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Immigrants share stories of struggles

Two speakers who moved the Immigration Rights Day/May Day event were recent immigrants, Norma and her son Eric. Speaking through a translator, Gia Del Pino (at right), Norma spoke about her struggles in leaving a bad situation of violence and crime in Mexico, coming to Gainesville and working multiple jobs to be able to get her children to the U.S., and now with the election of Trump, her fears.

Nine-year-old son Eric spoke for himself in English about how the Trump campaign and election had sparked threats and bullying from classmates at his school, things like being told they'd call Immigration on him and his family. Madres Sin Fronteras representatives also spoke about their work and, as of press time, were dealing with deportation situations going on in the Ocala area. Photo by m walig.

Madres Sin Fronteras fights racism

*by Gia Del Pino lead organizer with
Madres Sin Fronteras*

In the aftermath of the Trump election a group of undocumented and semi-documented immigrants grouped together to stand up to the racism affecting their communities. After witnessing increases in bullying to their children and intimidation from their bosses they formed Madres Sin Fronteras to demand their human rights.

Madres Sin Fronteras — or Mothers Without Borders in English — has two main organizing goals:

- 1) to create policy at the local level to protect our community from any and all anti-immigrant actions and
- 2) to prevent deportations through the creation deep and lasting solidarity.

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*Update: Voting Rights
Restoration Initiative*



Petition ballot language approved

by Heidi Harris

Women's March members, working with Julie Thaler, continue to collect signed petitions for the Voter Rights Restoration Petition to be delivered to the Florida State House and Senate and Gov. Rick Scott.

On April 20, the ballot language passed the state supreme court, a victory for this measure that will help restore voter rights to Florida citizens.

We have partnered with the Alachua County Labor Coalition (ACLCLC) to structure and manage the process of gathering almost 800,000 signatures statewide. Together, we have formed the North Florida Voter Rights Restoration Coalition, and will continue to network and join efforts with other activist groups across the state.

For nearly 200 years, Florida has had some of the strictest voting regulations in the country when it comes to those convicted

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Legislative Recap 2017: immigration, education, etc.

by Jeremiah Tattersall

Florida's House, Senate, and Governor are all Republicans and thank God they don't get along. This last session had both losses and defensive victories for working families. The overarching theme of the session was that of disunity and political bickering. House Speaker Richard Corcoran (R, Land O'Lakes) held many bills and the budget hostage, while Senate President Joe Negron (R, Palm City) and Governor Rick Scott did their best to save face.

Immigration:

House Republicans wanted to tap into the Trump xenophobic wave and attempted to push through nine anti-immigrant bills this year, the most onerous of which threatened to punish sanctuary counties, which Alachua County is considered, with fines while deputizing all police as ICE agents. These bills were defeated because of the hard work from human rights activists all over the state and through the leadership of the Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC).

Higher Education:

Santa Fe College got \$5.4 million to expand the Blount Center downtown, a controversial project under fire for gentrification. This is on top of \$2.6 million it got last year from the legislature and over \$6 million in private donations. They also got \$5 million to hire and retain faculty and staff. UF will receive \$120 million more this year which includes funding for long overdue renovations at Norman Hall and design work for a new music building.

Bright Futures Academic Scholars Award will cover 100 percent of tuition for the first time since the recession. The catch is that all students will be forced into the block tuition program in which everyone is charged for 15 credit hours a semester regardless of how many classes they take.

Guns:

A slew of pro-gun bills were filed, but most failed. Some of the worse ones were open carry, allowing guns in airports, and the elimination of gun free zones at universities and colleges. What did pass was an expansion of the state's Stand Your Ground Law. It will now be harder to bring someone claiming self-defense to trial by shifting the burden of proof to the prosecutor.

Environment:

We received \$250,000 to help filter water

going into Newnans Lake and \$500,000 for a rails to trails path connecting High Springs to Newberry. Meanwhile SB 10, which sought to stop the algae blooms in Southwest Florida by creating a recharge south of Lake Okeechobee, was scaled back. Instead of fully funding the project, we will now spend \$1.25 billion to buy polluted land from big sugar while simultaneously relieving them from liability to clean up their mess.

This is part of a larger story that includes Florida Forever, passed in 2014 by more than 70 percent of voters, which forced the government to buy environmentally sensitive land. This year the legislature spent \$0 to do so and, instead, voted to spend money cleaning up polluted farmland and eroded beaches.

Workers' Rights:

The Florida Legislature wasn't able to decide on how much lawyers should be allowed to collect from workers' compensation. The Florida Supreme Court ruled that the current law with its low caps makes legal representation all but unattainable for workers. A special session to deal with this might be called.

Senator Keith Perry was finally able to pass his anti living wage bill SB 534. This bill nullifies local ordinances that mandate local hiring, higher safety standards, and certified apprenticeships. After a lot of pushback, this bill was hamstrung so that it only kicks in when 50 percent or more of the funds are coming from state-allocated money, which will affect very few projects in Alachua County.

State workers will now default into a 401k style plan as opposed to the state's pension. This is part of a strategy to weaken the pension system so that they have an excuse to do away with it in the future. Currently nearly 60 percent of state workers default into the pension plan and only 18 percent choose the 401k-style plan. The bill passed in part because it was lumped together with a \$1,400 raise for more state workers.

Education:

The Alachua County School Board will see a decrease of \$27 per student in funding. This will put us at \$492 less funding per student than the highwater mark in 2007-2008. But some students are getting more funding. Charter Schools will have more money diverted into their

coffers for buildings, and students who get vouchers to go to private school will get a 14 percent increase in their funding. And the new "Schools of Hope" program has \$140 million allocated, which will allow charter schools to take over low performing public schools.

The good news is that there will now be 20 minutes of required daily recess and elimination of some standardized tests. And HB989 passed, which allows parents to question materials used to educate their children. This will most likely be abused by reactionary parents who regularly attend School Board meetings to decry the teaching of Islam in history class.

Healthcare:

Legal medical marijuana, passed by voters in 2016, required that Florida institute a medical marijuana program. However, the state legislature couldn't agree on how to do it. The House wanted to ban smokable marijuana, and the Senate wouldn't agree. Now the Department of Health will put in place policies, but the Florida Legislature might call a special session to deal with this issue.

The good news is that the seven anti-choice bills filed this last year all failed.

Odds and Ends:

- Rep. Chuck Clemons (R, Newberry) carried water for Sen. Keith Perry and got a GRU governance bill passed. The bill forces GRU residents to vote on a bill that would wrestle control of our utility away from the elected commissioners to an appointment board.
- A proposed Constitutional Amendment would increase the non-school homestead exemption by \$25,000. If passed by 60 percent of voters in November, it would punch a \$9 million hole in the County coffers, which would mean lowering of services. It is expected to pass, and cities/countries are already implementing hiring freezes in anticipation.
- The liquor wall is down. HB 423/SB 1040 passed and will allow liquor to be bought in grocery stores.
- The Competitive workforce act (HB623/SB666), which would have added sexual orientation and gender identity to the protected class

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From the publisher ...

On bending the arc

These are challenging times to make sense of. Last week we saw Trump fire the director of the FBI and also announce thousands of more troops to Afghanistan. Healthcare is in the hands of the Senate. Each of these acts will impact lives and set off chains of events whose outcome we cannot know in advance. We are along for the ride, and it can easily make one feel powerless. But powerless we are not.

Martin Luther King Jr. popularized the phrase "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

This can make it seem like some preordained thing, like those simple-minded bumper stickers around Gainesville that say "If anything can go well, it will."

Um, no, that's not how the struggle for justice works. Former president Barack Obama addressed this on May 7 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, where he received the annual Profiles in Courage award. Referring to the King quote, he said: "It bends because we bend it. Because we put our hand on that arc, and we move it in the direction of justice."

Angela Davis popularized the phrase "freedom is a constant struggle," and that struggle to bend the arc toward justice is a battle with other forces which are pulling it in the other direction, or perhaps just trying to move forward a practice rigidly stuck.

Those working against justice are often not "hands" but forces of corporate greed, of an attachment to outmoded ways of thinking which value traditions of exploitation as being "normal," and of decades-old decisions and policies which created or stimulated injustice, exploitation, or other negative consequences.

Take the immigration crisis as it manifests around the globe. People don't just choose en masse to leave their homes; people would never do that on the scale we are seeing. Economics and violence are strong motivators; you don't want to see loved ones starving or being killed. The rapid increase in violence and war in the area of the Mediterranean Sea is a huge catalyst to what we see on our screens. What we see there is different than the immigration patterns we see in this hemisphere.

Here in the U.S., we largely see long-term impacts of U.S. government policies playing out over generations. The 1960s "Green Revolution" saw corporate agriculture move into the Americas, displacing small farmers who then moved to cities. This impact in Latin America was disruptive, and with exploding populations, migrations began out of the cities and toward the land of opportunity, the USA. Wars in Central America compounded this, especially in El Salvador and Guatemala. Gang activity in especially southern California saw recent migrants get caught up in the lifestyle, and then take it back home to El Salvador, resulting in more immigration to the U.S.

Trump's crude response to immigration is appalling. These are times when we all need to put our hands out and bend that arc toward justice. We must build resistance, and our city and county are shining lights by being welcoming and supporting the rights of migrants in our community. Seeing our Mayor and a County Commissioner jointly reading a proclamation declaring May 1 Immigrant Rights Day in Gainesville and Alachua County filled me with pride for our Blue Dot. We have elected a slew of really good people to our City and County government, but we citizens must both have their backs when attacked, and be on their backs, challenging them to do better.

