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**MELDON LAW**  
*You Matter Most*



*Wrongful Death*

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## LAWYER JOKES

In juvenile court, where a teen suspected of burglary was being prosecuted, the judge asked everyone to stand and state his or her name and role for the court reporter.

"Leah Rauch, deputy prosecutor."

"Linda Jones, probation officer."

"Sam Clark, public defender."

"John," said the teen who was on trial. "I'm the one who stole the truck."

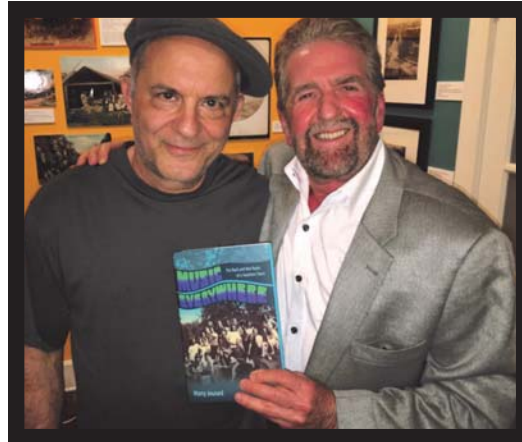
A woman was dragged into court by a neighbor who complained about her barking dogs. At one point, the judge asked the neighbor a question. The neighbor didn't reply. "Sir, are you going to answer me?" asked the judge.

The neighbor leaped to his feet. "Are you talking to me?" he asked. "Sorry; I can't hear a darn thing."

The case was dismissed.

## MUSIC EVERYWHERE

The official book signing for "**Music Everywhere: The Rock and Roll Roots of a Southern Town**" written by Gainesville native Marty Jourard was held at the Matheson Museum on April 21, 2016. The book documents the music scene in Gainesville, Florida during the 1960's and 1970's. Future Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Stephen Stills, Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, and



(Left) Marty Jourard | (Right) Jeffrey Meldon

The Eagles founding members Bernie Leadon and Don Felder had their roots in Gainesville during that time period. Marty Jourard and his brother Jeff Jourard were in a well-known group called "The Motels". And, of course, Bo Diddley called the Gainesville area his adopted home.

The book describes the incredible melting pot of musical influences that young Gainesville kids were exposed to. Rock and Roll, Country, Rhythm and Blues, Gospel and Jazz were all commonplace in the Deep South and, in particular, a large college community like the University of Florida. Marty documents how local musicians migrated from one band to another trying to make their name locally and later on nationally. He describes the contribution that local stores like Lipham's Music and The Subterranean Circus had on the local scene. And well known bars like Dubs where Tom Petty and his group Mudcrutch honed their skills not to be deterred by the semi-nude dancing girls Dub Thomas had positioned on both sides of the band.

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## Thank You For Your Referral: *Bob D'Alessio*

**Bob D'Alessio**, of Gainesville, is one of our favorite clients. He recently referred a case to the Meldon Law team, knowing that it would be handled with the utmost professionalism. As a thank you for thinking of us when making this referral, we will be making a donation to a charity of Bob's choice in his name.

- *The Meldon Law Team*

## In The Community...

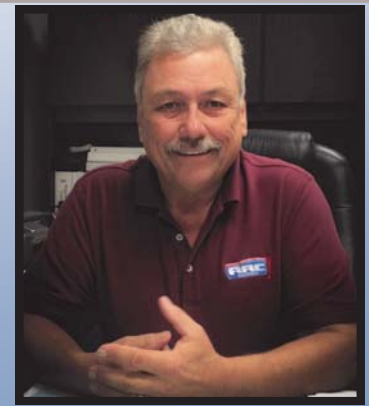
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Troy Strawder, CEO

## Community Events...

-Saturday, May 21st, at 9a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Newberry Watermelon Festival  
Destiny Community Church  
1203 SW 250th St., Newberry, Florida 32669

Some of the favorite festival activities started many years ago and still continue today. These activities include contests for watermelon eating, seed spitting, hog calling, pie/cake baking, and, of course, the “Big Melon.”

