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Bumper Sticker Jokes

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

I still miss my ex-husband, but my aim is getting better.

We have enough youth, how about a fountain of SMART?

Where there is a will, I want to be in it.

I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

2013 Scholar Athlete Banquet—Who won?

All 37 2013 Scholar Athletes were winners and earned the right to attend the Jeffrey Meldon/TV20's Scholar Athlete Banquet on May 21 due to their exceptional athletic and scholastic performances. However, only one male and one female can win the title of Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year. **Who are they?** **Jessica Thomas** from Buchholz, who led the Bobcats to a Class 7A championship this year in basketball. Jessica will attend the University of Miami on an athletic scholarship this fall. **Laremy Tunsil** from Columbia High. The 6 foot 6 inch 300 pound left tackle had colleges drooling over him as one of the best offensive linemen in the country until he ultimately decided to sign with Ole Miss.



ZACH ALDRIDGE, LAREMY TUNSIL, JESSICA THOMAS, JEFFREY MELDON



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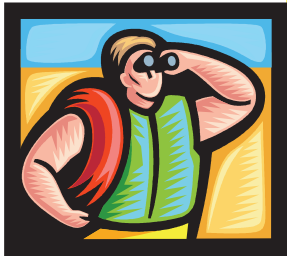


CLASS OF 2013 SCHOLAR ATHLETES — CONGRATULATIONS!



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- If you have a legal situation that my Law Firm does not handle, I will gladly refer you to a trusted attorney who does.
- To all who referred friends and family or have gone out of their way to send notes of appreciation, I thank you! **Jeffrey Meldon**



The Law Office of Jeffrey Meldon & Associates is dedicated to public safety & education. We are always on the look-out for timely safety news and reminders to pass along to our readers.

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

Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law—*Don't wait!*

Starting October 1, 2013, it will be illegal to text while driving in Florida. The “Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law” will make typing, reading, or sending messages from any wireless communication device against the law. The purpose of this law is to make our roads safer and save lives. There are two problems with this law: a.) it is difficult to enforce and b.) it carries minimal consequences.

Here are the basics of the new law:

- This law is enforceable as a secondary offence. A secondary offence means that an officer can issue a ticket only if the driver has been pulled over for a moving violation (a primary offence) such as speeding. In other words, a driver cannot be stopped just for texting.
- Breaking this law results in a nonmoving violation that carries a \$30 fine plus court costs. If a person is ticketed twice within five years for this violation the fine is \$60 plus court costs.
- The unlawful use of a wireless communication resulting in a motor vehicle accident will add six points to the offender's driver license.
- If the unlawful use of a wireless communication device results in a crash that causes death or personal injury, cell phone records can then be obtained and admitted as evidence.
- The unlawful use of a wireless communication device in a school safety zone while committing a moving violation adds two points to the offender's driver license record in addition to the points incurred from the moving violation.

Distracted driving is estimated to cause 80% of auto accidents and the number one culprit – cell phones. Texting while driving can increase the risk of getting in an accident by 23 times and is the same as driving drunk as far as being safe on the road.

Please do not text and drive, and you don't have to wait until October. You can start today and set a good example!

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

The Jeffrey Meldon/TV 20 Scholar Athlete Program is ending its 16th year with one last scholar athlete of the week! 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 is our last winner for the 2012-2013 school year—*congratulations!*

May 9—Lindsay O'Steen from Lafayette High for Volleyball and Softball —“Lindsay led the Hornets to back-to-back state volleyball championships, and back-to-back state championship games, winning the championship in 2012, all with a 3.8 GPA.”

Beware, 4th of July—A Deadly Holiday!

Celebrating the Fourth of July with family, friends, food, and fireworks is fun, but all too often the festivities turn tragic on the nation's roads. **The fact is, this iconic American holiday is also one of the deadliest days of the year due to alcohol-related-driving crashes.** That's why on this Fourth of July, law enforcement will be cracking down on impaired driving as part of the ongoing “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement campaign.

Don't start the celebration without planning ahead—**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**



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?

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DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE!