One thing highlighted at the May Day event was a new "tip line" initiated by the Trump administration. Called VOICE (Victims Of Immigration Crime Engagement), it is a tool in building fear of immigrants. It has gotten little publicity amid all the other "news" coming out of Washington (and most of what I had heard about it dealt with floods of bogus calls going to it about space aliens), but I cannot forget City Commissioner Harvey Budd's (immigrant 1958) look of horror recounting just learning of its existence when I was talking to him after the event.

We need outrage to grow, we need to not turn away. We are waking up, and while humor and satire are having a field day (and I rejoice at this), this is dead serious. Resistance is growing and in whatever way you can, join it. 🐢



Joe Courter

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With these two goals in mind we have met with our city and county commissioners, school board members, and the sheriff to demand action from our elected leaders. While we have received warm receptions we still have a lot of work ahead of us if we are to withstand the racism coming out of Washington DC and Tallahassee.

We are also moving to stop the separations of families by growing solidarity within the greater Gainesville community. Many of our members are undocumented mothers to children that were born in Gainesville. Separating these families not only hurts the children but is also cheapens our city by denying the full potential of our youth. In this respect Madres Sin Fronteras is working hard to become a resource for those facing deportation by raising funds and holding "know your rights" workshops.

While Madres Sin Fronteras is fully lead by undocumented and semi-documented people we welcome all those who believe in the spirit of human justice. Our weekly meetings are in English and Spanish with plenty of work for allies wishing to show their solidarity. To find out more follow us at facebook.com/MSFGainesville. 🐾

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prohibits their discrimination. In Alachua County we have the Human Rights Ordinance, which seeks to accomplish this goal.

- HB305 passed, which allows cops to review body cam footage before writing a report.
- To conform with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling, SB280 was passed. It requires a unanimous jury vote to sentence someone to death.
- Sen. Baxley stopped a slavery memorial from being created in the Florida Capitol (HB27/SB1722). The proud descendant of confederate soldiers has complained in the past about "cultural cleansing" of confederate symbols and said "it just seems in this age of multiculturalism we can celebrate everyone's culture but mine."
- Some \$75 million in tax cuts, mostly to businesses, passed. Also feminine hygiene products will now be tax-free.
- HB 221 preempts local ordinances that have to do with Uber/Lyft. 🐾

Watergate Redux or 'Deep State' Coup?

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By Robert Parry

President Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey on Tuesday reflected a growing concern inside the White House that the long-rumored scheme by "deep state" operatives to overturn the results of the 2016 election may have been more than just rumors.

The fear grew that Comey and other senior officials in the U.S. intelligence community had concluded last year that neither Hillary Clinton nor Donald Trump was a suitable future president, albeit for different reasons. I'm told that Clinton was seen as dangerously hawkish and Trump as dangerously unqualified, opinions privately shared by then-President Barack Obama.

So, according to this account, plans were made last summer to damage both Clinton and Trump, with the hope of putting a more stable and less risky person in the Oval Office – with key roles in this scheme played by Comey, CIA Director John Brennan and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper.

When I first heard about this supposed cabal in the middle of last year, I dismissed it as something more fitting a Jason Bourne movie than the real world. But – to my amazement – the U.S. intelligence community then began intervening in the presidential campaign in unprecedented ways.

On July 5, 2016, Director Comey dealt a severe blow to Clinton by holding a press conference to denounce her use of a private email server while Secretary of State as "extremely careless," yet he announced that no legal action would follow, opening her to a damaging line of attack that she jeopardized national security but that her political status gave her special protection.

Then, on Oct. 28, just ten days before the election, Comey reopened the investigation because of emails found on the laptop of disgraced former Rep. Anthony Weiner, the husband of Clinton's close aide Huma Abedin. That move re-injected Clinton's email controversy into the campaign, along with the unsavory issues surrounding Weiner's sexting scandal, and reminded voters about the sex-related scandals that have swirled around Bill Clinton for years.

To make matters worse, Comey closed the investigation again just two days before the election, once more putting the Clinton email controversy in front of voters. That

also reaffirmed the idea that Clinton got special treatment because of her political clout, arguably the most damaging image possible in an election year dominated by voter anger at "elites."

Clinton herself has said that if the election had been held on Oct. 27 – the day before Comey reopened the email inquiry – she would have won. In other words, whether Comey's actions were simply clumsy or possibly calculated, the reality is that he had an outsized hand in drowning Clinton's candidacy, a point that Trump's Justice Department also noted on Tuesday in justifying Comey's firing.

Russia-gate Probe

And, we now know that Comey was leading a parallel investigation into possible Russian collusion with the Trump campaign, instigated at least in part by a dossier prepared by ex-British spy Christopher Steele, paid for by Clinton supporters and containing allegations about secret meetings between Trump aides and influential Russians.

Last July, the FBI reportedly secured a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act warrant against former Trump foreign policy adviser Carter Page. Page was mentioned in the Steele dossier and gave an academic speech in Moscow on July 7 mildly critical of U.S. policies toward Russia and other nations of the former Soviet Union, two apparent factors in justifying the FISA warrant.

Before the election, people close to Clinton also tried to get the U.S. media to publicize the Steele dossier and particularly its anonymous claims about Trump cavorting with prostitutes in a Moscow hotel while Russian intelligence agents supposedly filmed him. However, because media outlets could not confirm Steele's allegations and because some details turned out to be wrong, the dossier remained mostly under wraps prior to the election.

However, after Trump's surprising victory on Nov. 8, President Obama and his intelligence chiefs escalated their efforts to undermine Trump's legitimacy. The Obama administration leaked an intelligence assessment that Russian President Vladimir Putin had orchestrated the hacking of Democratic emails and their publication by WikiLeaks to undermine Clinton and help Trump.

The intelligence community's assessment set the stage for what could have been a revolt by the Electoral College in which

enough Trump delegates might have refused to vote for him to send the election into the House of Representatives, where the states would choose the President from one of the top three vote-getters in the Electoral College.

The third-place finisher turned out to be former Secretary of State Colin Powell who got three votes from Clinton delegates in Washington State. The idea of giving votes to Powell was that he might be an acceptable alternative to House members over either Clinton or Trump, a position that I'm told Obama's intelligence chiefs shared. But the Electoral College ploy failed when Trump's delegates proved overwhelmingly faithful to the GOP candidate on Dec. 19.

Expanding Russia-gate

Still, the effort to undermine Trump did not stop. President Obama reportedly authorized an extraordinary scheme to spread information about Russia's purported assistance to Trump across the federal bureaucracy and even overseas.

Comey, Brennan and Clapper also set in motion a hasty intelligence assessment by hand-picked analysts at the CIA, the FBI and the National Security Agency, producing a report on alleged Russian electoral interference that was released on Jan. 6.

Though Clapper had promised to release a great deal of the evidence, the declassified version of the report amounted mostly to "trust us" along with a one-sided analysis of Putin's alleged motive, citing his well-known disdain for Clinton.

But the report failed to note the other side of that coin, that Putin would be taking a great risk by trying to hurt Clinton and failing, given Clinton's odds as the prohibitive favorite to defeat Trump. Putin would have to assume that the NSA with its powerful surveillance capabilities would pick up a Russian initiative and inform an irate President Hillary Clinton.

In other words, the Jan. 6 report was not some careful analysis of the pros and cons for believing or doubting that Russia was behind the WikiLeaks disclosures. It amounted to a prosecutor's brief, albeit without any public evidence to support the Russia-did-it charge.

We learned later that the report's classified appendix included a summary of Steele's dossier that was then briefed to President Obama, President-elect Trump and to members of Congress, guaranteeing that its damaging but unproven allegations would finally get widely circulated in the mainstream media, as indeed promptly happened.

Hobbling Trump's Presidency

So, going into the Inauguration, Russia-gate was dominating the front pages of newspapers as well as the endless chat shows on cable TV despite the fact that no real evidence was presented proving Russia was responsible for the WikiLeaks' posts – and WikiLeaks denied getting the material from Russia. There was also no evidence that Trump's campaign had colluded with the Russians in this endeavor.

But those suspicions quickly hardened into a groupthink among many Democrats, liberals and progressives. Their hatred of Trump and their dread about his policies convinced some that the ends of removing Trump justified whatever means were employed, even if those means had more than a whiff of McCarthyism.

On Inauguration Day, many anti-Trump protesters carried signs accusing Trump of being Putin's boy. Sensing a political opportunity, congressional Democrats joined the #Resistance and escalated their demands for a sweeping investigation of any connections between

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March for Science, Gainesville, FL, April 22 -- 800 to 1,000 people marched from the UF campus to the Bo Diddley Plaza in a strong demonstration of support for science, scientific research, and the scientific method. Paraphrasing one speaker: "It may surprise you when I say I am not here to save the planet. I am a geologist, and this planet has been here long before humans, and will be into the future. I am here to save lives." Photographs by l.w. plympton.

New Gainesville city commissioners sworn in

by Joe Courter

Thursday, May 4, was a day where the hard work of political organizing bore fruits, as the new and re-elected City Commission candidates were sworn into office at a noontime event at the Thelma Boltin Center. New Commissioners David Arreola and Harvey Ward and returning commissioner Helen Warren took turns recognizing their campaign staffs and laying out their hopes and ideals for their coming term to a standing-room crowd of over 200. There was much support among all of them for an active addressing of community problems of income disparity, improvements to public services, and an especially welcome call for closer cooperation between city, county and school board. Low voter turnout was addressed by Harvey Ward with this story of his encounter with a potential voter while going door-to-door in Northwood Oaks:

Hi, my name is Harvey Ward and I'm running for Gainesville City Commission. Do you have a moment to talk?

