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“I’m more than a mom, a wife, an employee”

By Candi Churchill

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given at an event organized by Rad
Dad author and activist Tomas Moniz
in June 2012 at the Civic Media
Center in Gainesville.*

All this talk about this way or that way
to shoot the baby out of the canal.

Epidural or no epidural? Are you
going “natural” or are you going to
allow “interventions”? Sleep training?
Attachment parenting? Cry it out?
Breast? Bottle? Both?

There are a lot of ways to have a family
and raise a child, and in the end, most
kids are going to be loved and provided
for (we hope). But what about what
happens to us? There’s not a lot of talk
about how hard it is to readjust to your
new life.

When I had my baby, my life changed
forever. Sure it changed for the better
in many ways. I wouldn’t trade him for
the world. My heart stretched in ways I
never knew possible. I love his laugh. I
love his kisses. He’s amazing.

But it is extremely hard and I feel some
days that I’ve lost myself. I didn’t
expect that.

I had three months paid (sick) leave
when he came along. It was wonderful.
I was “lucky.” I took walks. I ate well. I
had lunch dates, play dates, nights out
with friends.

Then I had to go back to my job. At
first I relished using my brain for
something other than baby things. I
had to travel out of town the second
week back at work. This was supposed
to be gut wrenching and difficult. It

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Big Wins, Big Money Loses - But now what?

The 2012 election, both locally and nationally, proved to be a great victory for the Democrats. But now the hard work begins. See page 3 for more details. Cartoon courtesy of the Chattanooga Times Free Press.

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A new site for the One-Stop homeless service

By Arupa Freeman

The Gainesville City Commission is going to pursue the purchase of the former Gainesville Correctional Institution (GCI) on the 2800 block of NE 39th Avenue as a possible site for the long-discussed One-Stop homeless service center and shelter. This property is available since the state has declared it surplus and given the city government the option to buy it.

The GCI building has many rooms with bunk beds, bathrooms, a large institutional kitchen and offices, so it would not require extensive, costly renovations. It is located near a jail and an airport, making it a tough sell that some NIMBY's ("Not In My Back Yard") property values are going to be damaged by its presence. It is on a bus line, and has sidewalks and a bike trail.

This site is vastly superior to the 53rd Avenue site, where the One-Stop would have to be created from scratch and may never happen anyhow, since it faces years of litigation from the local NIMBY, and has not received a sign-off from the St. Johns Water Management District, which must agree to any facility located so close to wetlands.

The 53rd Street site brings to mind a homeless shelter and camping ground located on the backsides of hell. Our homeless people, many of them old and medically fragile, would be living and camping on a site adjacent to a cement plant, a diesel yard and a swamp. This site has no sidewalks, no bike trail, no


nearby stores, and is not on a bus line. I have privately thought that the NIMBY fighting this location is doing the homeless community a favor.

Still, I have never, until now, spoken out publicly against the 53rd Avenue site. I have too many memories that will haunt me forever. Terry running across Lynch Park screaming, "I am so cold! I am so cold! Please help me!" Jermaine hanging on to the side of the van, his face ashen and twisted, saying, "Please give me some food. I'm in too much pain to stand in line." An old man coming to my door on a winter morning to ask if I have a warm coat. He tells me, "I walked all night. It was too cold to stand still."

Even a homeless shelter on the backsides of hell is better than nothing at all.

Now it may not come to that. The possibility of a One-Stop Center at this 39th Avenue location is the first ray of

hope we have seen in a long, long time. At this point, the homeless community is increasing literally on a weekly basis. A substantial portion of the homeless people are elderly, disabled and suffering from life-threatening illnesses such as cancer and heart disease.

As I told the City Commission, those who support and work for this siting of the One-Stop Center will be working to save lives and alleviate suffering. 

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Big Wins, Big Money Loses... But now what?

By Joe Courter

There was a very happy vibe at the Farmers Market on Nov. 7, one day after the election results came in. That blue spot on the north Florida map was a source of pride for ex-pat Gainesvillians in other cities as well as locally.

As with the nation, organizing trumped money and hopes triumphed over fears. Here locally, it was people power knocking on doors, phoning, mailing, and, most importantly, unity. Nationally, it was tactics on the Electoral College realities; and what a relief that, even with Florida SNAFU'ed, our electoral votes were not even needed. Despite the weak media analysis on issues, the Republicans were very helpful in providing unforgettable moments of inarticulateness. And this country has changed, too. The positive votes on marijuana and gay marriage reflect a practical sensibility and open mindedness within our increasingly diverse electorate. Progressives are winning the cultural war; it is not the 1980s anymore.

Ironically, the national scene is quite unchanged between the House, Senate and Executive branches. Thanks to all these safe districts that have been drawn, there was not a lot of turnover; some gains on the Left, and some even further-to-the-right Republicans coming in. (Take Florida. Obama won the popular vote, yet only 9 of 27 House seats went (D). That is how the Republicans have kept the House. Their entitlement mentality justifies disenfranchising citizens to promote their zealous 1 percent agenda.) Will the Right dare to enforce four more years of non-cooperation? How far will Obama compromise? The big question to me is whether Obama will call on we the people to back him up and, as with FDR, make him do the stuff we really want and need, or if we just watch.

We need to get our electoral system into independent hands. According to Norm Ornstein on Fresh Air on Nov. 7, the U.S. is alone in not having an independent body overseeing its elections. The U.S. drone policy is creating enemies more than helping things; without even firing, they are terrorizing innocent people, let alone all the collateral damage they have unleashed. Science and reality-based thinking needs to be supported over ideological belief systems, be it Creationism or the benefits of an unregulated "free market." Newly elected area congressman (and Tea Party darling) Ted Yoho, in a forum I attended, in one answer called for less government spending, letting private industry take the lead, and extolled how great the 1960's commitment to go to the moon was. THAT WAS GOVERNMENT SPENDING that led to all the spin-off benefits. Sheesh!

We had great gains locally on the County Commission and School Board. Thank you to all who made that happen. We citizens need to support these bodies as they do their work, go to meetings, offer helpful comments and have their back.

Voting is important, but it is but a small part of what civic responsibility is all about.



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wasn't. After a day of hard work on my feet, it still was much easier than caring for my son.

Sometimes it is hard working out of town. My child was sick a lot for about a year, and I often didn't want to go, especially if I didn't feel my work was valued, and two parents are especially needed when there's vomit, excessive poop and fever involved.

I used up all my sick leave for my parental leave, so I usually didn't have much choice. I had to go to work. Now my husband works 150 miles away, so when I have to travel for a work, it's a real shuffle.

I have been having serious mood swings for a long period. Periods of not sleeping well. Sometimes I feel blissful; manic happy times where I honestly feel like the luckiest person in the world to have a challenging job and a wonderful family, then dark, desperate, lonely moments where I want to run away from anyone who needs anything from me.

Every other mom in the world seems more together than me. More relaxed. More organized. More loving. More patient. My moms' group and feminist movement sisters remind me that we all felt this way from time to time and that there should be no comparing. No guilt!

But somehow guilt creeps in anyway.

There are times I know I am doing a great job as a mom, and I enjoy myself, no doubt. This is what I wanted: a sweet child with a great temperament. A partner who is a father and not just a "babysitter" who "helps me," though I wish he could be around more. A decent job, good health insurance. What is wrong with me? It could be so much worse!

But some days I can't get out of bed. I'll skip showering (not a great idea). Skip breakfast (a worse idea). I enter the world like a zombie, but I pull it off. I'm great at my job, no one knows I'm often feeling sad. Paranoid. Alone.

Incompetent.

Maybe I just needed to work out more. Eat better. Go to bed earlier. Take more short cuts. Take time for myself. Take a mental health vacation. Plan date nights.

I tried these things.

But you know what? There are no individual solutions.* Some strategies are life savers, but the root of the problem is that I work too many hours and have too many demands on my time and energy; I am oppressed as a woman and a worker. This "double day" is killing me. And not just the long 60-hour intense weeks either; it is the grind of even a 35 or 40-hour work week.

Workers in the U.S. work some of the longest hours in the industrialized world. I am angry about our conditions here in the U.S. People in other countries not only work fewer hours, they also have a lot more vacations and holidays than we do and retire earlier – by law! – as well as real paid family leave for men and women (for a year!). Now that's time. That's family values.

And U.S.-style "reforms" and austerity measures are eroding what other people's movements have been able to win, especially in Europe.

I could be a better parent, a happier person if I had time. Be whoever it is I am aside from a mom, a wife and an employee.

I need national health care, not tied to a job or marriage. Then I wouldn't feel so tied to my job or a job. I need a sabbatical. Time to travel again. To just come back to myself. Myself underneath an intense job. A "spirited" child. A strained marriage. Maybe with more time off my husband and I could remember why we fell in love, and not just manage tasks and give our best to our child and ignore each other.

Finding the right private childcare center is exhausting. You've got to look at the hours they are open. The costs. Location. Ratios! Their "philosophy." I need good, quality childcare that's

public.


