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"Jeffrey on the Air"

This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. What fungus is used in making bread?
2. What is the capital of Louisiana?
3. What team won the 100th anniversary Stanley Cup?
4. What is the capital of Cambodia?
5. Approximately how many kilometers is an Astronomical Unit?
6. Who wrote "The Murders in the Rue Morgue"?
7. What legendary jazz trumpeter was nicknamed "Satchmo"?
8. In 1553, Lady Jane Grey was Queen of England for how many days?
9. If you have singultus, what do you suffer from?
10. Are pumpkins fruits or vegetables?



Answers: 1. Yeast 2. Baton Rouge 3. The Montreal Canadiens 4. Phnom Penh 5. 150 Million 6. Edgar Allan Poe 7. Louie Armstrong 8. Nine 9. Hiccups 10. Fruits

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Quotes of the Month

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"With the coming of spring, I am calm again."

-Gustav Mahler

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."

-Edwin Way Teale

Jokes of the Month

Which state loves May the most?

May-ne!

Why can't you trust burritos to keep a secret? They tend to spill the beans!

What month of the year is the shortest?

May (only three letters)

JEFFREY VISITS THE PANAMA CANAL

One of the Seven Engineering Wonders of the World

I had the pleasure to travel to Panama in April for a wedding and got to experience an afternoon watching and learning about the Panama Canal. When completed in 1914, it was perhaps the greatest engineering masterpiece of its time. The concept of the Panama Canal dated back to the 1500's when Spain wanted to have shorter trade routes to Peru and the west coast of South America. Sailing around the southern tip of South America at Cape Horn was both time consuming and extremely treacherous.

The original design was to have a sea level canal but that proved to be

impossible. The final design was to create a series of locks to lift boats up 85 ft above sea level to a man made lake called Gatun Lake. Ships are lifted up going in and lifted down going out. The 51 mile route takes 11.38 hours to complete. A new super wide/deep set of locks were completed in 2016 in order to handle the huge super ships that have thousands of containers. It costs \$450,000 for a ship with 4,500 containers to cross the Panama Canal. There are approximately 20,000 ship crossings per year. Over 22,000 lives were lost to malaria and accidents during the earliest construction of the Canal by the French in the 1880's. When the United States took over construction of the canal in 1903, it took 11 years and cost an additional 5,600 lives to complete. Dr. Walter Reed was part of the medical team that devised a way to minimize the risks from malaria and other diseases.

I had no idea how amazing it would be to see the scope and size of the Panama Canal until I spent a few hours drinking cold beers and cocktails watching the Miraflores Locks raise and lower huge ships as they passed through this true Wonder of the World.



Jeffrey at the Panama Canal

APRIL'S REVIEW OF THE MONTH:

Carey Meldon has served as my attorney on multiple occasions and has never disappointed. He is the type of person that puts his heart and soul into your issues and generates the best possible resolution. I would recommend Carey for your legal services without any reservations whatsoever.

-Jason, Former Client

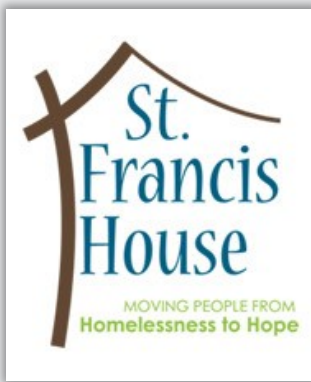


In The Community... **St. Francis House—Gainesville**

Location: 413 South Main Street, Gainesville, FL **Website:** www.stfrancishousegmv.org

The St. Francis House is on a mission to empower families with children to transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency by providing case management, housing, food, training and educational resources all in a secure environment.

More than a source of food, clothing and shelter, the St. Francis House provides guests with opportunities to overcome their problems while motivating and moving them forward. To learn more about this amazing organization, check out their website at www.stfrancishousegmv.org.



Community Events

Food for Fuel

Saturday, May 18th, 2019, 11:30A.M.
@ LIV Athletic, 1126 NW 2nd St, Gainesville, FL

Food for Fuel is a basic look at nutrition for those looking to dive into their nutrition habits. This class teaches athletes the basic understanding of quality, quantity, and how to start a new healthy diet.



Leadercast Ocala 2019

Friday, May 10th, 2019, 8:30A.M.-5P.M.
@ Klein Conference Center, Ocala, FL

Leadercast Live is the largest one-day leadership event in the world. Broadcast live each year from Atlanta to 100,000+ people in hundreds of locations around the world, Leadercast Live brings together many of the world's most recognized and respected global leaders to create a leadership experience unlike any other.



