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A Monthly Newsletter Publication from Meldon Law

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Wrongful Death

**Personal Injury** 

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"Don't watch the clock; do what it does Keep going.'

Quotes of the Month

-Sam Levenson

"Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions.'

-Dalai Lama

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

-Francis of Assisi

### Jokes of the Month

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta.

What did the hat say to the hat rack?

You stay here, I'll go on a head.

# **ELIO: THE MUSIC MAN** BRINGING THE FIESTA TO YOU!

Gainesville has been blessed to have a great young musician in our midst. Elio Piedra moved to Gainesville eight years ago from Cuba. The 27-year-old talent was trained as a classical musician from the age of 8 and is proficient in playing several instruments such as piano, drums, and all of the percussion instruments. Elio followed his wife, Yarelis, from Cuba to the United States in 2012 when he was 19-years-old, and he hasn't looked back since.

He can be seen performing all over Gainesville at many restaurants and other venues. Recently he and his band performed at the reception for the marriage of Jeffrey Meldon to Patricia Ojalvo. He led the party at

the spectacular Cade Museum through an eclectic mixture of music from the traditional Jewish "Hora" to Tom Petty's

"Won't Back Down" to some of the most rhythmic Cuban songs that brought

home and looks forward to many more years of "Bringing the fiesta to you!"



The ceremony being performed in the gorgeous Cade Museum



everyone to the dance floor. Elio is proud to call Gainesville his



Jeffrey and Patricia standing at the

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### SEPTEMBER'S REVIEW OF THE MONTH:

Meldon Law is a high caliber firm that has been in the community for many years. Staff are both highly professional and personable. I applaud the Meldons' philanthropic endeavors. Impressive group.

-Susan Thomason, Former Client

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"Jeffrey on the Air"

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

- 1. What nationality is golfer Paul Azinger?
- 2. In the computer world, what does the abbreviation RAM stand for? 3. What actor was the narrator in the movie "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence"?
- 4. What African country completely surrounds the country of Lesotho?
- 5. What European conflict lasted 115 years?
- 6. How many US States end with the letter N?
- 7. What is the eighth sign of the Zodiac?
- 8. The Venice Cup is for women only playing what?
- 9. Who wrote the book "Great Expectations"?
- 10. On what month is the Earth closest to the sun?



7. Scorpio 8. Bridge 9. Charles Dickens 10. January Answers: 1. American 2. Random Access Memory 3. Ben Kingsley 4. South Africa 5. The Hundred Years War 6. Four

### 10:30 Saturday mornings on The Sky/97.3 FM.

The longest continual running legal affairs program in the Southeast United States. Call in with your question!

## In The Community...Alachua County Four Creeks Preserve

Location: 6845 NW 37th, Street Gainesville, FL 32653 Website: www.alachuacounty.us

Four Creeks Preserve is a 711 acre nature preserve located in northwest Gainesville. The property had been owned by a trust for Arthur D. Weiss of Boca Raton. It had once been slated for residential development, but was offered to the Alachua County Forever program by a local Realtor acting on the owner's behalf. The preserve uplands are predominately pine forest, including flatwoods and upland pine communities with over 200 acres of wetlands. As the name implies, the preserve protects portions of four different creeks including Turkey Creek and Blues Creek, and the watersheds of Hogtown Creek and Possum Creek. Plans by the county include the development of parking, a trailhead, and trail system to be open to the public on September 28th, 2019.



# **Community Events**

#### Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, September 21st, 2019, 8:00A.M.-12:00P.M. @ Tuscawilla Park, Ocala, FL 34470

This event calls on participants of all ages to join the fight against Alzheimer's in a marathon \_\_\_\_\_

of strength and endurance.
Through this event, the money raised from the hard work of each runner directly fuels the Alzheimer's Association's mission to bring Alzheimer's awareness to your community.
Each step taken could lead to a leap in Alzheimer's research.



#### **Artwalk Gainesville**

Friday, September 27th, 2019, 7:00P.M.-10:00P.M.

@ Downtown Gainesville, Gainesville, FL 32601

Artwalk Gainesville is a free, monthly, self-guided tour that combines exciting visual art, live performance, and events in downtown Gainesville, Florida. It's a triple win

for the community – a showcase for our artists, an attraction for area businesses, and a fun and accessible way for the community to learn about and experience art firsthand.



# Quick 'n Easy Lemon Garlic Salmon and Asparagus

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 pound salmon fillet cut into 2-3 fillets
- 1 bunch asparagus trimmed
- 1 tablespoon salted butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Zest and juice of 1/2 lemon
- Salt and cracked black pepper



### Directions:

- 1. Heat a tablespoon of butter and a tablespoon of olive oil in a large pan. Wait until the pan is hot and the butter has fully melted. Add the salmon and asparagus, season with salt and pepper, and cook for about 3-4 minutes on one side.
- 2. Flip and cook for about 3-4 minutes on the other side. Add the garlic and lemon zest. Cook the garlic for just 1-2 minutes or until it begins to brown.

Turn off the heat and squeeze half a lemon into the dish.



# ELIO: The Music Man — Continued from page 1



From left to right: Jacobo (Patricia's nephew), Jeffrey, Becky (Patricia's daughter), Elio, Patricia, and Mayela (Patricia's sister in law)



Elio, Jeffrey, Patricia, and friends celebrating



Jeffrey and Patricia under the Jewish wedding chuppah

# Jeffrey Celebrates 50 Years as a Lawyer

Jeffrey Meldon graduated from Case Western Reserve Law School in Cleveland Ohio in 1969. Jeffrey was fortunate to be a member of a great

group of future lawyers who were trained during the golden age of the movement to protect all of our individual rights. The United States Supreme Court handed down some of the most important bill of rights decisions in the history of our country during that time.

Jeffrey moved to Gainesville in 1970 and opened up the Law Office of Jeffrey Meldon in 1971.



Left: Robert Sheahem (former law school classmate), Right: Peter Laind (former partner, Meldon and Laird 1974-1978), Middle: Melanie Laind (Peter's wife)



Our Meldon Law / WCJB TV-20 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 TV-20 to promote the event widely on TV-20.

Randi Granger was the captain of West Port High's softball team. She managed balancing school, softball, and a part-time job. Randi maintained an incredible 4.8 GPA while also being a part of the National Honor Society, English Honor Society and Biomedical program at her school.

Jenna Smith was an outfielder, pitcher, and co-captain of Buchholz's softball team. She balanced her many duties on the softball field with her academics, maintaining an outstanding 4.5 GPA. Jenna will attend the University of South Florida where she will major in elementary education.

John D'Alessio is a senior athlete at St. Francis Catholic Academy. He starred on the varsity football team and varsity track and field team. John maintained an astounding 4.8 GPA while also being involved in the National Honor Society and the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. He will attend the University of Florida on an academic scholarship and major in mechanical engineering.

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 Cierra Clark at (407) 485-3344 or Cierra.clark@wcjb.com.