And I worry about our public schools. Underfunded. Crowded. Being "reformed" (privatized) by Wal-mart executives. Teachers are demoralized and leaving the field or left long ago.

Will my child get the public school education that I got? Have we re-segregated? What the heck will I do in the summers? Or when schools close at noon on Wednesdays? Is this our individual problem to navigate?

Raising a family doesn't have to be this hard. Most of us value people over profits, but those in power do not.

If I can lose myself, how many others are lost? Trudging on through life. Depressed. Oppressed. Lonely. But in love with our kids or in love with something we don't have enough time to enjoy. How many of us are living like this? And when are we going to get together and build a movement to turn this all around?

I'm up for it.

** For more on this see, Carol Hanisch's "The Personal is Political" in Feminist Revolution, 204-205, which can be ordered from www.redstockings.org. *

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Wage theft in Alachua County: too often, too common

By Tommy Baker

When someone breaks into your home and steals your property, there is a well known number to call to report the crime, and there is a legal system to come to your defense. When hard at work and owed money by your employer, what is the number to call when the check does not arrive?

Lauren Walls had very few resources at hand after the restaurant she worked for five years ago stole her tips.

"The cooks got tipped out, the bussers got tipped out, and then there was a mystery tip out that did not add up," Walls said.

The more she asked about where the tips went to, she said, "the more I was taken off the schedule." Walls did not receive her last pay check after she quit, though owed a few hundred dollars; between school and looking for her next job, she did not feel like it was worth hiring a lawyer over.

Unpaid overtime, paid under minimum wage, misclassification as an independent contractor, forced to work off the clock or during meal breaks, altered employee time cards, deducting money from paychecks, getting paid late, or not getting paid at all – in the state of Florida, there are few options to recover wages legally owed to employees.

Over the past decade, the Federal Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, has reported thousands of victims of wage theft and has recovered millions of dollars in Alachua

County alone. Besides hiring a lawyer to recover owed wages, the only organization to report wage theft to in Alachua County is the federal government.

As disclosed in a Florida International University report on wage theft, undercover reporters in Miami-Dade County found it will take up to 10 months for a case to be opened and years to recover the wages due to the backlog of violations. In 2010, Florida had just one federal wage theft investigator for every 1.2 million workers, over eight times the national average.

What makes this a unique problem to Florida is that the federal government has limited jurisdiction for many wage theft claims, and there is no state agency to mediate the return of legally owed wages. In the early 2000s, Florida dismantled its Department of Labor and Employment Security (DOLES) and replaced it with two non-profit corporations, Workforce Florida and the Agency for Workforce Innovation. Neither of these organizations deals with wage and hour complaints.

Though the state can investigate wage theft violations pertaining to laws like Florida's minimum wage law, since 2004, when the law was enacted, there has not been a single suit filed by the state.

The concern prompted Florida organizations and counties to act. In 2010, Miami-Dade County became the first county in Florida to pass a wage theft ordinance, which is a

way for the county to process cases without having to go through the federal government.

The successful trial run of Miami-Dade's ordinance prompted Broward County on Oct. 23 of this year to become the second county in Florida to pass the ordinance. Now Pinellas, Palm Beach and Orange counties are working on similar actions.

Over the summer of 2012, the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force was founded to work on passing the ordinance here in Alachua County.

On Oct. 24, the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force and the Alachua County Labor Party gave a presentation in the Downtown Library that illustrated the problem of wage theft locally. They described how the ordinance will operate, if passed, and how the ordinance will be good for businesses.

County Commissioners Hutchinson and Chestnut, who support the ordinance, asked questions with the audience about the specifics of the wage theft ordinance. Commissioner Byerly, who was not at the event, also said he supports an ordinance in Alachua County.

Alex Cardelle, a member of the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force and a former intern with Miami-Dade County's Wage Theft Program, said the ordinance works because it is "designed to be unbiased, neutral, and mediate between the employee and

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employer.” He said this is done by looking at the evidence of an employee’s claim before the employer is contacted.

Cardelle said that citizenship status is not a criterion to receive the county’s service, though the work must have been done in the county and

within the last year.

Before the Miami-Dade ordinance, Cardelle said, small businesses were more likely to hire lawyers to fight wage theft claims in court, which is both expensive and time consuming.

The mediation process of the ordinance is a fast-track and inexpensive way to settle the claim since most cases are the result of misunderstandings or errors, said Cardelle. The program will often refer businesses to other agencies that offer small business support.

“We help identify problems in the small business, such as with payroll,” Cardelle said.

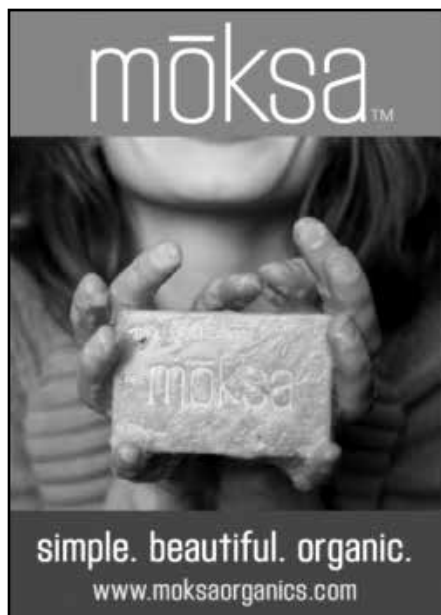
In today’s work climate, some businesses may feel they must work around the system to keep a competitive edge. For businesses that play by the rules and are paying their employees fairly in accordance of the law, this can often result with an economic disadvantage to their unlawful competitor. Ultimately, a wage theft ordinance in Alachua County will

keep everyone playing by the same set of rules.

As word of the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force has gotten out into the community, the Labor Party office has received phone calls from folks looking to report a violation and finding there is not yet a place to report wage theft. The number to call to report a wage theft violation still needs to be formed by the citizens of Alachua and the County Commission.

Co-founder of the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force, Jeremiah Tattersall, sums it up: “The wage theft ordinance helps honest businesses compete fairly, helps exploited workers recover their much needed wages, and helps make Gainesville a decent place to work and have a business.”

To find out more about wage theft in Florida and how to participate, go to www.ACWTTF.org.



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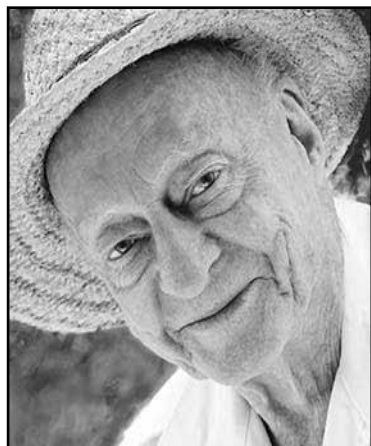
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Stetson Kennedy: A life of purpose



Stetson Kennedy

*By Gary Bone, Gallery Curator
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An exhibition on the life work of Stetson Kennedy will be presented by Oak Hall School at the Cofrin Arts Center in collaboration with the Civic Media Center. "Stetson Kennedy: A Life of Purpose" will follow the arc of Stetson's life of accomplishment and the people he collaborated with as he spoke truth to power. He authored eight books, including "Klan Unmasked," "I Rode with the Klan," and "The Jim Crow Guide."

He collaborated with a diverse universe of people such as Zora Neale Hurston, Woody Guthrie, Simone de Bouvier, and Jean Paul

Sarte. An author, folklorist, environmentalist, labor activist and human rights activist, he won numerous awards for his human rights and civil rights work, both nationally and internationally. He was active up until his death at age of 92 in 2011.

"Stetson Kennedy: A Life of Purpose" will open Friday, Jan. 11 at the Cofrin Arts Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The opening reception will feature Sandra Parks, Stetson's widow, speaking about his life and work, along with music by his friend bluesman Willie Green and others. The exhibition runs through Feb. 9 at Oak Hall School in Gainesville.



Folk singer Tom Neilson in concert, Dec. 14

By Joe Courter


One of America's best political folk singers will be visiting Florida in December, and the Civic Media Center will be hosting him in a solo concert Friday evening, Dec. 14.

Tom Neilson grew up singing, and when the politics and U.S. foreign policy of the '70s and '80s came to his awareness, it merged into his songcraft. Creative and articulate, he has travelled widely.

See for yourself on his website, www.tomneilsonmusic.com, where the excerpt below was taken from.

"His travels are reflected in his songs, intertwined with his farm routes, and a fervent commitment to social justice, as he writes about historical and current events that have disappeared or are distorted in the media. He has been at the forefront in helping communities organize against war, water privatization, mountain top removal, nuclear energy, incinerators, GMOs, fracking and toxic waste. He has received 20 awards and nominations, and at Kerrville, was referred to as the Jon Stewart of folk music.

"Known locally [in Massachusetts] as the Bard Insurgent, Tom is a veteran of stage and street theater with his writing, acting and directing. His music reflects his involvement with heroin addicts, the poor, human rights, safe energy and liberation movements from Nicaragua to Eritrea. His original works, parodies of popular tunes, well known freedom songs, and poetry draw the listener into his musical response to globalization."