Sure, I've got time, but I don't really care.

There must be some city issues you're concerned about?

Nope. I don't care.

How about roads? Everybody likes to talk about roads!

Nah.

This went on for several minutes before he finally asked me, "What part of 'I don't care' don't you understand?"

I didn't want to tell him, "all of it." The idea was totally foreign to me. I was ready for people to tell me they preferred one of my opponents or that they thought I was a godless communist or that they had no tolerance for bald men or any number of things.

I was not prepared for "I don't care."

I still don't know what to do with that. Here's what it has helped me understand: The great divide in America ... is between those who show up and vote – who feel ownership in the system – and those who have been so disappointed so many times they have given up and left it behind.

The heart of a democracy, and really a word that should be intrinsic to it, is participation. Ward mentioned moving city elections to the fall as a means of both cost savings and greater turnout. This seems like an idea with merit, but beyond elections and voting, that participation is also needed for attending or at least paying attention to the process of governing, going to meetings, communicating with commissioners, weighing in on issues important to you. All three commissioners spoke of this, to be open to ideas and input, and keeping the tone positive and away from the recreational obstructionism which some citizens seem to practice.

Following the Boltin event, the new commission kicked off their first meeting, and there they heard from County Commissioner Ken Cornell, speaking as a citizen and asking the Commission to move slowly and carefully regarding the lingering issue of purchasing the Biomass plant. This is a huge financial decision, and it is a good sign that the County's voice is being heard, as 30 percent of Gainesville Regional Utilities customers actually live outside city limits, We wish them wisdom in their decision making. 🐸



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ambitious and exciting project – Working Food – will allow the organizations to combine forces and provide a physical hub for efforts at the intersection of *Kitchens, Commerce, and Culture*.

Working Food's operation, referred to as a community food center, will support local farmers and food entrepreneurs, work to keep Florida food in state and reduce food waste, and support the creation of a robust, just, and resilient food system in North Central Florida.

The physical space will house several components, including:

- A certified commercial kitchen incubator

for food entrepreneurs that will help expand local business ownership and job creation for our region by giving businesses the tools and support to develop and scale up their products and/or services.


- Cold and dry food storage and warehousing space that will provide existing and start-up businesses an answer to a critical bottleneck for expansion and local food utilization, and provide retail and institutions easier, less expensive access to local food products.
- Event and workshop space and programming to increase food literacy, security, activity, and community cohesion by making connections between farmers, food businesses, and individual citizens.

The name 'Working Food' represents the core of their vision. By creating jobs, helping increase economic resilience through business ownership, teaching food skills to increase health and access, and by celebrating the culture, history, and foodways that make our region unique, we will "put food to work" for our community.

Join Working Food at the County Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 23 to show your support for this critical project and to stand up for local food and economic justice for our community. 🐾

by *Maya Velesko*
 Forage and Blue Oven Kitchens have been working together and collaborating with our community to support and expand our local food system for over five years.

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Open House/Open Wings at Lubee Bat Conservancy



In honor of Endangered Species Day, Lubee Bat Conservancy will host our Open House/Open Wings event, Saturday, May 20 from 11am to 3pm. The entrance fee is \$5/person, and children 4 and under are free.

Guests will have a chance to listen to educational talks, check out native bat houses, talk to experts on installation and exclusion, and of course, view the beautiful bats playing with numerous toys. Great fun for all ages!

Director Brian Pope will give a special presentation on endangered species, wildlife trafficking, and the importance of preserving animals and habitats.

This family-friendly event focuses on endangered species, native bats, and viewing the largest bats in the world.

All proceeds benefit Lubee's conservation and education efforts. The Facebook Open House/Open Wings event page is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/408495889514803/>.

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Debunking alternate energy denial: seven responses

By Larry Behnke

Climate change denial has been around for years. But there's another climate-related denial that is just as damaging: alternate energy denial. You usually hear this put-down of alternate energy from utilities that fear loss of control and income as people discover ways to produce their own power.

Solar electricity is often the target for alt-energy denial. We've heard for years, "It's too expensive; it's inefficient; we need more research." But the efficiency of PV (photo voltaic) panels has increased as their price has dropped the last few years. More people are buying them, while utility companies fret.

Over the past few months in our area, I have seen the following examples of alt-energy denial, actual quotes from local officials. I will comment on each one according to my experience as a user of solar electricity to power my home with a system I installed in 1984.

"Salesmen will tell potential customers that their panels will save them X amount of money over a 30-year period, but the panels themselves are only warranted for 20 years. That means the homeowner has to re-invest in new solar panels before they have received the benefit of the utility savings."

Only 20 years? Your car should have such a warranty! But that's just a warranty, not the life of the panels. My PV panels have been producing more electricity than I can use for 33 years. The panels

General Electric made 60 years ago still work. Some scientists predict PV panels could work for 100 years; there are no moving parts to wear out (although there is slight loss of output). You will never have to buy new panels unless you want to expand the size of your system, and it is easy to wire on new panels.

"PVs don't produce any voltage on cloudy days."

Yes they do, just not as much as in bright sun. My PV panels fully charge my batteries by around noon or 1 p.m. On cloudy days it may take until 2 or 3 p.m. to get a full charge. I know this as fact from 33 years of checking my battery voltage. I simply push a contact button on my wall to see the voltmeter reading.

"Solar panels can't move with the sun."

For more than three decades the Zomeworks Company has built an efficient tracker that moves panels to follow the sun across the sky all day and then repositions them for the next morning, all with self-contained solar power. But my panels don't need to move.

"PVs don't produce much voltage in the winter or when covered with ice or snow."

PVs actually work better in winter, producing more power when they are cold (a balance to the shorter days of sunlight). That's why an air space between the panels and roof is important during hot weather (and why solar shingles are less efficient).

Ice and snow are no problem in the Sunshine State. If northern PV panels don't slope enough, snow may accumulate. But a rare covering of ice would still let enough sunshine through to produce electricity.

"Solar is higher cost compared with other forms of generating electricity."

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That may have been true 30 years ago, but in some communities, solar electricity is the same cost as coal generation (fossil fuels and nuclear would be far more expensive without their government subsidies and tax breaks). But what is the added cost of burning coal for electricity? Damage to humans who have to breathe its toxins, as well as the heat of burning coal that is warming up our planet (2016 was the hottest year on record).

Recent research by Bloomberg showed that new solar power around the world is "robustly entering the era of undercutting fossil-fuel prices."

"The most expensive and inefficient use of solar is by one individual;..."

I am one individual using solar electricity to pump all my water from a well. I use solar for lights, fans and assorted 12-volt appliances. The cost of my PV system, figured over the years I've used it, is \$8 a month. Does that sound expensive?

I also use \$5 a month worth of grid power (plus the customer fee of \$20, and taxes) for my refrigerator, lights and TV. My house is wired for these two separate systems, so I am less affected when the grid goes down during storms.

"...it is more cost effective if solar use is on a city-wide basis, and most cost effective if a group of cities can employ solar using the very latest technology."

Solar is only more cost effective on a citywide basis for the utility company so they can sell solar electricity to their customers. They don't make profits when people have their own solar "power companies" on rooftops.

Making electricity on site with PVs is more efficient than having to transport it over long distances, losing power along miles of lines.

Not all utilities are in denial. According to Lynn Jurich, CEO of Sunrun: "Sunrun pays to install a solar electric system on a person's roof. There's no up-front cost for homeowners. They then buy the power from us, typically at 20 percent less than what their utilities charge. We take care of the maintenance. Homeowners save money immediately. We're in 12 states now."

Of course our local utilities would rather have "solar farms" that they can own and control to sell power to their customers as they always have. As for cities being able to use the "latest technology," PVs themselves have changed very little over the decades. What has changed is that they are much more efficient and cheaper than ever. I paid \$260 for a 30-watt panel in 1984. Now you could buy a 300-watt panel for the same amount.

Why do our utility officials tell us all these falsehoods about solar electricity? Control and profit. They can sell electricity for a profit when they control the buying and selling of coal, gas, oil and nuclear. But they have not figured out a way to sell us sunshine, except with their own solar farms.

In the stock market fossil fuel has been among the worst performing sectors, while investors are now piling more money into renewables, because that's where the growth will come. Economics will kill alt-energy denial.

Perhaps our local utilities will someday work with their customers to promote and sell PV panels. But they are used to doing business their old way, so for now they will use alt-energy denial to dissuade us from installing our own PV power, using free sunshine.

You can contact Larry Behnke at lbehnke@windstream.net, 386-454-3249, or P.O.Box 1311, High Springs, FL 32655. ☘



Vietnamese writer to speak

Writer and illustrator Thi Bui, who has written the graphic memoir *The Best We Could Do*, an intimate and poignant graphic novel portraying her family's journey from Vietnam during the war, will be speaking and reading on May 30 at the Civic Media Center. The event runs from 6:30 to 8 pm.

This beautifully illustrated and emotionally evocative memoir is about the search for a better future and a longing for the past. Exploring the anguish of immigration and the lasting effects that displacement has on a child and her family, Bui documents the story of her family's daring escape after the fall of South Vietnam in the 1970s, and the difficulties they faced building new lives for themselves.

At the heart of Bui's story is a universal struggle: While adjusting to life as a first-time mother, she ultimately discovers what it means to be a parent—the endless sacrifices, the unnoticed gestures, and the depths of unspoken love.

