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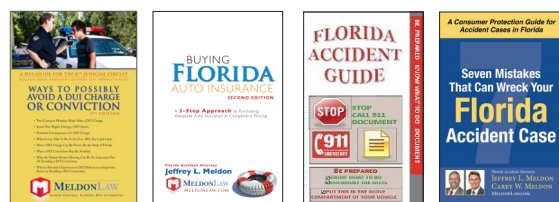
## Law Talk LIVE Airs on Saturdays!

Tune in and listen LIVE every Saturday morning to Law Talk LIVE at 10:30 A.M. with your hosts Jeffrey Meldon, Carey Meldon, and special guests on WSKY 97.3 FM News Talk Radio.

Entering its 16th consecutive year on air, Law Talk LIVE serves as the longest running Legal and Public Affairs radio program in the Southeast United States. The Meldon Law team brings you the latest discussions on legal topics and issues that you care about.



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

### Questions:

1. What is the only U.S. state with a single syllable name?
2. How many pairs of chromosomes are there in each human cell?
3. Which Smurf has a heart tattooed on each arm?
4. What is the telephone area code for the White House?
5. What is the capital of the Republic of Nauru?
6. What does the "J" stand for in the name of rapper LL Cool J?
7. What fruit was once called a Persian apple?
8. What is the standard tuning of a guitar?
9. What is the capital of Portugal?
10. What is a group of snipe called?



Answers: 1. Maine 2. 23 3. Hefty Smurf 4. 202 5. Yaren 6. James 7. Peach 8. E A D G B E 9. Lisbon 10. A Wisp

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# FEBRUARY

## Gainesville Outlaws Plastic/Styrofoam

Meldon Law Responds with Free Recyclable Bags

### Quotes of the Month

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

-Oscar Wilde

"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground."

-Theodore Roosevelt

"Life must be lived and curiosity kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

### Jokes of the Month

What did the football say to the punter?

"I get a kick out of you!"

Why did Abraham Lincoln have trouble sleeping? Because he couldn't lie!

Why is lettuce the most loving vegetable?

Because it's all heart!

The Gainesville city commission passed a new law that goes into effect August 1, 2019 that bans the use of plastic bags and Styrofoam containers. The commission's stated purpose is to move forward on the goal of limiting the use of items that are harmful to the environment. Coral Gables passed a similar ban in 2017 and other Florida cities are considering similar measures. There is sure to be much controversy regarding this new law. Many restaurant owners are complaining that for carryout the packaging cost of the alternatives are 3 to 4 times more expensive and that they don't work as well as styrofoam packaging. The typical plastic bag used at Gainesville stores costs one to four cents while environmentally friendly alternatives can reportedly cost as much as twenty-five to forty cents. Loosey's restaurant in Gainesville says they have found alternative packaging that costs 165% more than styrofoam. Gina Hawkins, the executive director of Keep Alachua County Beautiful said, "Consumers don't often think about how products like foam containers and plastic bags are nearly impossible to recycle." The goal is noble but the implementation will be difficult, and unfortunately, it may add some costs being passed on to the consumer. **Meldon Law has promoted the use of recyclable bags for years and wants to offer everyone who reads our newsletter an opportunity to get 3 fabulous recyclable grocery bags for free.** Our way of thanking everyone for promoting Florida as a great place to live while we also protect the environment. To request yours, just send an email with your home address to [tlovet@meldonlaw.com](mailto:tlovet@meldonlaw.com), or give us a call at **1-800-373-8000!**



Jeffrey and Sammy, the office dog, enjoying a Meldon Law bag!

### Thank You For Your Referral:



**Belinda Pitt** is one of our favorite clients. She 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 her choice.

-The Meldon Law Team

## In The Community... *Wyatt's Coffee & The Hyppo Popsicle Shop*

**Location:** 202 SE 2nd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601 **Website:** <http://www.wyattscoffee.com/>

**Wyatts Coffee:** Wyatt's Coffee Shop partners with some of the best roasters in the country to bring top notch roasts fresh into their Gainesville store each week. They believe in attention-to-detail, both in their brewing methods and in their roasts, and that's why they choose roasters who are meticulously obsessed with tailoring their roasts to each individual coffee to evoke maximum flavor. Wyatt's Coffee Shop believes that coffee should be single-origin, responsibly sourced, expertly roasted, carefully brewed, and boundlessly enjoyed. They are constantly bringing in new offerings from artisan partners to provide Wyatt's customers with fresh, day-changing coffee experiences. To learn more, check out their website,

[www.wyattscoffee.com](http://www.wyattscoffee.com)



**The Hyppo:** The Hyppo is a Gourmet Popsicle shop primarily based in the flavorful state of Florida. They strive to provide an authentic and uncommon culinary experience by crafting food with integrity and serving it with a one-of-a-kind blend of welcome and whimsy. The Hyppo makes all kinds of delightful all-natural ice pops from everything under the sun, and over 450 flavors later, they have built quite a reputation for creativity. To learn more about this fruitful and flavorful company, check out their website at [www.thehyppo.com](http://www.thehyppo.com).

