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Confederate flags, re-enactors, complex symbols

by Matt Gallman

About six weeks ago two high school students from North Carolina found themselves in the center of a minor kerfuffle when they posted an Instagram picture from their recent class trip to Gettysburg.

The two girls had just finished walking the ground at Pickett's Charge and posed waving Confederate flags. A friend of mine who is a popular blogger wrote that it was a particular desecration to wave the Confederate flag on the sacred ground at Gettysburg.

I could not resist responding that it seemed to me an actual Civil War battlefield might be the only place such flag displays were appropriate.

That was a more innocent time ... back in May of 2015.

Now we have seen an unspeakable horror in Charleston, South

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The racist massacre at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17 in downtown Charleston has created quite a bit of reflection on the Confederate Flag and how the Civil War is seen.

Gainesville was the scene of a small skirmish in 1864, "Battle of Gainesville," which will have its annual re-enactment from 10-11:30 am at the Matheson Museum on Saturday, August 15. Admission is free.

This event is preceded on Thursday evening, Aug. 13, from 6-8 pm, with a discussion panel titled (ironically, given recent events) "Presence in the Past: Gainesville's South Carolina Roots." This event costs \$5 per person.

Gainesville also has a Confederate Soldiers Memorial downtown on the County Administration Building's lawn at University Avenue and Main Street. There are plans for a protest there (inconveniently) on the day the Iguana gets back from the printer, so Iguana readers get no advance and no coverage.

On this page are two articles that look at the Civil War from a 2015 perspective.

Photo by Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson. 🐢

What's in a monument?

Dealing with Alachua County's statue commemorating the Confederate war dead

by Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

Alachua County has had a memorial commemorating the Confederate war dead since 1904 when it was erected by the Kirby Smith Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

At the time it was put up, many of these Daughters were actually the daughters of fathers who did not return from the Civil War just 39 years earlier. As anybody who has been to other battlegrounds can attest, our monument is very much in keeping with those found by the hundreds that were erected around the nation during this era. Indeed, our monument is on the site of one skirmish in that terrible war.

How we as a community, and ultimately the Alachua County Commission, decide to handle this symbol is important.

What strikes me about the monument is that the soldier seems like the least part of it—he is not an identifiable person, and is at such a height that you are always seeing him in silhouette against the sky where so many details are lost.

What is in your face are the inscriptions on the plinth, and they bother me the most. The first, is that the

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Rise up citizens: the system stinks!

by Bill Gilbert

Citizen-activist Bill Gilbert has submitted a lengthy opinion piece, which we are running in abbreviated form due to space limitations. The entire piece, which includes expanded explanations and links, can be found at www.gainesvilleiguana.org/?p=1717.

Rise Up Citizens — it is time to alter the present political system/government because it has become destructive of the stated self-evident truths of the Declaration of Independence, those of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

The majority of the Senators and Representatives in the U.S. Congress who claim to represent us do not represent us but represent corporate and other wealthy special interests based primarily in Wall Street. Those congresspersons do not represent the People because they are beholden primarily to those corporate and wealthy special interests that financed their election campaigns.

This all came about because of the Supreme Court case decisions of Santa Clara v. Southern Railroad in 1886, Buckley v. Valeo in 1976, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission in 2010, and McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission in 2014 that essentially handed the political system over to corporate and wealthy special interests by allowing unlimited amounts of money to flow, even in secrecy, from corporations and wealthy special interests to support or oppose candidates and/or members of Congress.

This has amounted to a Supreme Court coup d'état handing the reins of power over to corporate and wealthy special interests that now control the legislative and executive branches of government.

Legalized bribery now dominates the political system/government. Obviously, when money is 'speech' which can buy candidate elections, or defeat others, corruption of democratic government is guaranteed. This corruption has given us the existing Corporate-Congressional-Security-State (CCSS).

The CCSS is being supported by the Koch brothers, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), well-funded conservative think tanks, i.e., Cato Institute, The Heritage Foundation, Project for the New American Century, Hoover Institute, etc., and Grover Norquist's Americans for Tax

Reform's anti-tax pledge that nearly every Republican in Congress and many Democrats have signed. These tactics have created 'gridlock' in Congress, crippling the people's ability to intelligently debate, legislate, and solve the persistent social, economic and environmental problems that seriously confront us. The Congress' approval rating hovers near an all-time low of 15 percent.

