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This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

- 1. What nation was bounced from the Organization of American States in 1962?
- 2. What continent has the fewest flowering plants?
- 3. What element begins with the letter "K"?
- 4. What is sushi traditionally wrapped in?
- 5. Who averaged one patent for every three weeks of his life?
- 6. What explorer introduced pigs to North America?
- 7. What railway linked Moscow and Irkutsk in 1900?
- 8. Who offered insurance against an accidental death caused by a falling Sputnik?
- 9. Name the world's biggest island.
- 10. Which record label did Michael Jackson first record on?

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Inspirational and Funny Quotes of the Month

"Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please."

-Mark Twain

"Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?"

-Robin Williams

"Life would be tragic if it weren't funny."

-Stephen Hawking

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone."

-Anthony Burgess

"Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired."

-Jules Renard

Meldon Law Out Negotiates Robots!

People have been wondering for a long time how to get rid of lawyers. Guess what? We're here to stay. It turns out that computers have a limited capacity to do certain things that humans do. For example, when it comes to Strategy, Creativity, Judg-

ment and Empathy, lawyers do far better than "artificial intelligence". I guess that means that when it comes to handling your personal injury case, Jeffrey or Carey Meldon can outfox any legal computer based program. There are certain areas of the law where computer software is



catching up with the lawyers: those areas include bankruptcy or patents and certain tasks like contract review. Since 2012 over \$750 million dollars has been raised to fund legal technology start-ups. Certainly Legal Zoom and other companies have shown an ability to provide forms to help with some basic tasks. However, I have noticed that Legal Zoom now offers lawyers to help advise people on what needs to be done in their particular situation. I am often amazed how people will freely enter into a contract to buy a home worth 200k or more and

never consult a lawyer first. The same applies to serious accident cases: call your lawyer right away. We at Meldon Law are glad to say that although "you matter most", we still matter when it comes to handling your accident case.



Jeffrey Meldon



Thank You For Your Referral:

Michael Tkac of Gainesville, FL 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

Answers: 1. Cuba 2. Antarctica 3. Krypton 4. Edible Seaweed 5. Thomas Edison 6. Christopher Columbus 7. The Trans-Siberian

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In The Community... GiGi's Playhouse (Down Syndrome Achievement Centers)

Location: 3345 SW 34th Street, Suite 2, Gainesville, FL 32608 Website: www.gigisplayhouse.org/gainesville

GiGi's Playhouse is the ONLY nationwide network of Down syndrome achievement centers; changing lives through free, results-driven programs for individuals of all ages, families and communities. GiGi's Playhouse is an inspirational and dedicated place for families to celebrate their child and benefit from free programs that unleash joy, confidence and continuous improvement. Playhouses empower children and adults to achieve their "Best of All" and to pursue their dreams. Founded by GiGi's Mom, Nancy Gianni, in Hoffman Estates, IL the organization now includes 31 community Playhouses including the first global Playhouse location in Mexico. In that three months, GiGi's Playhouse has been featured on NBC Nightly News with Kate Snow and Tom Brokaw's "An American Story" Radio Show. Currently there are more than 100 inquiries for new Playhouses worldwide. Please explore our programs, Playhouse sto-

ries, and opportunities to support our amazing kids and adults by going to www.gigisplayhouse.org/gainesville.











Community Events

2017 Swamp Challenge

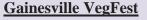
Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Gainesville, FL @ Ben Hill Griffin Stadium

The Swamp Challenge is expertly designed to incorporate fitness and fun into the ultimate venue: Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (aka 'The Swamp'). The event features 3 unique divisions— Kids Adventure Race, Adult Adventure Race, and Fitness Competition. All workouts and obstacles are achievable and de-

signed to bring athletes of all ages and skill levels together. Join us for an unforgettable day filled with music, food, and night time entertainment!

For more information about the event and how to register, go to www.swampchallenge.com!



Saturday, April 8, 2017, 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

Gainesville, FL @ Westside Park

Gainesville Veg Fest is a family-friendly life changing event for creating a healthy, compassionate, and sustainable world! Listen to knowledgeable speakers, enjoy live music, eat delicious healthy food, visit eco-friendly and compassionate exhibitors, and bring your little ones for crafts, workshops, and fun! Appropriate for all ages.

