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## New Year's Eve Fun

- A new year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.
- My new year's resolution is to be more optimistic by keeping my cup half-full with rum, vodka, or whisky.
- New Year's Eve is the only acceptable time to wear body glitter without being mistaken for a stripper.
- If 2012 was a person, I'd sue him for pain and suffering and lost wages.
- I plan to find new and interesting things to hate about my job in 2013.
- My new year's resolution is to break my new year's resolutions...that way I accomplish something.

**Q:** What happened to the Irish man who thought about the evils of drinking in the new year?

**A:** He gave up thinking.

**Q:** What is the problem with jogging on New Year's Eve?

**A:** The ice spills out of your glass.

**On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up** in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to stand next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck, the bartender was almost crushed to death.

## Smiles To Start Your New Year Off With...

### New Year's Resolutions You Have No Chance At Keeping:

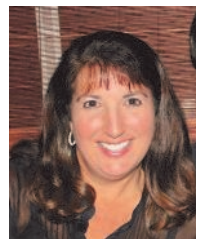
- \* Lose weight by inventing an anti-gravity machine.
- \* I will try to figure out why I really need 5 Facebook accounts.
- \* I resolve to work with neglected children... my own.
- \* I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it.

### New Year's Resolutions You Can Actually Keep:

- \* Read less.
- \* I want to gain weight, put on at least 30 pounds.
- \* Stop exercising, waste of time.
- \* Watch less TV in standard definition.
- \* Watch more TV. I've been missing some good stuff.
- \* Take up a new habit, maybe smoking.
- \* Stop bringing lunch from home, I should eat out more.
- \* I will do less laundry and use more deodorant.
- \* Procrastinate more.
- \* Stop buying worthless junk on Ebay, because QVC has better specials.

## Wishing You A Happy New Year!

From our family to yours—some happy faces from our holiday party. Wishing you all the best in 2013! May your year be safe, healthy, and prosperous.



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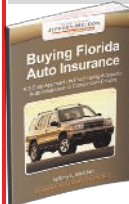
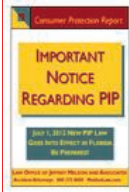
\* To all who referred friends and family or have gone out of their way to send notes of appreciation, I thank you! *Jeffrey Meldon*



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**“AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE!”** *Ben Franklin*

**Safety Reminder—There is a new law in town!**



On **January first** the new Personal Injury Protection (PIP) law went fully into effect. What you need to know in order to obtain your PIP benefits if you are in an accident:

1. **You are now required** to see a qualified medical provider within 14 days of your accident or else you could lose all of your PIP benefits.
2. There are **many other requirements as well**, please refer to our Important Notice Regarding PIP report, available for free on our website, MeldonLaw.com.
3. **Make sure you are** adequately covered with Uninsured Motorist Coverage and Med Pay—review or obtain our free book, Buying Florida Auto Insurance.

**If you have been in an accident or know someone who has and would like us to help you obtain all of the benefits you are entitled to, give us a call for a free no obligation evaluation of your case—800 373 8000 or 352 373 8000.**

**Jeffrey Meldon/TV 20 Scholar-Athletes-of-the-Week Winners**

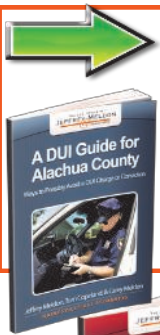
The Jeffrey Meldon/TV 20 Scholar Athlete Program is celebrating its 16th year! Every week during the school year, a deserving high school senior is awarded the title, a \$100 scholarship, and a plaque. The award is announced on TV 20’s Thursday evening sports news at 6:00 p.m. The year ends with a sports banquet honoring each scholar athlete, at which a male and female “Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year” are selected and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and trophy. This is one of Jeffrey’s favorite community services.

**Here are the recent winners—congratulations!**

- Nov. 22—**Hunter Parrish** from Trenton for Football—“Hunter is hard-working on the field, in the classroom, and at home on his family’s farm.”
- Nov. 29—**Laremy Tunsil** from Lake City for Football—“Laremy is one of the biggest high school prospects in the class of 2013, figuratively and quite literally.”
- Dec. 6—**Chancie Grant** from Gainesville High for Volleyball—“Chancie was a late bloomer to volleyball, but in the 8th grade when she towered over other girls, the sport became obvious.”
- Dec 13—**J.R. Bass** from Lafayette—“J.R. has grown accustomed to running over obstacles that stand in his way.”



