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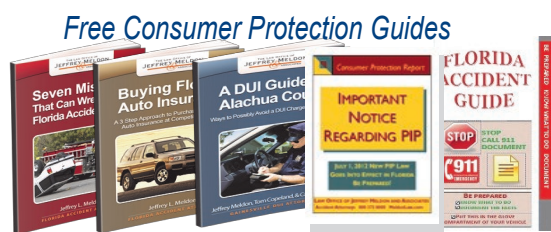
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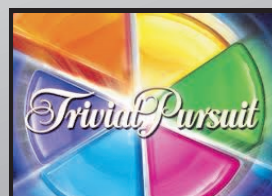
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### This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

#### Questions:

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- On February 2nd, 1887- The first Groundhog Day was observed in what city and state?
- In February 3, 1690-The first paper money in the USA was issued today, in the Colony of \_\_\_\_.
- In 1991 \_\_\_\_\_ was banned 'for life' from the Baseball Hall of Fame due to the fact that he used to illegally gamble on games.
- \_\_\_\_\_ became the first African American to be inducted to the Basketball Hall of Fame.
- In 1937 John Steinbeck published his novella \_\_\_\_\_.
- When was Elvis Presley added to the Hollywood Walk of Fame?
- In February 8, 1998 - The first female hockey game in Olympic history took place. Who won?
- 1895 - William G. Morgan, a Holyoke, MA YMCA physical education director, invented the game of \_\_\_\_\_.



**Answers:** 1. February 1865 2. Punxsutawney, PA 3. Massachusetts 4. Pete Rose (AKA Charlie Hustle) 5. Bob Douglas 6. Of Mice and Men 7. 2/8/1960 8. Sweden 9. Volleyball

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### Wrongful Death

### Personal Injury

### Criminal Defense



### Lawyer Jokes

#### • Lawyer and Engineer

A lawyer and an engineer were fishing in the Caribbean when they got to talking. The lawyer mentioned, "I'm here because my house burned down and got destroyed by the fire. The insurance company paid for everything."

"That's quite a coincidence," remarked the engineer. "I'm here because my house and all my belongings were destroyed by a flood. My insurance company, too, paid for everything."

There was a brief pause, and then the puzzled lawyer asked, "How do you start a flood?"

**Q:** When attorneys die, why do they bury them 600 feet underground?

**A:** Because deep down they are really nice guys.

**Q:** Have you heard about the lawyers word processor?

**A:** No matter what font you select, everything comes out in fine print.



Jeffrey interviewed WSKY 97.3 talk show host Bob Rose for an episode of Law Talk Live that was aired on January 9, 2016. It was one of the only times Bob has discussed his background leading up to taking over the morning talk-show position at the SKY in 2001. Bob started out in Clewiston, then Tampa and Orlando as a rock-format disc jockey before being given a break in the Orlando market doing talk radio. He emailed the Program Director at WSKY and was shocked to get an im-

mediate response and was offered a job. Fifteen years later Bob Rose is a household name in North Central Florida and he has one of the most interesting and listened-to programs in the Southeast. His show has dominated the local market for years. Bob has been interviewing Jeffrey for years on various legal matters and it was a nice twist to have Jeffrey turning the tables on Bob for a change. If you would like to hear the show just go to WSKY website and check out the link to Law Talk Live.



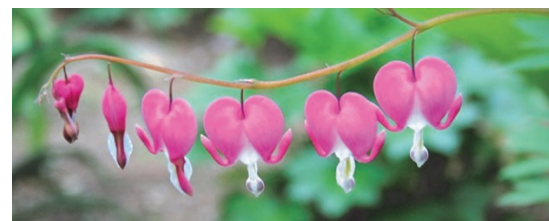
### Thank You For Your Referral: Ed Mendel of Gainesville



Ed Mendel

Ed Mendel is the owner of the only full service drum shop in Gainesville, Ancient Rhythms. He recently referred a case to the Meldon Law team, knowing that it would be handled promptly and with great care. As a thank you for Ed's referral, we will be making a donation to a charity of his choice. He picked Drum Strong, an organization that produces drumming events to raise money for cancer initiatives.

- The Meldon Law Team



## Community Spotlight...

**Gainesville Planet Fitness**— Located in Gainesville at 2210 NW 13th Street



Bottom row: left to right  
Connor Birkett, Kyle Birkett, Assistant Manager,  
Dan Anson, Owner/COO  
Middle row: left to right  
Meghan Hughes, Club Manager, Colleen Lance,  
Personal Trainer, Reiko Green, Team Member, Jess  
Smith, Team Member



In 2011 Dan Anson, owner of the Planet Fitness in Gainesville, created an atmosphere unlike any other gym. This atmosphere can be summed up into the old saying: big corporation with small town values. "It's seeing the people, having daily interactions with them and knowing all their names," Anson said.

His mantra is: No amount of marketing can replace what our team does for our members. This is the mantra that he reiterates over and over to his staff. By saying this over and over to his team, Anson is empowering them to not look at this as just a job, but as a way of life. They are learning they are brightening someone else's day.

This is the mantra that makes this Planet Fitness both a comfortable and welcoming gym for anyone. The Planet Fitness centers' goal is to create a judgement free zone, a place to get fit, and a non-intimidating atmosphere for anyone terrified to work out.