Don't miss this show at the Civic Media Center at 433 S. Main St. in downtown Gainesville on Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door. 

"Tom's contemplative and moving critique of the media's manipulation of the news is perceptive, intelligent and right on. Using a blend of lyrical humor, stark fact, and compelling rhythm, he speaks to all of us who struggle towards truth."

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Why direct action is working for Walmart's workers

By Jake Olzen

Below is an abbreviated version of Olzen's article originally published on Oct. 22 on WagingNonviolence.org.

The nation's largest retailer — Walmart — is in the throes of a bold movement for worker justice. The company has faced a number of separate strikes in less than a month and, rather than its typical retaliatory response of firing workers, Walmart is backing down and conceding to some demands.

Workers raised the stakes last week when more than 200 striking workers showed up at Walmart's global headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., as executives met for its annual financial analyst meeting on Oct. 10...

A Walmart memo leaked to Huffington Post over the weekend confirms the seriousness with which the company is viewing the strikes, revealing how powerful organized labor can be when it taps into strong community support, utilizes social networks, and engages in direct action.

Also joining Walmart's striking retail workers in this historic struggle were Walmart's warehouse workers from Illinois and California whose successful strike for better conditions and wages started a nationwide wave, putting visible pressure for change on how Walmart treats its workers.

Warehouse workers from Illinois and California met with Walmart executives on Oct. 17 in Bentonville, another first for a company whose "open door" policy has meant refusing to meet with groups, instead favoring individual meetings. Retail workers are still demanding for a group meeting with Walmart to discuss their own treatment and will not relent until they get one.

Community and clergy support Illinois workers

Last month, workers in Elwood, Ill., walked off their jobs in the Joliet-area distribution center to protest unsafe working conditions and wage theft.



Walmart workers and support protest on June 30 in Los Angeles. Photo courtesy of OUR Walmart."

The workers, who are organized — but not unionized — with Warehouse Workers for Justice (WWJ), picketed their employer, Walmart contractor Roadlink, with a list of complaints and demands.

The Elwood strike began on Sept. 15 when workers — including some who are part of a WWJ organizing committee — delivered a petition to Roadlink management that had been circulating among the workers. The WWJ organizing committee trains workers to be leaders in their workplace through know-your-rights workshops and skills trainings to organize and defend those rights.

Some of the concerns listed in the petition included complaints about workers not knowing when their shifts would end, discrimination and unsafe working conditions. Four workers were immediately fired once the petition was delivered.

Right there and then, an impromptu decision was made to walk off the job, and the strike began. Two weeks later, Walmart shut down its largest

distribution center in North American in anticipation of protest.

On Oct. 1, the striking workers — there were about 40 walking a daily picket — were joined by hundreds of supporters, including clergy members, community organizers and other activists in solidarity with WWJ. Over 650 people showed up — with 11 buses coming from Joliet and Chicago — at the nation's largest inland port. Cadres of county sheriffs, state troopers and riot police met the activists in full force, and 17 people were arrested for blocking a road in an act of civil disobedience.

Then, on Oct. 5, strikers delivered a petition to Walmart management in Chicago with more than 100,000 signatures in support of the workers' demands that conditions improve and retaliations end against outspoken workers in the company's distribution centers.

The following day, after being on strike for three weeks, the Elwood warehouse workers returned to work

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| <p>Every Thu.: Weekly Volunteer Meeting, 5:30pm</p> <p>Every Thu.: Poetry Jam, 9pm</p> <p>Fri., 11/16: Eat Healthy on a Budget, a presentation about how to eat the best food for health and vitality without breaking the bank! 7:30pm</p> <p>Fri., 11/16: Waxing Moon Music Series with Nook & Cranny, Peter Levitov and John David Eriksen, Fiona Bas Irish Session Band, 9pm</p> <p>Sat., 11/17: Transgender 101 Workshop and Brunch, 10am brunch, 11am workshop</p> <p>Mon., 11/19: Gainesville Area Food Network, short film and discussion, 7pm</p> <p>Tues., 11/20: Tara Lee talk on The Changing Demographics of the GLBTQ Community, 7pm
Anarchademics radical theory reading and discussion group, 7pm</p> <p>Wed., 11/21:</p> <p>Sat., 11/24: Zine Workday, join us to organize our zine library and create zines, 3pm to 6pm</p> <p>Mon., 11/26: Stonewall Democrats present "Transamerica," 7pm</p> <p>Mon., 11/26: Super Smash Brothers Melee Fundraising Tournament at 1982, 7:30pm</p> <p>Tue., 11/27: Icarus Project, a peer-led community support group, 9pm</p> <p>Thurs., 11/29: Afrikan History Workshop #12, 7pm</p> <p>Fri., 11/30: Gainesville High School Roots n' Shoots Open Mic Night, 8pm</p> | <p>Sat., 12/1: Munchkin!, a family-friendly curious card game, 3pm to 6pm</p> <p>Sun., 12/2: Wings, Worms and Wonder, family nature activities and dialogue about inspiring children's senses of wonder through artful garden activities, 2pm to 4pm</p> <p>Mon., 12/3: Music with North Bound, Carbomb Sermon, Lesley Ryland. Benefit show for the Civic Media Center, 9pm</p> <p>Tues., 12/4: Board of Directors meeting, 6pm</p> <p>Wed., 12/5: First-Hand History with Jack Price, long-time civil and human rights activist, 7pm</p> <p>Fri., 12/7: Buy Local Gifts, a holiday market featuring artist Karrie A. Lyons-Munkittrick of WeeDot Art, 7pm to 10pm</p> <p>Sun., 12/9: Bike-In Movie in The Courtyard: "Christmas Evil," 7pm</p> <p>Mon., 12/10: "What Would Jesus Buy?" film screening, 7pm</p> <p>Tues., 12/11: Icarus Project, a peer-led community support group, 9pm</p> <p>Fri., 12/14: Music with special guest Tom Neilson, 8pm (see pg. 7 for more details).</p> <p>Mon., 12/17: "Life of Brian" film screening, 7pm, winter reception at 6pm</p> |
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Check our website for details or events scheduled after this went to press*



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Art Lab is a group for artists who are continually expanding their skills and knowledge. Comprised of makers from various backgrounds encompassing a wide range of mediums from forged iron to spun wool to graphic design. We hold technique workshops, artist talks and critiques, professional practices meetings and critical thinking discussions. GainesvilleArtLab@gmail.com. <http://GainesvilleArtLab.org>

Alachua County Labor Party meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaign for universal, single-payer health care. Annual memberships are \$20/year. Please contact us to join or for the most updated info: FloridaLaborParty.org, ACLP@FloridaLaborParty.org, 352.375.2832, 14 East University Ave, Suite 204, Gainesville, FL PO Box 12051, Gainesville, FL 32604

American Civil Liberties Union Currently no local chapter. For info on forming new chapter, or ACLU info, contact Jax office 904-353-7600 or bstandly@aclufl.org

Amnesty International UF campus chapter of worldwide human rights movement; www.facebook.com/ufamnesty or UFAmnesty@gmail.com.

Bridges Across Borders Florida-based international collaboration of activists, artists, students and educators supporting cultural diversity and global peace. office@bridgesacrossborders.org, 352-485-2594,

Citizens Climate Lobby (Gainesville Chapter) provides education and activist opportunities to bring about a stable climate. Meetings are the first Saturday of each month at 12:30, usually at the downtown library's Foundation Room. 352-672-4327, www.citizensclimatelobby.org, cclgainesville@gmail.com

Civic Media Center Alternative reading room and library of the non-corporate press, and a resource and space for organizing. 352-373-0010, www.civicmediacenter.org.

The Coalition of Hispanics Integrating Spanish Speakers through Advocacy and Service (CHISPAS) Student-run group at UF. www.chispasuf.org

Coalition to End the Meal Limit NOW! Search for Coalition to End the

Meal Limit NOW on Facebook. www.endthemeallimitnow.org

Code Pink: Women for Peace Women-led grassroots peace and social justice movement utilizing creative protest, non-violent direct action and community involvement. CodePink4Peace.org, jacquebetz@gmail.com.

Committee for a Civilian Police Review Board Group that demands the creation of a citizens' police review board to fight against the pattern of corruption, arrogance, bias and violence displayed by some members of the Gainesville Police Department. gvillepoliceireview@gmail.com.

Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc. Non-profit land trust working to protect Florida's rural landscapes, wildlife corridors and natural areas. 352-466-1178, Conserveflorida.org

Democratic Party of Alachua County Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7: p.m. in the second floor auditorium of the County Administration Building at SE 1st St. and University Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, AlachuaCountyDemocraticParty.org

Edible Plant Project Local collective to create a revolution through edible and food-producing plants. 561-236-2262 www.EdiblePlantProject.org.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums Work to reform Florida's sentencing laws and restore fairness to Florida's criminal justice system. PO Box 142933, Gainesville, FL 32614, gnewburn@famm.org. 352-682-2542

The Fine Print An independent, critically thinking outlet for political, social and arts coverage through local, in-depth reporting specifically for Gainesville's students. www.thefineprintuf.org.

