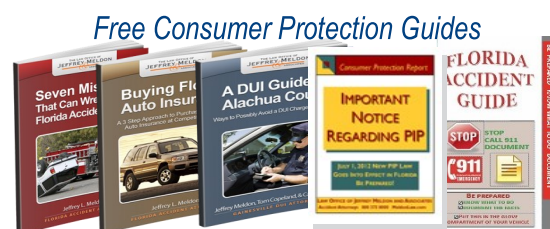


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"Jeffrey on the Air"

## This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

### Questions:

1. Who is often referred to as "the father of scuba diving"?
2. Which mammal has the longest gestation period?
3. Which desert is the largest in the world?
4. How many letters are in the modern English alphabet?
5. How many US Supreme Court justices are there?
6. What is the name given to an ancient analog computer that was discovered off a Greek island in 1900?
7. Which is the closest galaxy to the milky way?
8. What are the four main ingredients in beer?
9. Which NFL Quarterback has been to the most Super Bowls?
10. What famous female singer died of alcohol poisoning in 2011 at the age of 27?



Answers: 1. Jacques Cousteau 2. Elephants 3. The Antarctic Polar Desert 4. 26 5. 9 6. Antikythera mechanism 7. Andromeda Galaxy 8. Grain, hops, yeast, and water 9. Tom Brady 10. Amy Winehouse

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### Inspirational and Funny Quotes of the Month

"The question isn't who is going to let me, it's who is going to stop me."

-Ayn Rand

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take. -Wayne Gretzky"

-Michael Scott

"People wait all week for Friday, all year for summer, all life for happiness."

-Raimonda B.

"You can't have everything. Where would you put it?"

-Steven Wright

"Don't mind your make-up, you'd better make your mind up."

-Frank Zappa

## 5 Things To Do To Recover From A Hurricane

Florida suffered the most catastrophic Hurricane ever (in terms of property damage) during the beginning of September 2017. Thank goodness we had relatively few lives lost and there were not too many serious injuries. However, if you had damage to your home and car, lost power, couldn't get gas for you car or generator (if you were lucky enough to have one) then you may still be dealing with the high cost and inconvenience caused by Hurricane Irma. I recently spoke to a Public Insurance Adjuster (they help homeowners and business owners get fairly compensated from the insurance company) and he told me he may have two years of work just from Irma.

### WHAT TO DO:

1. Take pictures of any damage to your home, car or other property you own.
2. Get out all of your insurance policies and see what kind of coverage you have (or just call your insurance agent and have them review your coverage with you).
3. Call your homeowners or auto insurance company and make a claim. If you don't have flood insurance, call FEMA and see what they can do to help. You may also be entitled to defer payments on your home mortgage and/or car payments.
4. Mitigate your damages by getting your valuables to a safe place and get a restoration company out to your home asap to clean up the water, etc. and prevent mold and other problems from complicating an already bad situation.
5. If you have substantial damage hire a Public Insurance Adjuster to present your claim to your insurance company.

The Public Insurance Adjuster fees are usually 10-15% of the amount recovered. However, they will possibly get you double what you could get on your own. Florida Hurricane insurance coverage can be complicated. You have to deal with Homeowner's Insurance with all kinds of "riders" including wind coverage, Flood Insurance, Auto Insurance, and Government Assistance. I recommend Joey Sharkey who has handled several casualty losses for properties I own. You can reach Joey by phone at 352-246-3096 or by going to his website, [sharkeypia.com](http://sharkeypia.com). Just tell him Jeffrey said to call. Good luck to all of our friends in your recovery from this monumental Hurricane .



Jeffrey Meldon



### Thank You For Your Referral:

Freddie Edwards is one of our favorite clients. He recently referred a case to the Meldon Law team, knowing that it would be handled with the utmost professionalism. As a thank you for thinking of us when making this referral, we will be making a donation to a charity of his choice.

-The Meldon Law Team

# Highlights of the Month:



Carey and Jeffrey celebrating Jeffrey's Birthday in Dallas, Texas on September 2nd!



Left to Right: Chris Qualmann, Jeffrey Meldon, Denise Rustler, and Carey Meldon tailgating before the Gator game against the University of Tennessee.



Jeffrey at the JFK Memorial in Dallas, Texas

# This month's topic of interest: October 2017

Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. We use our clients' comments to come up with ideas for the topics of interest. Here's a topic worth discussing.

## School Bus Safety in Florida

### What you can't do?

As most of you probably already know, when a school bus indicates that it will be making a stop it signals using the flashing stop signs that come out on the sides. When the bus does come to a complete stop you are required by law to come to a complete stop behind it and in front of it. (FL Statute 316.172) It is also crucial to note that you cannot pass the school bus until the stop signals have been fully withdrawn. It is important to comply with this law for your own safety, and for the safety of the children entering or exiting the bus. Like running a red light, if you get pulled over by law enforcement for illegally passing a stopped school bus you are required to attend a mandatory court hearing as well as being required to potentially pay a fine or take a class or both, on top of receiving points on your license. A few points on your driver's license is not the end of the world, however it can increase your insurance premium tremendously, especially for younger drivers. It is important to remember to slow down and pay attention to your surroundings to avoid being penalized for a moving violation or injuring a pedestrian or child which can lead to a more serious offense. Let's do everything possible to protect our kids!

