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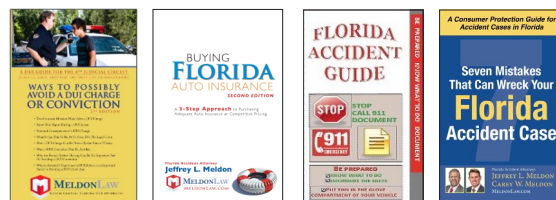


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Meldon Law / CBS4 News Celebrate Local Veterans!

Mid-January marked the first interview Meldon Law / CBS4 news conducted with one of the Veterans nominated for our Veterans Making a Difference program. Jeffrey spoke to **Donald Conner**, a 98-year-old **WWII veteran** who served in the frontlines of the last major battle of WWII at **Okinawa**. Mr. Conner suffered a concussion from either an explosion or a grenade in the line of battle that resulted in him getting air lifted to a hospital in Guam. After spending time in the hospital in Guam, he was sent back to his home in North Carolina. For that injury he earned himself a **Purple Heart**, which he still keeps close to him.



Don recounting his time served.

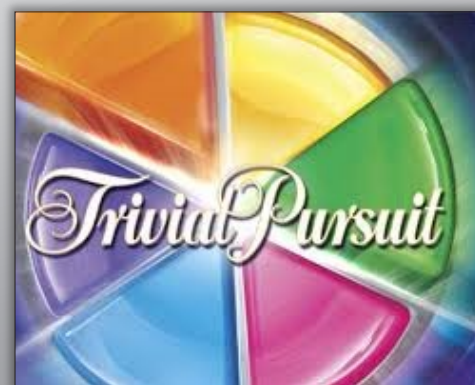


Don's Purple Heart.

This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. A group of rhinos is called a what?
2. What is the capital of Sweden?
3. How many dice are in the game "Boggle"?
4. Joe Louis became World Champion in what year?
5. What is the characteristic of a "nimbus" cloud?
6. What military alliance did the US join in 1949?
7. What is the oldest bridge over the river Seine in Paris?
8. What famous horse belonged to Don Quixote?
9. Lincoln is the capital of what state?
10. What is the largest desert in Australia?



Answers: 1. A crash 2. Stockholm 3. Sixteen 4. 1937 5. Rain 6. NATO 7. Pont Neuf 8. Rocinante 9. Nebraska 10. Great Victoria Desert

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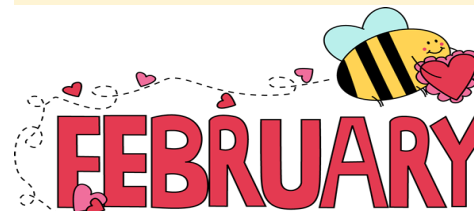
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Wrongful Death

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Quotes of the Month

"What we have done for ourselves dies with us; what we have done for others remains and is immortal."

-Albert Pike

"It is by logic that we prove, but by intuition that we discover."

-Henri Poincar

"There is no problem of human nature which is insoluble."

-Ralph Johnson Bunche

Jokes of the Month

What did the pirate say on his 80th birthday?

AYE MATEY

What do you call a dog that can do magic?

A Labracadabrador.

MELDON LAW EXPANDS!

Meldon Law is expanding both its Gainesville and Ft. Lauderdale offices to better serve our rapidly growing family of clients. 2019 was a tremendous year for Meldon Law and for those folks we represented! Our successes increased rapidly, and we decided it was time to add more talent to the team. We are proud to announce that **Dan Vazquez** has joined us in the Gainesville office specializing in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death cases. Dan has created a distinguished reputation as an awesome litigator who will help our clients get a fair shake from the insurance companies. **Tanner Demery** has joined Meldon Law in our Ft. Lauderdale office and will be specializing in Criminal Defense/DUI. Tanner, born and raised in Ft. Lauderdale, is well known throughout South Florida based on his excellent career as both a Chief Prosecutor and Public Defender handling serious felony cases. We are also adding new team members to help these two great attorneys work their magic to help our clients.

Dan Vasquez has successfully prosecuted cases on behalf of victims harmed by the negligence of others. Dan is a "double-gator", earning his undergraduate and law degree from UF, including honors of Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and Florida Blue Key. Out of nearly 100,000 lawyers in the state of Florida, Mr. Vazquez was selected as 1 out of only 148 lawyers chosen by Florida Trend Magazine for its "Up and Comer" Legal Elite designation. Mr. Vazquez has also been chosen by Florida Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star." Florida Super Lawyers selected Mr. Vazquez following a rigorous peer-review and multiphase selection process in which only the top 2.5% of Florida lawyers are chosen for the Rising Star designation.



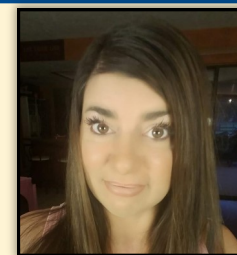
Dan Vazquez

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FEBRUARY'S REVIEW OF THE MONTH:

Jeffrey Meldon and his entire staff were highly knowledgeable, extremely proficient, and very professional. I highly recommend them to anyone needing help navigating through a car accident.