Florida School of Traditional Midwifery A clearinghouse for information, activities and educational programs. 352-338-0766 www.midwiferyschool.org

Florida Defenders of the Environment An organization dedicated to restoring the Ocklawaha and preserving Florida's other natural resources. 352-378-8465 FlaDefenders.org

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to the Death Penalty concerned people in the Gainesville area who are working to abolish the death penalty in Florida. Participate in vigils when Florida has an execution. Meet the first Tuesday of every month at St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center (1738 W. University Ave.) 352-332-1350, www.fadp.org.

Gainesville Food Not Bombs is the local chapter of a loose-knit group of collectives worldwide who prepare and share free, vegan/vegetarian, healthy, home-cooked meals, made from local surplus, with all who are hungry. Meals are at 3 p.m. every Saturday at Bo Diddly Community Plaza. Prep starts at 11am. Get in touch if you'd like to help. gainesvillefnb@riseup.net. www.facebook.com/#!/groups/143660782367621/

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ) meets biweekly to discuss relevant immigration issues and ways to bring political education to the community through workshops, presentations, advocacy and action. gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com or www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com

Gainesville Loves Mountains works in partnership with Appalachian communities to end mountaintop removal coal mining and create a prosperous economy and sustainable future for the region and its people. We believe that the single, best path our community can take toward a stronger economy, better jobs, and a healthier environment for all is energy efficiency. We are also building a campaign for a local ordinance requiring all rental properties to meet basic energy efficiency standards. gainesvillelovesmountains@gmail.com <http://www.facebook.com/GainesvilleLovesMountains> 352-505-2928

Gainesville Women's Liberation The first women's liberation group in the South, formed in 1968, the organization is now part of National Women's Liberation. WomensLiberation.org

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

Green Party Part of worldwide movement built out of four different interrelated social pillars, which support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements.

Grow Radio Non-profit company that will provide the opportunity for community members to create and manage unique, engaging, educational, locally-generated programming to promote fine, musical and visual arts and humanities for the enrichment of, but not limited to, the Gainesville community. www.growradio.org. PO Box 13891, Gainesville, 32604, 352-219-0145 (v), 352-872-5085 (studio hotline)

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

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

Industrial Workers of the World Local union organizing all workers. Meetings are at the Civic Media Center the first Sunday of the month at 7 p.m.. Gainesvilleiww@riseup.net. www.gainesvilleiww.org

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice Organizing faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6 p.m. at La Casita 1504 W. University Ave. (across from Library) GainesvilleIAIJ@gmail.com; 352-215-4255 or 352-377-6577

International Socialist Organization Organization committed to building a left alternative to a world of war, racism and poverty. Meetings are every Thurs. at the UF classroom building at 105 NW 16th St. at 7 p.m. gainesvilleiso@gmail.com.

Kindred Sisters Lesbian/feminist magazine. PO Box 141674, Gainesville, FL 32614. KindredSisters@gmail.com, www.kindredsisters.org.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of advocates who protect the rights of elders in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. Special training and certification is provided. Interested individuals should call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at <http://www.ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

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

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

National Organization for Women Gainesville Area www.gainesvillenow.org. info@gainesvilleNOW.org NOW meeting info contact Lisa at 352-450-1912.

Planned Parenthood Clinic Full-service medical clinic for reproductive and sexual health care needs. Now offering free HIV and free pregnancy testing daily from 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.. Located at 914 NW 13th Street.

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida Resources for the gay/lesbian community, open M-F, 3-7, Sat. noon-4 p.m.. 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.

RiverPhoenixCenterforPeacebuilding provides innovative ways to resolve conflict in Gainesville and provides services like mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. www.cemterforpeacebuilding.org. 2603 NW 13th St. #333, 352-234-6595

Queer Activist Coalition Politically motivated activist group at UF fighting for full civil and social equality for the LGBTQ community. queeractivistcoalition@gmail.com.

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. Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Avenue (across from Gainesville HS). For more information, see: <http://www.gnvsistercities.org>.

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

Students for a Democratic Society Multi-issue student and youth organization working to build power in our schools and communities. Meetings are every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall 32 on the UF campus.

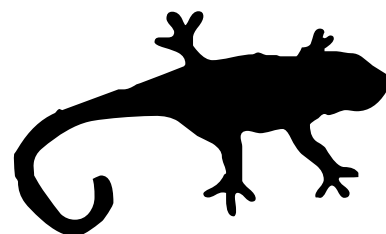
UF Pride Student Union Group of gay, lesbian, bi and straight students & non-students, faculty and staff. www.grove.ufl.edu/~pride.

United Faculty of Florida Union represents faculty at University of Florida. 392-0274, president@uff-uf.org, www.UFF-UF.org.

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

Veterans for Peace Anti-war organization that works to raise awareness of the detriments of militarism and war as well as to seek alternatives that are peaceful and effective. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.. 352-375-2563, www.afn.org/~vetpeace/.

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



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Friday Viernes

Saturday Sabado



Radio Notes: Find schedules for WUFT, WGOT, and Grow Radio, our local non-corporate stations, at www.wuft.org, www.wgot.org, & www.growradio.org respectively. WGOT is a part-time over-the-air broadcast; and like Grow radio is streamed on the internet. More info on local independent radio on page 21.

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.

LISTEN TO AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY RADIO!

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

18 *Moyers & Company* on WUFT-TV, Sundays, 1 pm.

Fla Coalition for Peace & Justice weekly potluck & eco-village tour, 4 pm: fcj.org.

Gvl Roller Rebels vs Gold Coast Derby Grls, Skate Station, 7 pm.

1928: Mickey Mouse debuts.
LEONID METEOR SHOWERS



1999: UN declares International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

2 "Wings, Worms & Wonder" - family nature/garden event, CMC, 2-4 pm.

Pierce Pettis performs at Prairie Creek Lodge, 7204 SE County Rd 234, 7:30 pm, \$20.

Women's Movie Night, 1st Sundays, 7 pm, Pride Ctr.

9 Alternatives holiday open house, noon-5 pm; see pg 23.
Klezmer Kats at the Doris, 716 N. Main St, 4 pm, free.

Interweave potluck, UUFG, 2nd Sundays, 6 pm.

Christmas Evil Bike-In movie in CMC courtyard, 7 pm.

Southern Culture on the Skids at High Dive: early show, 7 pm.

16 If you appreciate this calendar, please consider supporting the Ig with a donation &/or subscription: PO Box 14712, Gainesville FL 32604.

23 **1913: Federal Reserve System** founded.

30 **1865: Rudyard Kipling** born.

19 *Gvl Area Food Network* film, raw food potluck, & discussion, CMC, 7 pm.



1493: Christopher Columbus "discovers" Puerto Rico.
1864: Abraham Lincoln addresses Gettysburg.

26 *Transamerica* (movie on complexities of gender change & parenthood) presented by Stonewall Democrats: CMC, 7 pm.

Super Smash Bros Melee video game tournament fundraiser for CMC at 1982, 919 W. Univ. Ave, 7:30 pm.

3 *What Would Jesus Buy?* (fun documentary featuring Rev. Billy of the Church of Stop Shopping), CMC, 7 pm.

North Bound, Carbomb Sermon, **Lesley Ryland** perform in CMC benefit at CMC: \$5 donation requested, 9 pm.

1984: Bhopal gas leak kills 4,000.

10 **Central Labor Council Annual Holiday Dinner** at CWA Hall, 1949 NE 27th Ave, 6 pm.

Please support Citizens Co-op, a growing community resource. Shop Co-op first & keep your \$\$\$ local!

17 *Life of Brian*, annual CMC holiday showing of Monty Python classic: 6 pm refreshments & potluck, 7 pm movie.



24 **1925: "Winnie-the-Pooh"** published.

31 **1869: Henri Matisse** born.

13 **Alachua County Comm** meets, 2nd & 4th Tues, 9 am & 5 pm, County Admin Bldg; citizens' comment, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm.

County Farmers' Mkt on N 441 by Hwy Patrol Tues/Thurs/Sat, 8 am-noon.

Anti-war sign-holding on 13th St & Univ Ave, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 4:30 pm.

Who Bombed Judi Bari? - one night only, Hipp Cin., 7:15 pm.

1940: Fantasia opens in NYC.
1967: Hair opens in NYC.

20 **School Board** meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6 pm.

Anti-war sign-holding on SW 34th St & Archer Rd, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 4:30 pm.

PFLAG monthly meeting at United Church, 7 pm.

"Changing Demographics of LGBTQ" - CMC, 7 pm.

1817: Seminole War begins.

27 **Alachua County Comm** meets; see 11/13.

Alachua County Labor Party meets: 6:30 pm, IBEW Hall, 2510 NW 6 St; info, 375-2832.

Science Café: "Mayan Cosmology", Warehouse Restaurant, 502 S. Main St, 7 pm.

Wild Words, Wild Iris Books, last Tuesdays, open mic, 7 pm.