## Community Events

### Collective Paper Aesthetics @ The Cade

Sunday, February 24th, 2019, 1PM-5PM

@ The Cade Museum, Gainesville, FL

The Cade Museum for Creativity & Invention commissioned renowned Dutch artist Noa Haim to bring the internationally acclaimed Collective Paper Aesthetics to Gainesville. The resulting Poly Cade Project was specially designed for the Cade, and we invite you and visitors of all ages to create and personalize foldable, 3D polyhedron structures.



### Gainesville's 3rd Annual Vegfest

Saturday, February 16, 2019, 10AM-5PM

@ Depot Park, Gainesville, FL

Presented by North Florida Veg Events, Inc., Gainesville VegFest is a celebration of a healthy, sustainable and compassionate way of life in the Gainesville community. This all-invited, free admission and family-friendly event includes speakers, food, music, cooking demos, yoga, vendors, kids' zone and more!



## Recipe of the Month....*Strawberry Confetti Pancakes*

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 2 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp kosher salt
- 1 cup of whole milk
- 1 egg
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp. butter, melted
- 5-6 medium-sized strawberries, sliced
- sprinkles of your choice



### Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, mix together milk, egg, and vanilla extract. In a separate bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.
2. Make a well in the flour mixture and pour in the milk mixture, mixing well and then adding in the melted butter and stirring until combined.
3. Heat a sauté pan over medium-low heat and butter or spray it with cooking spray. Once hot, scoop ½ cup of batter into the pan. Immediately lay 3-4 strawberry slices on each pancake, gently pressing each one in. Coat with sprinkles and let cook for about 2 mins or until golden brown. Flip to the other side and cook for another 1-2 mins.
4. To serve, place strawberry side up and sprinkle with confectioners sugar, or whipping cream and more sprinkles if desired.

This month's topic of interest: *February 2019*



## Jeffrey and Carey Go to School



This year Jeffrey participated in the National Trial Lawyers annual conference in Miami Beach, Florida from January 20-23, 2019. Every year, seasoned trial attorneys from around the country provide practical tips on how to get fantastic results for our clients. Carey was attending a trial lawyers seminar that same week in Park City, Utah while also having a little fun on the slopes. Miami Beach and Park City are certainly exciting places to visit, but we really learn an incredible amount of information during these presentations and get to network with a lot of great dedicated lawyers.

## Client Testimonials



*If you would like to leave feedback, please visit us on Google!*

*"I have been in two car accidents and called Meldon Law right away each time for help. Not only did they take care of everything for me, they were professional and handled my case promptly. I recommend this law firm tremendously!"*

*-Catherine, Former Client*

## Helping You Share Joy

We are happy to announce that the Meldon Law family was able to give away all 75 Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille gift cards! The goal of the 2019 gift card give away was to help others share joy with someone who could use a "cheer me up" during the holiday season.

Dear Meldon Law Family,

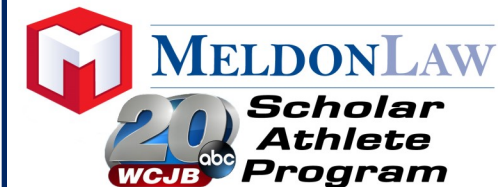
*Thank you for the \$25 Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille gift card and all the kind and generous things you do in the world. Thank you for helping spread the merriness of this holy season!*

Sincerely,

Frances



We would like to personally thank everyone who participated in letting us help you make a difference in someone's life. Be sure to keep a look out for more exclusive Meldon Law newsletter recipient giveaways!



*Welcoming Back our Meldon Law / WCJB TV-20 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 TV-20 to promote the event widely on TV-20.

**Tierra Jones** is a two-sport athlete for **Santa Fe High School**. She has been capable of maintaining an amazing 4.0 GPA while also being a drum major in the high school band, member of the track and field team, and the basketball team. Tierra is encouraged to lead by example and has helped positively influence younger students.

**Taniah Bowers** is a two-sport athlete for **Trenton High School**. She has excelled on the softball field, the basketball court, and in the classroom while maintaining an impressive 3.2 GPA. Taniah has made a state championship appearance in both sports and is proving to be a role model to younger athletes.

**Bryan Greenlee** is a phenomenal Point Guard for **The Rock's Varsity Boys Basketball team**. He has proven excellence on the court as the team captain and in the classroom while maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA. Bryan's passion and drive encourages him to play at the next level.

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. Call in or email nominations to **Elgin Rucker** at (352) 416-0646 or email at [erucker@wcjb.com](mailto:erucker@wcjb.com).