**Super Bowl Party Safety Tips:**



**If you are hosting a Super Bowl party:**

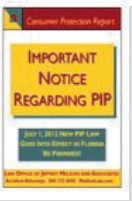
- **Serve plenty** of food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- **Stop serving alcohol** at the end of the third quarter.
- **Have the phone numbers** of local cab companies on hand and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving drunk.
- **Remember**, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in a drunk-driving crash.

**Protect yourself and your family before and after an accident!**

Most people think it will never happen to them. However, statistics show that one in five will be involved in a traffic crash each year.

**How can you protect yourself and family?**

Be safe, educated, adequately insured, and prepared!



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## News Alert—The Dangers of Yaz and Yasmin

**YAZ and Yasmin are among the most popularly prescribed birth control pills on the market and have made their manufacturer, Bayer, billions of dollars over the years.** In addition to being prescribed as a contraceptive method, YAZ and Yasmin are often prescribed to young women as treatment for acne, polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), and a multitude of menstrual-related symptoms.



**While all birth control pills carry the risk of causing blood clots,** YAZ and Yasmin contain Drospirenone, an ingredient that has been associated with twice the occurrence of blood clots in its users, according to a 2011 study conducted by the British Medical Journal. Due to this increased risk, thousands of women have asserted claims against the manufacturer, Bayer, for potentially downplaying the increased risk of blood clots related to prolonged usage of the medication.

The basis of the litigation is that Bayer advertised the drug in such a way that bolstered its effectiveness, while down-playing its serious risk for injury and even death. Similar drugs Beyaz and Ocella, also manufactured by Bayer, are also included in this litigation.

**Our firm is seeking claims on behalf of women** who were diagnosed with deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE), heart attack, stroke, or other similar conditions while on YAZ or Yasmin, or within an approximate twelve month period after last ingesting the medication.

If you or a loved one was diagnosed with one of these conditions or a similar condition within twelve months after taking one of these drugs, **contact us immediately** at (800) 373-8000. **You may be entitled to monetary compensation.**

## January “Trivial Pursuit”— Start your year off smart!

Q: January is named after Janus, the god of \_\_\_\_\_, or the “keeper of the doorway.”

Q: The \_\_\_\_\_ is January's flower symbol. The scientific name for this flower is \_\_\_\_\_, roughly translating to mean “flower of love” or “flower of the gods.”

Q: January consists of 31 days. How many other months of the year are 31 days in length?

Q: January 27th is Thomas Crapper Day, a day to honor the man that invented the \_\_\_\_\_. In the 1880's Thomas Crapper's \_\_\_\_\_ company became synonymous with this invention. Although he was not the original inventor, Crapper popularized the siphon system for emptying the tank, replacing the earlier floating valve system which was prone to \_\_\_\_\_.

Q: The first Super Bowl was played on January 15, 1967. This year, Super Bowl XLVII will be played on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: new beginnings, carnation, Dianthus caryophyllus, six, flush toilet, plumbing, leaks, February 3, New Orleans

## Start your year off adequately insured! Case in point...

Recently, I met with a new client who was seriously injured in a car crash caused by a careless driver. The at-fault driver had no bodily injury liability (BI) insurance coverage as is often the case in Florida because BI is not a required insurance in Florida as it is in most other states.



This could have meant that there would have been no insurance to cover our client's medical bills, loss of income, and pain and suffering. Fortunately, he had requested our accident kit a few years ago and took our Buying Florida Auto Insurance guidebook to his insurance agent and obtained Uninsured Motorist Coverage (UM).

Because of his UM coverage, he will be able to cover his expenses and get on the road to recovery.

**Start your year off adequately insured!**

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## Start your year off being “Dog-Smart”!

### Five dog bite statistics not to ignore:

1. Dog bite accidents in Florida most often occur with children between the ages of one and nine years.
2. Boys are more often the victims of dog bites than girls.
3. Children under age 10, more than any other age group, are more likely to suffer injuries to the head and neck as a result of a dog bite.
4. Nationwide, 20% of all victims who died as a result of a dog bite were age 70 or older.
5. Each year, approximately 2.3 million children are bitten by dogs in the United States.



### Remember:

- Keep your dog(s) under control at all times.
- Teach your children to respect dogs and never leave them alone with a dog, even a family pet.
- Florida law requires “Bad Dog” signs to be clearly posted on your property if you own a dog.
- Make sure your homeowners insurance covers your particular breed of dog.

For more information and guidance following an injury sustained by a dog bite, contact our office today for a free case evaluation.

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