The goal of Grover Norquist and his organization is to reduce government to a size he can "drown it in a bathtub," so every service can be de-funded, declared non-functional, and then privatized, transferring more wealth to the Gang on Wall Street. The attacks on schools and public lands are good examples.

Clearly we have corporatism. The corporate news media call it 'oligarchy.' Benito Mussolini said, "Fascism should more appropriately be called corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power." The real possibility of authoritarianism exists and we must prevent this from happening!

A. The CCSS is preventing us, the People of the United States, from attaining our unalienable Rights of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness as set forth in the U.S. Declaration of Independence adopted July 4, 1776.

I interpret 'Life' as living in safety, having good health care, sufficient shelter, good nutrition, a meaningful job and maintaining ourselves within the human family in a sustainable way in a clean and healthy environment.

'Liberty' means to be able to live without being confined or in servitude, having freedom of movement without undue restrictions and to be able to exercise free choices for actions as long as they do not infringe upon the rights of others or damage to the natural environment.

'Pursuit of Happiness' means having a good education, formal and/or vocational; the availability of jobs, that could be created by the repair of our cities' infrastructures; having health care for all; adequate housing for all; and the ability to pursue interests without jeopardizing the common good that includes the natural environment.

B. Furthermore, the CCSS is preventing us, the People of the United States, from implementing the Preamble of the U.S.

Constitution, adopted March 4, 1789, that tells us to be pro-active in our republic's political system/government to establish specific goals. Notice the action words to achieve these goals. "We the People of the United States, in Order to 'form' a more perfect Union, 'establish' Justice, 'insure' domestic Tranquility, 'provide' for the common defense, 'promote' the general Welfare, and 'secure' the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

1. To implement the above our founding fathers had in mind our government was of, by, and for the People. People elected to Congress take an oath to, "defend the Constitution," and, "faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter; So help me God."

The Constitution, Article 1, Section 8 states, "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States."

2. The Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government are in direct violation of not providing for the general Welfare of the U.S.

Our reality is to clearly observe what exists:

-- The U.S. has the worst social record of any developed country in the world and many developing countries.

-- The U.S. leads the industrial world in the percentage of its jobs that are low-wage.

-- The U.S. has the highest percentage of its population locked up in jails.

-- The U.S. has lost hundreds of companies and millions of jobs to overseas locations because of the corporate dominated Democratic and Republican political parties.

-- The U.S. has the highest number of poor people in 52 years.

-- "No other country takes as large a portion of its revenue from working people at the lower ends of the spectrum and as little from persons who have property or high incomes," said the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

-- Education in the U.S. is ranked 17th of 50 nations by the United Nations.

-- The Affordable Care Act (ACA) or

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From the publisher: Go beyond old myths, false narratives

Last month in this spot, the Publisher's Note dealt with the concept of history as stories which, through time and selection, become the accepted narrative of our ancestors and their activities. The impetus was the release of Seymour Hersh's counter narrative about the U.S. raid that killed Osama Bin Laden, and also cited were the Armenian Genocide and Columbus as false narratives accepted as official history.

Well, the massacre in Charleston, S.C., opened up a whole other discussion about history and the conflicting feeling about accepted truth and actively correcting the record. The Civil War and the Confederate flag are now part of a raging debate across the country as to whether there needs to be an active correcting of the record and an inclusion of suppressed information to create a more accurate and complete picture of what went on 150 years ago and its ramifications to our lives today.



Joe Courter

Florida folklorist and author Stetson Kennedy wrote a book in 1995 titled "After Appomattox, How the South Won the War," which talks about how the victory of the North in the Civil War was quite hollow, and undercut in the years that followed. The White Supremacy that rationalized slavery did not go away, but regrouped and festered. Part of this was the increased romanticizing of the cause of the South. Confederate war memorials sprang up all over the South, including in 1904 one right in the center of Downtown Gainesville. In Kentucky, which was split in its Civil War participation 3/4 for the North and 1/4 for the South, there are 72 Confederate Memorials and 2 for the Union side, according to James Loewen in the Washington Post. And he points out lot of our military bases are named for Confederate Generals, too. Maybe Stetson is right on who won the war.

