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Jeffrey and Patricia in Grenada on the CrispX cruise!



Carey with Maria, her daughter, and mother at the Florida Gators Men's Basketball game!



Our VIP Prize Package winners got to meet the HBC while using the Spurrier's giftcard that they won!

2024: EMBRACING THE EXTRA DAY - LEAP YEAR'S ARRIVAL

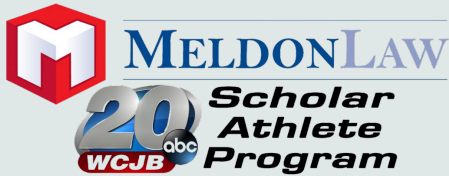
In the grand tapestry of time, the phenomenon of leap years has always been a fascinating quirk. Every four years our calendars proudly declare an extra day in February, extending the year to 366 days instead of the usual 365. The year 2024 is no exception as it marks the arrival of another leap year inviting us to explore the history, significance, and peculiarities of this calendar anomaly.

Leap years have been around for centuries, with their origins dating back to the Roman calendar. In the Gregorian calendar we use today, a leap year occurs if the year is divisible by four, except for years divisible by 100 but not by 400. In simpler terms, 2024, being divisible by four, earns its place as a leap year, granting us an extra day on February 29th.

This additional day serves to synchronize our calendars with Earth's orbit around the

sun ensuring that the calendar year and the astronomical year align as closely as possible. Without leap years our calendars would slowly drift out of sync with the seasons creating a considerable discrepancy over time.

Beyond its role in timekeeping, leap years hold a special place in folklore and tradition. Some cultures view leap years as auspicious times for marriage proposals while others associate them with unusual superstitions. Regardless of personal beliefs, the arrival of a leap year like 2024 offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the intricate ways in which humanity has sought to understand and measure time throughout history. So, as we embark on this extra day in 2024, let us embrace the quirks of our calendars and take a moment to ponder the significance of leap years.



25th Anniversary

Nominate a Scholar Athlete
of the Week!

Meldon Law has sponsored the Scholar Athlete Program since 1997. Every week of the 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.

Former Scholar Athletes:

If you are a former scholar athlete or know one, please get in contact with Meldon Law at (352) 373-8000

MYLES GRAHAM - Talent plus hard work equals an opportunity to do something special, Buchholz's Myles Graham is just that on the football field, gifted. During his high school career, Graham accounted for a total of 34 total touchdowns on offense, and 301 total tackles on defense. But his passion and drive all started back when he was a kid. Graham responded to the adversity with a stellar year that consisted of over 800 total yards, 8 total touchdowns, and an impressive 130 total tackles, which led him to the opportunity to play at UF. Graham has a 4.0 GPA, is graduating early this fall and plans to study construction management with a minor in business.

DA'MAR WIMS - P.K. Yonge's Da'mar Wims is what every coach dreams of. A player who lives and breathes basketball not only for herself, but for those surrounding her. Wims strives for perfection both in and out of the classroom. She has a 4.0 GPA, is a part of the Feminist Club, Precollegiate Club, National English Honor Society and Black Student Union.

Criteria: He or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor of their sport, & is a high school senior. Send nominations to taylor.burr@wcjb.com or jake.rongholt@wcjb.com



CASE RESULT

Our client was in a turn lane facing east when he proceeded to drive through a green light. Another vehicle drove through their red light and crashed into our client's front driver side wheel area. The impact was so severe that our client's vehicle was deemed a total loss. Even more devastating was the impact it had on our client physically. Due to the collision, our client had to undergo dental implant replacement and a need for surgical procedures. Our office ultimately was able to settle our client's case presuit for six figures.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH - AMY'S POT ROAST

INGREDIENTS:

- Inexpensive cut of beef roast
- Garlic butter spread from Publix (you can use regular butter if necessary)
- Lipton onion soup packet
- Dry ranch mix packet
- Minced garlic, about two heaping tablespoons
- Olive oil
- Worcestershire sauce
- Flour
- Water
- One yellow or vidalia onion
- Gravy Master, if needed



DIRECTIONS:

