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In his own words: Statements from Edward Snowden

The German magazine Der Spiegel published a statement on Nov. 3, from Edward Snowden that it translated from English to German. Snowden provided the ACLU with the original English text:

"In a very short period, the world has learned that some intelligence services operate unaccountable and occasionally criminal dragnet surveillance programs. While the NSA and GCHQ appear to be the worst offenders, we must remember that mass surveillance is a global problem and needs global solutions. Such programs are not just a threat to privacy, but to free expression and open societies. We must not allow the existence of spying technology to determine political policy; we have a moral duty to ensure our law and values constrain surveillance programs and protect basic human rights.

"Society can only understand and control these problems through robust, open, and informed debate. In the beginning, a few governments, embarrassed by the revelation of their mass surveillance systems, engaged in an unprecedented campaign

of persecution to suppress that debate by intimidating journalists and criminalizing truth-telling. At that time, the public had no ability to measure the benefit of these revelations, and deferred to the judgment of government regarding the wisdom of this decision, but today it is clear that this was a mistake, and such action does not serve the public interest. The fruits of the debate they sought to avoid are now being enjoyed in countries around the world, and the beneficiary of this new public knowledge is society.

"Individuals have a civic responsibility to fight the suppression of information regarding matters of critical public importance. Telling the truth is not a crime."

A statement by Snowden was also read at the "Stop Watching Us" Rally against mass surveillance in Washington, DC. It was read by Justice Department whistleblower and attorney with the Government Accountability Project, Jesselyn Radack. The full statement follows:

"In the last four months, we've learned a



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lot about our government. We've learned that the U.S. Intelligence Community secretly built a system of pervasive surveillance.

"Today, no telephone in America makes a call without leaving a record with the NSA. Today, no Internet transaction en-

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Coming full circle: Stories from Pistol Alley

by Arupa Freeman, Home Van

Since the nation's economy went south, the Home Van is serving an increasingly broad demographic of people.

In the early years we were a mission to chronically homeless people. That first winter we were out delivering blankets one night, and one of our friends told us that there was a group of people living in a house in Pistol Alley who had no

utilities, no food and no blankets. Pistol Alley runs behind North Main Street Publix, so we headed over there.

The scene we found was unlike anything I've ever encountered before or since. Some twenty to thirty people were milling around in front of a small house and in the backyard, where someone had built a bonfire. These people were so intoxicated that they were staggering

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Winter Solstice Peace Concert on Dec. 21

by Gainesville Veterans for Peace

This year, the 27th annual Veterans for Peace Winter Solstice Peace Concert will be on December 21 at 8 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville (4225 N.W. 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32605-1422).

The doors open at 6:30 P.M. and the concert begins at 8:00 P.M., but people who purchase tickets in advance must arrive by 7:30 P.M. to assure a seat. Unclaimed seats will be opened up for those in line after 7:30 P.M., with no preference given to advance ticket purchasers, until all 400 seats are filled.

The event will feature music from Cherokee Peace Chant, Drums of Peace, John Chambers and Friends, Lauren Robinson & Marissa Vario, Quartermoon, Other Voices, The Erasables, The (formerly psychedelic) Relics, and Heavenly Semi-Angels.

VFP asks for a \$10-\$30 sliding scale donation per ticket.

This year because of the loss of our Good Friend Charlie Scales and the closing of Hyde & Zeke's Records, we have moved our ticket sales to McIntyre Stained Glass. We are grateful to our Friends Mary and Mike of McIntyre Stained Glass. Besides being the makers of the Peace Helmet, they are now also the official venue for Winter Solstice concert tickets.

McIntyre Stained Glass is located in the Thornebrook Village shopping plaza (2441 N.W. 43rd Street, Suite 11A, Gainesville, FL 32606). You can contact them by phone at 352-372-2752. They are open weekdays from 10-5 and Saturdays from 11-3.

Outside the event, organizations and groups from the Gainesville area will set up informational booths and tables. Attendees are encouraged to bring clothing, food and personal items to be collected and distributed by Helping Hands Clinic. Refreshments will also be available.

Parking is available at the event but is limited (carpooling recommended!), and parking attendants will be present to assist drivers.

For more information about the Winter Solstice Celebration, visit our Website at <http://www.vfpgainesville.org>. 🐾

Tuition equity for all

by Philip Kellerman, Harvest of Hope Foundation

There is a growing movement in Florida to advocate for in-state tuition for foreign-born students who have graduated from Florida high schools and meet Florida residency requirements.

At Santa Fe College in Gainesville, for example, a three-credit course at an in-state tuition rate costs \$307 versus \$1,144.80 out-of-state. That is a 268 percent increase, making college unaffordable for these students. I, along with immigrant advocates, have met with the president of Santa Fe College, but the college and the University of Florida refuse to offer in-state tuition claiming erroneously that federal and state laws prohibit them from doing so.

Only two public colleges in Florida (Miami Dade and FIU) currently offer out-of-state tuition waivers (basically in-state tuition) to some of these students who have obtained DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) cards allowing them to legally work and not fear deportation.

This is an educational and economic issue of importance to Florida.

As the editorial from the Gainesville Sun said so well, "Letting DACA students pay in-state rates improves the chances that they'll earn degrees and get quality jobs that increase their economic contribution to the state."

Here is where you can help. If you would like to receive postcards to send to state and house legislators in support of this important issue, please contact me at 352-262-5421 or philkellerman77@gmail.com, and provide your mailing address.

You can contact legislators at www.flsenate.gov. Click on Senators and link for Find Your Senators.

For Representatives, go to www.myfloridahouse.gov. Click on Representatives and link for Find Your Representatives.

Many of our foreign-born students who have lived in Florida for years are bright, hard-working individuals who are sitting on the sidelines simply because Florida will not follow in the footsteps of 16 other states in providing more affordable in-state tuition rates. In the upcoming Florida legislative session, two bills (HB 205 and SB 300) support in-state rates. 🐾

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VETERANS FOR PEACE

From the publisher ... **Contemplating Dominance**

A number of years ago, I had a conversation with a fellow of very different point of view than me. It was at the City of Alachua's July 4 celebration, and he was with a Veterans organization that had a table at the event. When I mentioned I was looking for the Veterans for Peace table, he began disparaging them, and by connection, me. In pursuing a conversation away from the table, he proceeded to give me a window into his worldview. He firmly believed the USA was the dominant nation in the world, and it needed to stay that way. That the USA was right to overthrow the elected governments of Iran (1953) and Chile (1973) because it was in the USA's interests. Obtain the oil that is under other country's land? Hell yeah. The USA's interests trump anything, because "we" must be the leader in the world, and anything less than that he was opposed to.



Joe Courter

This gentleman's "We're number One!" wasn't just jingoistic rhetoric; it was heartfelt belief, and I think about it now because I wonder if we are seeing circumstances where the world is getting ready to move on, and not just do as the U.S. says anymore. The dirty truths revealed about our county's behavior in the last decades are resonating world wide, and more and more people around the world are questioning our motives. Is this most powerful military a force that is making the world better, or acting in its own interests? Is our monitoring of global communications a thing to tolerate? Is the U.S. economy a stable foundation for world currency markets? Is this country's government itself stable, what with the government shutdown and gridlocked bickering?

Progressive minded folks here wonder if there is a graceful way for these problems to be resolved. Or are they only problems to those of us who hold the optimistic notion that we should be a better nation? Those that believe in dominance as a principle are not so troubled by this ethical quibbling; in fact, I think that is why there is so much active suppression of counter points of view, be it the past active disruptions of left activities with Cointelpro, or the high dollar corporate campaigns that affect our elections and legislation. It is what makes Julian Assange, Chelsea Manning and Edward Snowden such a danger to these people; all three have pulled back the curtain and exposed to the world what the power structure would prefer to hide. The agenda of dominance. It is our satellites and technological edge which allow the drone warfare; in Huntsville, Alabama at the U.S. Space Command, the building proclaims "Masters of Space." And all this is built to maintain world dominance, even while schools and infrastructure are neglected.

History is generally written by the victors, and this will be seen as a time of accelerated change. To what? Don't know, but in this country, a lot of people at this point are sleeping through it, or avoiding thinking about it, or contemplating leaving the country.

We can't let the troubles of the world wreck the one life experience we get, or dominate our sense of enjoyment at being alive. Be angry and outraged, yeah, but until, if and when, the shit really hits the fan, life is still good for most of us, and as citizens we should contribute somehow to make it better, whether helping others, educating, making and enjoying music and art, growing food, biking and walking in nature, sharing skills, organizing for better policies and building a sense of community where we live. Onward to 2014! 🐢

Editorial Board's picks for additional reading

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/interactive/2013/nov/01/snowden-nsa-files-surveillance-revelations-decoded#section/1>

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TPP/fast track trade fight is on

by Dave Johnson

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You've probably been hearing warnings about the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) "trade" agreement that is being negotiated. And you might have heard that the big corporations are going to push to use something called "fast track" trade promotion authority (TPA) to push it through.

It's time to learn about TPP and fast track, and then call your member of Congress to let them know if you want them to hand the giant multinationals an end-run around democracy and national sovereignty.