Despite how impossible it seems to take on the simultaneous roles of both parent and child, Bui pushes through. With haunting, poetic writing and breathtaking art, she examines the strength of family, the importance of identity, and the meaning of home.

In what Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Viet Thanh Nguyen calls "a book to break your heart and heal it," *The Best We Could Do* brings to life Thi Bui's journey of understanding, and provides inspiration to all of those who search for a better future while longing for a simpler past.

"With great mastery of writing and drawing, Thi Bui shows the consequences of war lasting from generation to generation."

— Maxine Hong Kingston

"Be prepared to take your heart on an emotional roller-coaster journey with this thought-provoking account that completely satisfies as the story comes full circle. Highly recommended for teens and adults; an excellent choice for book clubs."

— Library Journal online (starred review) ☘



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Monday Lunes

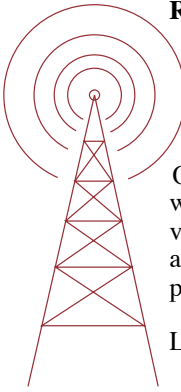
Tuesday Martes

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Saturday Sabado



Radio Notes: Find schedules for WUFT and WGOT, our local non-corporate stations, at www.wuft.org and wgot.org respectively. WGOT is now a full-time over-the-air broadcast at 100.1 FM. More info on local independent radio on pg 17.

On the music side of things, those on the east side or with antennas might appreciate the music on Jacksonville's public radio station at 89.9 FM, ranging from acoustic to electronic, jazz and blues, in an eclectic and pleasant mix in the evenings and night.

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For more events, event details, and irregularly updated calendar entries, see www.gainesvilleiguana.org/calendar.

21 Sunday Assembly with Ann Kinnebrew of Playback Theater, SFC Downtown (530 W. Univ. Ave), 11 am, 3rd Sundays - see sagainesville.weebly.com. Pit Bull author Bronwen Dickey, downtown library, 2 pm. Porter's Community Tour, starts at Porter's Comm. Ctr (512 SW 2nd Terr), 3 pm. Forage Farm Local Food Awards honoring Faith Carr & Jordan Brown: 1st Magnitude Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St), 5:30 pm: \$75+ includes dinner, beers; pg 5.

28 UMMU by Tom Miller final performance at Acrosstown (619 S. Main St), 2 pm; pg 18. The Repurpose Project Trash Princess teaches kids crafts at Depot Park, 2 pm. If you appreciate this calendar, please consider supporting the Ig with a donation &/or subscription: PO Box 14712, Gainesville FL 32604.

4 Operation Catnip feral cat spay/neuter clinic, 8 am - see ocgainesville.org. Nathan Hill, author of The Nix, downtown library, 2:30 pm. 1989: Chinese troops crush Tiananmen Square protests.

11 Nat'l Equality March, Washington DC & elsewhere: see gainesvillepride.org for local plans. 1963: Vivian Malone & James A. Hood desegrate Univ of Alabama.

18 Sunday Assembly w/ Bob Tancig - see 5/21. FATHER'S DAY

25 Author S.W. Anderson reads from three of her novels, downtown library, 2 pm. Sue Foley Band, High Dive, 7 pm.

22 Gvl 4 All meets, Buchholz HS (5510 NW 27th Ave), 6 pm. Restoration of Voting Rights planning meeting, ACLC office (901 NW 8th Ave), 6 pm. Greens meet: call 352-871-1995 for time/place updates. Documentary TBA, Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm.

1807: Former VP Aaron Burr indicted for treason.

29 Memorial Day Morning Discussion, Westside Park, 11 am - see pg 24. Memorial Mile takedown begins before sundown: call 352-375-2563 to participate. Documentary TBA, Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), \$3-5 requested, 7 pm. MEMORIAL DAY

5 Documentary TBA at CMC, 8 pm. Gvl Citizens for Active Transportation meets at CIED (530 E. Univ Ave), 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 pm.

12 Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice meets 2nd Mons, Mennonite Meeting House, 6 pm. Women's March General Assembly, Trilogy School (8700 NW 23rd Ave), 6:30 pm; see pg 14. CMC documentary tba, 7 pm.

19 CMC documentary tba; 7 pm. Gvl Food Security Group meets 3rd Mondays, Quaker Meeting House (708 NW 38th St), 7-9 pm. JUNETEENTH

26 2015: US Supreme Court legalizes marriage equality.

16 County Farmers' Market on N 441 by Hwy Patrol Tues/ Thurs/Sat, 8 am-noon. Anti-war signholding on hiatus through September. School Board meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 620 E Univ Ave, 6 pm: see sbac.edu. PFLAG meets, United Church (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm.

1717: Francois-Marie "Voltaire" Arouet imprisoned in Bastille for satirical poem.

23 Alachua County Commission meets, 2nd & 4th Tues, 9 am & 5 pm, County Admin Bldg; citizens comment, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm. Violence Prevention Workshop with Juliun Kinsey, downtown library (401 E Univ Ave), 10 am-5 pm. "TrumpDon'tCare" protest, NW 13th St & 16th Ave, led by A.C. Labor Coalition: 5:30 pm; Just Health Care meets following demo, Mennonites, 6:30. Pine performs, The Bull, 8 pm.

30 Thi Bui Graphic Memoir - author/artist of Vietnamese-US family history The Best We Could Do speaks at Civic Media Center, 6:30 pm; see pg 11.

6 School Board - see 5/16. There will doubtless be events scheduled that aren't on this calendar at press time: check various websites and listings, and support events in our wonderfully active community. 13 County Commission meets - see 5/23. Just Health Care meets, ACLC office, 6 pm. 1381: Peasant Revolt takes control of London.

7 Cinema Verde meets Green Drinks, Market St Pub, 5 pm. Vets for Peace meet, 7 pm: call 352-375-2563 for directions. Summer International Movies series opens at Em. Mennonite Church, Wednesdays, 7 pm.

14 1911: US Supreme Court orders "unreasonable" Standard Oil monopoly to be broken up.

21 1983: Edward Snowden born. SUMMER SOLSTICE

27 County Commission meets - see 5/23.

17 "Naborhood" Coffee Talk concert series, Artisans Way (5910 Hampton St, Melrose), Wednesdays, 11 am-2 pm. Free confidential walk-in HIV testing at Alachua County Health Dept, 224 SE 24th St, 9 am-3 pm, M-F; & at Pride Ctr, 3131 NW 13th St, 4-6 pm on 1st & 3rd Thurs; info: 334-7961. Downtown Farmers' Market every Wed, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. University Ave), 4-7 pm; Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds. Move to Amend meets weekly, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 6 pm. Humanist meeting (open to all), UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

24 Armor of Light doc/panel on extreme "pro-lifer" and gun control: United Church of Gvl (1624 NW 5th Ave), 6 pm. "Dismantling Racism" series concludes with final segment of Race: Power of an Illusion, Mennonite Meeting House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 7 pm. Living Wage Taskforce meeting, ACLC office, 5:30 pm.

31 Race Relations Roundtable, sponsored by Gvl Office of Equal Opportunity, Thelma Boltin Ctr (516 NE 16th Ave), 4-7 pm. 2010: Israeli commandos kill 10 peace activists aboard Mavi Marmara in open sea.

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28 1969: Stonewall Inn clientele fight back against NYC police raid.

18 League of Women Voters Annual Mtg & dinner, Trinity United Methodist, 5 pm, \$20. CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm. Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 2nd Thursdays, 5:30 pm. Acoustic Blues weekly open mike Cymplify (5402 NW 8th Ave), 6 pm. "Deconstructing the Beatles: Rubber Soul" at Hipp, 8 pm - also Wed 5/17, 6 pm. John & William Bartram talk, Matheson Museum, 6 pm, free. Ticking Giants screening & 1st Amendment panel, UF Holland Hall 382, 6 pm. Storytelling Meetup, topic: beliefs; The Bull (18 SW 1st Ave), 7:30 pm. A Chorus Line, SFC Fine Arts Hall, 7:30 pm, thru May 26. Open Poetry, every Thursday, Civic Media Center, 8 pm.

25 1809: Chuquisaca Revolution ignites South American Wars of Independence. TOWEL DAY

June 1 Civic Media Center will be closed for summer vacation June 1-11 (Open Poetry expected to continue 1st & 8th). SSJ Sierra Club meetings on hiatus until September. HURRICANE SEASON OPENS

8 Open Poets, CMC, 8 pm. IGUANA Deadline for July-Aug issue is July 5th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

15 Grace Marketplace 3rd Birthday celebration, Trinity United Methodist (4000 NW 53rd Ave), 11:30 am-1 pm. CMC Volunteers & Poets.

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19 Gun Rights open forum hosted by Pink Pistols, Civic Media Ctr (433 S. Main St), 7 pm. Travis Atria, Heartwood Soundstage, 7 pm; \$12 adv, \$15 door. Grateful Dead Tribute in Free Friday concert series at Bo Diddley Downtown Plaza, 8 pm; see pg 7. Ulisses Rocha Farewell Concert, Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 8 pm, \$12. Wayne Hancock, Company Man, & Thin Skins at Loosey's, 9 pm.

26 Nancy Luca Band with Anna Marie Kirkpatrick plays at Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free; pg 7. Bad Jews opens (runs through 6/24), Actors' Warehouse (now at 619 NE 1st St), 8 pm; see pg 15. G'ville Downtown Artwalk 7-10 pm; see pages 9 & 26, and artwalkgainesville.com. Gay Movie Night last Fridays, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 7:30 pm, \$2. Vets For Peace Memorial Mile setup begins at 11 pm - call 352-375-2563 to volunteer.

