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

- 1. In which country is the source of the river Danube?
- 2. Who directed the 1996 film "Escape from L.A."?
- 3. Who wrote the novel "The Da Vinci Code"?
- 4. Which singer had a 1964 hit with "King of the Road"?
- 5. What is the smallest ocean?
- 6. What is the Roman name of the Greek god Pan?
- 7. What common affliction makes the lens of the eve go opaque?
- 8. What year did the U.S. issue a patent on the production of margarine?
- 9. What is the capital of Western Samoa?
- 10. Who directed the Oscar-winning movie Casablanca?

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#### Quotes of the Month

"But man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated."

#### -Ernest Hemingway

"Whoever is happy will make others happy too."

#### -Anne Frank

"Make your life a masterpiece; imagine no limitation on what you can be, have or do."

-Brian Tracy

#### Jokes of the Month

David: Why did the broom get a poor grade in school?

Dan: I don't know. Why?

David: Because it was always sweeping during class!

> What do you call an alligator detective?

> > An "investi-gator"

# EUROPEAN SUMMER

I had the most amazing trip to London, Paris and Amsterdam this summer. While in London we got to see Westminster Abbey close up with a fabulous guide who has been studying British History for over 40 years. Did you know that construction on Westminster Abbey started in 1245 and wasn't completed until 1517? All the kings and queens of England since 1066 have been crowned there. We also toured the Tower of London where the Royal Jewels are held. The Great Star of

Africa Diamond is 530.2 carats, but the original diamond was over 3000 carats in size! We also got to see Les Miserables at the Queen's Theater in West End London. What a great story and seeing it live was magnificent. We finished up our London trip with a tour of the Tate Modern Museum which had an exhibit with over 200 Picasso paintings from the year 1932.

We then hopped on the Eurostar Train for a 2.5 hour ride under the English Channel on our way to Paris. My favorite museum in Paris was the Orsay Museum built in a former grand train station. It has a huge collection of Impressionistic art from the mid 1800's forward. Monet, Renoir, Degas, Van Gogh, Manet, Pissarro, Toulouse-Latreque, Gaugin and many more were on display. In fact, we spent twice as much time there as in the Louvre Museum. Of course, we had to say hello to the Mona Lisa. A trip to Notre Dame with our guide Chris followed by a chamber orchestra concert performance of



Jeffrey in Amsterdam

Vivaldi's Four Seasons at St. Chapelle with its incredible stained glass windows was awe inspiring. The top of the Eiffel Tower to watch the sunset over Paris and toast with a glass of Moet champagne wasn't too bad either. But the highlight of Paris for me was our front row seats to see Carlos Santana perform for 18,000 fans. Santana is better than ever, and he played for over 2 hours to a frenzied crowd dancing to the music.

In Amsterdam the best was saved for last. We stayed on a houseboat on the Amstel river next to the skinny bridge-Magere Brut. It had once been owned by the king's brother so it had an outside deck and living area higher than any of the other boats around. Absolutely beautiful at night with the bridge lit up and the boats cruising by. Article Continued on Page 3



#### Thank You For Your Referral:

*Katherine Poole* 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



10:30 Saturday mornings on The Sky/97.3 FM.

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## In The Community...Rebuilding Together North Central Florida

Location: 4550 SW 41 Blvd #2, Gainesville, FL Website: rebuildingtogetherNCF.org

Rebuilding Together North Central Florida (RTNCF) is a home repair organization dedicated to addressing the substandard housing needs in North Central Florida. They strive to increase safety, security, and well-being for residents in need by providing a tangible place for the community members to get involved in rebuilding efforts. Repairs are completed through coordination efforts, community contributions, and sub-contracted services. Volunteers of all skill levels are trained to help meet significant housing requirements in the communities, giving them a firm foundation for

a successful life. RTNCF acts as a viable vehicle for connecting neighbors and creating sustainable communities by providing the training and resources to enable volunteers to get involved with the housing needs of their neighbors. For more information about this wonderful organization check out their website at <a href="mailto:rebuildingtogetherNCF.org">rebuildingtogetherNCF.org</a>!





## **Community Events**

**Enriching Alternative Medicine with Essential Oils** 

Saturday, August 18, 2018, 10:00AM-6:00PM

@ Hilton Garden Inn, 4075 SW 33rd Place, Gainesville, FL

The ISFTA Enriching Alternative Medicine with Essential Oils course is designed to provide an introduction on the science of essential oils and how to incorporate the use of EO's for their medicinal benefit. The uses of essential oils are vast and represent a well-documented model for im-

proving overall health. Widespread acceptance of essential oils has led many to choose this more natural approach to health maintenance. This course focuses heavily on the case for complimentary and integrative medicine.