The fast track push is coming

"Fast track" trade promotion authority, if passed, means Congress yields its constitutional authority and obligation to review and amend trade agreements. A "fast track" treaty has to be voted on quickly, cannot be amended, and Congress has to give it an up-or-down vote.

The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Michael Froman is pushing Congress to pass "fast track," in hope of pushing through the TPP agreement by the end of the year. Politico lays it out, in "Froman pushing Congress to finalize trade deals":

President Barack Obama was often criticized in his first term for moving too slowly on trade, but now his chief negotiator is pressing Congress to pick up the pace as the White House pushes to conclude a landmark trade deal in the Asia-Pacific by the end of the year.

[. . .] Froman and his team at USTR are pushing to finish the TPP talks by the end of the year, putting pressure on Congress to move a TPA bill to set the stage for the final phase of talks.

Fast track to push TPP

The next "trade" treaty will be the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). This is a huge treaty with only a small part covering trade. Most of the agreement (according to leaks) sets down a new kind of regulatory structure for the giant corporations that would supersede the ability of any country to rein them in. The treaty is being negotiated in secret with only business interests "at the table." Representatives of others with a stake in the outcome are not part of

the process. Groups representing the interests of consumers, labor, human rights, the environment, democracy or even smaller and innovative companies that might want to compete with the giant multinationals are not part of the negotiations.

Economist Dean Baker explains that TPP is not about "free trade" and growth, writing,

Of course the TPP is not about free trade, in most cases the formal trade barriers between the countries negotiating the pact are relatively low. The main thrust of the negotiations is to impose a regulator structure in a wide range of areas — health, safety, environmental — which will override national and sub-national rules. This has little to do with trade and in some cases, such as the increased patent protection for prescription drugs being pushed as part of the deal (which is noted in the article), will actually involve increased barriers to trade.

In "The Trans-Pacific Partnership: A Trade Agreement for Protectionists," Baker writes,

"The TPP is about crafting rules that will favor big business at the expense of the rest of the population in both the United States and in other countries.

... The world has benefited from the opening of trade over the last four decades. But this opening has been selective so that, at least in the United States, most of the gains have gone to those at the top. It is possible to design trade deals that benefit the population as a whole, but not when corporate interests are literally the negotiators at the table.

Other "trade" agreements have cost us dearly

One after another "trade" agreements come along that, rather than helping lift the working people of the world, instead help the multinationals use exploited workers to break unions and lower wages. These agreements also let companies manufacture in countries that do not require environmental protection while bringing the resulting lower-priced goods here with no added cost at the border, undermining our own protections. Allowing these things makes our democracy, and its good wages and protections, a competitive disadvantage in world markets.

Previous trade agreements were passed with the promise of increases in growth

and wages here, but the opposite has resulted. And they have increased rather than reduced our trade deficits. They have only served to enrich the already-wealthy.

NAFTA: According to the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) briefing paper "Heading South: U.S.-Mexico trade and job displacement after NAFTA," "As of 2010, U.S. trade deficits with Mexico totaling \$97.2 billion had displaced 682,900 U.S. jobs." (That is net jobs, taking into account jobs gained.)

China: In August, 2012 EPI estimated that the U.S. lost 2.7 million jobs as a result of the U.S.-China trade deficit between 2001 and 2011, 2.1 million of them in manufacturing. Aside from job losses wages US wages fell due to the competition with cheap Chinese labor costing a typical household with two wage-earners around \$2,500 per year.

Columbia — "murders and threats": A report issued Monday by Reps. George Miller (D-Calif.) and James McGovern (D-Mass.) titled The U.S.-Colombia Labor Action Plan: Failing on the Ground says,

Despite the LAP, murders and threats against union members and harmful subcontracting persist in Colombia largely unabated. At a minimum, 413 threats were documented, and 22 trade unionists were murdered for their union involvement in 2012.1 On April 1, 2013, the 991st death threat against a member of the labor movement was received since President Juan Manuel Santos became president in June 2011.2 Because of the fear of violence or employer retaliation associated with organizing or joining a union and the prevalence of anti-union and anti-worker prejudice, only four percent of Colombian workers are union members.

[. . .] "The members of the delegation conclude that the Government of Colombia is woefully falling short of compliance with the Labor Action Plan, and in many cases, these shortfalls have made working conditions for workers worse than before it came into effect," the report said. "Before asking Congress to approve another trade agreement, such as the TPP, which poses similar labor and human rights issues, the Administration must first demonstrate concrete and effective improvements in workers' rights on the ground in Colombia under the Labor Action Plan."

Korea: EPI reported in July that the U.S.-

Korea free trade agreement had already cost the U.S. 40,000 jobs and increased our trade deficit by \$5.8 billion. According to EPI, The tendency to distort trade model results was evident in the Obama administration's insistence that increasing exports under KORUS would support 70,000 U.S. jobs. The administration neglected to consider jobs lost from the increasing imports and a growing bilateral trade deficit. In the year after KORUS took effect, the U.S. trade deficit with South Korea increased by \$5.8 billion, costing more than 40,000 U.S. jobs. Most of the 40,000 jobs lost were good jobs in manufacturing.

Promises, Promises

The Politico story quoted above claims that President Obama is criticized for "moving too slowly on trade." If anything, President Obama is criticized for promising in his 2008 campaign to renegotiate NAFTA, and renege once in office. 🐸

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ters or leaves America without passing through the NSA's hands. Our representatives in Congress tell us this is not surveillance. They're wrong.

"We've also learned this isn't about red or blue party lines. Neither is it about terrorism.

"It is about power, control, and trust in government; about whether you have a voice in our democracy or decisions are made for you rather than with you. We're here to remind our government officials that they are public servants, not private investigators.

"This is about the unconstitutional, unethical, and immoral actions of the modern-day surveillance state and how we all must work together to remind government to stop them. It's about our right to know, to associate freely, and to live in an open society.

"We are witnessing an American moment in which ordinary people from high schools to high office stand up to oppose a dangerous trend in government.

"We are told that what is unconstitutional is not illegal, but we will not be fooled. We have not forgotten that the Fourth Amendment in our Bill of Rights prohibits government not only from searching our personal effects without a warrant but from seizing them in the first place.

"Holding to this principle, we declare that mass surveillance has no place in this country. It is time for reform. Elections are coming and we're watching you." 🐸



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Trade Watch (www.citizen.org/trade/).

Stop TPP (stoptpp.org/)

Eyes on Trade blog (citizen.typepad.com/eyesontrade/)

Expose the TPP (www.ExposetheTPP.org/)

Flush the TPP (www.flushthetpp.org/)

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The rising resistance to Obama's drone wars

by Amy Goodman

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"I wasn't scared of drones before, but now when they fly overhead I wonder, 'Will I be next?'" That is the question asked by 9-year-old Nabila Rehman, from northwest Pakistan. She was injured in a drone attack a year ago, in her small village of Ghundi Kala. She saw her grandmother, Mamana Bibi, blown to pieces in the strike. Her brother Zubair also was injured. Their case has become the latest to draw attention to the controversial targeted killing program that has become central to President Barack Obama's foreign policy and global war-making.

"We really just have a very simple message to the U.S.: How do you justify killing a grandmother? How does that make anyone safer?" Mustafa Qadri posed the question on the "Democracy Now!" news hour. Qadri authored a new Amnesty International report titled "'Will I Be Next?' U.S. Drone Strikes in Pakistan."

Nabila and Zubair are unique among the growing number of drone-strike victims: They were able to appear before Congress, along with their father, Rafiq ur Rehman, to testify about the strike and the devastation it brought to their family. They are featured in a new documentary being released for free on the Internet this week, "Unmanned: America's Drone Wars," by Brave New Films. In it, Rafiq, a primary-school teacher, describes that day:

"People enjoyed life before the attacks. It was 2:45 on October 24th of 2012. After school finished I went into town to buy school supplies." When he returned home, they told him his mother was dead. There was a crater where her garden was. She was picking okra with the children. "That's where my mother was killed," Rafiq continues. "My family has been destroyed since my mother was killed." Nine children in all were injured, as this drone strike fit a typical pattern, with one initial strike, followed closely by another to hit the rescuers.

13-year-old Zubair testified before Congress: "When the drone fired the first time, the whole ground shook and black smoke rose up. The air smelled poisonous. We ran, but several minutes later the drone fired again. People from the village came to our aid and took us to the hospital. We spent the night in great agony at the hospital, and the next morning I was operated on."

Attacking rescuers is a war crime. Mustafa Qadri from Amnesty International explained: "For example, some laborers in a very impoverished village near the Afghanistan border, they get targeted, eight die instantly in a tent; those who come to rescue or to look for survivors are themselves targeted. In great detail, eyewitnesses, victims who survive, tell us about the terror, the panic, as drones hovered overhead. ... There's a very high threshold for proving [war crimes]. With the secrecy surrounding the program, the remoteness of this area, we can only get the truth once the U.S. comes clean and explains what is the justification for these killings."

President Obama himself consistently defends the accuracy and legality of the targeted killing program. He was directly challenged on it recently, though, by his own 16-year-old human-rights hero, Malala Yousafzai. She is the Pakistani schoolgirl who was shot in the head by Taliban gunmen for her outspoken support for educat-

ing girls and women. Many thought she would win this year's Nobel Peace Prize. While the White House did not publicize her comments, Malala released a separate statement about her visit with the Obamas, saying, "I also expressed my concerns that drone attacks are fueling terrorism. Innocent victims are killed in these acts, and they lead to resentment among the Pakistani people. If we refocus efforts on education it will make a big impact."