2 Flagship Romance in Jewelbox Concert series at Thomas Center (306 NE 6th Ave), 6 pm. Little Jake Mitchell and the Soul Searchers rock Bo Diddley Plaza, Free Fridays concert, 8 pm; see pg 7. Girls' Rock Camp benefit, Loosey's, 11 pm-2 am, \$5-10: see pg 5. Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

9 21 Blue with Longineu Parsons & Ted Shumate get bluesy at Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free; pg 7. Cami Lundeen at Loosey's, 9 pm. FULL MOON

16 Wester Joseph's Stereo Vudu brings vudu rawk & ska to Bo Diddley Plaza Free Friday show, 8 pm. BLOOMSDAY

23 Lost Springs Ocklawaha River film & discussion, Matheson Museum, 6-8 pm. Curtis Mayfield tribute by Travis Atria & friends, BD Plaza, 8 pm, free. Girls Rock Camp benefit, Edmonton, Dikembe, at Loosey's, 9 pm.

30 Art Walk Downtown every last Friday, starting 7 pm. De Lions of Jah reggaefy Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free; see pg 7. Much Ado about Nothing opens at Acrosstown, 8 pm? - see pg 18.

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20 Open House at Lubee Bat Conservatory, 11am-3 pm: see pg 9. Peace Poetry Contest Winners read, UUFG, 2 pm - see pg 19. Jazz Bandits, Depot Park, 7 pm, free. Edmondson at Heartwood Soundstage (619 S. Main St), 8 pm.

1865: Emancipation Proclamation first read in Tallahassee.

27 Memorial Mile display opens - see pg 24. Wild Iris Free Store at Civic Media Ctr (433 S. Main St), 2-5 pm. Nancy Luca Band at Chiappini's in Melrose, 8 pm. Diamonds and Lust, Company Man at The Atlantic, 10 pm. 1818: Amelia Jenks (Bloomer) born. 1878: Isadora Duncan born.

3 Chuck Woods Memorial at UF Baughman Center, 10 am. Nat'l Gun Violence Awareness Day observance, Kanapaha Veterans Memorial park (7340 SW 41st Pl) w/ family fun activities - wear orange; 10 am. See act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-2017_attend/6242. Veg For Life vegan potluck, UUFG, 1st Saturdays, \$2+veg dish, 6:30 pm. Mirror Image Studios - The First 40 Years celebration: Heartwood Soundstage in the Baird Ctr (619 S. Main St), time tba.

10 Swamp City Sirens vs Fort Lauderdale Gold Coast Derby Grrls, MLK Ctr (1028 NE 14th St), doors 6 pm - see pg 7.

17 Sea Turtle Conservancy fundraiser at 1st Magnitude; pg 5. Girls Rock Camp Showcase, High Dive (210 SW 2nd Ave) - see pg 5. The Deadaires, Expert Timing, & Rayah at Boca Backyard, 10 pm.

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July 1 Tomato Festival, Mosswood Farm Store & Bakehouse on Cholokka Blvd in Micanopy, 10 am.



From VOTING RIGHTS, p.1

on felony charges. Florida is one of three states in the country which disallows ex-felons who have served part or all of their sentences the right to vote for the rest of their lives.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice:

“Florida has one of the most punitive disenfranchisement policies in the country, permanently barring all citizens with felony convictions from voting unless they individually apply to the state Office of Executive Clemency for rights restoration. This policy bars more than 1.6 million

Floridians – including more than one in five African-Americans in the state – from the polls. Florida has the highest disenfranchisement rate in the country.”

The time is NOW to put this initiative before the voters, but we need your help!

We are currently developing a tabling/canvassing calendar of events for those who want to help gather signed petitions toward our district and statewide goals and requirements. No prior experience is required, and we will provide training.

Please join us in this effort! Sign up to get involved by emailing: heidi.jones.harris@gmail.com. ☘

From WATERGATE, p.4

Trump’s team and Russia. Their clear hope was something might turn up that could be exploited in an impeachment proceeding.

As the principal intelligence holdover from the Obama administration, Comey assumed an essential role in this operation. It would be up to the FBI to secure the financial records from Trump and his associates that could provide a foundation for at least suspicions of a sinister relationship between them and Russia.

Trump may have thought that he bought some political space by complying with political pressure to fire National Security Adviser Michael Flynn on Feb. 13 over what exactly was said in a pre-Inauguration phone conversation between Flynn and the Russian Ambassador. Trump also got the Russia-gate pressure to lessen when, on April 6, he fired 59 Tomahawk missiles at Syria over an alleged chemical attack. But he soon came to realize that those respites from Russia-gate were brief and that an incipient constitutional coup might be underway with him as the target.

However, if those coup suspicions have any truth – and I realize many Americans do not want to accept the notion that their country has a “deep state” – firing Comey may fuel Trump’s troubles rather than end them.

Trump clearly is unpopular not only among Democrats but many Republicans who see him as an unprincipled interloper with a nasty Twitter finger. The Comey firing is sure to spark new demands for a special prosecutor or at least more aggressive investigations by Congress and the press.

Watergate Comparisons

Although Democrats had condemned Comey for his interference in the Clinton campaign, they now are rallying to Comey’s side because they viewed him as a key in-

strument for removing Trump from office. After Comey’s firing, from The New York Times to CNN, the mainstream media was filled with comparisons to Richard Nixon’s Watergate cover-up.

One of the few voices commending Trump for his action, not surprisingly, came from Carter Page, who briefly served as a Trump foreign policy adviser and has found himself in the crosshairs of a high-powered counterintelligence investigation as a result. “It is encouraging that further steps toward restoring justice in America have been taken with the termination and removal from office of FBI Director James Comey,” Page said in a statement.

“Although I have never met President Trump, his strength and judgment in holding senior officials accountable for wrongdoing stands in stark contrast to last year when ordinary private citizens outside of Washington like myself were targeted for exercising their Constitutional rights.

“Under James Comey’s leadership in 2016, I was allegedly the subject of an intensive domestic political intelligence operation instigated by the FBI and based on completely false allegations in a FISA warrant application.”

Yet, despite what Page and other Trump advisers caught up in the Russia-gate probe may hope, the prospects that Comey’s firing will end their ordeal are dim. The near certainty is that whatever Obama and his intelligence chiefs set in motion last year is just beginning.

Investigative reporter Robert Parry broke many of the Iran-Contra stories for The Associated Press and Newsweek in the 1980s. You can buy his latest book, America’s Stolen Narrative, in print or as an e-book. ☘

Women’s March Gainesville

By Women’s March Gainesville

Women’s March Gainesville is the official local chapter of Women’s March Florida, the originators of the Women’s March on Washington on Jan. 21.

We pride ourselves on being a non-violent organization with a pro-woman, pro-community, pro-sustainability, pro-love, and pro-diversity focus.

We believe in art as a means of revolutionary change. Our organization is a great place for first time activists as well as long-term activists interested in getting involved with the local government and our community.

We believe that the only true way to make change is locally, since it’s the government that affects us the most, and the one we can influence the most.

Our grass roots initiative allows us to be a people-powered organization. While we have structure, we also know that every person involved is a piece to making this movement historical.

Women’s March has several Action Groups centered around our policy areas, including healthcare and reproductive rights; environmental protection; racial justice; immigration reform; LGBTQIA+ justice; economic justice and labor; gun control and criminal justice; “boots on the ground” rallies and protests; education; elections - national, state, local; campus outreach; and more.

Women’s March meets on the second Monday of each month: for location and agenda information, please see:

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Together we can do anything ... Join Us! We Need You. Let’s build this peaceful movement together! ☘

Who is the Resistance?

By Joe Courter

In the Editors Picks on this page there is a listing for a talk given in Chicago and hosted by Haymarket Books. It features Michelle Alexander and Naomi Klein, two leading thinkers and analysts of our time. It is about 90 minutes and well worth it.

In her opening remarks Alexander questions the concept of Resistance as applied to the opposition to the Trump presidency. She says she appreciates how the term came into use, but then she turns it around.

Trump and his administration are really a reaction, a resistance to the progress that has been breaking out in recent decades. Resistance to Womens Rights, to LGBT rights, to Unions and the Fight for \$15, to Black Lives Matters, to Immigration Rights, to Civil Liberties, to Single Payer Healthcare, even to Science itself.

Society is moving forward, THEY are the resistance trying to stifle progress, even take us backwards. So while we Resist, know we are up against more than Trump,

We are against a fear of change and a desperate clinging to power and control. We need to keep moving forward. ☘



ACRev continues political revolution

Alachua County Revolution’s purpose is to continue the political revolution Bernie Sanders started, through effective local action and is modeled after [Our Revolution](#), the successor organization to the Bernie Sanders campaign.

ACRev supports other local, progressive and activist groups and hopes to identify a new generation of progressive leaders to fight for progressive change and help to elevate the political consciousness.

ACRev promotes local action and sharing of events through the www.acrev.org site. ☘

Editors’ picks: news that didn’t fit

☘ **Weekly Action Checklist for Democrats, Independents, and Republicans of Conscience** by Jennifer Hofmann

Hofmann’s steadily updated list of constructive citizen actions. Scanning through her online archives shows an intelligent, well-informed, and compassionate mind at work. (Thanks to Brigitta C. for the tip!)