#### Florida Blues Society Regional Blues Challenge

Sunday, August 26, 2018, Doors Open 7:00PM, Show at 8:00 PM @ High Dive, 210 SW 2nd Ave, Gainesville, FL

The North Central Florida Blues Society is an affiliate of the Blues Foundation, which holds the International Blues Challenge every year in Memphis. As an affiliate, the North Central Florida Blues Society

holds a regional competition which allows for a winning band, solo/duo, and self-produced CD to compete as a representative of the North Central Florida region in the IBC in Downtown Memphis, Tennessee in the Beale Street Historic District. Tickets start at \$5.



## Belinda's Refreshing Fruit Infused Water

#### **Ingredients:**

- 8 Cups of purified water
- 1 Lemon
- 3" Peeled ginger root
- 20 Fresh Mint Leaves
- 1 Orange
- 1 Cucumber
- 1 Lime

(Have fun incorporating your favorite fruits/ vegetables into the mix too!)

#### <u>Directions:</u>

- 1. Not adding water yet, slice lemon and lime in half and squeeze into pitcher.
- 2. Add mint leaves, sliced orange, sliced cucumber.
- 3. Chop peeled ginger root into thin slivers to expose as much surface area as possible. Add to pitcher.
- 4. Pour water into pitcher and stir contents. Let sit in fridge for at least 30 minutes. (overnight is best). Serve cold and often!



Belinda has been working at Meldon Law for 2 years as a receptionist/legal assistant. We are lucky to have her!

## This month's topic of interest: August 2018

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.

# Drugged Driving-Teens Are Most At Risk

According to one study, 30% of high school seniors reported driving after using alcohol or other illicit drugs or riding with a driver who had at least once in the two weeks prior. "Driving under the influence" (DUI) among teens is widespread, and it doesn't just mean alcohol. As a Florida automobile accident attorney and <u>DUI lawyer</u>, I've seen the tragic effects of impaired driving on teen lives.



I urge you to talk with your teen about drugged driving. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, 15 to 20 years old, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Drugged driving" is a major public safety concern and contributing factor. "Drugged driving" means using prescription, illicit, or over-the-counter drugs before taking the wheel. When it comes to the teen drug of choice, marijuana and then prescription medications are the most commonly abused according to the 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Drugs affect the brain and central nervous system, re-

sulting in possible disorientation, loss of balance, drowsiness, memory loss, or "sleep driving." Drugs are especially dangerous for young drivers when mixed with alcohol. My advice, talk with your teen. Studies show that teens who reported having conversations with their parents about alcohol and drugs were more likely to stay drug-free. For more information on this topic, check out our website at <a href="MeldonLaw.com">MeldonLaw.com</a> or give us a call at (800) 373-8000.



Carey Meldon

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We rented bikes and rode all over Amsterdam discovering new places as we got lost. That's the best part of having your Google Maps malfunction

while trying to get somewhere. The Van Gogh museum was over the top. It tells an indepth story of this great and troubled Dutchman whose work, produced in only 10 years, had such a profound influence on the art world. Most of the other great Dutch painters were exhibited at the Rijks Museum which is not to be missed. And one of my favorites was the tour of the Heinekens Brewery. Of course you get to sample the product after seeing how they make their world famous beer!

While we were touring around, we made sure to pop into a bar/restaurant for every World Cup Soccer match. Cheering on the teams with the locals was exhilarating. So that's my story and I welcome any readers to contact me for suggestions of things to do and places to visit. Now it's time to get back to SEC football!



 ${\it Jeffrey\ with\ New\ Suitcase\ in\ Tow}$ 

# SCHOLAR ATHLETE Of the VEEK

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.

#### Our Most Recent Scholar Athletes!

Anna Tovkach is a member of the Track and Field Team for Eastside High School. She has participated in long running races such as the 400 meter run. She is an excellent leader in her sport and in the classroom, where she accomplished achieving a 5.0 GPA.

Jessica Parsells has been an outstanding member of the Newberry High School Softball Team. She has played multiple positions, and maintained a 4.5 GPA. She will be attending Santa Fe College where she will continue her academic and athletic career.



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.