Icarus Project, CMC, 9 pm.

4 **School Board** meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6 pm.
Gvl NOW, Wild Iris, 7 pm.

1993: Frank Zappa dies.

11 **Alachua County Comm** meets; see 11/13.

Citizens Co-op public board meeting, 5-7 pm.

Icarus Project, CMC, 9 pm.

1922: Grace Paley born.

18 **School Bd** takes break.

1865: Slavery abolished in US.

25 **Almost Everybody** takes break.
1892: Rebecca West born.
1946: Jimmy Buffett born.

Jan 1 **1842: Afghans** defeat British.

2 **1888: Marvin Stone** patents drinking straw.

14 **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, Dtown Plaza, 4-7 pm;
Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds.

Democratic Exec. Comm. meets, County Commission mtg room, 2nd Weds, 7 pm.

"Questioning Capital Punishment" video series begins, Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave, 7 pm.

"Rebels & Runaways" talk on Fla slaves, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 7 pm.

21 **Anarchademics:** CMC, 7 pm.

Keep up with the CMC at www.civiciamcenter.org for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future (also see pg 9).

28 **Stonewall Democrats**, 901 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm, 4th Weds.

"Questioning Capital Punishment" video series - see 11/14.

Paradise or Oblivion - Mindful Movies series, Dntn Library, 6 pm.

5 **Jack Price, First-Hand** History talk, CMC, 7 pm.

Veterans for Peace meet, 7 pm: call 352-375-2563 for directions.

"Questioning Capital Punishment" video series - see 11/14.
Wild Iris relocation sale all this week: see article, pg 24.

12 **Democratic Exec. Comm.** meets, County Commission mtg room 2nd Weds, 7 pm.

"Questioning Capital Punishment" video series - see 11/14.

2000: US Supreme Court gives White House to loser.

19 **"Questioning Capital Punishment"** video series ends - see 11/14.

1915: Edith Piaf born.
1940: Phil Ochs born.

26 **1893: Mao Zedong** born.
KWANZAA BEGINS

3 **1892: J.R.R. Tolkien** born.

15 **CMC Volunteers** meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

Move to Amend Gvl meets Thursdays, 6 pm, Pride Ctr.; hosts MtA South convergence, 14th-16th; see movetoamend.org.

Internat'l Socialist Org. meets Thursdays, 7 pm, 105 NW 16th St.

Shmanksgiving veggie feast, CMC, 7 pm (\$5 requested).

Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm.

1864: Sherman burns Atlanta.
1887: Georgia O'Keefe born.

22 **1718: Edward "Blackbeard"** Teach shot to death.

1963: John F. Kennedy shot.
1963: Aldous Huxley dies.
1963: C.S. Lewis dies.

THANKSGIVING

29 **Afrikan History #12**, CMC, 7 pm.

Lola Haskins Poetry Reading, Downtown Library, 7 pm.

Open Poetry at CMC, 9 pm.

6 **Cooperatives:** talk by Fred Royce, film by Ian Richard - SF College W104, 3:30 pm.

CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

WGOT Benefit, Wild Iris Books, 7 pm.

Signs of Life, UF's hip-hop theater troupe, in performance 5th-7th in Norman Gym 102, 7:30 pm.

Sierra Club general meeting, UUFG, 4225 NW 34th St, 1st Thursdays, 7:30 pm.

Open Poetry at CMC, 9 pm.

13 **CMC Volunteers**, 5:30 pm.

Open Poetry every Thursday at CMC, 9 pm: Gvl's longest-running poetry jam, open to all; informal & welcoming to both readers & listeners.

GEMINID METEOR SHOWERS

20 **CMC Volunteers**, 5:30 pm.
Gvl Home Van Xmas Party for homeless, BD Plaza, 6 pm.

27 **1904: Peter Pan** opens in London.

4 **1809: Louis Braille** born.

16 **"Eat Healthy on a Budget"**, CMC, 7:30 pm.

Jim Hurst picks bluegrass at Prairie Creek Lodge, 7204 SE County Rd 234, 7:30 pm, \$20.

Waxing Moon Music, with Nook & Cranny, Peter Levitov & John David Eriksen (hand steel drum & cello duo), and Fiona Bas Irish Session Band, CMC /Co-op courtyard; \$5-10 donation requested, 9 pm.

SOA Watch protest begins, Fort Benning, GA - see soaw.org.

1922: José Saramago born.
1930: Chinua Achebe born.

23 **Black Friday** - possible actions at various Wal-Marts across country (buy local this year!).

Chucho Valdez Quintet, University Auditorium, 7:30 pm.
Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

30 **Critical Mass Bike Ride**, 5:30 pm, UF Plaza of Americas.

Gvl Roller Rebels fundraiser: *Derby Baby* trailer & discussion: Mars Pub, 239 W. University Ave, 7 pm.

Agbedidi Dance at Constans Theatre, 7 pm.

Gay Movie Night last Fridays, \$2, 7:30 pm, Pride Ctr, 3131 NW 13th St.

GHS Roots 'n' Shoots Open Mic Night, CMC, 8 pm.

7 **Jazz Bandits** at The Doris, time tba.

Feminist Happy Hour, Emiliano's, 6:30 pm-rsvp info@gainesvillenow.org

Art Walk Downtown: many galleries & venues participate; 7-10 pm. CMC features local artists' works suitable for gifting.

14 **Transgender Movie Night**, 2nd Fridays, 7 pm, Pride Ctr, 3131 NW 13 St.

Tom Neilson, New England-based singer-songwriter of high regard, on tour and at the CMC, \$15, 8 pm - see pg 7 and tomneilsonmusic.com.
1911: Amundsen reaches South Pole.

21 **1940: Frank Zappa** born.
WINTER SOLSTICE

28 **1869: William E. Semple** patents chewing gum.
FULL MOON

5 **Veg For Life** vegan potluck, UUFG, \$1+veg dish, 6:30 pm.

17 **Simple Gifts Bazaar**, Friends Meeting Hse, 702 NW 38th St, 9 am-3 pm.

Food Not Bombs makes free vegan/vegetarian meals Saturdays: prep starts 11 am: gainesvillefnb@riseup.net.

Occupy Gvl picnic, NE Park, 11 am.

Clothing, blankets, &c provided to homeless at Bo Diddle Plaza, 1 pm.

Alternative Radio by David Barsamian airs Saturdays on WGOT, 4 pm.

Transgender 101 - brunch 10 am, workshop 11 am; CMC.

1869: Suez Canal opens.
1909: US Marines invade Nicaragua.

24 **Zine Workday** at CMC: CMC is home of one of largest zine collections in country (zines are small self-published booklets & pamphlets); work is needed in cataloging & categorizing - volunteers needed & welcome, 3-6 pm.

Doug Clifford Saturdays, 11 pm-midnight; WSKY-97.3; show repeats Sunday nights 11 pm, WKTK-98.5.

Dec 1 **Munchkin!**, CMC, 3 pm.

Rwanda Sustainable Families fundraiser w/ gift sale, live music: The Doris, 716 N. Main St, 6-10 pm.

Veg For Life vegan potluck, UUFG, \$1+veg dish, 6:30 pm.

WORLD AIDS DAY

8 **Vets for Peace Winter Solstice Concert**, UUFG - see pg 22.

Feminist singer-songwriter Amy Andrews at Wild Iris Books, \$5-10 sliding scale, 7 pm.

WGOT Benefit Show at Dirty Nelly's downtown, ~9 pm.

1980: John Lennon murdered.

15 **Dixie Desperadoes** & other guests at High Dive, 8:30 pm.

1791: Bill of Rights ratified.
1890: US soldiers kill Sitting Bull.

22 **1882: Thomas Edison** invents Xmas tree lights.

29 **IGUANA Deadline** for Jan-Feb '13 issue is Jan 5th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

Florida's Hidden Hand in Wrongful Convictions

By Jerry N. Alfred

A wrongful conviction is a conviction obtained through a violation of a person's rights under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. For example, a due process violation occurs where a State's Attorney Office withholds evidence favorable to the defense. When one is uncovered a person who was wrongfully convicted will have her or his conviction overturned - assuming, of course, it is found "sufficiently" prejudicial after an evidentiary hearing where the State's Attorney Office, paradoxically enough, will argue it was harmless - and sentence vacated. The State's Attorney Office? Its "punishment" is to be afforded the option of either allowing the person who it had wrongfully convicted to go free or retrying her or him on the original offense.

At a glance, most people could see at least two rather conspicuous flaws in this Picasso. First, as much as redressing an egregious injustice, as outlined above, could as easily be seen as perpetrating one considering the State's Attorney Office gets off with the proverbial slap on the wrist. Second, owing to the lightness of its "punishment", it could be seen as creating a moral hazard: when in possession of a folding hand, the State's Attorney Office would deliberately withhold favorable evidence from the defense so as to obtain an otherwise unlikely conviction in order to "get time" out of a person who would have likely gone free.

Clear as these flaws are, there are some who nonetheless are thoroughly incapable of seeing them.

