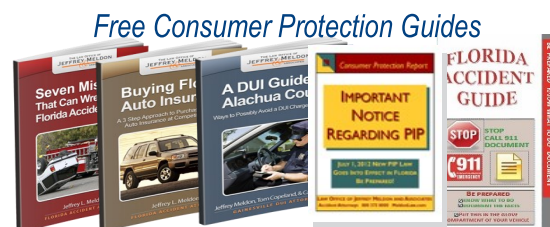


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We take great pride in our *Meldon Law Community Newsletter*, the *Scholar Athlete Program*, the *Law Talk Live Radio Show*, and all of our free consumer protection guides, including our *Accident Kit!* We wanted to take the time to show our appreciation to our loyal subscribers and ask for your feedback as we head into our 9th consecutive year of producing this newsletter as well as continuing our various other programs! Let us know how we are doing by going to either <https://review.bz/feedback/MeldonLawGainesville> or <https://review.bz/feedback/MeldonLawOcala> to leave us your

feedback!



This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. What letter isn't in any of the United States' names?
2. What movie was the last ever rented from a Blockbuster?
3. Which famous author became the first person to become a billionaire by writing books?
4. What favorite movie snack costs more per ounce than Filet Mignon?
5. What is the prize for first place at the Wife Carrying World Championships in Finland?
6. In what country is it a tradition when you donate a pint of blood they give you a pint of Guinness to replace the iron?
7. How much does a typical cloud weigh?
8. How many miles of blood vessels are in the human body?
9. What famous university is older than the Aztec Empire?
10. What is the national animal of Scotland?



Answers: 1. Q 2. This Is The End 3. J.K. Rowling 4. Popcorn 5. Wife's Weight in Beer 6. Ireland 7. 1.1 Million Pounds 8. 60,000 9. Oxford University 10. The Unicorn

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Quotes of the Month

"Here's something to think about:
How come you never see a headline
like 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?"
-Jay Leno

"You grow up the day you have your
first real laugh at yourself."
-Ethel Barrymore

"Put your hand on a hot stove for a
minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit
with a pretty girl for an hour, and it
seems like a minute. That's relativity."
-Albert Einstein

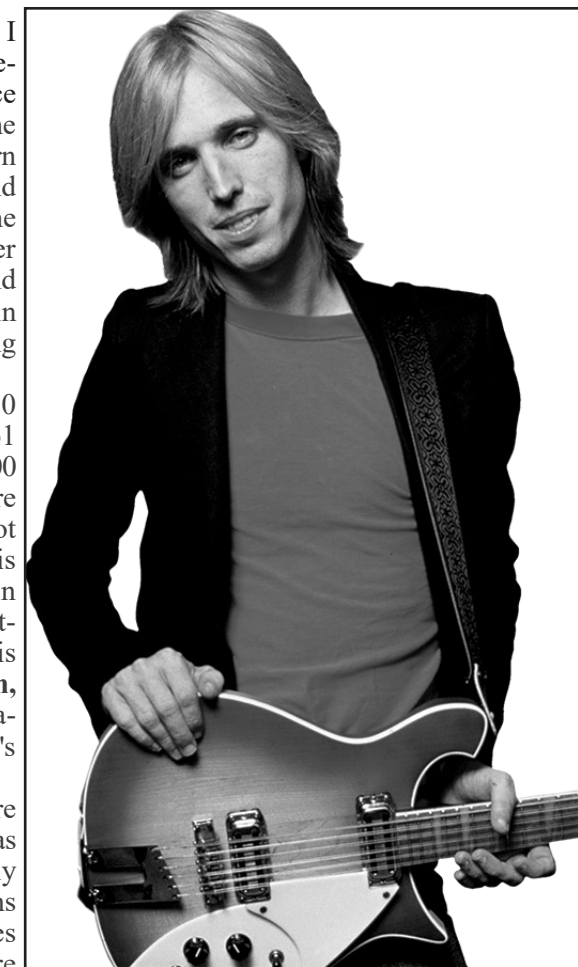
"Music is probably the only real
magic I have encountered in my life.
There's not some trick involved with it.
It's pure and it's real. It moves, it
heals, it communicates and does all
these incredible things."
-Tom Petty

Tom Petty: Hometown Hero

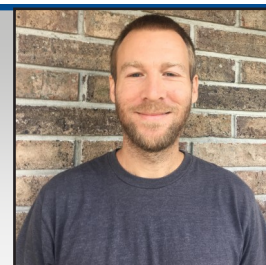
I first met Tom Petty when I moved to Gainesville in 1970 and I represented him when I opened my law office in 1971. Tom Petty was far and away the most famous person that was ever born and raised in Gainesville Florida. He and his band, the Heartbreakers, are all in the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame. However Tom Petty's fame extends worldwide and he often wrote and talked about his life in Gainesville and what it was like growing up in a small southern college town.