<https://jenniferhofmann.com/home/weekly-action-checklist-democrats-independents-republicans-conscience/>

☘ **Constituent Loses his Temper at Rep. Tom MacArthur over Health Care**

This 11-minute video shows New Jersey voter Geoff Ginter delivering a passionate, eloquent, fact-filled denunciation to federal representative Tom MacArthur concerning the latter’s hypocritical rescue of Donald Trump’s “TrumpDon’tCare” bill. [Note: raw language]

<http://freethoughtblogs.com/singham/2017/05/11/watch-this-video/> or search for “constituent loses his temper at Rep. Tom MacArthur” on Google or at <http://abcnews.go.com/Video>

☘ **Should Trump Eliminate These Beautiful National Monuments? Here’s Your Chance to Weigh In** by Rebecca Leber

Trump has asked the Department of Interior to recommend which of 27 national monuments should be eliminated or shrunk, allowing them to be opened to logging and mining. You’ve got until July 10 to tell them what you think.

<http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2017/05/look-all-beautiful-monuments-trump-wants-review>

☘ **Donald Trump is a Walking Disaster -- and He’ll Likely Win Re-election in 2020** by Musa Al-Gharbi

Even though most Americans don’t like Trump, he will probably be reelected in 2020 says a researcher in the cognitive and behavioral sciences. Find out why he’s made this scary prediction.

<http://www.alternet.org/news-amp-politics/donald-trump-walking-disaster-and-hell-likely-win-re-election-2020>

☘ **Michelle Alexander and Naomi Klein in Conversation with Keeanga-Yamahatta Taylor from Chicago’s Auditorium Theater**

A great nearly 90-minute video presentation and political dialogue by great thinkers Michelle Alexander and Naomi Klein.

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Hosted by Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), Gainesvillians joined labor and immigrant groups to celebrate International Worker's Day and Immigrants' rights. At the height of the celebration, Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe and County Commissioner Ken Cornell (lower left) jointly declared May 1 as Immigrants' Rights Day in Gainesville. Photos by m walig.

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WGOT-LP FM to hold volunteer information meeting

By Michele LeSure
WGOT Volunteer Coordinator

You've seen our logo and call letters advertised in these pages for going on ten years now. WGOT-LP FM, in partnership with the Civic Media Center, has been broadcasting continuously since 2008.

Recently, you may have read that WGOT-LP FM moved to a new frequency (100.1 FM) and a new studio space within the space of one month; that's a major leap in such a short period of time (not to mention the installation of a new antenna to help our signal strength).

Now, we're about to have another growth event: a call to the Alachua County community for volunteers.

WGOT-LP FM is 100 percent volunteer-driven. Every member of the station gives their time to schedule, produce, and air a diverse line-up of programming in Gainesville.

For example, Fred Sowder, a DJ at WGOT-LP FM, produces his show "Stripped" early Monday morning so he can get his children to school on time. During the week, he works full-time and records interviews on-the-fly for the next broadcast. He and his wife, Michelle, are active and involved in the Gainesville community, on top of everything else. So, time-management is really the only skill needed to volunteer at WGOT-LP FM (just kidding, Fred).

As Lynne Loewenthal, Director of WGOT-LP FM, reminds us: "We all have lives, so we just do our best."

In what, to many, are dark times, I think we can all take comfort in the fact that we're doing our best at any moment, which is why WGOT-LP FM is so important to its volunteers. At a time when the world

seems more and more monochromatic with each new day, WGOT-LP FM reminds us that the spirit of community radio is still alive and well.

That's why we need the community's help to get us over the top as we begin broadcasting 24/7 on our own frequency of 100.1 LP-FM. Without volunteers, we couldn't keep growing like this.

Join us on Wednesday, May 31 from 7-8

pm for an information meeting about the volunteer opportunities we have available. The meeting will be on Wednesday, May 31 on the second floor of the Hardback Cafe at 211 W. University Ave. Please call 352-519-4680 or email info@wgot.org for more information.

Thank you for all that you do for our community merely by reading The Iguana each month. 🐢

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	9-10 pm	Noche Latina		4-5 pm	Alternative Radio
	10-12 am	Stripped		9-10 pm	RAD Radio
Tue	12-1 am	The Michael Slate Show		10-11 pm	Big Island Mix
	1-3 am	Ecstasy to Frenzy		11-12 am	Departure
	3-5 am	Jazzville	Sat	12-1 am	Malum
	1-2 pm	Democracy Now!		1-3 am	Things be Blowin' Around
	6-7 pm	Afropop Worldwide		3-4 am	Hippie Sessions
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	9-10 pm	Hippie Sessions		1-2 pm	Sábado Musical
Wed	1-2 pm	Democracy Now!		2-3 pm	This Way Out/Rootstock Radio
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	8-9 pm	Jazzville		5-6 pm	RAD Radio
	9-10 pm	Pow Wow Show		6-7 pm	Sweet Retreat
	10-11 pm	Counterpoise		7-8 pm	Last One In
	11-12 am	Hippie Session		8-9 pm	Afropop Worldwide
Thu	12-1 am	Sweet Retreat	Sun	1-2 pm	Alternative Radio
	1-3 am	Cramela Mix Show		2-3 pm	Heartbeattrue Radio
	3-4 am	Afropop Worldwide		3-4 pm	Noche Latina
	4-5 am	Big Island Mix		7-9 pm	Cramela Mix Show
	1-2 pm	Democracy Now!		10-11 pm	Informativo Pacifica / Music
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Veterans for Peace announces public reading, reception for Peace Poetry Contest, Peace Scholarship Awards

by Gainesville Veterans for Peace

Veterans for Peace Gainesville Chapter 14 has announced the 8th Annual Public Reading and Reception of the Alachua County Peace Poetry Contest and Peace Scholarship Awards.

On Saturday, May 20, 35 students from Alachua County schools will read their peace poems aloud at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship as winners of the 2017 Peace Poetry Contest.

The eighth annual Peace Poetry Contest began in January, inviting all K-12 students of Alachua County schools, both public and private, to submit one poem on what peace means to them. A team of community writers and poets judged the over 280 poems submitted, according to age group.

From those poems, 35 readers were chosen to perform their pieces on May 20, and will have their winning poems published in the 2017 Peace Poetry booklet. Winners also receive a gift certificate to a local bookstore.

Though this contest holds no formal position on the current state of world affairs, we still want to honor the ideal of peace through the perspectives of young people. Peace is a uniquely human conception and affirms the human spirit. It is especially important to remember that peace is not merely a goal but a human right. In that spirit of reflection, we are very pleased with the success of this year's contest.

We would especially like to thank the many teachers who encourage their students to participate every year, and to all of the young poets who wrote such beautiful, moving poems.

Veterans for Peace will also be awarding three Peace Scholarships at the Peace Reception. VFP created these scholarships as a way to give financial support to students who are planning careers in pursuit of a more equitable, peaceful, and just world. The three selected winners have demonstrated commitment and leadership activities involving peace and social justice, conflict resolution and nonviolent social change. The winners of the scholarship are listed below:

Natalie Davis. Natalie is studying nursing at Santa Fe College and is enrolled in the Certified Nursing Assistant program. She is an active organizer with the Rural Women's Health Project, is heavily involved in the organization's HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs, and is a regional advocate for the National Building Leaders of Color program. Natalie has been a tremendous force in educating patients and health care professionals in understanding the causes of health disparities. Natalie's long-term goal is to open a Community Outreach facility that will assist at-risk teens, homeless people and others earn their GED as a gateway to academic success and economic security.

Hayley Mathis. Hayley is studying nursing at Santa Fe College and she plans to pursue a career in pediatric nursing. She serves as the recording secretary of the Santa Fe College

Nursing Student Association. In that capacity, she helps to build solidarity among student nurses across the state. She also coordinates community service volunteering activities in the Relay for Life, March of Dimes, early childhood education and other important fields. Hayley has talked extensively at area schools about the need for great diversity in the field of nursing as well as nursing as an occupation for minority and working class youth. Hayley also regularly volunteers in academic mentoring and after-school programs.

Molesha Perkins is a Santa Fe College Dual Enrollment student who plans to obtain degrees in early childhood education as well as chemistry to fulfill her dream of becoming a pharmacist. She is president of the local chapter of the National Achievers Honors Society and through this group she organizes community service projects such as FarmShare, a USDA program which provides

food to people in need. Molesha also volunteers through her Girl Scouts troop both locally as well as internationally on issues including homelessness and food security. Molesha has been a leader in fundraisers to assist earthquake and hurricane victims in Haiti. She recently helped to coordinate the MLK Month of Service at Duval Elementary School.

This year's reading will be held on Saturday, May 20, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville

(4225 NW 34th St.), from 2pm to 4pm. The event will include inspiring readings by the student poets and music by Cathy Dewitt. Refreshments will be served after the program. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information on the 2017 Peace Poetry Reading and Peace scholarships, please contact the organizers at vfppacepoetrycontest@gmail.com, or 831-334-0117.




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History and the people who make it: Lilly Sanchez

Lilly Sanchez [LS], of Nevada's Western Shoshone tribe, and her daughter Virginia [VS] and granddaughter Cora Burchett [CB], were interviewed by Ryan Morini [RM] in December 2012.

This is the 40th in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

LS: My name is Lilly Virginia Sanchez. I was born in Duckwater, where my grandfather always lived, under the willows. We never go to doctors those days, we just have our grandmother as a midwife.

RM: When were you born?

LS: 1923.

RM: Were you delivered by a midwife?