For the culturally myopic, there is absolutely nothing wrong with this picture. For them, any "punishment" meted out to the State's Attorney Office that exceeded a mere reset - for instance, reducing the original offense by one degree - of a case for a due process violation would constitute a flaw giving a "criminal", never mind the presumption of innocence, an undue

windfall. As to the moral hazard flaw, the potential adverse consequences, they would argue, to a prosecutor's career aspirations would stop her or him from engaging in such unethical conduct. So, from their perspectives, the second flaw, as the first flaw, is merely illustring.


Were either of these points valid, then the contention that the conspicuous flaws are merely illusory would be true, but neither of them is. The logic underpinning the first is so absurd that it merits summary rejection; whereas, that underpinning the second, though reasonable enough, begs the question: is the possibility of getting caught high enough to persuade a prosecutor to forgo the risk? The answer to this sixty-four-thousand-dollar question is a resounding no and this is where Florida's hidden hands come in.

In order to uncover a due process violation, an imprisoned person, generally, must gain access to criminal investigative files of either the State's Attorney Office or law enforcement agencies for her or his case. Gaining access to them is a three-step process: first, she or he must make a public record request under the Florida Public Records Act to either entity; second, upon receiving the public records request, the custodian of records for the particular entity will prepare and thereafter forward a cost estimate for the criminal investigative file which is being sought; final-

ly, once the imprisoned person forks over the estimated amount, the file will be promptly forwarded to her or him.

Now, while the first and second steps are automatic, the third step is much less so. The reason is the vast majority of people who are in prison is indigent. Arguably, no one knows this better than prosecutors in courtrooms throughout the state who witness accused offenders being adjudged indigent and appointed defense attorneys countless times in the course of their work days. Armed with this knowledge and the knowledge that the Florida Public Records Act lacks a mechanism whereby indigent imprisoned persons could gain access to their criminal investigative files without prepayment by imposing liens on their prison trust accounts, far too many overzealous prosecutors are willing to take the risk . . . one that they would have otherwise foregone had the Florida Public Records Act made accommodations for imprisoned persons' financial realities.

In a country that lauds the fairness of its legal system, the fact that the legislature and judiciary of a state would aid and abet in the wrongful deprivation of people's liberty is an indictment and suggests only lip service is being paid to justice.

Jerry N. Alfred is an Iguana reader currently residing in Santa Rosa State Prison. 

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Grand Jury Resistance in the Pacific Northwest

By Sylvia Arnold

Back in December 1999, the city of Seattle was host to the World Trade Organization meeting, and a mass protest surprised the city and captured the world's attention. Memories of that event were sparked earlier this year and have led to an inquest involving community members rounded up for Grand Jury questioning.

On May 1, the annual May Day event in Seattle turned violent when a group of black-clad protesters joined the demonstration, wielding rocks, tire irons and other weapons. After the demonstration, there was evidence of damage to private property and a federal courthouse. That afternoon, Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn declared an emergency, and by the end of the day, multiple arrests were made for charges of assault, pedestrian interference and vandalism.

On July 25, FBI agents and officers of the Joint Terrorism Task Force raided three houses in Portland, Oreg. According to one search warrant, officials were looking for "black clothing," "diaries/journals," and "anti-government or anarchist literature." As a result, Portland citizens, including Leah-Lynn Plante, Dennison Williams, Katherine "Kteeo" Olejnik and Matt Duran, were subpoenaed to tes-

tify in front of a federal grand jury about their knowledge of the May Day action.


A grand jury is a panel of citizens who decide whether the evidence presented in a case determines if someone should be charged with a crime. These individuals are not pre-screened for bias, and a judge does not oversee the proceedings. Grand jury sessions are not open to the public, and defense attorneys cannot be present during the closed deliberations (although he or she can wait outside), but the information gathered can be used against a witness who later testifies in open (public) court. These proceedings can protect witnesses but may also coerce individuals to testify against their will.

None of the individuals arrested were charged with committing crimes associated with the May Day demonstration. Rather, they were granted immunity from the charges. Once applied, it prevents an individual from invoking their 5th Amendment right to remain silent in order to avoid self-incrimination. The citizens continued to refuse to testify and were held in contempt of court and thereby sentenced to federal prison. Matt has been in prison since Sept. 26; Kteeo has been in prison since Sept. 28; and Leah-Lynn, who was jailed on Oct. 10, was released

two weeks later.

An article in the Seattle Times on Oct. 20 reported that an accidentally unsealed document revealed the individuals were under surveillance before the May Day riots. That fact, coupled with the warrant's mention of "anarchist literature," indicates that the government is targeting and detaining citizens for their political beliefs in the name of counterterrorism.

Like any other ideology, anarchists are heterogeneous in their beliefs and practices. Some do advocate for the violent overthrow of government, others bring about change through peaceful means such as community organizing and resistance. A principle of anarchist theory is that authoritarian systems corrupt freedom absolutely, so liberties granted by the government were never real to begin with. While it seems contradictory to criticize the state for violating civil rights, it has established, while simultaneously desiring the dissolution of that same State altogether, for many anarchists this criticism is vital to confronting the artificial freedom of an authoritative system.

More information on these resisters can be found at: <http://nopoliticalrepression.wordpress.com/> and <http://www.freeleah.org/>. 



The University of Florida Oral History Program **History and the people who make it: Marisol Pineda**

Edited by Pierce Butler

This is the eleventh in a continuing series of transcript excerpts from the collection of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida. Marisol Pineda was interviewed by Paul Ortiz [O] on May 18, 2010.

I was born and raised in Santa Ana, southern California, but my whole family is from Mexico. I am first generation, first one to go to college and graduate and I graduated [from] the University of California Santa Cruz. I majored in Literature and a concentration in Spanish language.

I transferred from a community college. From high school I qualified to go straight to the university, however the educational system, especially here in Santa Ana, wasn't good enough. I wasn't prepared, I didn't have that confidence to go straight to the University. But the transition from the community college to Santa Cruz wasn't so bad. Socially, the culture in Santa Cruz was different because Santa Ana College was mostly Latino and out there it was rarely that I saw Latinos.

I read African American and Latino histories. I read Piri Thomas and Elizabeth Martinez, those are key books and writers that I still look back to. Piri Thomas, a Puerto Rican poet raised in Harlem, New York, is well known for sharing his experiences and activism. Elizabeth Martinez is a social activist, community organizer and author of *500 Years of Chicano History*.

Something I learned that I will never forget is that race and class go together, that you can't speak of one without the other. Growing up in Santa Ana, my family immigrating to the United States, I would see those problems that Piri Thomas faced, like

language barriers, looking for jobs, the resources that sometimes we have to seek. He would have to go with his mom and take the day off school to translate whenever she wanted to ask for benefits.

Many times my family had to ask me, a little kid, to go with them and translate in different places. And this is one of the key motivators that led me to want to pursue education or a career in law. Many times I had to also translate in legal settings and that was a language that I couldn't

he experienced that and him being a Latino and a lawyer it was still hard for him 'cause it's a system that is so hard to go against or beat.

O: There's a poem he wrote that I always remember. He was called in to translate and it wasn't even a client of his, it was a lady who was living in a very lousy tenement. Her landlord wanted to evict her and she wanted to point out how terrible the conditions were in her apartment and how this wasn't being kept up. And she was waiting to give her side of the testimony, and the landlord presents his case and the judge rules against the lady, and she doesn't know even that the judge has already ruled.

Espada has to explain this to her, that she's not gonna have her opportunity to tell her side of the story. That story always has a big impact on people.

Both of my parents didn't have the privilege of going to school or even graduating from high school. My mom was a single mother, and she always worked hard to make sure that me and my two sisters were always enabled to go to school and do our best. Also, we've always been taught to work hard.

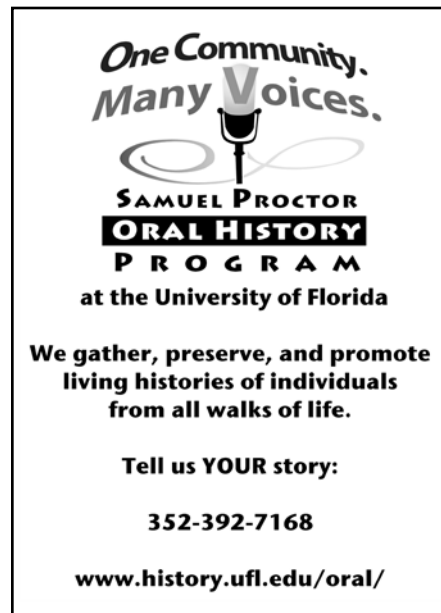
My mother has been a great inspiration to me. She was a homeowner, and she lost her home in the foreclosures that have been faced here in a great concentration, especially here in Southern California.

O: I would be remiss if I didn't ask you about what's happening now in Arizona, SB1070 as well as a try to limit ethnic studies curriculum. Have you had thoughts about this? [SB1070 was a controversial policy that mandated legal aliens to carry documents of registration and gave authorities the right to ask for these documents without warrant.]

understand neither. So just reading Piri Thomas brought so many issues that Latinos and African Americans face because we're under represented and underprivileged.