Emergency Preparedness—Have You Registered Yet? Have You Updated?

With the 2013 Hurricane Season upon us, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles encourages you to make sure first responders know whom to notify if you are in an emergency situation.

The Department offers free Emergency Contact Information (ECI). Registration and information about the program are available on line at www.flhsmv.gov/ and in driver license offices.

All you need is a current driver license or identification card. You can enter up to two contacts into the ECI database, which is only accessible by law enforcement officers in the event of an emergency.

Currently there are more than 7 million Floridians who have registered their contacts. It is very important to update your contacts' information frequently, as outdated information can delay efforts to provide quick notification to families and loved ones.



Do you know which side of the road to walk on? To cycle on?

This is an important safety reminder as Florida ranks second nationwide in pedestrian and bicycling accidents.

Pedestrians: Where sidewalks are provided, a pedestrian may not walk on the road. If there are no sidewalks it is best to walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic. (A driver and pedestrian who face each other are more aware of each other's presence, which reduces the likelihood of an accident.)

Bicyclists: Cyclists must obey the same traffic laws as a motor vehicle; they are not considered pedestrians. Cyclists must "drive" their bike with the flow of traffic, not against it. Children under 10 years-of-age should ride only on sidewalks. A person may ride on the sidewalk, unless posted as prohibited—however municipalities may vary in this area.

"Trivial Pursuit"—Do you know your July facts ?

Q: July is known as the unlucky month for _____.

Q: Bastille Day is July 14. It commemorates _____ liberation and the beginning of democracy in 1789.

Q: July 24th honors a famous aviation pioneer who broke many records. Mystery still surrounds the disappearance of _____ over the Pacific in 1937. In fact, the U.S. navy searched over 250,000 miles of ocean to no avail.

Q: July 4th is our independence day, celebrating freedom from _____, and the day when the _____ was signed.

Q: Father-In-Law Day, July 30, the day to honor your spouse's dad, was most likely created by _____.

Q: How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th?

Q: Who was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence? What term is used today as a synonym for "signature"?

Answers: Weddings, France's, Amelia Earhart, British Rule, Declaration of Independence, Hallmark, Two, John Hancock, John Hancock

Testimonial... They settled my case quickly and for the full limit...

I was a pedestrian that was hit by a speeding car in Gainesville. **I had tried other lawyers** but they wouldn't take my case because they didn't think I had one because the police officer said it was all my fault. But, then I was referred to Jeffrey Meldon's office by my father and my uncle and I just wanted to say **thank you**.

I would also like to say, if you are hurt bad in an accident I would recommend that you get a good lawyer like Jeffrey Meldon. **He and his office treated me with respect and hospitality, everyone was great, and they settled my case quickly and for the full limit possible.** I have no complaints or suggestions on how they could have been any better.

Thank you again. **R. Jones Gainesville, Florida**

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Carolyn's Favorite Quiche

Spinach and Prosciutto Quiche

- 4 -6 large eggs (½ cup of cream to 1 egg)
- 1 – 1 ½ cups heavy or light cream
- About ½ cup chopped fresh spinach
- 1 large shallot chopped
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- ½ teaspoon chopped garlic
- 6 strips of prosciutto, cooked, drained, and crumbled.
- 1-1½ cup shredded gruyere cheese (divide into two)
- 1 deep dish pie crust (I use frozen Marie Calender's)

Sauté the shallot and garlic for about 10 minutes in the olive oil and drain.

Beat the eggs and cream together

In the pie crust, sprinkle a light layer cheese on the bottom of the pie crust- ¼ to about ½ cup

Add a little egg mixture to just cover the cheese

Layer with prosciutto crumbles

Then layer with spinach (pack down with fingers)

Then sprinkle with the shallots and garlic mixture,

Add a little pepper

Then add more of the egg mixture.

Add the rest of the cheese and fill with the remaining egg mixture.

Some of the cheese layer may rise to the top

Adding mushrooms and chopped ham is also good!

Bake at 350 for about 45 minutes until the top is golden brown and there is no jiggling.



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