LS: Yes, by my grandmother, Mary Blackeye. My parents was Agnes Blackeye Penoli, and my father was Frank Penoli.

RM: Did your mother stay in a separate house or dwelling when she had you?

LS: They followed their traditions. Move out of your family home. They'll put tent or whatever out there for you to have your baby. You stay there for whole month. And you don't eat meat; that's not good for your body, because you ache if you eat meat when you're having your babies. And you don't go around to other people until month is over with. Then you go take a bath—well, we never had showers at our house. We used to go down to the swimming pool, or whatever we call it, and take a bath early in the morning so you'd be all clean to get back into your own home with your other family.

RM: Was the swimming pool the warm springs up there?

LS: Grandpa fixed it as little swimming pool, where the water runs down the field there. It's kind of lukewarm, where we all take baths. All the Blackeye family.

RM: What was your grandfather's name?

LS: Will Blackeye. People always call him "chief," but he said, "I'm not chief, I'm just trying to lead my people."

RM: Why did they call him chief?

LS: Because he always have Fandangos there, every fall. Where my sister lives, under the trees, people from all over come in September. They stay for five days, and they had their dances.

RM: Did you keep a garden then?

LS: Yes. We had a lot of fruit trees, but most of them dried up. We had a lot of plums, gooseberries. And rhubarb. Grandpa, he works for most of the ranchers there, so he get plants from them. Grandpa grow a lot of vegetables, like carrots, parsnips, turnips, green beans, potatoes, and what else? Onions, garlic. He was good at it. I don't see those kind of gardens anymore.

My Grandma Mary would give me the little lard bucket—we don't see those lard buckets anymore. "Take this with you, and



go down where grandpa's irrigating." So I'll go and bring home the gophers. The gophers get under and make holes where grandpa is irrigating, so he kills them. I bring them home, and grandma would clean them and put them in the oven and roast them.

Me and grandma always prayed. Thank the Great Spirit for the day, or the night. You have to pray before you pick anything up, or gather food. You always pray to it. Grandma was real good at doing things. But those plants. Most of them are gone. I can't find them when I look. They dried up—because we don't have the weather like we used to. We had lot of snow and rain. But not anymore.

We went to the public school, down on the Irvin Ranch. We all moved down there in the wintertime so the kids could go to school. We walk across a field about maybe two miles to school.

RM: The whole family would relocate so you could go to school?

LS: Yes. We have little mud houses down there, what we live in. It's a one-room house. We didn't think it was hard.

RM: Did you eat a lot of wild meats when you were growing up? You mentioned the gophers.

LS: The gophers, and the prairie dogs, and we don't eat mice because they're dirty. [Laughter] They're always into something and eating dirty things. But you would eat gophers, chipmunks, groundhog. Cottontails and jackrabbits. I liked to go hunting.

VS: Tell him about the insects, Mom. The family ate insects, like that June bug, and the ant eggs.

LS: Yeah, them little June bugs. They come in the spring. They're little tiny beetles. We used to catch them and bring them home, and mom would roast them in a pan and put it in the oven. But we usually killed it by pinching the head. I thought they were good. Crunchy. You take the legs off. It tastes like popcorn.

VS: Locusts.

LS: Locusts, that's what tastes like popcorn. But it tastes almost like a locust. They're just little.

Yes, ant eggs. Grandma used to put them in the oven, the ant eggs, and use the winnowing—the ant eggs would stay in and the sticks and everything would fall through the bottom.

We used to go fishing. Those fish were good, the *saibenkwi*. They're almost like a trout, but have a little green stripe down on the side. We used to eat a lot of meat. Rabbits. Ducks. Prairie dogs. Gophers. A lot of duck eggs, fish, *guumbe*. We don't eat rats. No, no mice. They're dirty. [Laughter]

Tules? We eat the soft part of the tules. *Saip*. That's where they used to get it, above Little Warm Springs there. A lot of those have good roots that's really white, and when you peel it, it's really good. I haven't eaten it in a long time, there's no tules.

So these cavalry soldiers or whatever—that's the time they went from McGill, other side of Ely. Two doctors, Indian doctors, could see what's going to happen. This woman and man went to McGill, toward Spring Valley. There were people up there in the canyon, they warn them that the cavalry coming, going to kill them. And they didn't believe these two people. That woman was a doctor, and man was doctor—they were strong, so they got away. They went over to Spring Valley. There were some more Shoshones down there, where they massacred lot of people. They went down and warned, some of the people got away, but not all of them.

Then they went down toward Cherry Creek, Railroad Valley, they massacred

those Shoshones down there. Then they seen these Duckwater people camped [for a] rabbit drive below Currant Creek, down the valley. Those soldiers come over after they massacred the people, and they seen these people with their fires burning in the valley, and they were happy. They had a scout, leader, he said, "Don't bother these Shoshones, they never bothered anybody."

But the soldiers were going to get rid of these people in Duckwater. So grandma's grandma went up on that big white mountain above Currant Creek, *Idjago*'. They walked up there, and my grandpa was only two years old. They went up and hide under the rocks. They could see that cavalry coming up the valley. They had one young teenage girl with them after they massacred all the people down below.

My grandpa and grandma always talk about what happened. I was little, three or four years old. I hear that all my life.

Grandpa and my two aunts went down to the McGarry store. Someone told them, "There's a guys that's been," you know, "hurting people." Especially the women, they would just do anything to them. Grandpa and his cousin and my two aunts, Minnie and Mary—those guys caught up with them in Duckwater.

Grandpa had a son, Dick. Grandpa told his son, "Go get a gun!" So he got his gun and went back. I guess my grandma trying to stop him, but he was on his horse. Got to the wagon where grandpa and them were. Those two outlaws were going around, circle them, you know, scaring them.

This one guy, Jack Hooper's dad, had a bullwhip. He was using that on them two, to keep them away. But they didn't stop, so they seen my uncle Dick coming with a horse with his gun. They went after him.

Grandpa yelled at his son, "Don't let them take your gun away! They want to kill us all!" So Uncle Dick, that's when he shot that guy that was on the horse, trying to pull him away and take his gun. He shot him and he fell. And the other one got scared, he took off and he fell into the ditch someplace. I don't know whatever happened to him.

RM: So if people called your grandfather "chief" sometimes, they must have really respected him. Did they call him "chief," or did they call him "taikwani"?

LS: They always call him Dupui, "blackeye." I think the white people start calling him chief. He said, "I'm not a chief! You know, I look after this family."

RM: How'd he get the name Dupui?

LS: He was born with a birthmark, it cover one eye.

CB: Grandma, didn't you say he got that name because his mom ate a bird?

LS: Oh, when my grandfather's mother was pregnant, Sally, they didn't have anything to eat, so somebody kill a butcherbird. It has black eyes. So that's where he got his name, from the butcherbird.

RM: Did anyone still eat grass seeds and things?

VS: *Mono*. Those little red seeds.

LS: But those are so fine! You have to get lot of it to make a meal. [Laughter] Lot of work! People used to work so hard for their food.

RM: Did you have to do any other stuff, like get, I don't know, gather sagebrush, or anything like that during that time?

LS: I don't remember. But you always have sagebrush to bless yourself with. *Bohovi*. You have to get up early, and don't touch your face. If you're itching someplace, get a

stick and do this. And cover your head. You going to have a gray hair if you touch it. I guess I touch my hair so much! [Laughter]

VS: Didn't you gather the wood? You had little piles?

LS: Yeah. Gather that, and just pile them up there. But the last pile, that's what you take down to your little camp. For fire. And you don't drink cold water. That would hurt inside of your stomach, they tell you. So you have to boil your water, and get it lukewarm. That's what you drink. And don't eat red meat, anything that got to do with meat. It's not good for you. Because you'll be hurting before your age. But those things, I think it's gone. Nobody follow that anymore.

RM: Do you remember the nuclear testing?

LS: I wasn't there. People talk about it, and said their gardens—I guess the dust or whatever came over. Killed their plants.

RM: What do you remember about the wars? WWII, do you remember a lot of relatives going off to war?

LS: Yes, lot of men went to it.

RM: Duckwater's got a long list of veterans. Was that a stressful time for everyone? Were they worried about the troops?

LS: They were worried about it. But I don't know the worrying helped any. [Laughter]

Search for "Lilly Sanchez" at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu> for the full transcript of this interview.

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Gainesville Zen Center & Hostel A Zen Buddhist community offering rooms to rent on a daily basis. 404 SE 2nd St., 352-336-3613, wonderwhy@cox.net

Graduate Assistants United Union represents UF grad assistants by fighting for improved working conditions, community involvement and academic freedom. 352-575-0366, officers@ufgau.org, www.ufgau.org

Grow Radio Non-profit provides opportunities for community members to create and manage engaging, educational, locally-generated programming to promote fine, musical/visual arts and humanities for enrichment of the community. www.growradio.org. PO Box 13891, Gainesville, 32604, 352-219-0145 (v), 352-872-5085 (studio hotline)

Harvest of Hope Foundation Non-profit provides emergency and educational financial aid to migrant farm workers around the country. www.harvestofhope.net, email: kellerhope@cox.net.

Home Van A mobile soup kitchen going to homeless areas twice a week with food and other necessities, delivering about 400 meals per week; operated by Citizens for Social Justice. barupa@atlantic.net or 352-372-4825

Humanist Society of Gainesville meets at 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of most months at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4225 NW 34th St to discuss and promote secular, humanist, atheist & agnostic social influences-www.gainesvillehumanists.org or facebook.com/humanistsocietyofgainesville; gainesville-humanists@gmail.com.

