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VIEW OF A LIFETIME

Where to Watch the Great American Eclipse

On August 21, 2017, the greatest show of the summer will take place in the United States: a total solar eclipse! This eclipse will be visible across North America, but the path of totality — the area where the moon completely covers the sun — will only fall in the continental U.S., leading this cosmic event to be called the Great American Eclipse.

If you're already in the United States, a day's road trip is all you need to grab a front row seat for this rare astronomical occurrence.

Columbia, South Carolina

Need a place to watch the eclipse in the southern U.S.? Then get yourself to South Carolina, where the state capital of Columbia is almost right in the middle of the path of totality. Plenty of hotels make Columbia a great viewing location for those who don't want to camp out, and the vibrant city life means you'll have a lot to do even when the eclipse is over.



Sandhills, North Platte, Nebraska

In the heartlands, you'll be hard-pressed to find a more perfect viewing location than the Sandhills of western Nebraska. With wide-open skies, low rolling hills, and no towering buildings to get in the way, the Sandhills are sure to be a popular viewing spot.

The Museum of Idaho, Idaho Falls, Idaho

The Museum of Idaho has been designated an Official NASA Observation Site, and the museum is hosting four days of awesome events to celebrate. Enjoy live presentations, technology demonstrations, and special exhibits as you prepare to watch the total eclipse with NASA scientists.

Visit the official website of The Great American Eclipse at greatamericaneclipse.com for everything you need to know about this once-in-a-lifetime sight!

MEET OUR TEAM



Selecting someone to represent you and your family at one of the most stressful times in your life is a huge decision. Since our newsletter has grown in distribution sevenfold, I wanted to let you know our background.

My name is Joseph Shannon. I am first and foremost a husband and father. My wife, Michelle, and I will celebrate our 27th anniversary this year. During that time, Michelle has run the Shannon household with grace and class, while I represented people at the law practice. We have been blessed with six children: Emma, Clare, Kate, Will, Nora, and Johnny. Our lives revolve around our family.

My parents, Tom and JoAnne Shannon, had 10 children in Yakima, Washington. (I wrote about my parents in the June newsletter). I am number nine. I am extremely grateful to my parents and to my siblings, Tom, Mary Jo, Pat, Kathleen, John, Maureen, Anne, and Terry. All of them continue to teach me daily what it is like to be a good person. My parents' third born, Joseph William, lived only two days, but his spirit still impacts me to this day. I believe that he lives on in each member of our family.

I was very fortunate to attend University of Portland and University of Notre Dame Law School. I have practiced law in Illinois for most of my career and have been admitted to practice in a number of other states for cases throughout the years. The professional success I have enjoyed is derived from many factors. I have had tremendous support from my wife, Michelle, in allowing me to venture off the big law firm path and begin a

practice representing people in 1996. For her leap of faith when Emma and Clare were under the age of 2, I am forever grateful. We thank all of our clients who have allowed us to represent them over the years. We are humbled that folks whose lives have been shattered have put their trust in us to fix the wrong imposed on them. We owe our success to your resilience, courage, and faith you have placed in us. We know that without great clients, our success would be limited.

I am especially grateful to our hardworking and dedicated team here at the firm. Pat Cummings is in his third year of practice. During his three years of practice, Pat has taken and passed the Illinois and Wisconsin bar examinations, taken over 100 depositions, has tried and won four (yes, FOUR) jury trials, and prevailed on his first appeal to the Illinois Appellate Court. Kate Refine runs our office with diligence, dedication, and a great sense of humor; plus, she is terrific with our clients. If you call our law firm, usually the first one you speak with is Kate. Our clients are lucky to have her on their side. Our colleague Nathan Marchese has assisted us with numerous cases over the years. His excellent writing ability and legal knowledge have helped us tremendously. Nathan is a difference-maker. We are also thankful to our growing alumni of Shannon Law Group. From our first employee, Rose Sweeney, to our most recent employees, Patti Zimmerman, Kathy Crane and Ronda Johnson, and everyone in between, we owe you a huge debt of gratitude.

To our present clients, we thank you for entrusting us with your case. To you who are getting to know us, feel free to browse our website at shannonlawgroup.com or order our book, "Transportation Law, Rights, and Injuries: Charting Your Course of Legal Action." We will send it to you free of charge. If you would like to meet with us, we are available for a free consultation at a time convenient for you. Just give Kate a call.

- Joe Shannon

Are your kids already sweating exams this semester? Fear not! Combine these tips with a regular studying routine, and they'll be set for anything their teachers assign this year.