O: One of the other people we read now, Martin Espada -- a Puerto Rican poet from Brooklyn -- certainly his experience of being a literary person but also legal aid lawyer had a big impact on his writing.

His poetry was really inspiring. Just how he would go to courts and represent Latinos and how the judges were predominantly white and would always rule against his clients. How



Here in California a lot of community colleges and universities have been doing coalitions to reach the Latino community in Arizona. Personally I believe that ethnic courses and literature, such as the African American course, were key education. Without it, I wouldn't have come out the same.

O: We talked about the May Day demonstrations in 2006 and some of the later ones. Arizona SB1070, does that seem to be having this kind of catalyzing effect on Latino communities?

It keeps alienating the Latino community, taking them out of the history, out of the classes. This is a way of not only isolating us but also making us look as outsiders, as enemies in a way since we are not part of this country.

O: What do you think is behind this attack on immigrants, on ethnic studies? There always has been this backlash, but it seems to be escalating.

It's majorly because more and more Latinos, we are growing in professions, we're growing in positions in politics and government our presence is more noticeable now. When Latinos have more power it becomes a threat to the hegemonic society.

O: What kind of work have you been doing since 2008?

In my last quarter I interned with the UCDC program in Washington, D.C. and with the League of United Latin American Citizens national office, and I've been staying connected with LULAC, writing articles.

Whenever issues [arise] like the Arizona laws, issues that affect the Latin American community, organizations like this stand up right away. [UCDC is a University of California advocacy group for Hispanic Americans in Washington D.C. -- League of United Latin American Citizens]

Our communities have been fighting back, they have been active, they have been making coalitions. We as Latinos, are used to being defined and limited to our history, to what our community is and has done. I was really proud that as Latinos we define who we are by

our activism and by just being respondent to the attacks against our culture and community.

I'm still working with Santa Ana College, going out to the Latino communities and all the different ethnic communities in the college and promoting activism.

In my city we're predominantly Latino, but there is a growing community of African Americans. May 1st we had our own march and we saw the African American communities joining in as well.

O: During the election campaign of then Senator Obama, did you have a chance to participate?

Yes. I also interned with the APALA [Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance]. We went to Virginia where there is the concentration of Asian Americans. We were outreaching to the community to come out and vote. A lot of people, because of language barriers and just because they're not aware, were not voting when their vote was significant, especially in those key states. So I was helping out in that during the election. I was very lucky that I saw the President the night before Manassas [Virginia].

O: You went specifically to Virginia to work on voter registration?

Yes. We also went to the polls that same day, just letting them know that they have their right to vote, that they couldn't be intimidated. Because there was an incident where minutemen were there, trying to intimidate voters. So we were also letting them know their rights.

O: These were Asian American voters primarily?

Asian American and Latino.

O: What's your assessment so far of President Barack Obama?

The Latino community, the African American community came out to vote for him because he was promising a lot

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of good things for our communities, immigration reforms. There are limitations on what he can do but he could have done better. This is a sign for our community to see that just by coming out and voting our work is not done.

We all need to put our needs in front, we all have to come together 'cause it's basically similar things that we need. Our education system, how they raise the fees significantly. The newer generations that are coming are all affected.

O: Thinking about being yourself, a first generation university graduate, and the outreach work that you do now, what are the things that an incoming student needs to know about the university?

First of all not to accept the basic education 'cause the university will offer you the European culture, European region. [If] the student is African American or Latino, looking at their history, seeing the influence of your community and fighting for that type of education, not letting the laws take away your education. Going to the history, 'cause history makes it clearer

for us in the present.

Empowering ourselves through education, through activism, that the university gives you a space to do so. One of my main role models is Dolores Huerta. She was cofounder of the labor movement. She's a living legend and in our local radio whenever there's issues, she comes out, she speaks and she's still doing work in spite of all the history that she's already done.

O: She's really been a long distance runner in the movement.

Yes. And she's a feminist.

O: You had mentioned earlier that you're the first generation of your family to go to school, do you have younger brothers and sisters or nephews or nieces who may go to college?

Yes, I have a lot of younger cousins and my little sister, she's fourteen, and I'm already asking them what university do you wanna go to, what do you want to focus, what's your careers,

I gave my little sister the "Down These Mean Streets" book and literature that she should have. ["Down These Mean Streets," written by Piri Thomas, is a

1967 autobiographical novel about El Barrio, the Spanish Harlem of New York].


This coming generation, they're so smart and they need the tools like this book that empower you.

O: Anything we haven't talked about that you wanted to talk about?

There is prominent environmental racism. How we see the oil spills going on in the Gulf of Mexico and the coal mining in Virginia and how it's still prominent, it's a major issue that communities of color are affected by environment disasters.

An audio podcast of this interview will be made available, along with many others, at www.history.ufl.edu/oral/feature-podcasts.htm. The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program believes that listening carefully to first-person narratives can change the way we understand history, from scholarly questions to public policy. SPOHP needs the public's help to sustain and build upon its research, teaching, and service missions: even small donations can make a big difference in SPOHP's ability to gather preserve and promote history for future generations. Donate online at www.history.ufl.edu/oral/support.html or make checks to the University of Florida, specified for SPOHP, and mail to PO Box 115215, Gainesville, FL 32611. 🐾

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with full back pay and promises from Walmart to establish protocols for its warehouses...

California's "Wal-march"

The Illinois victory came on the heels of similar actions taken by warehouse workers at a California Walmart distribution center. In Ontario, Calif., workers supported by Warehouse Workers United (WWU) went on strike in mid-September to protest unsafe working conditions — broken equipment, dangerously high temperatures, no ventilation and inadequate access to clean drinking water. As some workers started to levy complaints with management, the bosses retaliated by demoting and suspending outspoken workers...

Walmart's warehouse workers are temporary workers — subcontracted with a temp staffing agency that is subcontracted with a logistics company that, ultimately, is contracted with Walmart.

Dave Jamieson published an investigative report for Huffington Post last year that detailed the ways

Walmart outsources its labor to cut costs — a business practice that typically leads to a dangerous and illegal work environment and poverty-level wages for workers.

During the strike, workers and organizers embarked on the "Wal-march," a six-day, 50-mile march from the Inland Empire to Los Angeles to raise awareness about warehouse conditions. The Walmarch and its accompanying public awareness campaign recalls farmworker pilgrimages that Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers made during their struggle for better wages and work conditions for grape growers in the 1960s.

"We march[ed] so that the world sees us and so that we can improve our jobs," said Marta Medina, a warehouse worker who made the trek...

When the California warehouse workers returned to work on Oct. 5 with the promise that their work environment will change, it represented a significant victory for a labor movement that is increasingly dependent on community support.

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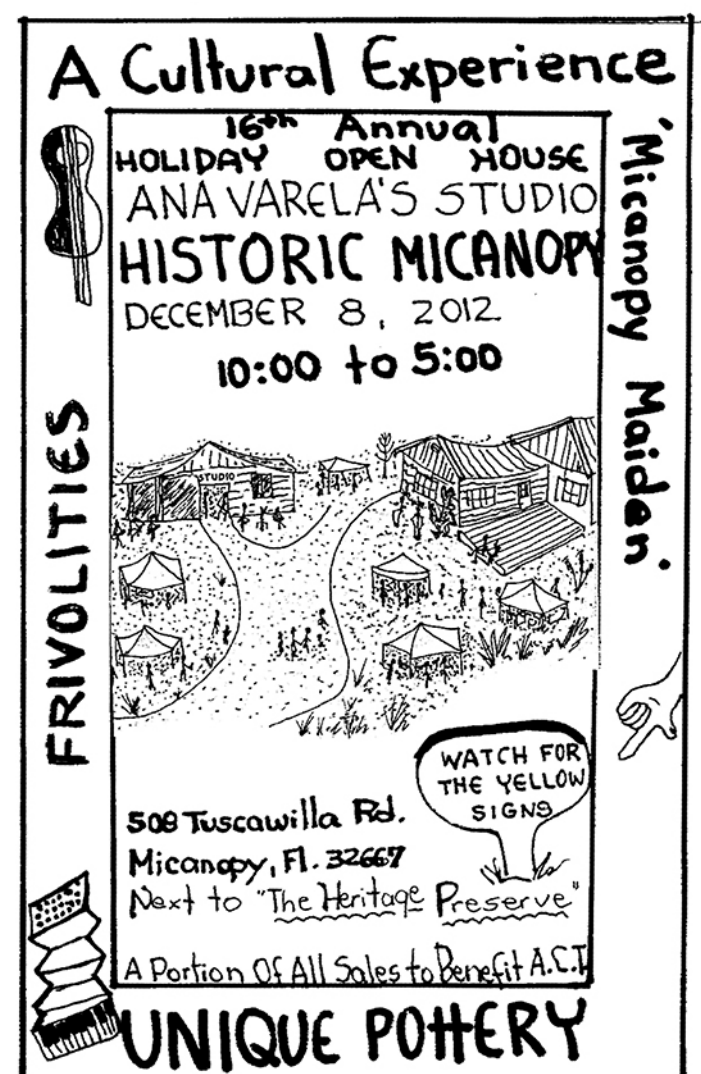


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The widespread public support that the warehouse workers received exemplifies how strikes can be successful in achieving multiple goals. The strikes shone a light on some of the more vulnerable, invisible yet essential workers in America's retail supply chain. In the short term, warehouse workers won their principal demands, while the public exposure and media coverage also strengthens long-term efforts for changing the standards in the warehouse industry. Now, California legislators are poised to pass new laws that would protect the state's warehouse workers.