There's always the argument that the Civil War wasn't about slavery, it was about "states rights." Well, the "right" that the states wanted to continue unabated was slavery; come on, folks, let's be real! People can say that the flag is about "Heritage not hate," but the "Heritage" it represents includes the ownership and exploitation of fellow human beings. It is a flag of an un-free country!

That cold-blooded 21-year-old racist who killed those nine people in Charleston said he was hoping to set off a race war. Well that war has been going on for many decades. It is a perpetrated by government-sanctioned policies which saw as acceptable the creation of ghettos with entrenched poverty, redlining by banks, blatant segregation in public accommodations, schools and even in who you could love or marry, and an unstated white supremacy in our media, which practiced a virulent form of cultural segregation in movies and TV.

Hillary Clinton, when asked about the phrase "Black Lives Matter," fell back on the liberal line of "All Lives Matter," she revealed that she does not understand the moment we are living in (or she just says what she feels will get her elected). For many of us, we are saying that we have had enough of the lies, the false narratives, and the increasingly obvious trends exemplified by the school to prison pipeline, the places (everywhere) like Ferguson, Missouri, where policing and the courts are a money generating trap, turning petty crime into a revenue stream.

It is a hopeful sign that a younger generation of activists is stepping up. When Bree Newsome scaled the SC flagpole and took down the flag, we had a huge symbolic moment. But there are others rising up. Environmental activists, social justice activists, many using blogs to get their message out and gaining traction (e.g., Prince ea), the Dream Defenders with Phillip Agnew et.al traveling to communities in struggle and helping focus the resistance. I believe Edward Snowden and Chelsea Manning also fit in this category. And the tragic last letter of Leela Alcorn (see January/February 2015 Iguana) impacted so many people. We need to go beyond the old myths and false narratives, and face reality head-on and clear-eyed. The youth are leading the charge, we must have their backs. 🐢

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Racism is not a mental illness

By Jeremy Adam Smith

This article was originally published by The Greater Good Science Center at University of California Berkeley on June 22. It was sixth in a series exploring the effects that unconscious racial biases have on the criminal justice system in the United States. Jeremy Adam Smith is a former Civic Media Center coordinator. The original article and the full series can be found at greatergood.berkeley.edu.

On Wednesday, a young white man named Dylann Roof killed nine black people at prayer in South Carolina. Some have called it racism. Others say it was a crazy, isolated act. "He was one of these whacked out kids," said Senator Lindsey Graham. "I don't think it's anything broader than that."

Does Graham have a point? After the news of Charleston broke, many of my Facebook friends referred to racism itself as a "sickness" or "disease," and some described Roof as "insane." A great deal of research suggests that racial discrimination can harm the physical and mental health of its targets, mainly due to the increased stress racism can cause. But are mentally ill people more likely to embrace and express racial prejudice? Could racism itself be a mental illness?

Probably not, says the research. Even proponents of this view, like psychiatrist Carl C. Bell, argue that mental illness is associated only with certain forms of prejudice, as when people with paranoid disorders "project unacceptable feelings and ideas onto other people and groups." Prejudice becomes pathological only when it interferes with functioning in daily life, which is part of the definition of mental illness provided by the DSM (the diagnostic manual used by psychiatrists).

In fact, a belief in the superiority of one's own group appears to be commonplace, and may be a fixed part of human nature. Prejudice and xenophobia are consciously embraced by many otherwise functional, healthy citizens, and racial associations persist in the unconscious minds of many explicitly anti-racist people. People are rarely either racist or not-racist. Almost all of us fall along a spectrum.

But openly or secretly believing in the superiority of your own group is one thing. Killing people is quite another. Gunning strangers down as they pray doesn't seem like the act of a healthy human being, and Dylann Roof's life is now over.

But his wasn't just an act of self-destruction. The DSM doesn't account for the fact that individuals will sacrifice themselves for the sake of the group; psychologists Stephanie L. Brown and R. Michael Brown call this "selective investment theory," which argues that social bonds evolved to override self-interest and motivate high-cost altruism among individuals. Without this evolutionary development, armies would disband and war would end. But then, so would police and fire departments.