Make sure your meat is fresh or fully thawed. Cut off any excess fat, but leave a little bit on there. Get your cast iron pan nice and hot with the olive oil in it. Toss in the garlic and start browning it. Spread the butter THICK on the beef. Place it into the hot pan, butter side down and sear both sides and the edges. You aren't cooking the meat; you're just searing it on all sides. Place the meat in your crock pot. Take roughly two cups of water and pour slowly into your cast iron skillet to loosen all the seared on goodness from the bottom of the pan, stirring it with a spatula. When it is all cleaned up, dump this broth into your crockpot, making sure to cover the meat. You can add water if you need more to make sure the meat is covered fully. Drop in a packet of onion soup mix and the ranch packet. Give the Worcestershire sauce bottle about five shakes into the pot. Stir so the dry ingredients are mixed. Cut the ends off the onion and place it whole into the pot. Cook it for three to four hours on high. Let it cool and place it in the refrigerator overnight. The meat will likely not be tender at this point. Don't worry about it.

The next day take it out and start cooking it for another four hours on high. Remove the softened onion. You will know it's finished when you can pull the meat apart with a fork. As it is boiling, mix up the flour and cold water. Make sure there are no lumps. Pour this into the boiling broth and stir it quickly so it doesn't clump up. Your gravy will thicken in minutes. You can add a little gravy master if needed.

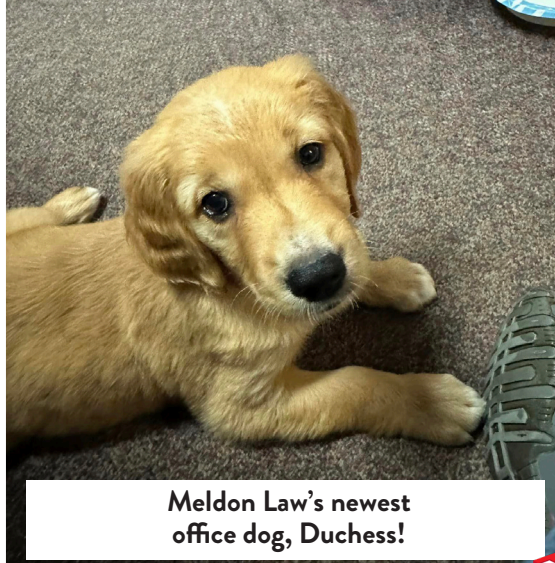
In the Community..



Jeffrey and Patricia with Irene Zisblatt who starred in Steven Spielberg documentary, "The Last Days."



Jeffrey with gymnastics ticket giveaway winners!



Meldon Law's newest office dog, Duchess!



Jeffrey with Rep. Kat Cammack



TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month, team leads will nominate staff members who have exemplified Meldon Law's core values, and a firm vote will be held to select the winner.



Jessica Thomason

Case Manager

Jessica's dedication to providing outstanding legal representation is unmatched. She reaches for **excellence** every day on behalf of those injured through no fault of their own.

- Compassion
- Accountability
- Reliability
- Excellence
- Sense of Urgency



REFER A FRIEND



At Meldon Law we love helping people and continue to work hard to provide our clients with the best experience through challenging times.

If you happen to know of anyone who may need the services we provide, please have them reach out to us at 352-373-8000.

JOKES OF THE MONTH

What did the man with the broken leg tell his Valentine?

I have a crutch on you.

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What did one volcano say to the other?

I lava you.

.....

What did the cucumber say to the pickle?

You mean a great dill to me.

.....

What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?

I'm stuck on you!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



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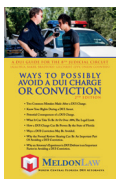


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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“ Every moment is a fresh beginning. ”

- T.S. Eliot



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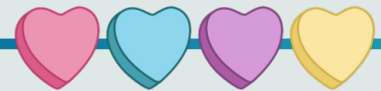
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THIS MONTH'S TRIVIAL PURSUIT

QUESTIONS

1. “Wearing your heart on your sleeve” has origins from honoring which Roman goddess?
2. About how many roses are sent for Valentine’s Day each year?
3. A single red rose surrounded by baby’s breath is called what by florists?
4. On average, how many marriage proposals are there on every Valentine’s Day?
5. When was February 14 first declared to be Valentine’s Day?
6. How much money do Americans spend on chocolate for Valentine’s Day each year?

1. Juno, 2. 50 million, 3. A signature rose, 4. 220,000, 5. 1537, 6. \$1 billion.