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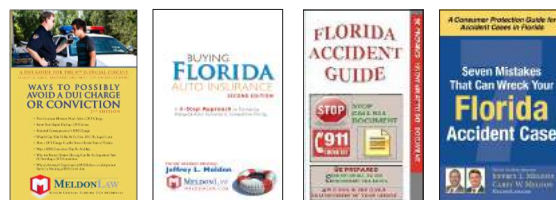


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Quotes of the Month

"Wisdom comes from experience. Experience is often a result of lack of wisdom."

Terry Pratchett

"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

Abraham Lincoln

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Theodore Roosevelt

Jokes of the Month

Why are teddy bears never hungry?

Because they're always stuffed.

Why should you sit in a corner when you get cold?

Because most corners are 90 degrees.

I used to work for an origami company until it folded.

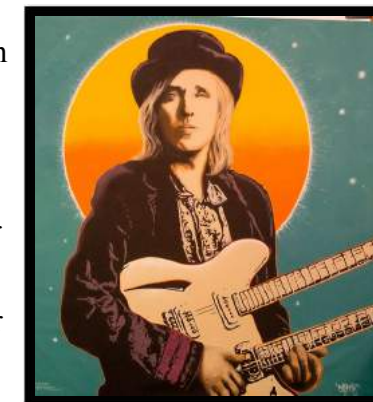
Let's Celebrate Tom Petty's 70th Birthday

Jeffrey Meldon first met Tom Petty in 1970 when Tom was the leader of the musical group called Mudcrutch. Jeffrey, Tom, and others collaborated to produce the first Mudcrutch Festival (aka Gainesville's Woodstock) in December 1970 and soon after the bigger and better 3-day Mudcrutch Festival in February 1971.

When Jeffrey opened his law office in November 1971 Tom and Mudcrutch were among Jeffrey's first clients. As Tom Petty's first attorney, Jeffrey sought to promote and help launch Tom into prominence throughout Florida. However, it was difficult to get traction nationally so Tom ventured out to California and eventually reassembled a few members from Mudcrutch and a couple of guys from some other Gainesville bands and created Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. The rest is history!

When Tom Petty died on October 2, 2017 a group of Gainesville folks got together and had an impromptu celebration of his life on his birthday. The headliner for that event was Heavy Petty, the best Tom Petty tribute band, formed by lead singer Jason Hedges. The next year Jason and his wife, Sarah, created the Tom Petty Birthday Bash to give proper tribute to our hometown hero every year surrounding his birthday on October 20th. Meldon Law has been a major sponsor of this event as well as the legal advisor for the Bash.

See [Virtual Tom Petty Birthday Bash on page 2](#) for more information.



"LAW TALK LIVE" AIRS ON SATURDAYS!

Tune in and listen LIVE every Saturday morning to Law Talk LIVE at 10:30 A.M. with your hosts Jeffrey Meldon, Carey Meldon, Chris Qualmann, and special guests on WSKY 97.3 FM News Talk Radio.

Entering its 18th consecutive year on air, Law Talk LIVE serves as the longest running Legal and Public Affairs radio program in the Southeast United States. The Meldon Law team brings you the latest discussions on legal topics and issues that you care about. For more info and program listings, please visit www.thesky973.com.

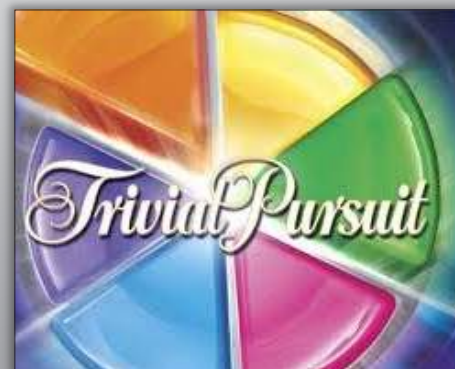


"Jeffrey on the Air"

This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

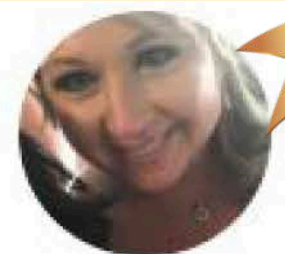
Questions:

1. How many planets in our solar system are not named after a god or goddess?
2. In our solar system, which planet has the shortest day?
3. Appearing in 1982, who was the youngest person to host Saturday Night Live?
4. How many Canadian teams play in the NHL?
5. Able to be seen from outer space, what is Earth's largest living structure?
6. What's the name of the pigment found in your skin & hair that gives them color?
7. Who is the only athlete ever to play in a Super Bowl and a World Series?
8. Which marine animal is the only known predator of the great white shark?
9. What is the largest species of shark currently living in the ocean?
10. The painting La Gioconda is better known by what name?



