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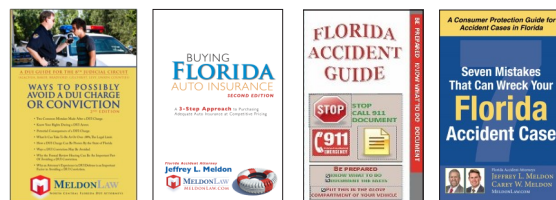
## Congratulations to Sarah & Jason Hedges' First Newborn!

We would like to congratulate Sarah and Jason Hedges for having their first newborn, Parker! Jason is the lead guitarist and vocalist for the local North Central Florida band *Heavy Petty* and has been a long time friend of Meldon Law.



Sarah Hedges, Jason Hedges, Chris Qualmann, and Jeffrey enjoying a Gator Game

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

### Questions:

1. If you suffer from pyrexia, what do you have?
2. Havana is located on which side of Cuba?
3. What type of fruit is a pineapple?
4. What country is Phnom Penh the capital of?
5. Who was the main actor in the movie "A Beautiful Mind"?
6. Sun Yat-sen is considered the founding father of what country?
7. How many kilograms are there in a short ton?
8. Which treaty organization was set up as a counterpart to NATO?
9. What is the capital of Serbia?
10. What year did "The Tonight Show" first air?



Answers: 1. A Fever 2. The West 3. A berry 4. Cambodia 5. Russell Crowe 6. Taiwan 7. 907.8 8. Warsaw Pact 9. Belgrade 10. 1954

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## Quotes of the Month

"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die."

– Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall."

– John Dickinson

"The United States is the only country with a known birthday."

– James G. Blaine

## Jokes of the Month

What kind of tea did the American colonists want? *Liberty!*

What do you call a duck that likes to celebrate Independence Day?

*A fire quacker!*

## JEFFREY TRAVELS TO ISRAEL

The American Friends of Magen David Adom (the equivalent of the Red Cross in Israel/ they provide ambulances and blood banks) sponsored a weeklong VIP Mission to Israel which was led by my daughter, Jessica, who is the Director of Major Gifts for AFMDA in Miami. The trip coincided with Israel's Memorial Day which is immediately followed by the Israeli Independence Day. The idea behind that sequence is that the day before Israelis celebrate their independence, they are reminded of the price and sacrifice made by so many in order to keep the country free. I was also in Israel last year at the same time and the experience of Memorial Day is overwhelming. At 8 P.M., on the evening that Memorial Day starts, a blaring siren goes off throughout the entire country for 60 seconds and everything comes to a standstill. All traffic stops and pulls off the road, and everyone stands at attention honoring those who were lost fighting for freedom. People around the country come together at solemn events and recount the tragic losses endured by Israel since the founding of the State in 1948. The



Jeffrey on a MDA Medicycle



Jeffrey and Group at the MDA Blood Bank Headquarters

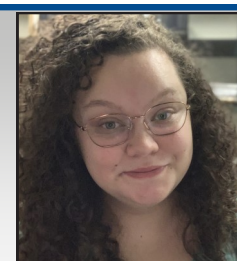
same tribute occurs the next morning at 11 A.M. It is in stark contrast to the way Memorial Day is celebrated in the United States where little, if any, remembrance of those who fought to keep our country free is front and center. The big sale at the mall is what you hear the most about. I remember a time when people in our country celebrated Memorial Day in a different way.

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## REVIEW OF THE MONTH:

Mr. Meldon and Stefany were beyond what I could have expected for a team to help me through my accident and settlement process. They are extremely knowledgeable about every part following an accident from the legal, medical and personal aspect.

–Kalene Jasso, Former Client





## In The Community... Keep Alachua County Beautiful

**Location:** 211 SW 4th Ave, Suite 1, Gainesville, FL 32601 **Website:** [www.kacb.org](http://www.kacb.org)

Keep Alachua County Beautiful (KACB) is on the mission to beautify, conserve resources, recycle, educate and preserve our community's environmental legacy. As an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, KACB believes that each of us holds an obligation to preserve and protect our environment. Through our everyday choices and actions, we collectively have a big impact on our world. In 2018 they received the President's Circle Recognition Award, alongside hundreds of other affiliates. This year, as KACB celebrates its 28th Anniversary as well as its 27th year participating in the Great American Cleanup, Keep America Beautiful celebrates its 66th Birthday. What started with a message and a post office box in New York City in 1953 has blossomed into an international movement with over 1,200 affiliates. To learn more about this amazing organization, check out their website at [kacb.org](http://kacb.org).