Resistance to Obama's drone wars is growing. In upstate New York, in a surprise ruling, five anti-drone activists were acquitted after being tried for blocking the gate of Hancock Field Air National Guard Base near Syracuse. Code Pink is organizing a national conference in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 16-17, called "Drones Around the Globe: Proliferation and Resistance." And at least one drone pilot, Brandon Bryant, a former sensor operator for the U.S. Air Force Predator program, has now spoken out about the horrors of killing innocent civilians and the post-traumatic stress disorder that followed.

While only five members of Congress (all Democrats) came to hear the Rehman family testify, the words of young Zubair are now on the record, a painful testament to Obama's policy of so-called targeted killing with drones:

"I no longer love blue skies. In fact, I now prefer gray skies. The drones do not fly when the skies are gray. And for a short period of time, the mental tension and fear eases. When the skies brighten, though, the drones return, and so, too, does the fear." 🐕

Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, Occupy Gainesville joined Occupy Jacksonville, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and Veterans For Peace to protest against drone warfare at Drone Operations Hub the Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

LOCAL ANTI-DRONE ORGANIZATIONS

Occupy Gainesville (see Facebook page)

Occupy Jacksonville (see Facebook page)

Jacksonville Progressive Coalition (see Facebook page)

Gainesville Veterans for Peace (www.vfpgainesville.com)

Jacksonville Vietnam Veterans Against the War

FILMS

- "Wounds of Waziristan" (A 30-minute film by Pakistani journalist Madiha Tahir about the relentless presence and attacks by U.S. drones. See the full film here: <http://motherboard.vice.com/blog/wounds-of-waziristan-the-story-of-drones-by-the-people-who-live-under-them-video>)

- "Unmanned: America's Drone Wars" (A 1-hour film on the U.S. drone war and the growth of drone warfare globally. See the full film here: http://youtu.be/IfF0sjv4_ps)

WEBSITES

Know Drones (www.knowdrones.com)

Drones Watch CODEPINK (droneswatch.org)

No Drones Network (nodronesnetwork.blogspot.com)

UF and Duke Energy: An unsustainable relationship

by Gainesville Loves Mountains

This article originally included lots of great links and additional information. To access that, visit the website of Gainesville Loves Mountains at gainesvillelovesmountains.wordpress.com.

Do you know who meets the University of Florida's energy needs? Gainesville Regional Utilities? Progress Energy? Duke Energy?

It is not Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), and Progress Energy would have been the correct answer before a year ago. In July 2012, Progress Energy merged with competitor, Duke Energy, forming the largest energy company in the United States. Duke Energy now provides electricity to a large portion of north Florida as well as western North Carolina, South Carolina, and parts of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

Duke Energy operates a natural gas-powered turbine power plant that generates 42 megawatts of electricity near the Health Sciences part of the University of Florida (UF) campus in Gainesville. Opening in 1994, the plant generates electricity and has a generator that produced steam for heating. UF pays Duke Energy about \$42 million for electricity and \$4 million for steam heating annually.

The contract between UF and Duke Energy expires in December 2014. GRU and several other energy companies are interested in becoming UF's energy provider if this deal expires and is not renewed with Duke Energy. UF faces a huge opportunity to renegotiate with Duke or other service providers for a clean energy future. The ramifications of this decision will be felt for many years to come. We hope that UF will choose wisely and are asking for an open, inclusive process that keeps UF's sustainability goals at the forefront as it selects its future energy provider.

There are significant opportunities for Duke or other service providers to meet UF's goal of clean energy in an economical manner. UF's current relationship with Duke not only harms the planet; it also hurts our economy and wastes taxpayer dollars. Under its current arrangement, much of the tens of millions of dollars that UF spends on energy annually is sucked out of our state's economy to pay for non-local fuel sources and to pad the pockets of Duke/Progress shareholders.

Conversely, investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency would not only strengthen our local economy, but would reduce UF's carbon footprint and the harm that the University's energy choices inflict upon other communities."

Why is this relationship with Duke Energy unsustainable?

In comparison to other large utility companies, Duke Energy's strategies for the future reduce emissions and update their power stations at a much slower rate (e.g., AEP). Duke Energy's current 20 year plan calls for an increase in renewable energy generation from 0.2 (2013) to 3 percent in 2032 while maintaining 77 percent of its coal capacity, expanding nuclear capacity and doubling natural gas capacity.

Greenpeace analyses demonstrate that if Duke Energy shows a

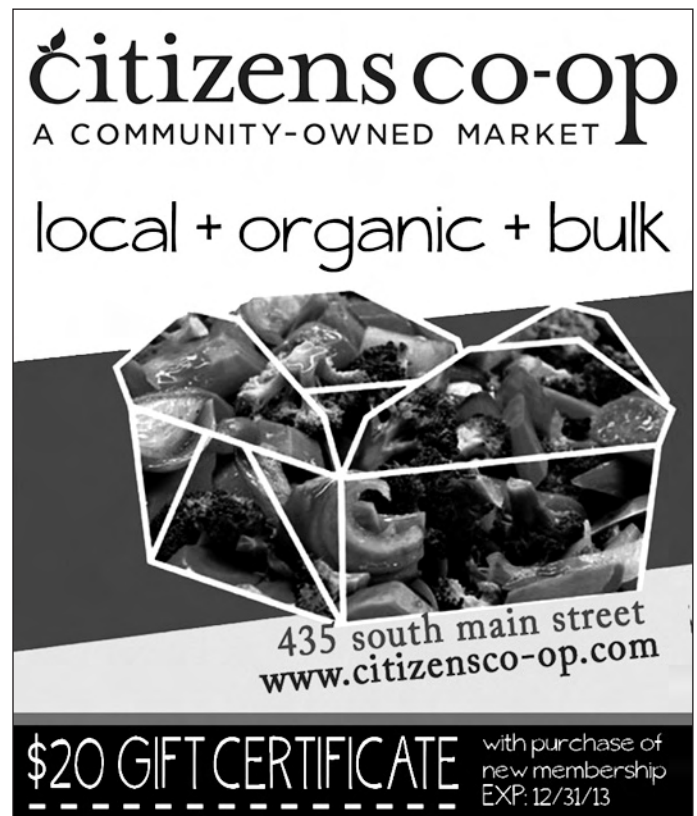
strong commitment to renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, it could save its Carolina customers up to 108 billion dollars. Instead, Duke Energy has requested increases in residential rates of over 10 percent after recently increasing energy rates by 7.2 percent.

A report by the NAACP ranking and grading the effects of coal-fired power plants on low-income and people of color communities gave Duke Energy a failing grade for environmental justice performance. This grade comes from a study of 378 plants based on their SO₂ and NO_x emissions and a failing grade indicates that Duke Energy operates plants that have a "considerable and disproportionate impact" on low-income households and people of color.

How are other Universities responding to Duke Energy?

On other campuses, students are demanding their institutions divest in big oil and coal companies. Without divesting in companies such as Duke Energy, they would not be able to reach their sustainability goals. In 2010, the University of North Carolina (UNC) Chapel Hill campus declared it will end its use of coal by 2020. A few months ago, the UNC system president sent a letter to Duke Energy requesting more clean energy in efforts to reach carbon neutrality by 2050.

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- Tue, Nov 12: Florida Organic Growers presents: A Talk by Dr. Don Huber on GMOs and their impact on soil, seed, crop, animal and human health, 6:30pm
- Mon, Nov 18: "Gun Hill Road," After 3 years in prison for a minor offense, a man finds his wife is now a virtual stranger and his son in the middle of a sexual identity transition. Shown as part of transgender awareness month., 7pm
- Tue, Nov 19: David Rovics, internationally renowned political folk singer-songwriter and activist, \$5-15 sliding sliding scale, 8pm
- Wed, Nov 20: Intervention Skills Workshop & Discussion, monthly workshop & discussion on how to intervene when you encounter racism, sexism, homophobia, etc., 7pm
- Sun, Nov 24: WGT Singer-Songwriter Night in the Courtyard, singer-songwriters have 6 minutes to perform a song with the phrase "Fall in Gainesville" in it and another song of their choice, signup starts at 6:30pm, music at 7pm
- Mon, Nov 25: "Black Indians: An American Story," brings to light a forgotten part of Americans past – the cultural and racial fusion of Native and African Americans. Narrated by James Earl Jones, the film explores what brought the two groups together, what drove them apart and the challenges they face today, 7pm
- Mon, Dec 2: Gainesville Area Industrial Workers of the World present: Film TBA, 7pm
- Wed, Dec 4: Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP) Annual Reportback from the Mississippi Delta, gathering first hand accounts from civil rights activists presentation, 6pm
- Fri, Dec 6: Art Walk, 7pm to 10pm
- Mon, Dec 9: Stonewall Democrats of Alachua County present: Film TBA, 7pm
- Thu, Dec 12: Citizens Co-op Quarterly Membership Meeting, 7pm
- Mon, Dec 16: CMC's Annual Winter Screening of Monty Python's "Life of Brian," 7pm

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Art Lab is for artists who continually expand skills and knowledge. Comprised of makers from a range of mediums (e.g. forged iron, spun wool, graphic design). Technique workshops, artist talks/critiques, professional practices meetings, critical thinking discussions. GainesvilleArtLab@gmail.com. <http://GainesvilleArtLab.org>

Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc. Protecting North Central Florida's natural, scenic, historic & recreational resources for over 25 years. ACT is the 2013 national Land Trust Excellence award recipient. 352-373-1078. AlachuaConservationTrust.org

Alachua County Labor Party meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaign for universal, single-payer health care. Memberships are \$20/year. Contact: 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 a 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.

Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI) Non-profit research organization working to stimulate conservation action to save threatened species of birds in the southeastern U.S., www.arcinst.org.

Citizens Climate Lobby (Gainesville Chapter) provides education/activist opportunities to bring about a stable climate. Meetings are on the Wednesday after the first Saturday of each month at 12:30, 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

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.

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 held the second Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. in the 2nd 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 Independent, critically thinking outlet for political, social and arts coverage through local, in-depth reporting 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 are dedicated to restoring the Ocklawaha and preserving Florida's other natural resources. 352-378-8465 FlaDefenders.org

Gainesville Area AIDS Project provides toiletries, household cleaners, hot meals, frozen food at no cost to people living with HIV/AIDS. www.gaaponline.org, info@gaaponline.org, 352-373-4227, Open Tuesdays 10-1 and last Friday of month 5-7.

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to the Death Penalty works to abolish the death penalty in Florida. Participate in vigils when

Florida has an execution. Meets the first Tuesday of every month at St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center (1738 W. University Ave.) 352-284-1749, www.fadp.org.

Gainesville Food Not Bombs Local chapter of 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 at 3 p.m. Sundays at Bo Diddly Community Plaza. Prep starts at 11 am. Get in touch if you'd like to help. gainesvillefnnb@riseup.net. www.facebook.com/#!/groups/143660782367621/

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ) meets biweekly at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. to discuss relevant immigration issues and ways to bring political education to the community through workshops, presentations, advocacy, action. gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com or www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com

Gainesville Loves Mountains works with Appalachian communities to end mountaintop removal coal mining and to create a prosperous economy and sustainable future for the region. Energy efficiency is the best path our community can take toward a stronger economy, better jobs, a healthier environment. We are building a campaign for an ordinance requiring rental properties to meet 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 represents 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 a worldwide movement built out of four interrelated social pillars that support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. www.GainesvilleGreens.webs.com

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 7:30 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; gainesvillehumanists@gmail.com.

Humanists on Campus: UF organization provides a community for freethinking, secular humanists. Goals include promoting values of humanism and discussing current 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.

Industrial Workers of the World Local union organizing all workers. Meetings are at the Civic Media Center the first Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.. Gainesvilleiww@gmail.net. www.gainesvilleiww.org

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd Mondays at 6 p.m. at La Casita, 1504 W. University Ave. (across from Library) GainesvilleIAIJ@gmail.com; 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. 888-831-0404 or visit <http://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 Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare - North Florida committee works to promote/preserve threatened programs for seniors through educational activities. We have T-shirts, signs, literature, speakers. Email: sun115flower@yahoo.com.

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.

Occupy Gainesville is about engaging the people of our community in grassroots, participatory democracy. We are about 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 rest of the world. www.occupygainesville.org and <https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville>

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 p.m. 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.

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

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). <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. On Facebook, search "Gainesville Student/Farmworker Alliance."

Students for a Democratic Society Multi-issue student and youth organization working to build power in schools and communities. Meetings held 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.

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 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.



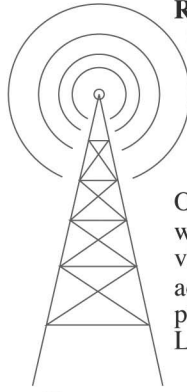
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On the music side of things, those on the east side or with antennas might appreciate the music on Jacksonville's public radio station at 89.9 FM, ranging from acoustic to electronic, jazz and blues, in an eclectic and pleasant mix in the evenings and night.
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17 Downtown Art Festival continues, 10 am–5 pm.

Moyers & Company on WUFT-TV, Sundays, 1 pm (or watch on your own schedule via the web).

JFK/RFK autopsies talk by Dr. Bill Warrick, 1 pm, downtown lib.

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

FULL MOON

24 WGOT Singer-Songwriter Night, CMC courtyard (inside if inclement), 6:30 pm.

Cranksgiving - fundraiser & grand opening of new Kickstand location, 1123 SE 4th St; 2 pm.

1963: Jack Ruby shoots LH Oswald.

Dec 1 Tis The Season For Peacebuilding River Phoenix Ctr fundraiser, The Wooly, 20 N. Main St, \$60, 7 pm; centerforpeacebuilding.org.

IWW meets 1st Sundays, CMC, 6 pm.

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

WORLD AIDS DAY

8 Rwanda Sustainable Families fundraiser, Depot Station, 203 SE Depot Ave, \$20, 5 pm.

Buddy Mondlock, Prairie Creek Lodge, \$20, 6 pm,

15 John McCutcheon, Prairie Creek Lodge, \$20, 6:30 pm. If you appreciate this calendar, please consider supporting the *Ig* with a donation &/or subscription: PO Box 14712, Gainesville FL 32604.

22 Looking ahead: Jan 12, CMC music - Barefoot Movement (NC) & Wax Wings: see pg 8.

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18 Immigration discussion, Newberry public library, 6-7 pm.

Gun Hill Road - gritty story of post-prison family dynamics & transgender youth issues; CMC, 7 pm.

Rev. Angeldust's Tabernacle of Hedonism (Tom Miller/open mic), Mondays, 1982, 9 pm.

1909: US invades Nicaragua.

1939: Margaret Atwood born.

LEONID METEOR SHOWERS

25 "Feeding 9 Billion in a Hotter World" talk by Dr. David Lobell (Stanford U), Emerson Hall, UF, 2 pm.

Black Indians: An American Story; CMC, 7 pm.

2 IWW-sponsored film tba; CMC, 7 pm - see civicmediacenter.org.

1823: James Monroe claims entire western hemisphere for USA.

9 Stonewall Democrats film tba, CMC, 7 pm.

1608: John Milton born.
1842: Prince Peter Kropotkin born.
1905: Dalton Trumbo born.
1922: John Elroy "Redd Foxx" Sanford born.

16 Monty Python's Life of Brian annual holiday offering by the CMC, 7 pm; refreshments, 6:30 pm.

1775: Jane Austen born.

1928: Philip K. Dick born.

23 1913: Federal Reserve System (& hundreds of conspiracy theories) created.

30 1946: Patti Smith born.

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

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

Anti-war sign-holding 4:30–5:30 pm: 1st & 3rd Tues, SW 34th St & Archer Rd; 2nd & 4th Tue, Univ Ave & W 13th St.

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice, 1236 NW 18th Ave, 2nd Mondays, 6 pm.

G'ville Poets & Writers meet Tuesdays at Books A Million, 2601 NW 13th St, 6:30 pm.

19 School Board meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 620 E Univ Ave, 6 pm: see sbac.edu.

David Rovics - internat'l touring & prolific singer-songwriter live in concert - do not miss: CMC, 8 pm (see pg 19).

PFLAG meets, United Church, 1624 NW 5th Ave, 7 pm.

26 Alachua County Comm meets - see 11/12.

Free HIV testing, 4th Tues, CMC, 6:30–8 pm.

Wild Iris Feminist Open Mic Night, CMC Courtyard, 7 pm.

3 School Board, 6 pm.
Keep up with the CMC at www.civicmediacenter.org for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future (also see pg 9).

1984: Union Carbide kills 4,000 & injures 200,000 in Bhopal.

10 Alachua County Comm meets; see 11/12.

1898: USA takes Phillipines, Guam, & Puerto Rico from Spain.
1901: 1st Nobel Prizes given.

17 School Board, 6 pm.
PFLAG 3rd-Tuesday meeting at United Church, 1624 NW 5th Ave, 7 pm.

Greens meet, CMC, 7 pm.

FULL MOON

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31 1999: Panama takes control of Canal.

13 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.

Zine Workday, CMC, noon—2 pm every Weds.

Downtown Farmers' Market every Wed, Dntn Plaza, 4-7 pm;

Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds.

Upcycle Debut, CYMplify, 5402 NW 8th Ave, 4-7 pm.

"Toxic Treatment: Wood Preservation Industry & Superfund Sites" - talk by Nicole Cox, 471 Grinter Hall, UF, 4 pm.

Move to Amend meets, Pride Ctr, 6 pm, every Wednesday.

DEC meets, County Commission meeting room, 2nd Weds, 7 pm.

Gvl NOW meets, Wild Iris Books, 7:30 pm.

20 Intervention workshop, CMC, 7 pm.

Humanists meet, UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm.

27 1991: US Congress approves \$70B savings-&-loan bailout.
HANUKAH BEGINS

4 Samuel Proctor Oral History Program annual reportback on Mississippi Delta, CMC, 6 pm.

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

1969: FBI murders 4 Chicago Black Panthers in their beds.