This is why the Gainesville community was



poised for the Planet Fitness environment. Of course, there are physical benefits to going to Planet Fitness, but that is with any gym.

At Anson's Planet Fitness, it's about the community and fostering relationships. In fact, he believes that is the best part about working at Planet Fitness. Planet Fitness is in a league of his own. The gym is located on 2210 NW 13th Street in Gainesville.

Jeffrey sponsors free memberships for every Meldon Law employee.

For more information on Planet Fitness, call 352- 505-6685 or visit planetfitness.com.

## This month's topic of interest: February 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.

### How to Protect Your Family

I am on a *mission* to make sure all my friends and their families have adequate car/truck insurance.

Did you know that Florida is one of the only states in the country that does not have **mandatory** bodily injury liability insurance? That means that the car that hits you and seriously injures you or a member of your family will probably not have enough insurance to take care of all of your medical bills, lost wages, out-of-pocket expenses as well as pain, suffering, and loss of enjoyment of life.

**The Florida legislature has been talking about correcting this problem for years** but a solution is still going to be **a long time coming**.

**So what can you do?** You need to make sure you have plenty of **uninsured motorist coverage**. This will compensate you when the party at fault does not have any insurance or if they have too little coverage.

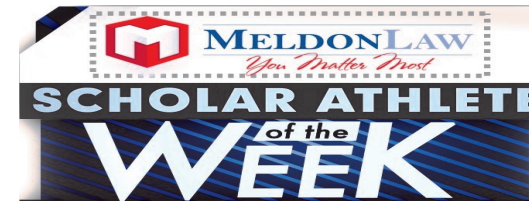
**But beware**, the insurance industry does not promote this type of coverage. They will not tell you that you should get **"stacked uninsured motorist coverage"** if you own two or more cars. **They will even try to put your cars in separate policies** to prevent you from **stacking**.

**Stacking** means that if you have **two cars**, you get **double the coverage**, and if you have **three cars** on one policy, you get **3 times** the uninsured motorist protection. The insurance industry can rate the likelihood of you causing a crash with greater accuracy than they can predict whether the person who slams into you will have adequate coverage. So, they "undersell" UM insurance to your detriment.

I wrote a book called "Buying Florida Auto Insurance; a 3 step approach" to help you know what kind of coverage you need. I will send you a **free copy if you call our office and request one**.

Alternatively, you can visit our website at [MeldonLaw.com](http://MeldonLaw.com) and download it. It is located under the **"Free Info"** tab.

*I want every single one of my friends to have the satisfaction of knowing that even if you have the misfortune of being seriously injured in a crash that **at least it won't ruin you financially**.*



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!

**January 13, 2016: Faith Heath from Trenton High School:** The combination of her soft voice and killer basketball skills led coaches to nickname Faith the 'Silent Assassin.' Off the court, Faith maintains a 3.5 GPA.

**January 6, 2016: Rudy Bibb-Boyd from Gainesville High School:** Rudy had his first taste of competition when he started playing varsity basketball as a freshman. Now, he leads the team with the same ferocity that got him noticed four years ago. Rudy has a 3.2 GPA.

**December 30, 2015: Darrell Jones from Columbia High School:** Though his 6'5" frame leads those who meet him to assume he plays football, Darrell is a talented basketball player. When he's not shooting hoops, you can find him studying to maintain his 3.1 GPA.

**December 23, 2015: Maggie Carnes from Eastside High School:** Her quick feet make her an ideal player for all sports, but Maggie likes soccer best. Along with playing varsity all four year for volleyball and soccer, she also carries an impressive 4.3 GPA.

## Community Events...

**-Friday, February 12, at 8p.m.– 11p.m.**  
Gainesville Community Playhouse at The Vam York Theater of Gainesville.

The Tony award winning play *Next To Normal* is an unflinching look at how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. While appearing to be a typical American family, their lives are anything but normal because the mother has been battling manic depression for 16 years.  
Min Price: \$12 Max Price: \$20 *For more info visit* <http://www.gcplayhouse.org>

**-Saturday, February 20, at 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.**  
Ranger Led Walk at The Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park of Gainesville.

This Guided Walk leaves from the Visitor Center. Visitors who dare to join in on the adventure have the opportunity to learn about the history and nature surrounding "The Devil's Millhopper". All ages. Price: Included with park entry. *For more info visit* [www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org).

**-Starts February 27th at 10 a.m. - 12p.m.**  
Michael's Kids Club at 3644 SW Archer Rd. Gainesville.

Let your kids explore their creativity every Saturday while you shop! Just \$2 per child ages 3 and up. All supplies included. *For more info visit:* [classes.michaels.com](http://classes.michaels.com)

## Recipe of the Month: Belinda's Baked Mac-n-Cheese



#### Ingredients:

- 1-box elbow noodles
- 2- cups milk
- 2-packs 8 oz cream cheese
- 2-eggs
- 4-bags shredded cheese (more if you want really cheesy)

#### Directions:

1. Boil noodles with a dash of salt & pepper. When noodles are done combine all ingredients except 2 bags of cheese.
2. Line the pan to be used with 1 of the bags of shredded cheese and another bag on top after combined ingredients are poured into pan.
3. Pop in oven for about 30-45 minutes.

And there you have it...Belinda's Baked Mac-n-Cheese!