For more info visit: <http://newberrywatermelonfestival.com/>



- June 3rd—June 5th

3rd Annual Ocala Bike Fest  
ARC Marion  
2800 SE Maricamp Rd. Ocala, FL 34471

This year there will be over 100 vendors, custom car & bike show, concert line ups that are sure to please, amazing food & adult beverages, prizes, a 2016 Harley give-away and, of course, their poker run!

For more info visit: <http://www.mcarc.com/ocala-bike-fest-2016/>



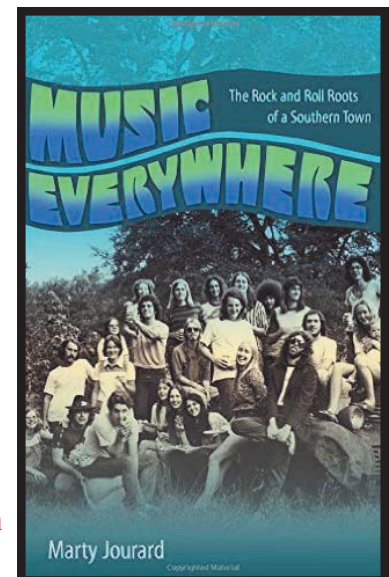
## MUSIC EVERYWHERE Continued

And the book has a section titled “Hippie Attorney” describing the contributions to the local music scene by Yours Truly Jeffrey Meldon. Prior to the opening of my law office in 1971, I worked closely with Tom Petty and the Mudcrutch Band putting on what became known as the “Mudcrutch Festivals” (a/k/a Gainesville’s Woodstock) in late 1970 and early 1971. When I first opened my law office, I held myself out as a music attorney and worked with Mudcrutch helping them book dates.

Minnie Riperton and her husband, Dick Rudolph, an old friend from my youth, moved to town and worked with me looking for a venue to open a performing arts theater. However, their daughter Maya Rudolph, (SNL and movies) was born at Alachua General Hospital in July of 1972 and Minnie and Dick wrote a song that eventually became a number one single nationally. “Lovin’ You” was a song about their love for their new daughter Maya. Dick and Minnie moved to LA to launch her career as a solo artist (Minnie had previously been the lead singer for “The Rotary Connection”).

In 1974 while running a successful law practice that had expanded to 5 people, I was approached by Jim Forsman, a young clothing store owner (The Young American Shop) about leasing the Florida Theater, an 800 seat movie theater, and turning it into a performing arts venue. Of course I said “YES!” On March 30, 1974 Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs performed the first live concert at “The Great Southern Music Hall”. Between 1974 and 1978 the Great Southern “The Showplace of the South” presented artists such as Bo Diddley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Jimmy Buffet, Bob Seger, Bonnie Raitt, Muddy Waters, Steve Martin, B.B. King, Ray Charles, Howlin’ Wolf, Greg Allman, Dave Brubeck, Richie Havens, Steppenwolf, Cheech and Chong, Waylon Jennings, Eric Burdon, Count Basie, Taj Mahal, Randy Newman, Minnie Riperton and many, many more.

**Please support Marty Jourard’s epic journey to chronicle the history of the Gainesville Music Scene. You can purchase his book on Amazon or at the Matheson Museum, 513 E. University Avenue, Gainesville Florida.**



# This month's topic of interest: *May* 2016

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.

## War Memorial in Gainesville Needs Our Help



*Dan Weisman*

I grew up in Gainesville, and spent a few years in the military after college. Now that I'm moving back here with my wife and our two little guys, it's been really great to see what a veteran-friendly community we have here in Gainesville and throughout Alachua County and Marion County. There are upwards of 50 memorials, sites, and plaques in Gainesville alone remembering and honoring the fallen.

One particular site is the Veterans' Memorial, which is located at the corner of SW 75th St. and SW 41st Place, also known as Kanapaha Park, in Gainesville. It is a linear memorial that basically presents as a timeline of events, with a number of pillars, each one representing a different military conflict. I was really disappointed (and a bit angry) when I looked at a recent newspaper and saw that vandals had recently destroyed a pillar at the Memorial representing all the service members who lost their lives since 9/11.