11 Acoustic Blues monthly open mike at Cymplify, 5402 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm.

Citizens' Climate Lobby meets, dntn library, 6:30 pm.

Beatles-McCartney Night - archival videos for *Band on the Run* 30-yr anniversary, CMC, 7 pm (pg 18).

18 Humanists meet, UUFG, 4225 NW 34th St, 7 pm.

1961: Martin L. King & 266 others arrested in Albany, GA.

25 ????: Sun God Mithra born.
????: Sun God Attis born.
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Jan 1, 2014

14 CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.
"Night of A Thousand Ukeles" - Lightnin' Salvage, 6 pm.

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

Elestial Sounds Showcase, 1123 SE 4th St, \$8, 8:30 pm.

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

1889: Jawaharlal Nehru born.

1948: Prince Charles Windsor born.

21 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

"Modern-Day Slavery" discussion at Pugh Hall, UF, 6-8 pm.

Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm, 3rd Thursdays.

Bill Nye the Science Guy speaks at Phillips Ctr, 8 pm (Accent sponsored - advance tickets needed).

Open Poetry at Civic Media Center, 433 S. Main St, 9 pm.

1694: François Marie "Voltaire" Arouet born.

28 1757: William Blake born.
THANKSGIVING

5 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.
Cinema Verde, Gators 4 Cinema, Oaks Mall West, 6 pm.

Sierra Club meets at UUFG, 7:30 pm: see ssjsierra.org.

Open Poetry at CMC, 9 pm.
1955: Montgomery (AL) bus boycott begins.

12 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Citizens Co-op quarterly membership meeting, CMC, 7 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm.

1731: Erasmus Darwin born.

19 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Home Van Xmas Party - bring socks full of goodies for homeless, SE corner of dntn plaza, 6 pm.

Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm, 3rd Thursdays.

Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm.

26 KWANZAA BEGINS

2 1920: Palmer Raids begin; 1000s of US leftists arrested.

15 David Russel, award-winning singer-songwriter (yes, same as from the old Mad Monk's Inn days) in concert with John Peyton at Lightnin' Salvage, 6–9 pm.

Transgender Movie Night, 2nd Fridays, 7 pm, Pride Center.

Downtown Blues Concert, Bo Did-dley Plaza, 8 pm - see *Scene* for details.

Antje Duvekot in concert at Dale's Lake House, Melrose, 8 pm (doors 7:30): info, dalesim@gmail.com.

Whether here or anywhere:
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22 Close the School of the Americas weekend vigil begins, Ft Benning, GA: soaw.org - see pg 24.

JFK/RFK autopsies talk by Dr. Bill Warrick, 1 pm, downtown library.

Trashformations, Fla Mus of Natural History, 3125 Hull Rd, 5:30 pm.

The Erasables, Prairie Creek Lodge, 7204 SE County Rd 234, \$20, 8 pm.

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

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

A Christmas Carol & A Tuna Christmas open at Hipp: thehipp.org.

Jacob Marley's Xmas Carol opens, Acrosstown Rep, 8 pm.

6 Artwalk all over town & esp. at S. Main arts & culture center, 7 pm; pg 5.

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 Transgender Movie Night, 2nd Fridays, 7 pm, Pride Center

Black Nativity (by Langston Hughes) opens at Actors Warehouse, \$15 (\$10 students), 8 pm.

1903: Italo Marcioni patents ice cream cone.
GEMINID METEOR SHOWERS

20 1998: US House of Representatives impeaches William J. Clinton.

27 IGUANA Deadline for Jan-Feb '14 issue is Jan 10th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

3 1793: Lucretia Mott born.

16 Christians & Muslims read Koran together, Emmanuel Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave, 10 am, 2nd & 4th Sats.

Downtown Art Festival, 10 am–5 pm; see pg 22.

Cooperation Festival w/ local foods, music (co-benefit for Citizens Co-op): Swallowtail Farm, 17603 NW 276th Ln, Alachua, 2-10 pm; pg 16.

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

Celebration of Martina and John "X" Linnehan, Paramount Hotel, \$40, 6 pm: fcj.org.

23 UF Football vs Ga. Southern: kickoff 2 pm.

The Traveling Newberries and their "butt-kickin' foot-stompin' covers" at Lightnin' Salvage, 6-9 pm.

1859: Billy "the Kid" Bonney born.

1887: Boris Karloff born.

1981: Ronald Reagan orders CIA to organize Nicaraguan contras.

30 UF Football vs FSU: kickoff tba.

1835: Samuel L. "Mark Twain" Clemens born.

7 Polar Express Holiday Train Show, Matheson Museum, \$4 (kids \$1), 10 am.

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

1928: Noam Chomsky born.

14 Ana Varela annual holiday pottery & art sale at her studio in Micanopy, 10 am–5 pm (see pg 21).

Please support Citizens Co-op, a growing community resource. Shop Co-op first & keep your \$\$\$ local! (see pg 7)

21 27th Vets for Peace Winter Solstice Concert, UUFG, 7 pm - see pg 2.

WINTER SOLSTICE

28 1903: John Von Neumann born.

4 QUADRANTID METEOR SHOWERS

History and the people who make it: Allen Cooper

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler

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

Allen Cooper was interviewed by Steve Davis in 2008.

My part in the Movement started in 1959 when I came out of the Navy. I was on an aircraft carrier. I'm a combat veteran, and I came out with an emerging consciousness that was shaped, in part, by the Navy itself. I had never met any people of color. I met a Comanche Indian and a black guy from New York and they treated me kindly. They could see how innocent and untested and untried I was, and when I asked them questions they treated me seriously. ...

I was going to be an Episcopal priest, and I decided to go into the Navy first, and I'm glad I did. I discovered the hypocrisy of institutionalized religion, and I was looking for a whole lot of stuff I didn't know about and I knew I didn't know. ... I just realized that there was a whole lot of world out there that I didn't know about, and that I wanted to know. I started getting conscious of racism in the Navy because I was hanging out with an Indian guy and a black guy, and I saw some of the beginnings of racism and I didn't like it.

When I came out, I came back and started

at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. I became very aware of Emmett Till and his murder. I was just stunned.

It's sort of a metaphor for the horror of slavery and racism, Jim Crow, and all the rest of it. It really made me angry. I

they were yelling at us. They bailed me out right away.

I got hurt in Albany, Georgia. I went to jail there. I don't know if you know about the Albany Movement, it was the only complete defeat King ever suffered. Two thousand arrests, nothing changed. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in property bonds. The city made a lot of money off of us. Nothing happened. We went in the Committee for Nonviolent Action on our way to Florida, and they busted us, we just didn't leave. We didn't bail out, we just stayed there and started fasting. I fasted for thirty days. A lot of people fasted a lot longer than that. We finally caused so much pressure to be brought on the Albany struggle that they let us out of jail and let us walk with our picket signs.


Of course what they did inside the jail was something else. I had my fingers broken and stuck our hands through the wire mesh and cops on the other side, just pow, pow, breaking bones.

Well, they burned down a lot of houses here [Mississippi Delta area] in attacks. They nearly killed seven people in one attack. Mrs. MacGruber's house? That's Stacy's grandmother, one part of Stacy's family, and they burned that. They hit it with Molotov cocktails on all sides, and a whole bunch of people were asleep inside, but luckily got out. Boy, it burned to the ground. I took pictures of it. The camera was in a cardboard box so it didn't look like a camera, and I took pictures during and after the fire. People disappeared, never seen again.

When they were looking for Chaney, Schwerner, and Goodman, they found the bodies of eight black men that had been tortured and killed. While in the process, with grappling hooks, when they were going through the swamps and the rivers and the lakes, they found eight dead black men by accident. Not looking for them, they didn't even know they were dead. But what I'm telling you is that the real violence, the real horror, was how those people died and how many died.

I'll tell you something I am proud of, and that's that the Black Power Movement came through Indianola in [19]65. We had a community board of directors, and they voted everybody out of the project, all the whites. They voted individually on individual people, and they voted to keep

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tried to do something then. I tried to get the student council to pass out a resolution demanding a governor of Mississippi and the president of the United States to investigate, and they wouldn't even do it. I started following what was happening. It was just starting to emerge, the Civil Rights Movement.

I went to the Peace Corps in Venezuela in [19]62. I came back in [19]63, and from Venezuela, I flew into Washington and I got very heavily involved with Julius Hobson, one of my first major mentors. He was the chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality, the chapter in D.C.

I got busted in D.C., it was my first bust. We were sitting around and we were talking about the Civil Rights Bill. Two D.C. cops came up swinging their billies and told us to break it up. I said, break what up? They said, get up and get out of here. I said, what for? We're sitting here talking. He said, come with me. So they took me off, and they got me to the edge of the park and they started beating on me with their sticks. They got some pretty good licks in, threw me in the back of the car. The young people that I was with were trying to stop them. Not physically, but

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me here. I had one for getting rid of me, one abstention, and twenty-two in favor of my staying.

I worked as an Emergency Medical Tech, an EMT. I did a lot of emergency medicine on children who got infections. They would be in the cotton fields, and they'd have the tiniest little scratch and it would turn into a big abscess sore because of the poison. The white community warned me that they were considering filing charges on practicing without a license because I was using cotton swabs and alcohol to treat infected wounds.