### What you can do?

There is only one scenario in which you are allowed to pass a school bus and that is when you are on a divided highway separated from the school bus by an unpaved space of at least five feet, by a raised median, or a physical barrier.

### Tips for Staying Safe and Avoiding Tickets

- Put Phones Away
- Scan Surroundings
- Refresh Yourself on Driving Rules and Traffic Control Signals and Signs

### Did you know?

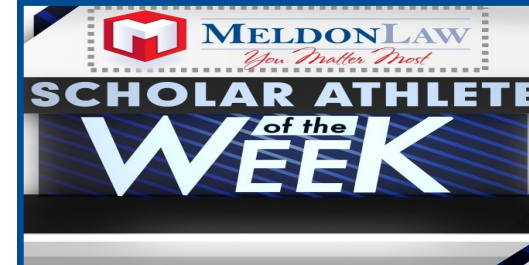
Did you know, that in the wake of Hurricane Irma, many residents were left without power, and in some cases, this caused street lights to be out as well. An important situational traffic rule to remember, especially for Floridians, is that when a traffic signal is not working at an intersection, the intersection is treated as a four way stop. There was a large increase in accidents after this hurricane because many drivers on the road were unaware of this rule, and it caused severe and sometimes deadly collisions to occur.



Ian Pickens



**Keep an eye out for the Meldon Law/ TV20 WCJB Scholar Athlete Bus!**



Welcoming Back our Meldon Law / WCJB TV20 Scholar Athletes of the Week!

Meldon Law has sponsored the Scholar Athlete Program since 1997. Every week of the school year a high school senior in the North Central Florida area is chosen as the Scholar-Athlete of the Week and given a \$100 scholarship and a plaque.

At the end of the school year we hold a banquet for all the winners and their families. Last year nearly 200 people attended the Scholar Athlete Banquet where one male and one female are chosen as The Scholar Athletes of the Year.

The winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship plus a beautiful glass trophy commemorating their achievement. Starting in 2003 the Meldon Law Firm teamed up with WCJB TV20 to promote the event widely on TV 20.

### Our Most Recent Scholar Athletes!

September 6th, 2017: Ava Cockey is a member of Eastside High School's Varsity Swim Team. She competes in the 200m and 500m Freestyle. She works hard in the pool and in the classroom maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

September 15th, 2017: Nathan Holloway is a member of Belleview High School's Varsity Golf Team. Adam is a strong competitor on and off the course. He is finishing out his academic career with an impressive 4.77 GPA.

September 20th, 2017: Brandis Smith is a hitter for St. Francis Catholic High School's Varsity Volleyball Team. Brandis is dedicated to the game, and is a leader on and off the court. She will be continuing her academic and athletic career at Florida International University next fall.

September 27th, 2017: Ashley Oelrich is a hitter for Newberry High School's Varsity Volleyball Team. Ashley is continuing her academic and athletic career at the prestigious Brown University after finishing out high school with a 4.9 GPA.

To nominate someone for Scholar Athlete of the Week, make sure he or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor in his or her sport, and a high school senior. Call in or email nominations to Elgin Rucker at (352) 416-0646 or erucker@wcjb.com

## Community Events

### Homecoming & Gator Growl 2017

Friday, October 6, 2017, 5PM-12AM  
@ Flavet Field, Gainesville, FL

Live concert event for all ages located on the UF Campus. Food trucks, a beer and wine garden, free giveaways, and more on site! For more information on the event and on ticket prices check out [gatorgrowl.org](http://gatorgrowl.org)! Also, don't forget about the free parade earlier in the day open to all ages!



**HOMECOMING & GATOR GROWL**  
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### The Music of Lvnvrd Skynvrd: Classic Albums Live

Friday, October 13, 2017 at 7:30 PM  
@ The Reilly Arts Center in Ocala, FL

Tickets range from \$20-\$35 and can be purchased at [www.ReillyArtsCenter.com](http://www.ReillyArtsCenter.com), or by calling the box office at (352) 351-1606 during box office hours. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Reilly Arts Center box office. Box office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Reilly Arts Center is located at 500 NE 9th Street, Ocala, FL 34470.



## Recipe of the Month: Buffalo Chicken Mac and Cheese

### Ingredients:

- 1 (16 ounce) package elbow macaroni
- 1 rotisserie-roasted chicken
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 cups milk
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack Cheese
- 1/2 cup hot sauce
- 1/2 cup crumbled gorgonzola cheese
- 3 cups milk



### Directions:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook macaroni in the boiling water, stirring occasionally until tender yet firm to the bite, 8 minutes. Drain.
2. Cut wings and legs off rotisserie chicken. Skin and bone wings and legs; chop or shred dark meat into bite-size pieces.
3. Melt butter in a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Whisk in flour gradually until a thick paste forms. Cook until golden, about 1 minute. Pour in milk, whisking constantly, until thickened and bubbling, about 5 minutes. Continue to cook until sauce is smooth, about 1 minute more. Reduce heat and season sauce with black pepper.
4. Stir Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese into the sauce until melted and combined. Stir in hot sauce, adjusting to reach desired level of spiciness. Add blue cheese, chicken, and macaroni; mix well to combine.