CHEW ON THIS

Not all classrooms allow gum, but those that do offer students a distinct advantage. According to Scientific American, chewing gum increases the flow of oxygen to the areas of your brain responsible for attention and memory. Your student can even coordinate gum flavors with each of their classes. Do they have a biology test coming up? Encourage your student to chew peppermint gum while they study and while they take the test. Their brain will associate the minty flavor with those plant cell organelles they studied for an hour the night before.

PROOFREAD WITH GOOGLE

Is your child trying to perfect an essay before a midnight deadline? Be sure they leave time to read their essay aloud! Tom Stafford, a psychologist who studies typos at the University of Sheffield, notes that when we reread our work, "we don't catch every detail; we're not like computers or NSA databases." Your student doesn't catch their typos because they don't expect them! By reading their work aloud, your student can fix those typos as they come up. But why put in all the effort when they can let Google do it for them? They can simply copy and paste the essay into Google Translate

and let it read the essay aloud. Hearing their work ring out in Google's monotone speech will help them highlight and fix those mistakes.

GET OFF FACEBOOK

Is your child wasting all of their precious studying hours on social media? According to Common Sense Media's 2015 national census survey, tweens and teens spend an average of six to nine hours on some form of media daily. Help your student learn to self-regulate with StayFocusd, a web extension available for free in the Chrome Web Store. By adding this extension to your web browser, you can limit the amount of time your child spends scrolling through Facebook and maximize the time they spend on Google Scholar and Quizlet.



FROM MIRACLE TO CATASTROPHE

The Shocking History of Asbestos

From the time of the Industrial Revolution clear through to the middle part of the 20th century, asbestos was regarded as a miracle fiber. The fibrous material was highly regarded for its resistance to heat, flames, chemicals, and weather. Its durability and abundance made it the insulation of choice for most American buildings. Asbestos was also used in a variety of industries, ranging from roofing to manufacturing.

Even during this boom, scientists were already beginning to understand the health risk the material carried along with its benefits. As far back as 100 years ago, the U.S. government was concerned with the abnormally high death rate among asbestos workers. Nevertheless, asbestos use continued at an alarming rate. Nevertheless, asbestos-containing products continue to be used in the United States.

We now know that asbestos causes mesothelioma, a rare and dangerous type of lung cancer with an extremely high mortality rate. Companies that expose citizens to asbestos, whether through callousness or negligence, leave their employees and customers at risk for developing the disease. Even after the risks were well-known and widely publicized, many companies remained steadfast

in their methods, more worried about their bottom line than the health of their workers.

We have handled mesothelioma cases before. These cases demand immediate action by attorneys to make sure that the proper case is made for the victim. Should you need consultation on this type of case, we provide free consultations and will travel to meet with you.



JEFF'S RAZORBACK TRANSIT CHICAGOLAND LIMOUSINE



If you need a convenient, friendly, and economical ride to one of Chicagoland's airports or transportation services for a special event, there is no one better than Jeff Ward at Jeff's Razorback Transit. We've known Jeff for over 10 years. His family-owned business has been serving the Naperville and Aurora areas for over 10 years. My family and I have relied on Jeff for rides to and from the airports. Even

with our big crew, the cost is economical. This is a business that is thriving because its drivers are top-of-the-line, and the service and attention to detail are tremendous. If you need transit, Jeff can be reached at:

Jeff's Razorback Transit | Chicagoland Limousine
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Trust me, the ride is worth every penny. Thank me later.

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Ritz Cracker Ice Cream Sandwiches

Make the most of these last few summer weeks and wrangle the kids for this fun, easy dessert! You can even save the leftovers in the freezer for those busy back-to-school nights.

Ingredients

- 4 ounces dark chocolate pieces, melted
- 24 Ritz (or generic butter round) crackers
- 1 pint of your favorite ice cream

Directions

1. Melt chocolate pieces in a double boiler or in the microwave. Stir until smooth and drippy.
2. Arrange crackers, bottom side up, on a cookie sheet. Use fork to drizzle melted chocolate over crackers, then place them in freezer to cool quickly.
3. Remove crackers from freezer and place small ice cream scoop in the center of 12 crackers. Press remaining crackers, chocolate side down, onto the ice cream scoop.
4. Freeze at least four hours before serving. Wrap individual sandwiches in plastic wrap to store in freezer for up to seven days — but they'll never last that long.

Recipe inspired by joythebaker.com.