I got ambushed in Inverness one morning. We walked into this little converted house, a little shack. They sold cigarettes and coffee, sandwiches, stuff like that. The people we were picking up wouldn't look at us, wouldn't talk to us, they were looking down. I looked at Otis, Otis looked at me, and I said, oh, shit. Something's coming down. We went outside and there they were. Otis made a break for it, and got through and ran, and I didn't. They axe-handled me for a while, busted up my right knee pretty bad, fractured my skull right here along that line. I lost a kidney and fractured my wrist. I was pissing blood for about six weeks.

There were a couple of times here in Mississippi, I picked up a gun. One night we were here at the Freedom House, and we got a frantic call from Drew. We were just setting up a little Freedom House up there, and they were under attack from a whole bunch of college students with guns from the junior college. They were using 30-06, that's a serious weapon. So we piled in the car and we drove through their lines. I did some fancy spinning and opening doors and rolling out, and it worked. Joined them inside, so we just went to their assistance and we picked up 22's—

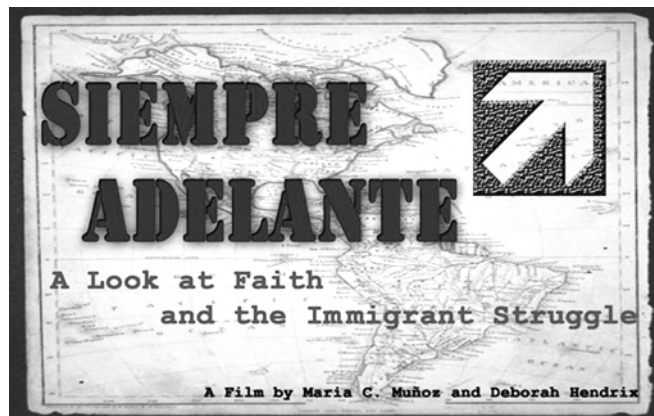
Non-violence is absolutely, no question about it, the moral, ethical, superior way to live. No doubt about it. It was always seen as a tactic.

What are we going to do against the Klan, you know? They've got all the guns, they've got the state terror behind them. It's state-sponsored terror. They can use it any way they want, and if somebody picked up a gun and killed a Klansman or something like that, oh, Jesus. The shit storm that would come down behind that, a lot of people would get hurt and or killed. We tried to not do that, but like in that situation, they were just surrounded. They were just shooting the shit out of that whole little clapboard building. We didn't say, well, what's our strategy, we just went up there and joined them. It felt good shooting the Klan, it felt real good. I mean, I could go to lunch afterwards. You can kill a Klansman and go to lunch and not have any loss of appetite whatsoever.

The full transcript of this interview is available at <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00017845/00001>.

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by Jessica Taylor

The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program premiered its latest documentary *Siempre Adelante: A Look at Faith and the Immigration Struggle* to a full house on Oct. 1. The film, created and compiled by UF students and faculty, follows the stories of four “illegal” immigrants on their journey from the Global South to Alachua County and into labor exploitation. Their anonymous stories are personal to Gainesville citizens because they're local: new U.S. workers and their oppressors live here and pass by us every day.

Filmmakers Deborah Hendrix and Maria Munoz recast the immigrants not as victims but as survivors, defying marginalization as undocumented workers creatively and courageously. “Nelson” spoke about a battle with the man who brought him to Florida from Guatemala: “And then he started to blackmail me, saying he was going to turn me over to Immigration and give them my address. Okay, that's fine, I said to him. Do it, so then if Immigration comes to my house and starts asking questions, I'll tell them that you brought me here.”

The impetus for *Siempre Adelante* (“Always Moving Forward”) came from Pastor Jaime Zelaya, who approached SPOHP with “the idea to educate” others not only about oppression and exploitation in surrounding farming communities, but to create “a film about who we are.” A central part of that identity for the narrators is faith, an often understudied and politically misunderstood component of the immigration experience. Informant “Sophia” from Mexico employed Christian faith as a metaphor for equality among American workers: “We are not trying to steal anything from anyone. We came here to work, to keep moving onward, and we are all children of God.”

Gainesville community members, religious leaders, and UF students joined in an honest and open question-and-answer with Pastor Zelaya and Maria Munoz after the film. Representatives from UF CHISPAS, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Comprehensive Immigration Reform Now! concluded the event with some last words about advocacy opportunities in Gainesville.

Want to see for yourself? SPOHP has DVDs of *Siempre Adelante* on loan for anyone who wants to have their own watching party. The entire documentary is also available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K74p9oD-kqQ>. Join the discussion on the exploitation of immigrants right here in Alachua County. 🐼

Dream Defenders help South Florida squeeze school-to-prison pipeline

A glaring omission from the following article on the courageous decision by the School Board in Broward County is the work of the Dream Defenders. Since forming in the wake of the killing of Trayvon Martin, and outlined in their programs and agenda on their website (www.dreamdefenders.org), breaking the school-to-prison pipeline has been high on their list. When schools expanded zero tolerance to include a number of minor offenses it lead to a huge increase in children getting criminal records. Fighting this was and is front and center in the Dream Defenders platform. Always know that time and again the official record on how social change happens leaves out the grassroots early work. The classic? "Women were given the right to vote." Given? It was decades of struggle! Support Dream Defenders!

The following article was originally pub-

lished on Nov. 5 at <http://jjie.org/south-florida-squeezes-school-to-prison-pipeline/>.

by Maggie Lee

South Florida's Broward County School Board voted unanimously to sign new rules, written by many hands, which are meant to drive down arrests and their unintended consequences in the state's second most populous school district.

The Nov. 5 Memorandum of Understanding approved by the school board has its signatories promise "appropriate responses and use of resources when responding to school-based misbehavior."

Broward County School Superintendent Robert Runcie said the signing of the MOU was a historic day for ending the "school-house to jailhouse pipeline": school discipline practices that channel fairly inoffensive young people into the criminal justice

system.

"The agreement brings together district officials and community partners to create an alternative to failed zero-tolerance policies," he tweeted just after the signing ceremony.

It marks a "return to common sense" in school discipline, said Ft. Lauderdale NAACP branch President Marcia Ellison, who has been pushing for changes for years.

The document specifies how school administrators are to use the discipline matrix and recommends that first-time, low-level offenses be handled at school, even if their act meets the technical definition of a misdemeanor. It also directs all parties involved in discipline to consider a student's age, history or other potentially mitigating factors.

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Citizens Co-Op, Swallowtail Farm to hold Cooperation Festival

by Citizens Co-Op

When Citizens Co-op and Swallowtail Farm learned they were planning their annual fundraisers on the same day, Nov. 16, they decided to do something different: work together. After a long

meeting, both groups decided to put on an event together, share the expenses and proceeds and named it: "Cooperation Festival." It will be held at Swallowtail Farm at 17603 NW 276th Lane in Alachua. Given the daily ins and outs of working in the local food movement, both groups know just how vital, challenging and rewarding it is to work with other groups in the community. In planning this festival, they aim to celebrate that: the spirit of cooperation.

The event will feature live music, a stage decorated by The Church of Holy Colors, tractor pulled farm tours, kid's activities, workshops, demonstrations and the area's best food trucks.

Swamphead beers will flow freely in glass mason jars and Citizens and Swallowtail will be serving food made from farm fresh produce and organic ingredients found at the co-op.

While both groups tend to have hundreds of attendees at their festivals, they are hoping to double their numbers to prove that working together truly pays off.

"At the co-op, we work with so many farmers and local food producers—we truly want to see every one of them succeed. It's tough to even think of these producers competing with each other. We want everyone in this town eating locally. We want thriving farmers markets and packed local restaurants and we also want to be an awesome grocery store full of food that didn't travel far. With 1600 members, our co-op is young but strong and we know that people have so much power when they work together toward common goals" said Gretchen McIntyre, one of the co-op's founders.

For more information search for the event page on Facebook or contact julie@citizensco-op.com. Volunteers are needed and will receive free admission, a meal ticket, a beer ticket and an option to camp at the farm. To sign up, go to <http://vols.pt/PrZ-pWC>. 🐸

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The signers of the Broward document include the area's state prosecutor and public defender, the chief judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, the Broward sheriff, the Ft. Lauderdale police and the state Department of Juvenile Justice.

"All different stakeholders at the table recognize that this is a problem," said Ellison.

"You have to realize," said Ellison, "that children who were exhibiting delinquent behavior ... that behavior could have been running in the hallway, could be yelling in the cafeteria ... could be scribbling on a wall, and that it would be referred to law enforcement."

And in Florida, she added, that means a permanent arrest record that appears in background checks that employers, the military and others can order from the state.

Many school systems are already following a Broward-like disciplinary model, or are looking into something similar.

But what sets Broward apart is the very broad, deep and complete buy-in, said Alana Greer, a staff attorney with the Advancement Project, a Washington D.C.-based civil rights organization that supports the MOU principles and works on juvenile justice issues in several states.

"They changed the Code of Conduct, they created this agreement, they created an intervention program, all working together so that the programs and policies were all created to support one another," said Greer.

"We've seen districts in places after many years of campaigns and work get to that place," she said, but "we've never seen anyone do it in one move."