Here we come to the crux of the matter. Racism isn't all in individual heads; it doesn't just reveal itself in interpersonal relations. In fact, history, politics, and economics matter. The advantage that one group has over another matters. "At the end of the day, we're motivated by resource-distribution," UC Berkeley psychology professor Rodolfo Mendoza-Denton once told me.

Since humans use groups to allocate resources, we come to care deeply about our in-groups and we are prone to cultivating

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United States fails to confront its racism

by Tarek Fatah

The following is an editorial originally published by the Toronto Sun on June 23. The original and more can be found at www.torontosun.com.

In July 1900, at the First Pan-African Conference in London, W. E. B. Du Bois, the first African American to earn a doctorate, penned words that haunt us even today.

In the conference's final declaration, Du Bois wrote:

"The problem of the 20th century is the problem of the colour-line — the relation of the darker to the lighter races of men in Asia and Africa, in America and the islands of the sea."

Du Bois, a co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), assumed that by the 21st century, all of humanity, especially the Americans, would have crossed the primitive construct of this "colour-line".

Sadly, that has not happened. As events in Charleston, South Carolina demonstrated, many white Americans continue to refuse to confront the reality of racism.

Within hours of the June 17 massacre by 21-year-old white supremacist Dylann Roof that killed nine black parishioners at a church in downtown Charleston, South Carolina Republican Governor Nikki Haley (herself a person of colour as the daughter of Indian Sikh immigrants) posted on Facebook, "... We'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another."

What part of this white-on-black massacre did she think we wouldn't understand?

Haley, whose birth name is Nimrata Randhawa, was not the only Republican politician to initially downplay the racist motive of these mass killings, and to portray Roof as simply an anti-religious lunatic.

Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum denounced the Charleston shooting as "assaults on our religious liberty."

Two days later, in the face of worldwide criticism that he was ignoring the racial reason behind the murders, Santorum revised his tune, calling the shootings "an act of terrorism."

Gov. Haley too, appearing to have read the tea leaves, has modified her stance, now calling for the lowering of the hated (by many blacks) Confederate flag at the state Capitol, that continued to fly at full mast in the wake of the killings, even as the U.S. and South Carolina flags were brought to half mast.

Americans are not alone when it comes to committing hate crimes.

But they often set the standard for them, much to the delight of their sworn enemies, the racists and bigots of ISIS.

That's in addition to all those who believe in Arab supremacism, which targets all non-believers, blacks in particular.

The Egyptian-American author and journalist Mona Eltahawy wrote in the New York Times in 2008 about many of her country's Arab men and women:

"We are a racist people in Egypt and we are in deep denial about it. ... What else but racism on Dec. 30, 2005, allowed hundreds of riot policemen to storm through a makeshift camp in central Cairo, to clear it of 2,500 Sudanese refugees, trampling or beating to death 28 people, among them women and children?"

In India, Bollywood star Nandita Das, lamented in 2013 that "Indians are very racist. It's deeply ingrained."

But America is where the colossus of anti-black racism must first be destroyed.

Some thought electing the country's first black president would help. It hasn't.

Others argue banning the Confederate flag is a step. It is.

But not until all Americans acknowledge that "white privilege" exists, will we make real progress.

Only a black man, or woman, knows the burden of being black. The rest of us had better listen to them. 🐘



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Local farms are alive and growing in the summer

by Frog Song Organics

Have you visited the new location of the Union Street Farmers Market to see what is growing in summer? Despite the heat and humidity, the local farmers at Frog Song Organics have not given up. Since starting their small farm four years ago, they have served the Union Street Farmers Market every week, rain or shine, with certified or-



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Their mission is to produce healthy food for our community and create meaningful employment opportunities, and to demonstrate that farming can be accomplished with the "triple bottom line." Frog Song currently employs seven full-time staff from both the United States and Mexico, plus several part-time local market staff in Gainesville, St. Augustine and Winter Park. They also offer benefits to full time staff not typically found in agriculture: paying above minimum wage, year-round full-time work, paid sick leave, paid vacation, life insurance, farm lunches, and a few paid holidays.