Answers: 1. One, Earth 2. Jupiter 3. Drew Barrymore (Age 7) 4. Seven (7) 5. The Great Barrier Reef 6. Melanin 7. Deion Sanders 8. Orca (killer whale) 9. Whale Shark 10. Mona Lisa

OCTOBER'S REVIEW OF THE MONTH



★★★★★ 4 days ago

"I am very pleased with how professional and helpful Mr. Adkinson and the entire Meldon Law team were through this whole process. I recommend Meldon Law for any of your legal needs."

-Kristy Callum

In The Community... Haile Farmers Market



When: 8:30 am-12 pm Saturdays **Location:** Haile Plantation **Website:** hailefarmersmarket.com/

The Haile Farmers Market is an independent farmers market owned and operated by local farmers. We've been connecting farmers and families since 1998. All of our produce vendors are farmers, not brokers, so when you shop with us you can be sure that your produce is grown locally by the folks selling it to you. Take a stroll down the tree-lined streets of the Haile Village Center to browse for groceries, prepared food, and handmade gifts, then continue on for more shopping or brunching at the Village Center's locally-owned shops and restaurants.



Virtual Tom Petty Birthday Bash

This year marks the 3rd annual Tom Petty Birthday Bash. Instead of holding the event at Depot Park in Gainesville, the event will be a live virtual event working along with with the Petty family, the team at Petty Legacy, and Red Light Management. The Bash will kick off on the Tom Petty radio station on Sirius XM channel 31 followed by a live-stream video on a platform to be announced. Expect to hear big-time stars from all over the world pay tribute to one of the greatest rock n' rollers of all time. Our own Jason and Sarah Hedges will be performing along with Heavy Petty as well.



The Bash is dedicated to providing support for the local non-profit program, UF Health Arts in Medicine, which uses music to transform the hospital experience by having musicians play bedside for patients. The goal of the festival is to raise money for the Music is Medicine fund.

To find up to date information visit tompettybirthdaybash.com or follow Tom Petty Birthday Bash on Facebook.

MeldonLaw Cares Program Recap



At the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak, the MeldonLaw Cares Program was put into place to help those who need it most through these tough times. We provided thousands of meals to our front-line responders at the hospitals and to law enforcement agencies to thank them for their work. On July 25th at the 21st annual "Stop the Violence Back to School Rally," we helped provide 3,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to local students in advance of the upcoming school year.

In an effort to help local businesses, we mailed out nearly 400 \$15 MeldonLaw Cares gift cards to individuals who in turn used them to support local businesses. In the beginning of August we began our mask giveaway to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and give access to masks to those who have a difficult time obtaining them. To this date 5,700 masks have been mailed out to 570 individuals.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH - Chicken Alfredo

Ingredients:

- 8 chicken breast halves
- 2 medium onions
- 2 Tbsp. chicken broth
- 4 Tbsp. peanut oil
- 2 pkgs. fresh broccoli
- 1 large bottle of Alfredo sauce
- 1 pkg. Ricotta pasta
- 2 Tbsp. crushed garlic
- 2 small cans of mushrooms

Directions:

1. In a skillet add 2 Tbsp. peanut oil and heat over low-medium heat. Add the chicken breasts and cook until golden brown and done.
2. In another pot, cook pasta as directed on package and set aside when done.
3. Remove chicken from skillet and place in oven safe pan. Place in oven on low heat to keep warm.
4. Mix 2 Tbsp. of peanut oil, chopped onions, broccoli, and
5. garlic and cook for 15 min. on low-medium heat. Add 2 Tbsp. of chicken broth and return the pasta to the pot.
6. In another pot, heat Alfredo sauce on low. Add mushrooms to the sauce and cook for 10 min.
7. Serve chicken with the pasta and top with Alfredo sauce.



Recipe submitted by
Kelli Malu from
Gainesville, FL

Keep sending in your favorite recipes to help@meldonlaw.com for a chance to win \$100 to your charity of choice.

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MELDON LAW CASES OF INTEREST:

These cases were settled by Meldon Law without the necessity of filing a lawsuit. By resolving a case in the "pre-litigation" stage the client saves a lot of money and gets the money much sooner. It is the goal of Meldon Law to build each case from the moment it enters our door with the intent of getting each client full value prior to filing suit.

\$1,500,000 Settlement – Motor Vehicle Crash

Client was an athletic 22-year-old college student who suffered highly serious injuries in a crash in Suwannee County. The injuries were so severe that he was airlifted by helicopter to Shands Hospital. Client had multiple surgeries, and several videos were shot to show his inability to live life and perform



activities the way he could before the crash. An emotional PowerPoint presentation was created, and the case settled at pre-suit mediation.

\$1,250,000 Settlement – Motor Vehicle v. Pedestrian

Client was crossing a street in Ocala and was hit by a driver of a large SUV who failed to look both ways after stopping at a stop sign. Client suffered severe injuries and required multiple surgical procedures on her neck, back and shoulders. We created a "Day in the Life" video, a PowerPoint presentation, and used the services of a Life Care Planner and Economist to help calculate damages and build this case.