Walmart spokesperson Dan Fogelman has been busy trying to maintain the company's image while conceding to the significant public pressure that his employer has been facing. Fogelman initially dismissed warehouse workers' allegations as unfounded, but announced that Walmart "is developing a protocol of random inspections by third-party organizations and conducting contract reviews with our service providers with an eye towards implementing specific health and safety requirements."

But these successful strikes do much more than force Walmart to change its supply chain policies. The strikes demonstrated to others the efficacy of using direct action tactics in a campaign. Walmart's retail workers, or associates, have long petitioned their employer for better working conditions, treatment and wages. Long, drawn-out legal challenges have embittered labor activists and employees, as the Walmart Litigation Project has extensively documented. But for the first time, workers on the retail end of Walmart's corporate dominion went on strike themselves.

Walmart associates who are organized with OUR Walmart — a United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) affiliated organization — went on a one-day strike on October 4. The historic strike — a first in

Walmart's 50-year corporate history — was intended to take advantage of the positive exposure Walmart workers had been receiving as well as to strengthen organizing efforts for associates' demands for better wages, benefits, full-time jobs and an end to the retaliation against outspoken workers...

Inspired by the warehouse workers, more than 70 retail associates from at least nine Southern California Walmarts participated in the strike and rally at the Pico Rivera Supercenter store. Walmart has announced that none of the workers will lose their jobs, even though Fogelman denounced the Walmart associates' strike as a "publicity stunt."

But that publicity stunt quickly evolved into the nationwide strike. Using traditional face-to-face organizing within Walmart stores and utilizing social media and Internet technologies, OUR Walmart members connected with each other and mobilized for the walkout on Oct. 9...

All of the workers have returned back to work, but they still seek a meeting with Walmart as a group...

OUR Walmart, labor allies and community supporters have put Walmart on notice for Black Friday: Either end the retaliation attempts to silence workers, say Walmart workers, or face direct action — "complete with actions inside and outside of the stores and a possible nationwide strike..."

To read the rest of this article, visit Waging Nonviolence's website at <http://wagingnonviolence.org/2012/10/why-direct-action-is-working-for-walmarts-workers/>



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Excerpt from an article published on Sept. 29 on WagingNonviolence.org by Scott Montreal. Read the whole story online at: <http://wagingnonviolence.org/2012/09/quebec-student-strike-wins-big/>

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- 3:00 p.m. Ecstasy to Frenzy
- 7:00 p.m. Maïum
- 8:00 p.m. New Day Rising
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- 8:00 p.m. The Coffee Alternative
- 2:00 p.m. Street Nuts
- 5:00 p.m. The Barefoot Sessions
- 7:00 p.m. The Styrofoam Cup
- 8:00 p.m. The Doomed Forever Show

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- 3:00 p.m. Uniformity Tape
- 5:00 p.m. A Brazilian Commando
- 7:00 p.m. Bigga Mixx Show
- 9:00 p.m. The Otherness
- 11:00 p.m. Radiodeo

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- 2:00 p.m. The 2nd Ave. Shuffle
- 4:00 p.m. Hope & Anchor
- 6:00 p.m. No Filler
- 8:00 p.m. Enjoy the Silence
- 10:00 p.m. Lost Sharks
- 11:00 p.m. McCartney Show

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- 5:00 p.m. Sunset Megamix
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Now the work of movements begins

By Amy Goodman
Research contributions
by Denis Moynihan

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The election is over, and President Barack Obama will continue as the 44th president of the United States.

There will be much attention paid by the pundit class to the mechanics of the campaigns, to the techniques of microtargeting potential voters, the effectiveness of get-out-the-

vote efforts. The media analysts will fill the hours on the cable news networks, proffering post-election chestnuts about the accuracy of polls, or about either candidate's success with one demographic or another.

Missed by the mainstream media, but churning at the heart of our democracy, are social movements, movements without which President Obama would not have been re-elected. Casey Fox (CC-BY-ND)

President Obama is a former community organizer himself.

What happens when the community organizer in chief becomes the commander in chief? Who does the community organizing then?

Interestingly, he offered a suggestion when speaking at a small New Jersey campaign event when he was first running for president. Someone asked him what he would do about the Middle East. He answered with a story about the legendary 20th-century organizer A. Philip Randolph meeting with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Randolph described to FDR the condition of black people in America, the condition of working people. Reportedly, FDR listened intently, then replied: "I agree with everything you have said. Now, make me do it." That was the message Obama repeated. There you have it. Make him do it. You've got an invitation from the president himself.

For years during the Bush administration, people felt they were hitting their heads against a brick wall. With the first election of President Obama, the wall had become a door, but it was only open a crack. The question was, Would it be kicked open or slammed shut? That is not up to that one person in the White House, no matter how powerful. That is the work of movements.

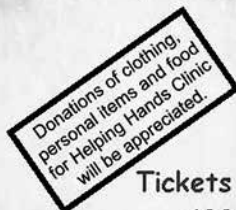
Ben Jealous is a serious organizer with a long list of accomplishments, and a longer list of things to get done, as the president and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. 2013, he notes, is a year of significant anniversaries, among them the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington, as well as the 50th anniversaries of the assassination of Medgar Evers and the Birmingham, Ala., church

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bombing that killed four young African-American girls. President Obama's 2013 Inauguration will occur on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Jealous told me on election night, as Mitt Romney was about to give his concession speech, "We have to stay in movement mode."

Young immigrants are doing just that. Undocumented students, getting arrested in sit-ins in politicians' offices, are the modern-day civil-rights movement. There are other vibrant movements as well, like Occupy Wall Street, like the fight for marriage equality, which won four out of four statewide initiatives on Election Day. In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, and despite the enormous resources expended by the fossil-fuel industry to cloud the issue, climate change and what to do about it is now a topic that President Obama hints he will address, saying, in his victory address in election night, "Democracy in a nation of 300 million can be noisy and messy and complicated. ... We want our children to live in an America that isn't burdened by debt, that isn't weakened by inequality, that isn't threatened by the destructive power of a warming planet."

It was pressure from grass-roots activists protesting in front of the White House that pushed Obama to delay a decision on the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, proposed to run from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. More than 1,200 people were arrested at a series of protests at the White House one year ago. Now a group is blocking the construction of the southern leg of that pipeline, risking arrest and even injury, with direct-action blockades in tree-sits and tripods in Winnsboro, Texas, two hours east of Dallas.

When those who are used to having the president's ear whisper their demands to him in the Oval Office, if he can't point out the window and say, "If I do as you ask, they will storm the Bastille," if there is no one out there, then he is in big trouble. That's when he agrees with you. What about when he doesn't?

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Florida's only feminist bookstore

Wild Iris Books finds new home

By Erica Merrell

By now you may have heard the news that Wild Iris Books, Florida's only feminist bookstore, is moving after 20 years on University Avenue. Here are the details we have so far.

Following a rental increase on the space, we know we have to downsize and find a way to lower our expenses so we can continue to be a part of your lives. We will remain in our current location until Dec. 22. We're just starting to pull together the details, but expect us to celebrate every night during the week of Dec. 4. Plans will include a special Feminist Open Mic, a storytelling and sharing reception, music by Amy Andrews, a live GROW Radio show and more. Keep checking our online calendar at wildirisbooks.com for more information.

As for our new home, we haven't finished signing the contracts, but we are in a verbal agreement for a location closer to downtown. Rumor on the street is that we'll be sharing space and energy with a cooperative grocery store and an info-shop and activist hub. Expect to see us resurface in February – refreshed, shiny and new, and ready to get back to it! Don't forget that you can order books and local vendor products online at any time while we're closed - so you can still support us through the transition.

Feminist bookstores are rapidly disappearing around the country, and we are now down to less than 10. We are all watching as the war on women reaches new heights, people are denied the ability to love how they choose, and our young people are constantly bombarded with garbage media and destructive social constructs. Stand with Wild Iris Books as we continue to provide support, solidarity and resources for the feminist, activist and queer community.

Here's how you can help:

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3. Tell your friends – spread the word about Wild Iris and encourage people to visit us in person, online or on our Facebook page.
4. Come to one of our Week of Wanderlust events and share your memories and experiences of the space. Keep checking online as more festivities are added.
5. Volunteer! Have a couple of hours a week to hang out with the Iris crew? Sign up online and become part of the team!

We know we couldn't have made it this far without the communities support, and we want you all to know how grateful we are to have you with us in the journey. 🐸

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