When Tom was born in 1950 Gainesville had a population of 26,861 and the University of Florida had 10,000 students. It was a different time. But there may never have been a Tom Petty if not for his visit to see Elvis Presley with his Uncle Earl Jernigan on a movie set in Ocala, FL. And certainly seeing the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show rocked his world. Don Felder and Bernie Leadon, who would become members of the Eagles, all worked and hung out at Lipham's Music Store with Tom.

Gainesville was full of future Rock Stars like Stephen Stills as well as The Allmans Brothers who frequently visited from Daytona. There were dozens of rock bands playing at the Frat parties at UF and Tom Petty was right there playing with the Sundowners and the Epics. And later he played Dub's 6 nights a week 5 sets a night with Mudcrutch, honing his skills, while the GO GO dancers also entertained the crowd in the bar.



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Thank You For Your Referral:

Justin Hyer, 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 his choice.

-The Meldon Law Team

In The Community... Junior League of Ocala

Website: www.juniorleagueofocala.com Mission Statement: "Women Building Better Communities"

Junior League of Ocala is a service organization comprised of women with a goal towards volunteerism, the development of women, and the improvement of communities through action and leadership of trained volunteers. Specifically, Junior League of Ocala is partnered with the City of Ocala's Recreation and Parks Department. Through that partnership, the goal is to build up parks in order to build up the community. Together, Junior League of Ocala and the City of Ocala foster spaces for families to come out, play, and enjoy the beautiful city while spending time together. Most, if not all, of the proceeds raised through events are donated towards park projects around the Ocala community. To learn more about us, check out our Facebook page at Junior League of Ocala.



Tom Petty: Hometown Hero Continued

Music was abundant on the Plaza of the Americas, the Rathskeller, the University Auditorium, at every little bar in town and at the Mudcrutch Farm which hosted Gainesville's incredible versions of Woodstock in 1970-71. Tom Petty was the ultimate rock n' roller raised during the birth of rock n' roll. He was driven, he was inspired and he had gifts for writing, singing and playing music that would change the world. He wrote music people could relate to, sing to, and love forever. He epitomized the essence of rock and roll. **Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers** were Gainesville, Florida's greatest rock n' roll band and perhaps the last great American rock n' roll band at the time of Tom's untimely death on October 2nd, 2017. Gainesville was the incubator that created the environment that allowed so many talented young people to emerge and change the world. *Thank You, Tom Petty, for all you did for the world and for your Hometown: Gainesville, Florida.*



This month's topic of interest: **November 2017**

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.

Introducing: Mr. Meanor 😂

During my early career as a prosecutor in Daytona Beach, I had a fulfilling opportunity to work with law enforcement in handling all different types of cases where people had been charged with a variety of crimes. Although it was serious work, handling thousands of cases that affected both the victims and the people charged with the crimes, we tried to find levity in our days to keep us sane. One particular situation comes to mind, where a confusing moment quickly turned into a bellyful of laughter and an office nickname.

In Florida, crimes are divided into Felonies and Misdemeanor offenses. At this time, I was prosecuting the less serious Misdemeanor crimes along with several other prosecutors and staff. I was speaking to a nice lady who unfortunately had her car vandalized and wanted to provide our office with a repair invoice with the total monetary amount it would cost to get it fixed. I advised her to fax over the invoice and attention it to "Misdemeanor" so I could place it in my file and request the Judge to order the defendant to pay restitution for the damaged car. The lady responded "sure, right away". I waited for a half and hour and still hadn't received the fax. Thinking that the lady may have gotten busy, I walked out to the fax machine and asked Betty, who was a grizzled veteran of the Daytona Prosecutor's office, had she received any faxes? She responded "yes Carey, but I didn't know where to file it because it's not addressed to anyone who works in this office." I walked over to Betty curious as to what the fax was all about. Lo and behold I quickly realized why Betty was confused. The fax sheet had been addressed to "Mister Meanor" instead of "Misdemeanor".

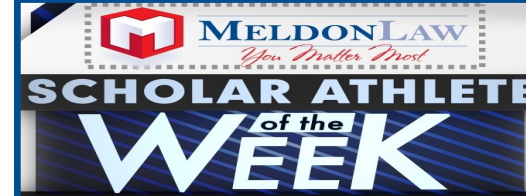
Apparently, the victim had thought that "Meanor" was my last name. Needless to say, Betty and I started laughing and from that day on I was no longer Mr. Meldon but Mr. Meanor!



Carey Meldon



From Left to Right:
A Krispy Kreme Bus joining the UF Homecoming Parade, and Meldon Law Office Members at the Swamp Restaurant taking part in the parade excitement!



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!

October 5th, 2017: Alena Kraus is a swimmer on **Gainesville High School's** Varsity Team. She is dedicated to excellence in her sport as well as in her studies. Alena will continue her swimming career and education at **Louisville University** in the fall.

Former Meldon Law-TV20 Scholar Athlete of the Year: Duke Dawson (2013-14)

Duke Dawson, of **Dixie County High School**, is a major contributor for the **Florida Gators Defense**. He has been a key player on this young team throughout his junior year. His leadership has been unwavering during some difficult games, and he is continually striving for academic excellence.



Duke Dawson #7

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 erucker@wcjb.com