



Murphy & Associates welcomes their new employee, Jessica Straub, whom is eager to learn more about working for a lawyer.

Jessica was born in Florida, and has moved to 6 different states across the country. She and her family moved to Georgia about 3 years ago, and have come to love the countryside of Douglasville and Carrollton. Jessica enjoys learning about many different subjects, and has studied web design, religion, mechanical drawing on Auto-CAD, and childcare. She looks forward to studying paralegal work at the local college in Douglasville.

Having been in a tragic accident herself, Jessica closely follows local accidents found in the news, and hopes to help these victims who also have been injured because of the negligence of other drivers.



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'Naked Scans' Deemed Constitutional

It would seem that as airport security increases, our privacy as travelers has diminished to almost nothing. The new technology referred to as the "naked scan", or advanced imaging technology (AIT) scans, produce an image that is similar to an X-ray, leaving our bodies virtually "naked" to security staff.

A privacy rights group named Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), felt that this kind of security was unnecessary, and filed a law suit claiming that these "naked scans" are unreasonable, and breach citizens' rights.

But are these "naked scans" really unreasonable? According to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., the answer is no. The court ruled that security concerns surrounding air travel far outweigh privacy concerns from travelers, especially since travelers can opt out of the "naked scan" and receive a pat-down search. It was noted by the court that there have been complaints about the aggressive nature of these pat-downs.

As the judge saw it, a traveler has a choice between either search method, and they could choose which method felt less invasive to them. If a traveler does choose the ATI scan, the image generated is deleted as soon as the passenger has passed through the security checkpoint, and the ATI scanners come equipped with image distorting technology that helps maintain a measure of privacy.

The Transportation Security Administration has plans to have as many as 1,000 scanners in place nationwide by 2012.

I would like to take a moment to thank Murphy & Associates for helping me with my workers comp claim. Thanks to Mr. Murphy, I got all the benefits I was allowed. I would also like to thank his Legal Assistants for taking the time to answer all my questions and concerns.

- Marilyn S.



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GREAT NEWS!

New Douglasville Convention Center is Coming!

Exciting news for Douglasville! On Thursday, September 22, 2011, construction began on a brand new 35,000 square-foot convention center that leaders are hoping will attract business groups, weddings, community groups, multi-day events, and airport business.

The project cost about \$11.6 million, and will be paid for with two percent of the city's share of hotel and motel taxes. The convention center is being built by Hardin Construction in Downtown Douglasville, and has created 160 jobs for the area. Most residents look forward to the completion of this new facility.



6 Myths About Fuel Economy

1. Small car equals better gas mileage.

Today's technology makes it possible for a standard-size vehicle to be very fuel efficient. In fact, 6 out of the top 10 most fuel efficient vehicles of 2011 are midsized cars.

2. It takes more gas to restart a vehicle than to let it run idle.

Being idle in your car can use a quarter-half gallon of fuel per hour. Turn off your engine if your vehicle will be running idle for any time longer than a traffic light.

3. Vehicles need to warm up before they can be driven.

Modern vehicles can be driven within seconds of being started, though the engine should not be subjected to extreme conditions until it has fully warmed up.

4. As a vehicle gets older, it's fuel economy decreases.

A vehicle that is properly maintained will retain its efficiency for many years.

5. Replacing your air filter will help your car run more efficiently.

Modern fuel-injected engines automatically adjust their fuel-to-air ratio. Changing your filter may increase your vehicle's performance, but not its fuel economy.

6. Using premium fuel improves fuel economy.

Unless your vehicle was designed for premium fuel or knocks severely with regular fuel, you will likely experience no benefit from using premium over regular.



Douglasville's Singing Janitor



Does singing in the shower sound familiar to you? Well, it probably does to a Douglas County resident, Edward Bridges, who works as a janitor at Yeager Middle School.

Mr. Bridges says he has a passion for singing, and has been singing in a church choir since he was 6 years old. Most recently, students and teachers have found him singing tunes like "Amazing Grace" while mopping floors, and have given him the nickname, the "Singing Janitor".

After recording his version of the "National Anthem" on YouTube, Mr. Bridges was able to land a spot on the Rachel Ray Show. This new exposure for Mr. Bridges has brought him great notoriety. Who knows, maybe he'll try out for American Idol next?

Congratulations to Mr. Bridges!



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You Don't Know Jack!



And You Don't Want To...

Ever wonder where jack-o-lanterns originate from? Like most customs that originate with Halloween, the jack-o-lantern stems from an old Irish tradition.

Back in Ireland, it was common to carve lanterns out of vegetables, especially turnips. In fact, early jack-o-lanterns were turnips, and not pumpkins, carved with creepy faces to ward off wandering spirits. Once the tradition reached America, pumpkins were used instead for their easier-to-carve stature.

But if you really want to go back to the beginning, we find the legend of Stingy Jack, a greedy man who liked to trick the Devil. In one version of the folktale, Jack tricks the Devil into climbing a tree to pick some fruit. Once the Devil is in the tree, Jack carves a cross into the tree's trunk, trapping the Devil in its limbs. Jack makes a deal to let the Devil go only if the Devil spares Jack's soul.

As every human does, Jack finally dies. His soul, however, is denied entrance to heaven, because Jack had been unscrupulous his whole life. Yet, the Devil too denies him, for the Devil promised to reject Jack's soul. Jack is left to roam the earth, parting from the Devil with a gift of coal, which Jack makes a lantern out of. In Ireland and Scotland, people carved jack-o-lanterns as a way of warding off spirits like the dreaded Jack.