She also said it's rare to find people who see school discipline as a racial justice issue.

The Nov. 5 document says that youth of color are disproportionately arrested for the same schoolhouse antics as white youth, a pattern that's been alleged or documented in other jurisdictions.

And in the 2011-2012 school year, Broward arrested more students on campus than any other Florida system: 1,062.

The new Code of Conduct has been in effect since this August. Arrests, suspensions and expulsions are each down by more than 40 percent compared to the same time last year, according to county data.


But in Florida, school boards control policy, so the discipline a child experiences still depends heavily on where he or she lives.

In Jacksonville, the Urban League announced last month that it and other community partners are forming a coalition to push for greater use of civil citations, rather than arrests, for certain juvenile offenses.

"The problem is that Florida is criminalizing youthful behavior," said David Utter, the director of policy for Florida at the Southern Poverty Law Center, which is part of the Jacksonville coalition.

But the support he's starting to see for civil citations is "an indication or acknowledgement that for thousands, if not tens of thousands of children arrested in Florida, it's unnecessary," said Utter.

In Florida, on-campus arrest rates for grades six through 12 vary by county, according to state numbers.


In the 2011-2012 school year, Broward County arrested eight of every 1,000 students. Dade, which includes Miami, tied for the lowest rate with rural Holmes County, at three out of every 1,000. The highest was rural Madison County, which arrested 50 of its 1,369 students, or, 3.7 percent of them. 



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Remembering Helen Safa, 1930–2013



by Paul Doughty

Helen Icken Safa, died November 4, 2013 at Haven Hospice in Gainesville. She was well-known to the academic community in the U.S. and Latin America having been Director of Latin American Studies at the University of Florida and Professor emerita of Anthropology, positions which she as-

sumed in 1980. She was born in New York City in 1930 and grew up there and attended Cornell University where she graduated in 1952. She then pursued a doctorate at Columbia University in Anthropology and began specializing in the study of Caribbean societies, particularly Puerto Rico where she completed her doctoral research, later published as *The Urban Poor of Puerto Rico*. In 1962 she married Manoucher Safa-Isfahani, an Iranian who worked for the United Nations Secretariat in New York and who died in 1995. Upon finishing her doctorate Helen taught at Syracuse University and then at Rutgers University from 1967–1980 serving as Chair of the Anthropology departments and was also director of Latin American studies. In 1980 she came to the University of Florida, retiring in 1997.

During the course of her professional work she was always engaged in research and programs dealing with the Caribbean countries: Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic in particular. Her research dealt with the urban poor, family life, industrialization, migration, the role and work of women and the international emergence of women's movements. In addition to her several books she was widely known through over 60 articles published in English and Spanish.

Safa was very active in academic organizations, being elected to the board and later presidency of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) serving from 1983–85. She received recognition and honors for her work by the Puerto Rican Association of Anthropology and the Conrad Arensberg Award from the American Anthropological Association. For her steadfast support and work regarding women's and gender issues, the UF Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research awarded her the 2006 "Uppity Woman Award."

Helen is survived by her daughter Mitra and husband Roland Mirador of San Francisco and grandson, Luca, her husband John Dumoulin, Kaveh and Michelle Safa of Memphis, Arya Safa and her grandchildren Arman and Laylee Safa, and Nicholas, Alexis, and Anna Martin. 🐾

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Chomsky came to Gainesville

by Joe Courter

After months of anticipation, and a lot of waiting for other entities to pick up the ball and run with it, the return to Gainesville of Noam Chomsky went forward at the Curtis M. Phillips Center for Performing Arts on Tuesday evening, Oct. 15. With the Civic Media Center as the presenter of the event, it meant a lot of very short notice fundraising had to take place to secure the Phillips Center and to cover the travel and other expenses to make it happen. It is with great thanks that the Civic Media Center thanks Alachua Conservation Trust, Veterans for Peace, National Women's Liberation, Graduate Assistants United, Alachua County Labor Party, Samuel Proctor Oral History Project, Sweetwater Branch Inn, Alta Systems, Target Copy for printing the programs, and all the other individuals and groups who jumped on board at short notice for making the event happen. Expenses were covered, but any gift/donations/memberships to the CMC would be greatly appreciated to help mark the CMC's 20th anniversary.

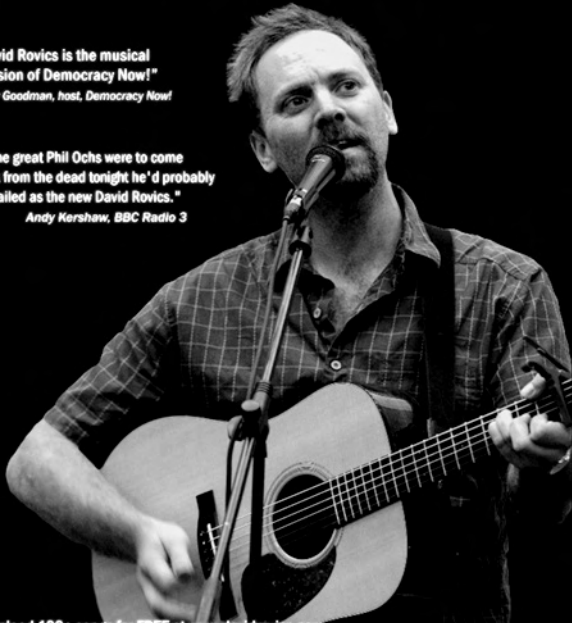
It was a full house of over 1,700 people, about equally divided between the campus and community, that heard Prof. Chomsky address the topic "Policy and the Media Prism." In a wide-ranging lecture, he covered what's reported, what's not reported, and what's reported in ways that distort or mislead as to the true importance of events. Drawing on history as well as headlines from the day's papers, it was both wide ranging and continually circling back to the central theme. His closing comments were an example of this. How is it, with all the coverage of drones and drone warfare by the U.S., that the future of drone proliferation is not addressed? It was but one example of misleading, incomplete, a-historic or anti-scientific representations by the media and policy makers.

The question period, which followed the hour-long talk, was wide-ranging, covering 9/11 Building 7 speculation, historic power grabbing of Middle East energy resources, U.S. militarization in Africa, the divisive political split in U.S. politics, and the role of the Federal Reserve bank. It was classic Chomsky; droll, witty, deep, and able to flow through an amazing amount of information seamlessly.

If you missed it, or if you want to see and hear it again, as part of the CMC arrangement with the Phillips Center the event was both live streamed and is available on demand. If you go to the CMC's website at www.civicmediacenter.org, there is the link posted at the top of the page for the full hour and 49 minutes, including the intros by Robbie Czopek and Candy Herrera (0:00-0:10), the talk (0:10-1:10) and the Q&A (1:10-1:49).

Great thanks to the Phillips Center staff, who were great to work with and fantastically competent. 🐾

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in blind circles, some babbling and some screaming. Their eyes were entirely blank—no one home behind those eyes—their souls in hiding.

It is the first and only time in the course of doing this work that I have felt scared. We did talk to a couple of people who hadn't quite reached that point, a man named Bill, and Margaret, a woman with two black eyes and a cut on her forehead. We left the food and blankets and took off. I decided that we could help these folks, but we would never go there again except during the morning hours.

One Sunday morning Rod and I went over to check on this group, and Bill came out of the house. He asked us if we would drain some antifreeze from the van and give it to him because he really needed a drink, which of course we did not do. There are people who think alcoholism isn't really a disease, but some kind of choice or lack of character. They're wrong.

Over the years since I would see Bill occasionally, usually panhandling in the Publix parking lot. He was a quiet, gentle person, and he had more friends than I knew. The women who tend the north Main Street cat colony counted him as a friend, and it was one of them who let me know that Bill had died.

The next weekend we went down to the small Tent City on the north end of Main Street to have a little service for Bill. I brought some food to give the folks down there in memory of Bill. We were joined by one of his friends, a man who used to work construction until the recession hit.

We shared the good memories we had of Bill, and our gratitude that his troubles were finally over. Then his friend said a prayer of blessing, for Bill, for the homeless people, and for all people. This prayer came from such a deep place within him that I felt the presence of God there in that little gathering to remember Bill.

Margaret we came to know much better, because she moved to South Camp and became partners with our beloved friend Jerry, a Vietnam vet and Native American who was a leader in the homeless community of the time. Jerry loved to cook. He dumpster-dived behind supermarkets, bringing home soup vegetables and frozen meat that was close

to the expiration date. He'd make big pots of food and invite everyone to eat.

He also treasured his Native American heritage. He taught other homeless people how to survive in the woods, and when Jerry left this world, several of his friends said they owed their very survival to the help he gave them.

Jerry had severe PTSD, and the drinking problem that often goes with that, but it was not at the level of Pistol Alley. Margaret had moved up in the world, and gotten onto a path that would eventually lead to her deliverance from homelessness. Margaret loved Jerry and when Jerry became terminally ill, she wanted to be his caregiver and to be able to visit him at the hospital, so she struggled heroically to get control of her drinking.

The Christian Bible says, "With love all things are possible, and there is nothing that is not possible." That verse comes to mind sometimes, because I can think of more than one person whose path out of homelessness opened up because there was another being—a human or an animal—that they truly loved and were determined to care for. Maybe that's what that verse means, in practice. I would suspect that it is.