Stefany's Classic Best Ever Buckeyes

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 Cups of Peanut Butter
- 1 Cup Butter, Softened
- 1/2 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 6 Cups of Confectioner's Sugar
- 4 Cups Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips



Stefany Harrod is a Paralegal/Case Manager and has been with Meldon Law since April 2017. We are very lucky to have her!

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, mix together the peanut butter, butter, vanilla and confectioners' sugar. The dough will look dry. Roll into 1 inch balls and place on a waxed paper-lined cookie sheet.
2. Press a toothpick into the top of each ball (to be used later as the handle for dipping) and chill in freezer until firm, about 30 minutes.
3. Melt chocolate chips in a double boiler or in a bowl set over a pan of barely simmering water. Stir frequently until smooth.
4. Dip frozen peanut butter balls in chocolate holding onto the toothpick. Leave a small portion of peanut butter showing at the top to make them look like Buckeyes. Put back on the cookie sheet and refrigerate until serving.

TIP: Make sure the peanut butter balls are still very cold when dipping in the chocolate or they won't stick properly.

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

Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. We use our clients' comments to come up with ideas for the topics of interest. Here's a topic worth discussing.

Who is Liable if I am Injured in a Bus Accident?

We get this question a lot. As with many questions personal injury lawyers field, the answer is: It depends, primarily on the facts of your case. Typically, however, if you have been injured or damaged as a result of a bus accident, there are several parties the experienced team at Meldon Law may look to as having potential liability. We review them in-depth below.

Remember, however, that because [Florida is a no-fault insurance state](#), your [Personal Injury Protection insurance](#) coverage may first need to cover the costs of an injury you sustain in a bus accident. Consult an experienced bus accident attorney if you are not sure where to turn to recover compensation for a bus accident injury.

Bus Drivers: Just as with most motor vehicle accidents, it's possible for the driver of a bus involved in a crash to bear liability for injuring others. This may be aggravated if the driver operated the bus while fatigued, while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or while distracted by a cell phone or other screen device.

Bus Companies/Owners: If the accident involved a private bus (such as a tour bus or long-haul passenger bus), the company that owns and operates the bus may have liability for your injuries. Liability for a bus company can stem from it having hired or failed to properly train a negligent driver, for having failed to maintain a bus in good working condition, or having forced a driver to operate under dangerous road or work conditions. Under Florida law, the owner of any at fault vehicle bears primary liability for damages in a crash.

Drivers/Operators of Other Vehicles:

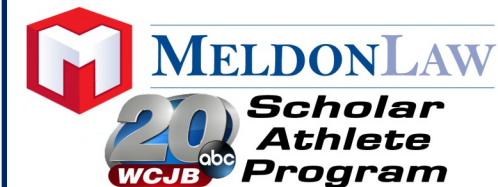
Sometimes a bus accident happens through no fault of the bus driver or his employer. Instead, the accident may be caused by the driver of some other motor vehicle that collides with, cuts off, or otherwise interferes with the operation of a bus. In these cases, the driver or operator of the other vehicle may be liable for your injuries.



Bus Manufacturers: When a bus takes to the road with an inherent defect in its design or assembly, it poses a risk to everyone on the road. The manufacturer of a defective bus or bus part (such as its tires or brake systems) may have liability to anyone injured in a crash precipitated by the failure of the bus or bus part to perform as intended under normal operating conditions.

Government Entities: If a government entity responsible for maintaining safe and clear roads fails in its duties, that entity may have liability to anyone injured as a result. A bus crash could easily occur, for example, if a county road authority fails to warn of closure of a road due to flooding or storm damage. Additionally, if a government entity owns and operates the bus involved in a crash, that entity may have liability in the same manner a private bus operator can.

If you have sustained injuries in a motor vehicle accident involving a bus, you may be entitled to compensation from any of the parties above. To learn more, [contact the experienced bus accident attorneys at Meldon Law today](#) and call us at (352) 373-8000 to schedule a free consultation.



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**.

Abbey Rivas is the Team Captain for **Santa Fe High School's** varsity girls soccer team. She leads the team in goals scored and leads her peers as Student Body President. Abbey demonstrates academic excellence, maintaining a **4.46 GPA** and would like to attend the University of Central Florida after graduating.

Jasmin Jackson is the Team Captain for **Cedar Key High School's** varsity girls basketball team. She holds the school record for total points scored while maintaining an impressive **3.8 GPA**. Jasmin would like to play basketball in college and obtain a degree in International Business.

Kyleigh Beecham is the weightlifting and volleyball captain for **Gainesville High School**. She is the district and regional weightlifting champion. Kyleigh is active in the Cambridge program, where she maintains an amazing **4.5 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. Call in or email nominations to **Cierra Clark** at (407) 485-3344 or Cierra.clark@wcjb.com.