Humanists on Campus UF organization provides a community for freethinking, secular humanists. Goals include promoting values of humanism, discussing issues humanists face internationally. We strive to participate in community service and bring a fun, dynamic group to the university! Preferred contact info: email ufhumanistsoncampus@gmail.com, alternative: j.bontems@ufl.edu, phone-561-374-3537

Indivisible Gainesville is one of 5800 local chapters of the national Indivisible movement, working to peacefully and systematically resist the Trump agenda. We are a group of local volunteers fighting against agendas of division, inequality, financial influence in government, and policies that neglect to benefit all American citizens equally. indivisiblegnv.org.

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Gainesville General Membership Branch Union for all workers, regardless of industry, trade, job, or employment status. Meets 1st Sunday of the month at 6 pm at CMC. Contact: gainesvilleiww@gmail.com

League of Women Voters of Alachua County Nonpartisan grassroots political group of women and men which has fought since 1920 to improve

our systems of government and impact public policies (fairness in districting, voting and elections, e.g.) through citizen education and advocacy. http://www.lwvalachua.org/ info@lww-alachua.org<mailto:info@lww-alachua.org>

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its advocates who protect elders' rights in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, family care homes. Training and certification provided. 888-831-0404 or http://ombudsman.myflorida.com

MindFreedom North Florida Human rights group for psychiatric survivors and mental health consumers. 352-328-2511

Move to Amend, Gainesville is an organization dedicated to amending the US Constitution to establish that money is not speech, and that only human beings have constitutional rights. movetoamend.org/fl-gainesville

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support, education and advocacy for families and loved ones of persons with mental illness/brain disorders. 374-5600. ext. 8322; www.namigainesville.org

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare Local advocates work to promote/preserve these threatened programs for senior citizens. We have literature, speakers, T-shirts. Email: sun115flower@yahoo.com. See national Web site to join: http://www.ncpsm.org/

National Lawyers Guild Lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers using the law to advance social justice, support progressive social movements. nlggainesville@gmail.com or www.nlg.org

National Women's Liberation is a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. Inequalities between women and men are political problems requiring a collective solution. Founded 1968. Join us: www.womensliberation.org, P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 347-560-4695, nwl@womensliberation.org

NCFAWIS is an advocacy organization championing the interest of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors. Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month (except holidays) from 5:30 -7:30 pm Millhopper Branch, Alachua County Public Library. All meetings open to public. ncfawis@gmail.com or www.ncfawis.org

Occupy Gainesville is about engaging local people in grassroots, participatory democracy, diversity and dialogue; we stand in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street Movement and the rest of the people peacefully occupying public space across this county and the the world. www.occupygainesville.org and https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville

Our Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee Alliance are two of a number of grassroots environmentalist groups campaigning to protect and restore the rivers and springs. See: http://www.oursantaferiver.org/ and http://www.ichetuckneealliance.org/

PFLAG (Parents and Families of Lesbians and Gays) meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Gainesville (1624 NW 5th Ave.) at 7 pm with a programmed portion and informal meeting with opportunity to talk and peruse their resource library. pflaggainesville.org. Confidential Helpline 352-340-3770 or email info@pflaggainesville.org

Planned Parenthood Clinic Full-service health center for reproductive and sexual health care needs. Offering pregnancy testing and options counseling for \$10 from 10am-noon and 2-5pm. Located at 914 NW 13th St. 352-377-0881

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida Resources for the gay/lesbian community, open M-F, 3-7, Sat. noon-4. Located at 3131 NW 13th St., Suite 62. 352-377-8915, www.GainesvillePride.org

Protect Gainesville Citizens Group whose mission is to provide Gainesville residents with accurate and comprehensible information about the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site. 352-354-2432, www.protectgainesville.org

Quaker Meetinghouse Quakers have a 350-year tradition of working peacefully for social justice. Silent, unprogrammed worship Sundays at 11, followed by potluck. Visitors welcome. 702 NW 38th St. Facebook/GainesvilleQuakers for events or request Meetinghouse space at www.GainesvilleQuakers.org.

River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding provides innovative ways to resolve conflict and provides services like mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. www.centerforpeacebuilding.org. 2603 NW 13th St. #333, 352-234-6595

Samuel Proctor Oral History Program focuses on story-telling, social justice research, social movement studies, oral history workshops. http://oral.history.ufl.edu

Sierra Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville-4225 NW 34th St. 352-528-3751, www.ssjsierra.org

Sister City Program of Gainesville links Gainesville with sister cities in Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iraq, and Haiti. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. (across from Gainesville HS). http://www.gnvsistercities.org

Stand By Our Plan informs the public on critical differences between the Comprehensive Plan and Plum Creek's proposal, which we do not support. Alachua County's Comprehensive Plan is the best blueprint for future growth in the county's unincorporated areas; it protects valuable wetlands,. standbyourplan@gmail.com; http://standbyourplan.org/

Student/Farmworker Alliance A network of youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields. On Facebook, search "Gainesville Student/Farmworker Alliance"

Sunday Assembly, a secular congregation

which celebrates life, meets the third Sunday of each month at 11 am at 530 W. University Ave. (Santa Fe College campus building in downtown Gainesville). There is a talk, music, sing-alongs, discussion, refreshments and fellowship. See http://SAGainesville.weebly.com/

UF College Democrats (UFCD) meets Tuesdays at 6:30 in Little Hall 121. 407-580-4543, Facebook.com/UFcollegedems

UF Pride Student Union Group of gay, lesbian, bi and straight students & non-students, faculty and staff. www.grove.ufl.edu/~pride

UF Radical Student Alliance A progressive grassroots organization that strives to combat social justice issues on campus; core values are transparency, democratic process, value of each member's input, and ability of any member to assume a leadership role. Meetings at 6:30 pm Tuesdays on campus, ufradstudentalliance@gmail.com.

United Faculty of Florida, UF chapter Run by and for faculty, the University of Florida Chapter of United Faculty of Florida (UFF-UF) represents over 1600 faculty and professionals at UF. UFF's origins lie in efforts by faculty to protect academic freedom, defend civil liberties, and end racial discrimination at UF. www.UFF-UF.org, 352-519-4130.

United Nations Association, Gainesville Florida Chapter Purpose is to heighten citizen awareness and knowledge of global problems and the UN efforts to deal with those issues. www.afn.org/~una-usa/.

United Way Information and Referral Human-staffed computer database for resources and organizations in Alachua County. 352-332-4636 or simply 211

Veterans for Peace Anti-war organization that raises awareness of the detriments of militarism and war as well as seeking peaceful and effective alternatives. Meets first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. 352-375-2563, http://vfp Gainesville.org/

WGOT 94.7 LP-FM Community low-power radio station operating as part of the CMC. wgot947@gmail.com, www.wgot.org

Women's March Gainesville meets on the second Monday of each month: for location and agenda information, please see are on the second Monday of each month, see www.hearourvoicegnv.org; m.facebook.com/wmflgnv/www.facebook.com/groups/wmflgnv/; Instagram.com/womensmarchgnv/; Twitter.com/WMFL_Gnv/ and/or email wmw@hearourvoicegnv.org. Together we can do anything... Join Us! We Need You. Let's build this peaceful movement together!

World Socialist Party of the United States (WSP-US) welcomes anyone wanting to know more about Marxian socialism and our efforts to transform the dog-eat-dog-Devil take the hindmost world-created by capitalism into a democratically arranged world society of equality at boston@wspus.org. Upon request the Party will provide membership applications.http://wspus.org 🐱

Veterans display tombstones to remember fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan

by Gainesville Veterans for Peace

Veterans for Peace will be displaying more than 6,915 tombstones from dawn on May 27 through dusk on Memorial Day on 8th Avenue just east of 31st Street as part of their Memorial Day Weekend event. This display is to remember those who have died in the wars in Afghanistan since 2001 and in Iraq since 2003.

The tombstones will line the street along 8th Avenue just east of 31st Street, where the Solar System Walk is located. This is the tenth year VFP has set up the display, and in 2008 we had to cross over to the North side of Eighth Avenue due to the continuing number of deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Veterans for Peace feel that these losses cannot be adequately understood with facts and figures alone. The visual impact of the tombstones conveys the reality of these numbers.

Each tombstone includes the soldier's name, date of death, age, branch of service, rank and hometown. They will be arranged by date of death and theater of operation.

Veterans for Peace places American flags on tombstones of local service members and on those visited by the public. VFP maintains a Directory at each end of the display, which allows us to help visitors find the loved ones who they have come to visit.

Each year, people come to the Memorial Mile to place flowers and other expressions of love at the tombstones. VFP cleans and cares for the tombstones year round and tries to preserve messages that loved ones have written on the tombstones.

In addition, we'll have posters depicting the cost of war.

The Gainesville Veterans for Peace web site is at: <http://www.vfpgainesville.org/>



The Gainesville chapter of Veterans for Peace sets up a Memorial Mile display on 8th avenue in Gainesville every year to remember those who have died in the wars in Afghanistan since 2001 and in Iraq since 2003.

Smedley Butler's 'War is a Racket' Memorial Day discussion

hosted by Veterans for Peace, Chapter 14, Gainesville

Join Veterans for Peace member and University of Florida professor Paul Ortiz for a discussion of Smedley Butler's book *War is a Racket* on Memorial Day, 11am, West Side Park in Gainesville.

Purchase the book through Veterans for Peace Gainesville or access the book online for free at <https://www.ratical.org/ratville/CAH/warisaracket.html>



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