

Top 10 Most Dangerous Cities for Pedestrians. Ranked 1 to 10 with 1 being the most unsafe.

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| 1. Orlando, FL | 7. Houston, TX |
| 2. Tampa, FL | 8. Atlanta, GA |
| 3. Jacksonville, FL | 9. Phoenix, AZ |
| 4. Miami, FL | 10. Charlotte, NC |
| 5. Memphis, TN | |

Recipe of the Month: Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Dates with Blue Cheese.

This New Year's nibbler will be a party favorite amongst your guests!



Ingredients:

- 1 pound sliced bacon cut in half.
- 1 pound pitted dates.
- 4 ounces of blue cheese.

Directions:

1. Preheat oven 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
2. Slice dates in half, and open them up. Pinch off pieces of blue cheese, and place them into the center of the dates. Close the halves of the dates, and wrap a half-slice of bacon around the outside. Secure each one with a toothpick. Arrange in a baking dish or on a baking sheet with sides to catch any grease.
3. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the bacon is crisp. Turn dates over after the first 20 minutes for even cooking.

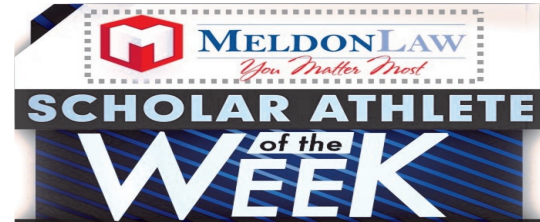
Office Highlights

Attorney Jeffrey Meldon Selected to Light the Giant Menorah in Downtown Gainesville, Celebrating Chanukah.

Attorney Jeffrey Meldon was among the special dignitaries selected to join in the annual lighting of the giant menorah in downtown Gainesville on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 (the second night of Chanukah), 2014. Gainesville Mayor Ed Braddy and local city commissioners were also in attendance as the local community came together to celebrate the start of Chanukah.

The event was hosted in part with The Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student and Community Center at the University of Florida, where UF students also took the opportunity to create a holiday toy drive for local hospitalized children. The toy project's mission is to share the message of joy, light, and warmth of Chanukah beyond the festivities.

For more information or to help sponsor the Toys for Joy Menorah and Chanukah Celebrations, please contact Rabbi Berl or Chanie Goldman at (352) 336-5877 or visit www.JewishGator.com



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!

November 27, 2014: Quade Locke from Dixie County H.S. for football. Quade leads the team this year with 97 tackles. Quade holds a 3.8 GPA and plans to major in engineering in college next fall.

December 4, 2014: Lindsey Pinder from Trinity Catholic H.S. for soccer. Lindsey is the current captain on the team and holds a record of 34 goals and 15 assist last season tying her for the most points in Marion county. Lindsey holds a 4.0 GPA and is also the Student Body President.

December 11, 2014: Janiah McKay from Gainesville H.S. for basketball. Janiah has been a starter for the team since her freshman year averaging 30 points per game. Janiah holds a 3.8 GPA and will attend Auburn University next fall on scholarship majoring in physical therapy.

How to nominate an athlete?

To nominate a Scholar Athlete of the week make sure he or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor in his or her sport, and a high school senior. We'll need the name of the Scholar Athlete nominee, his or her school, and as much contact information as you can give us on him or her and the coach.

Please send your nominations to WCJB-TV20 Sports Reporter Zach Aldridge via email at zaldridge@divcom.com, or you can call Zach at (352) 416-0646.