Visit www.gainesvillevegfest.com for more info!



<u> Highlights of 2017</u>



Interesting Fact! — This "Happy Wagon" in the picture above was originally used by "Mr. Happy" in Philadelphia, PA. It was discovered dilapidated in a parking lot at Tory Pines Golf Club. The original Crosley radio is still in working order and the top speed is 45 MPH downhill.

People, often say "A picture is worth a thousand words."







From left to right: Jeffrey at a car show in Amelia Island, Jeffrey and Carey at their family reunion in Breckenridge, Colorado, Jeffrey and friends on the Blues Cruise, and Jeffrey at the top of Aspen Mountain.

This month's topic of interest: April 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.

Planning a Spring Road Trip? Make Sure That You Get Your Vehicle Checked Out!

Spring will soon be upon us, and a lot of people feel the call of the open road. For many, there's no more beautiful time to travel, but it's important to plan your trip carefully in order to ensure that it's as safe as it is enjoyable.

The Road Trip Checklist

AAA (American Automobile Association) has amassed a great deal of information¹ to help you stay safe while you make the most of your road trip. Their advice includes simple but important potentially trip-saving tips:

- Make sure that your car or other vehicle is maintained properly. Take care of any necessary maintenance before heading out and always have your tires inspected before embarking on a long trip.
- Plan your route and map it out. Factor in rush hours, peak travel dates, road construction, and weather reports forecasting inclement weather. When possible, alter your schedule to avoid these kinds of known obstacles.
- Keep your cell phone accessible and fully charged at all times. Many roadside assistance companies have apps that make it possible to seek assistance without making a phone call.
- Always lock your car when you leave it, park in a highly visible spot, and keep your valuables out of sight (either in the trunk or tucked away).
- If children are traveling with you, make sure that you have a safety plan that includes instructing them never to talk to strangers, never to visit the bathroom alone, to remain with your group at all times, and to employ the emergency whistle you supply them with if (and only if) they ever do get separated.

Keep your roadside assistance contact information readily available.

You and your family want to enjoy the gorgeous scenery of spring and don't want to be hampered by an accident or unforeseen disruption. Preparing wisely can help make your road trip everything that you want it to be.

If – despite your best efforts – you are involved in a car accident, don't despair; help is available. The assistance of an experienced lawyer can ensure that you are compensated for your losses, including your medical expenses, lost income, loss of quality of life, and physical and emotional pain and suffering.

IF YOUR ROAD TRIP IS INTERRUPTED BY AN ACCIDENT, CONTACT AN EXPERIENCED FLORIDA CAR-ACCIDENT ATTORNEY TODAY

The experienced <u>Gainesville car accident attorneys</u> at <u>Meldon Law</u> are skilled at conducting thorough accident investigations, and they will help you obtain the compensation that you are entitled to. If you or someone you care about has been in a car accident, call us today at (352) 373-8000 or <u>contact us online</u> to schedule a free consultation.

http://exchange.aaa.com/automobiles-travel/automobiles/holiday-road-trip-travel-tips/#.WLeQCfKE6mY



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!

March 2nd, 2017: Gant Moore is a Captain for Buchholz High School's Varsity Boys Wrestling Team. Gant qualified for the state tournament in his junior and senior year while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. He is undecided on where he will be attending college, but he does know he would like to stay close to home.

March 8th, 2017: Emily Hallman is a catcher on Chiefland High School's Varsity Girls Softball Team. Emily is a 4 year Varsity player and during her high school career she has accumulated three state championship titles. Her hard work on the field also reflects her dedication in the classroom as she finishes high school ranked 7th in her class with a 4.2 GPA.

March 19th, 2017: Amber Gillette is a member of Eastside High School's Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team. She is well-rounded in extracurricular activities while exhibiting strong leadership characteristics on the field and in the classroom. Amber is also ranked first in her class for grade point average with a 5.0.

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. Please send your nominations to Brandan McCalla via email at **BMcCalla@divcom.com**, or you can call Brandan at (352)-416-0646.

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