-Paulina Acevedo-Cini, Former Client



In The Community...Gainesville Opportunity Center

Location: **102 NE 10th Ave #2, Gainesville, FL 32601** Website: goclubhouse.org

The Gainesville Opportunity Center's goal is to help people with mental illness show themselves what they are capable of in order to return them to the work force and be a vital part of our community. They do this through peer-led life skills development, social activities, self directed recovery sessions, and many more inclusive activities. In their clubhouse they offer a variety of safe and social activities to build the confidence of their members.



Community Events This Month

4th Annual Gainesville Vegfest

Saturday, February 15th, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Bo Diddley Plaza, Gainesville, FL 32601

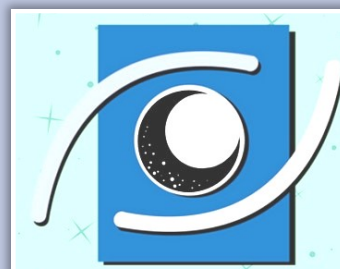
Gainesville VegFest is a free, family-friendly event that includes speakers, cooking demonstrations, yoga, educational booths, music, children's activities, and celebrates a healthy, sustainable and compassionate way of life.



Night for Sight—Glow in the Dark Fun Run

Saturday, February 22nd, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SE Osceola Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

Ocala Eye's Night for Sight will feature a one mile glow in the dark fun run happening throughout downtown Ocala. Participants will learn fun facts about eye care, receive a complimentary vision screening, enjoy live music, and experience many more free activities.



Stefany's Gramma's Italian Chicken Soup

Whether you have a cold, flu or just need a cozy, simple soup to relax with, this recipe is the cure. I grew up loving this soup and still make it for my family.

Ingredients:

- Whole chicken
- Celery – 4 stalks and leaves chopped
- Carrots – 3 whole carrots sliced thinly or grated
- 1 large can of tomato sauce
- 1 medium can diced tomatoes
- 1 box Ditalini pasta (or other small pasta)
- Water
- Salt
- Pepper
- Garlic powder
- Fresh Parsley – chopped (optional)
- 1 bay leaf
- Grated Locatelli or parmesan cheese



What to do:

- 1) Remove any innards from the chicken.
- 2) Put the whole chicken in a large stock pot and cover it with water.
- 3) Add salt, pepper and garlic powder to the water.
- 4) Boil the chicken for approximately one hour (turning if necessary to avoid scorching the bottom of the chicken).
- 5) Remove the chicken from the water and set aside in a bowl (Be careful. It will try to fall apart).
- 6) Remove any remnants of the chicken (bone, skin etc.) from the water. You should have a good amount of chicken stock left in the pot.
- 7) Add the tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, celery, carrots and bay leaf.
- 8) Add 2-3 cups of water.
- 9) Bring to a rolling boil and then reduce to low/medium heat.
- 10) Remove all meat from the chicken in bite size pieces and add it to the soup.
- 11) Cook the soup for at least one hour.
- 12) Cook the pasta as directed on the package.
- 13) Drain and set aside.
- 14) Remove the bay leaf from the soup.
- 15) Enjoy!

Tanner Demery brings with him more than a decade of invaluable trial and criminal courtroom experience. Mr. Demery was a former Chief Prosecutor in South Florida and brings a wealth of unique talent and perspective having worked both sides of a case and will use this expertise and insight to secure the best possible outcome for our clients. Tanner has practiced exclusively in South Florida throughout his career and will use his familiarity with the South Florida court system to benefit our clients. Mr. Demery has argued hundreds of motions, taken thousands of depositions of both law enforcement and experts and has advocated on behalf of his clients through countless jury trials. He has litigated thousands of cases in the courtrooms of South Florida and is ready to provide you with tireless, competent and aggressive representation to achieve your case goals.

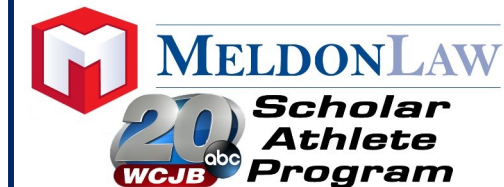


Tanner Demery

Jeffrey's Blues Cruise Break



Jeffrey and his wife Patricia (in green next to Jeffrey) went on the weeklong Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise this past month. They sailed to Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. It was Jeffrey's 12th consecutive Blues Cruise and, needless to say, the gang at the back of the boat are all long-time Cruisers who look forward to an extraordinary week of music (30 bands on board), sunshine on the high seas, outstanding food and drink (I put on at least 5 pounds!) and most importantly lifelong friendships. And, of course, we're already signed up for next year's cruise.



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**.

Eric Hester is the senior linebacker for **Newberry High School's** football team. He maintains an astounding **4.2 GPA** while taking AP and honors classes. Eric started with 23 solo tackles and 2 sacks this season. He isn't exactly sure where he wants to go to college yet, but Eric knows that he wants to study engineering.

Ja'Quavion Frazier is a four-star wide receiver for **Dunnellon High School's** football team. He maintains a phenomenal **4.2 GPA**. This season Ja'Quavion has totalled 31 receptions for 630 yards while hauling in 12 touchdowns. Ja'Quavion will bring his dominance on the field to the University of Florida next fall.

Na'Tazeigha Jenkins is the star goal-keeper for **Santa Fe High School's** women's soccer team. She maintains a fantastic **3.7 GPA**. She leads by example, setting a great model for her team to follow. After graduation Na'Tazeigha hopes to play soccer in college and pursue an education in criminal justice.

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.