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School is Back in Session—Time to Exercise Your Brain! (Answers)



1. Answer: **Johnny of course.**
2. Answer: **Meat.**
3. Answer: **Mt. Everest, it just wasn't discovered yet.**
4. Answer: **There is no dirt in a hole.**
5. Answer: **Incorrectly.**
6. Answer: **Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere.**
7. Answer: **You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.**
8. Answer: **Same as is it now - Barack Obama.**
9. Answer: **You would be in second place. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.**
10. Answer: **Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow.**
11. Answer: **One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big stack.**

(Please see page 4 to review the eleven questions related to these answers)

Special thanks to Bob Meldon, Jeffrey's brother, for these brain exercises!

Office News: “We never knew bowling could be so much fun!”



Office family and friends recently had an evening of bowling fun! Pictured are:

FRONT ROW: (left to right): Jeffrey Meldon (attorney)
Manny Machin (investigator and tech support)

MIDDLE ROW: Lisa Allen (paralegal), Jason Moreau (former employee, Kristin's, fiancé), Kristin Buie (former employee), Nicole Talcik (paralegal)

BACK ROW: Donzie Allen (Lisa Allen's husband), Carey Meldon (attorney), Tavares Kettles (office assistant and communications director), Gracie Copeland (receptionist), Tom Copeland (attorney), Kayla Smith (Nicole Talcik's daughter), Matt Mass (Kayla's fiancé)

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- **To all who referred friends and family or have gone out of their way to send notes of appreciation, I thank you! Jeffrey Meldon**



The Law Office of Jeffrey Meldon & Associates is dedicated to public safety & education. We are always on the look-out for timely safety news and reminders to pass along to our readers.

“AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE!” Ben Franklin

Child Passenger Safety Week: September 15 - 21, 2013



Car crashes are the leading cause of death for children 1 to 13 years old.

Many times death and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts that are used every time you drive.

Sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Association, Child Passenger Safety Week starts September 15 and culminates with National Seat Check Saturday on September 21. Studies have shown that 75% of child car restraint systems are the wrong size, improperly installed, or used incorrectly. For more information on this life-saving topic please go to www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS

Safety Reminder: Gator Game Days 101—Open Container Law

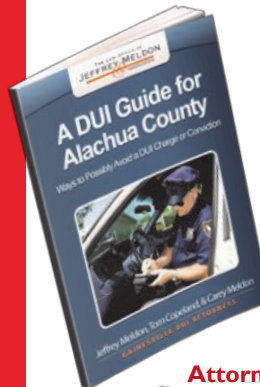
Fall Saturdays in Gainesville mean sweating in the Swamp, Gator parties, and tailgating. Gator game days are here again—time to review the open container law for Football Saturdays and every day of the week in Gainesville.

Carrying an open alcohol container or an alcoholic drink of any kind on the sidewalks, streets, or public parking lots in Gainesville is against the law. This applies to both locals and visitors alike—ignorance of the law is no excuse.

Pass the information along to local family, and friends, and those who may be visiting from out of town. If you are caught by a police officer with an open container of any kind (even if you are only holding it for a friend) on the street, sidewalk, a public parking lot, or off private property, you can either be issued a Notice to Appear before a local judge or taken to jail.

There is one exception to this law. It is legal to drink at your tailgating spot on the UF campus as long as you don't step outside the parking lot with a drink or bottle in hand.

How to avoid being arrested: If you choose to drink, do it at a local establishment, hotel room, or at home before and after the game. If you are attending a Gator party at a friend's house or apartment, make sure to stay within the property's boundaries at all times.



The Attorneys That Wrote The Book on DUI

Attorneys Tom Copeland, Jeffrey Meldon, Carey Meldon

- Remember 3 things:
1. Do not drink and drive.
 2. It is illegal to have an open container on the streets of Gainesville.
 3. Goo... Gators!

Protect yourself and your family before and after an accident!

Most people think it will never happen to them. However, statistics show that one in five will be involved in a traffic crash each year.

How can you protect yourself and family?

Be safe, educated, adequately insured, and prepared!



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Florida leads the country in running red lights!



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Florida leads the nation in red-light running according to last year's Stop on Red Week sponsored by the National Coalition for Safer Roads and the Federal Highway Administration's statistics.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, **running red lights or other traffic controls is the most common cause of all urban auto accidents.**

In addition, according to the Federal Highway Administration, 93% of drivers believe running a red light is unacceptable, yet 1 in 3 drivers reported doing so in the past 30 days.

Statistics also show that Florida drivers committed the most red-light violations on Fridays and the least on Sundays. The hours between 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. have the highest rate of running a red light in Florida. Fourth of July weekend had the highest number of violations in Florida with Labor Day Weekend, Super Bowl Sunday, and Memorial Day following close behind.

What is running a red light? You are running a red light if your vehicle enters an intersection anytime after the signal light has turned red. Even though National Stop on Red Week was celebrated last month, please help spread the word about the importance of stopping on red every time and day of the year. It just may save your life or the life of a loved one.

September "Trivial Pursuit"—Do you know your September facts ?

Q: National Grandparents' Day, September 8, was first proclaimed in 1978. Who was the president that signed the bill proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents' Day?

Q: What is the official flower of Grandparents' Day?

Q: The autumnal equinox is September 22 @ 4:44 P.M. in Florida. This represents the first day of _____?

Q: If you were in the Southern Hemisphere on September 22, what season would be starting?

Q: What does the term "equinox" mean?

Q: The September equinox occurs when the sun crosses the celestial _____. What other month has an equinox?



Answers: President Jimmy Carter, The Forget-me-not, Fall, Spring, "equal night" (Latin), Equator, March

Case of the month—Investigation, Persistence, and Determination Pay Off!

Recently, a client was involved in a crash, and the at-fault party's insurance company initially took the position that the accident was 50% our client's fault. The insurance company was only willing to pay one-half of our client's property damage to his car.

We conducted our own investigation and provided witness information that the police officer had failed to include in the crash report and which supported our position that our client was not at-fault at all for causing the crash.

The insurance company, after reviewing our witness statements, increased its offer to settle the property damage and offered to pay 85% of the repair bill.

We rejected that offer. After months of letters and calls to the adverse insurance company they finally relented and **paid our client 100% of his property damage.**

We were also able to get our client the **full bodily injury liability limits** from the at-fault driver's insurance company.

Our client was extremely grateful and happy with the result we obtained for him and thanked us for our persistence and determination in our representation of in his case.

Note: This publication is intended to **educate** the general public. **It is not intended to be legal advice.** Every case is unique.

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1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May—**What was the third child's name?**
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop. He is five feet ten inches tall and wears size 13 sneakers—**What does he weigh?**
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what **was the highest mountain in the world?**
4. How much dirt is there in a hole **that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?**
5. What word in the English language **is always spelled incorrectly?**
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer—**How is this possible?**
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg—**Why not?**
8. What was the President's Name—**in 1975?**
9. If you were running a race and **passed the person in second place, what place would you be in now?**
10. Which is correct to say: "**The yolk of the egg are white**" or "**The yolk of the egg is white**"?
11. If a farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in the other field, how **many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?**

(Answers on page 1)



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