A movement is afoot to fix the memorial, to which our law firm is making a contribution. I'd like to welcome everyone else in the community to do the same. Feel free to let them know that you heard about the efforts from our firm! Make checks payable to The Veterans Memorial Committee at:

**The Memorial Committee**

**3415 NW 46th Pl.**

**Gainesville, FL 32605**

Memorial Day is coming up, and will be observed on Monday, May 30, 2016. Helping to get the Memorial fixed would be just one more way for a great community to remember and honor those who gave real meaning to the phrase "freedom's never free."



*Veterans' Memorial*

## 3 Ingredient Flourless Peanut Butter Mug Cake

### Ingredients:

- 3 TBSP peanut butter (creamy)
- 1 TBSP + 1 TSP white granulated sugar
- 1 large egg

### Directions:

Whisk all ingredients into an oversized, microwave-safe mug until batter is smooth and egg is fully whisked in. Microwave for about 1 minute. Let cake cool a few minutes before eating.



*Welcoming Back our Meldon Law / WCJB 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 are chosen as **The Scholar Athletes 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!

**March 30, 2016: Morgan White** from **Forest High School** for Softball. She has emerged a leader on the team as a pitcher. Her GPA is a 3.7 and she plans to continue playing softball in college.

**April 6, 2016: Jordan Roberts** from **Forest Suwanee High School** for Softball. She has played on the varsity team for four years and is known for her batting skills. Jordan has a lot of success on the field as well as in the classroom with a 3.6 GPA!

**April 13, 2016: Trever Castell** is a baseball player for **Chiefland High School**. His pitching skills and his ability to control the game is what makes him stand out on the field. He also stands out in the classroom with a 4.41 GPA!

**April 20, 2016: Devin Townsend** is a basketball player and track star at **Bell High School**. He started out playing basketball then he joined the track team to improve his speed. Now, he is a part of several events in track and has proven to be versatile in both sports. He also has a 3.7 GPA!

To nominate someone for 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. Please send your nominations to Brandan McCalla via email at **BMcCalla@divcom.com**, or you can call Brandan at (352) 416-0646.



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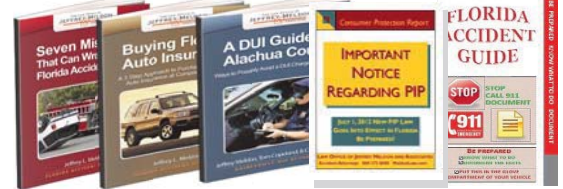


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### Bikes for Kids: March Winner

**Avery Sabile**, 11, from *Gainesville* is the March winner of Bikes for Kids! She is a National Junior Honor Society Student with a passion for volunteering and giving back to the community! Avery, along with her family and friends started the non profit organization called A Very Good Deed. Their mission is to initiate a movement of consistent, age appropriate, and engaging volunteer opportunities while being a resource for busy parents that have a desire for their families to have hands-on involvement and awareness of local, national, and global social issues. To learn more about this organization visit: [www.AVeryGoodDeed.org](http://www.AVeryGoodDeed.org). Schwinn Bike and Helmet were provided by: *Schwinn Shop Inc* Located in Gainesville, FL (1225 W. University Ave.)

*How to nominate? Give us a call at 800-373-8000 or email us at [marketing@meldonlaw.com](mailto:marketing@meldonlaw.com)*

### This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>> Questions:

1. What was Memorial Day formerly called?
2. According to many experts, what year was Memorial Day first observed?
3. What is one of the longest standing traditions which has been held in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911?
4. Some sources say that May is a shortened form of the word *majores*. What does *majores* mean?
5. May Queen, Wisley Crab, Foxwhelps and Lane's Prince Albert are all species of what?
6. Which popular BBC series about old collectibles began in 1977, presented by Bruce Parker and Arthur Negus, and is still running to this day?
7. Who averaged one patent for every three weeks of his life?
8. What is the oldest film ever made, and when was it made ?
9. Which kind of flower bulbs were once exchanged as a form of currency?
10. How long was the 100 Years War?



**Answers:** 1. Decoration Day 2. 1865 3. Indianapolis 500 4. older men 5. Apples 6. Antiques Roadshow 7. Thomas Edison 8. Roundhay Garden Scene made in 1888 9. Tulips 10. 116 Years