## Community Events

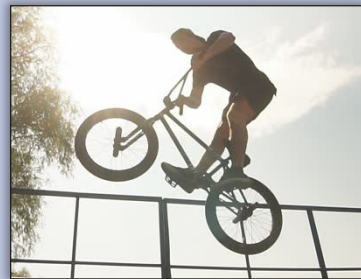
### Jazz on the Green –Celebration Pointe

Saturday, July 13th, 2019, 7:00P.M.  
@ Celebration Pointe, Gainesville, FL  
Relax with live jazz performed by Trenton Klaz and Aaron Colverson while enjoying food, drinks, lawn games and more. In addition to Celebration Pointe's restaurants, food options also include the Ahar – Homemade Indian Food, Cilantro Tacos, Eim Thai, and Rollin Smoke BBQ food trucks.



### High Springs BMX Gold Cup Regional Qualifier

Sunday, July 14th, 2019, 8:30A.M.-1:30P.M.  
@ High Springs BMX, NW 2 St, High Springs, FL  
High Springs BMX will be hosting a regional qualifier for the USABMX Gold Cup Series. Athletes will use 2 of these qualifying races towards the finals being held in Georgia in the fall. Competitors from across the Southeastern US will be racing to qualify for the finals!



## Jeffrey Visits Israel — Continued From Page 1

The first night of our visit was scheduled to be a beautiful dinner with many top-ranking officials from MDA, however, only a few were able to attend because Hamas was shooting missiles into Israel and everyone was taking care of business. Those officers in attendance during dinner were constantly on their cell phones getting alerts and giving out orders. Even though we were not near the high danger zone near the southern border, we were given instructions regarding what to do if a red alert siren sounded where we were staying just north of Tel Aviv. I went out on the balcony of our hotel room and witnessed an Iron Dome missile intercept a Hamas rocket. The all clear was sounded at 4:30 A.M. that night and everyone went back to their normal lives as though nothing had happened. Even though I feel safer in Israel than in most places in the United States, I am ever hopeful that a lasting peace can be achieved, and that Israelis can live without the constant threats from the Arab terrorists.



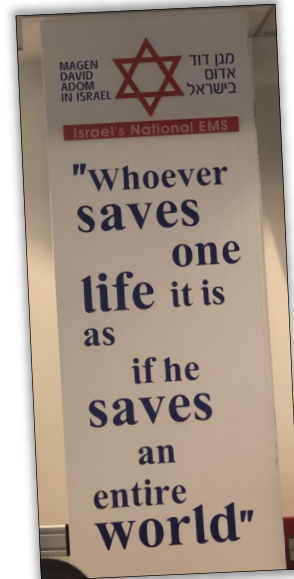
Jeffrey with his daughter, Jessica, and the creator of the Netflix series Fauda, Avi Issacharoff

The next day I had drinks with the creator of the Netflix series Fauda, Avi Issacharoff, on our roof-top pool deck. What an inspiring story teller! I highly recommend this riveting series explaining the complexities of the Israeli-Arab conflict.

Our group was given a special narrated tour at the Golan Heights by a retired army colonial who currently works to build relationships between Israelis' and Arabs. We were just a few yards away from the site of the 1973 Yom Kippur War battle known as the Valley of Tears Battle. Although massively outnumbered, the Israeli forces managed to hold their positions and on the fourth day of battle the Syrians withdrew just as the Israeli defenses were almost to the point of collapse. Our tour guide told us a moving story about the Israeli tank commander giving a dramatic speech to his forces to keep fighting to save the State of Israel even though defeat seemed imminent.

The Director of the Magen David Adom blood bank, Professor/MD Eilat Shinar, gave our group an up close and personal tour of the main blood bank facility in central Israel and we toured the construction site for the new state of the art \$200 million-dollar underground blood bank being built not far away that will protect against missile strikes and earthquakes.

Our trip to Jerusalem included an emotional visit to the second Holiest site in Judaism, the Western Wall or Kotel. The Holiest site in Judaism is the Temple Mount above the Wailing Wall which is where the Second Temple was located until it was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. That site is currently occupied by the Muslim "Dome of the Rock" built at the end of the 7th century. The Clash of Civilizations is nowhere more evident than in the Holy City of Jerusalem.



Jeffrey at Golan Heights on the Syrian Border



Jeffrey and group at the Ancient Israeli Seaside Town of Cesaria



Jewish Russian WWII Military Officers, who fought against the Nazis, at Israel Memorial Day event in Haifa



Jeffrey and his daughter, Jessica, who was the leader of the mission for MDA



MDA Mission Group in Tel Aviv



Jeffrey and Family at the New US Embassy in Jerusalem