Margaret's struggle had its victories and its failures, but overall she succeeded in doing right by Jerry during his time of leaving this world.

It was of course a very different story after Jerry died. She was in danger of losing the little section 8 apartment that she and Jerry had shared, and drinking didn't help.

Joe and Liz took on the endless task of keeping Margaret in housing and getting her into new housing after she was evicted from the old housing. Joe, in particular, is a kind of Clarence Darrow of getting difficult people into housing and keeping them there.

One time Margaret was evicted from Bailey Village because she would get drunk and run around the courtyard hugging people. It was always something.

Eventually, though, Margaret stabilized. It is almost impossible for people with severe problems to become stabilized while they are homeless. Having a home very often leads to a good outcome.

Margaret now has a nice little apartment off Tower Road. Before drink took over her life, she had been a fabric artist, and she went back to this pursuit. The walls of her apartment, which she keeps immaculately clean, are covered with tapestries and dream catchers. She has a few cats.

She still experiences bumps in the road, and is high maintenance, but consider the trip she has made—from Pistol Alley to this warm, little home.

Pistol Alley was a scene from Dante's *Inferno*. I feel privileged to have seen it and to know these stories of deliverance. At one time, when I was particularly steeped in "literachoor," I hypothesized to myself that all of life is like a Tarot layout, and all stories go back to Dante and to the Greeks.

I don't have all that sorted out like I did when I was younger and knew so much more, but I still think there's some truth to it.

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The top-secret trade deal you need to know about

This is a brief excerpt from the Bill Moyers show in October on the Trans-Pacific Partnership. See the full video or read the full transcript at billmoyers.com/episode/full-show-the-top-secret-trade-deal-you-need-to-know-about/

YVES SMITH is an expert on investment banking and the founder of Aurora Advisors, a New York based management consulting firm. She runs the "Naked Capitalism" blog.

DEAN BAKER is co-director of the progressive Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, DC.

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BILL MOYERS: Twelve nations are involved in negotiating this treaty and yet so far hardly a peep or a leak from inside. Why so much secrecy?

DEAN BAKER: Well, it's a very strange procedure here. Essentially what you've done

is you've parceled out chunks of the agreement. So you have an agreement, a portion of it dealing with prescription drugs, you have a portion dealing with the internet, you have portions of it dealing with various aspects of environmental regulations. And you only have those parties to the table that are directly involved.


When I'm saying directly involved, essentially the industry groups. So it's not as though we've brought the environmentalists there to talk about what sort of an environmental regulation we want around fracking. You have the industry groups, the oil and gas industry, they're sitting down there with their counterparts in the other countries, deciding what sort of regulations you'll have on fracking. So it's a very peculiar way to go about doing a treaty. And I think if there were more public knowledge of it, people would be very unhappy.

It's very peculiar to have an agreement of this importance be kept so much under wraps. One

of the things that is known is apparently only five of the 29 chapters actually have anything to do with trade.

YVES SMITH: So really, it's a mistake to call it a trade agreement. This is really an agreement that's purpose is substantially to weaken nation-based regulation while at the same time strengthening intellectual property protections. So it's basically a gimme to companies on both ends....


One of the groups that's been very on top of this has been a Washington D.C. group called Public Citizen. And from the pieces they've been able to put together, they see that it, for example, will allow drug companies to increase prices, to extend the term of their patent.

So the patent protection will go longer, it'll be much longer before anything will become generic. It would restrict buying local of all sorts.... It would make things like GMO labeling impermissible. ... 

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Alachua Conservation Trust receives national excellence award

by Alachua Conservation Trust

For 25 years, the Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) has been working to protect the natural, historic, scenic and recreational resources of north central Florida. ACT's silver anniversary is now highlighted with its selection by the Land Trust Alliance from among more than 1,700 land trusts across the country to receive its National Land Trust Excellence Award.

The award was presented at Rally 2013: The National Land Conservation Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 17, 2013. It is the highest award a land trust can receive and its equivalent to winning the national championship in a respective college sport.

ACT is the first land trust from Florida to receive the award. The award is a reflection of the years of dedication, creativeness and perseverance of our talented staff, board members, volunteers, partners and generous supporters that allow us to carry out our mission of protecting Florida's natural and scenic places each day. ACT has benefited tremendously, in particular, from the leadership, energy and ingenuity of its past executive directors Robert 'Hutch' Hutchinson and Lauren Day.

ACT, an accredited land trust, is being recognized for its collaborative and innovative efforts in policy and creative funding as well as its broad education and outreach initiatives.

Since 1988, ACT has helped to preserve more than 50,000 acres of land in North Central Florida. ACT's success in spearheading the Alachua County Forever property tax bond

referendum enabled it to acquire over 18,000 acres of natural areas. ACT operates four public preserves, conducts dozens of environmental education classes annually and operates Prairie Creek Lodge for art, cultural and alternative health education.

ACT continues to build a family of organizations and programs to expand the reach of its conservation mission in the community.

ACT's family of organizations and programs includes Conservation Burial, Inc., Tuscawilla Learning Center, Sandhill Stage, Forage Farm, Springs Eternal and Historic Haile Homestead, Inc. The efforts of its partners have expanded ACT's reach in the community, and ACT is grateful for all the enthusiasm, cooperation and passion of its partners. Together the organizations complement one another's missions and are committed not only to conserving more of Florida's special places, but also to building a better community along the way.

When presenting the award, Michael Dowling, Land Trust Alliance chairman of the board, said, "Today's tough national political climate is having consequences on the ground throughout America and, in response, we are seeing some innovative and amazing initiatives. This year's National Land Trust Excellence Award celebrates the work of this small but effective land trust in [north] central Florida."

In Florida, ACT is one of only two local land trusts that are in the top 50 nationwide in both acres and value of lands protected. In 2009 they became accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance.

ACT has set the curve in diversity of projects – from easements, to historic preservation, to outright acquisitions, to environmental education. ACT has partnered with many conservation organizations along the way, including ongoing projects with The Nature Conservancy, the Trust for Public Land, The Conservation Fund, Putnam Land Conservancy and the Conservation Trust for Florida.

ACT has become the institution that most clearly projects this community's steadfast support of north central Florida's natural beauty and rich heritage, on which we all agree is a legacy we must take responsibility for passing on to future generations.

If you are interested in learning more about ACT or getting involved check out our website at www.alachauconservaitontrust.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter. 🐢



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Sun	3 pm	Paper Beats Rock
	5 pm	Joe and Craig Show
	7 pm	Thru the Rhythm
	9 pm	The Sum of Your Life
Mon	9 am	Artichokeification
	11 am	Dr. Bill's Super Awe ...
	1 pm	Get on the Right Thing
	3 pm	Seoulmates-Kpop Radio
	5 pm	The Barefoot Sessions
	7 pm	Mauium
	8 pm	New Day Rising
	10 pm	Female Trouble
	11 pm	Eagle Death
Tue	12 am	Eagle Death
	10 am	Funhouse
	12 pm	What's the Story?
	2 pm	Street Nuts
	4 pm	Patina and Gold
	6 pm	America in the Evening
	8 pm	river rail rhythm
	10 pm	The Experiment
Wed	12 am	Pyramid Society 64
	9 am	Sax and Violins
	1 pm	The 2nd Ave. Shuffle
	3 pm	The Quiet City
	5 pm	A Brazilian Commando
	9 pm	The Otherness
	11 pm	Radiodeo
Thu	12 am	Radiodeo
	noon	Things Be Blowin' ...
	4 pm	Hope & Anchor
	6 pm	No Filler
	8 pm	florida rules
	10 pm	Lost Sharks
Fri	11 am	The Breakup Song
	1 pm	4D Meltdown
	5 pm	Acme Radio
	7 pm	The Narain Train
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	7 pm	Planet of Sound
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Check out wgot.org for upcoming events and a detailed schedule.

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by School of the Americas Watch

From Nov. 22–24, we will carry our protest to the place where the killers are still being trained: the School of the Americas (renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation), a U.S. military training school for Latin American soldiers at Fort Benning, Ga.

Join social movement activists from Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia and across the Americas and take a stand against the SOA/WHINSEC, U.S. militarization, and oppressive U.S. foreign policy.

The November vigil has grown into one of the largest, dynamic multi-generational annual gatherings against militarization. Thousands have been educated and mobilized to take a stand against Pentagon-driven U.S. foreign policy and to engage in nonviolent action. New activists are joining the movement, including youth and students from multinational, working-class communities.

Thousands will converge at the gates of the SOA, where we will reaffirm life and our creativity in the face of Empire. We will come together as a community to mourn, resist, learn, heal and celebrate.

We need everyone's energy and creativity. The ongoing repression in Honduras following the SOA graduate-led military coup, the expansion of U.S. military bases in Colombia and Panama, and the militarization of the U.S./Mexico border are grim examples of what we are up against. We must reaffirm our commitment to ending militarization and injustice. We see hope as movements throughout the hemisphere stand up up for dignity and self-determination.

The Syria crisis showed that the American people are decisively rejecting the "military solutions" approach of the Pentagon-driven U.S. foreign policy.

For a schedule of events, hotel/travel info and other details, visit soaw.org/november. 

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