Frog Song Organics thanks the Alachua County community for it's support of local food and farming.

Celebrate our vibrant local small farm community by shopping at the farmers market each week.

Registration for CSA membership is now open. Contact them at frogsongcsa@gmail.com for more information or visit www.frogsongorganics.wordpress.com/about. 🐸

Friends of Susan B. Anthony to celebrate Women's Equality Day

The Friends of Susan B. Anthony will celebrate Women's Equality Day with their annual festive luncheon on Saturday, August 29. This event, which began as an informal birthday party for Susan B. Anthony more than forty years ago, is now held in conjunction with the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Each year a local woman is honored who exemplifies the spirit of Susan B. Anthony. This year, Pegeen Hanrahan, former Mayor of the City of Gainesville and Deputy Campaign Director for Amendment 1, will be recognized for her civic activism and her advocacy of environmental issues.

"Women and Public Office: Trends and Tales from the Dais" will be the topic addressed by the keynote speaker, Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Associate Vice-President for Operations at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and a former City Commissioner.

The luncheon will be held at the Best Western Gateway Grand at 11:30 a.m., and will cost \$20 for an adult. For further information and reservations, contact June Littler at fosba@fosba.com or at 352-374-8158; or go to www.fosba.com. Reservation deadline is August 24, and no tickets will be sold at the door. 🐸

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State court bars enforcement of Florida 24-hour abortion mandatory delay law, 1 day before it's set to go into effect

Below is a press release from the ACLU of Florida. Bread and Roses, a Gainesville reproductive health care provider, is one of the plaintiffs in the case.

A state court judge issued an order [on June 30] stopping enforcement of a recently passed Florida law requiring a woman seeking an abortion to wait 24 hours and make multiple medically unnecessary visits to a clinic before the procedure could take place. HB 633 was passed on June 10 and was set to go into effect July 1.

Leon County Chief Judge Charles A. Francis's order comes in a lawsuit brought by the ACLU and the Center for Reproductive Rights. Groups filed on behalf of Bread and Roses, a Gainesville reproductive health care provider, and Medical Students for Choice, an organization of medical students dedicated to making reproductive health care, including abortion, a part of standard medical education and residency training.

The injunction prevents the law, which was set to go into effect on July 1, from being enforced while the legal challenge continues.

Responding to the order, ACLU of Florida Legal Director Nancy Abudu said, "We are very pleased that the court saw this law for what it is: an unconstitutional attack on the right of Florida women to make their own choices about their healthcare, including abortion. The Florida Constitution's guarantee of a right to privacy protects women from laws like this that create needless roadblocks between them and their healthcare decisions. We are pleased that no Florida woman is going to be subject to these dangerous and unconstitutional delays before


getting the medical care they need as we complete the legal challenge to this destructive law."

Renée Paradis, Senior Staff Attorney for the national ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project said, "The court has recognized that this law serves only to demean women and the choices they and their families make about their own medical care. This decision ensures that the right to privacy guaranteed to women by the Florida Constitution will be protected and allows women to receive the care they need while the courts hear our legal challenge to this unconstitutional law."

Autumn Katz, Staff Attorney for the Center for Reproductive Rights said, "Women are fully capable of making thoughtful decisions about their lives, families, and healthcare, and this ruling will keep them from being second-guessed or delayed by politicians who presume to know better. We will continue to fight this demeaning law until the courts permanently strike it down and ensure no Florida woman is ever forced to wait for purely political reasons to get the health care she needs."

A copy of the order is available at: <http://aclufl.org/?p=6801>.

More information about the lawsuit is available at: <https://aclufl.org/2015/06/11/aclu-and-center-for-reproductive-rights-file-lawsuit-to-block-florida-law-that-forces-mandatory-wait-additional-visits-for-abortion/>. 🐞



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A livable wage campaign for Alachua County

by Sheila Payne,
Alachua County Labor Coalition

The Alachua County Labor Coalition is forging ahead with the first leg of its Livable Wage Campaign in Alachua County. We are speaking to many groups, congregations, unions, businesses and individuals to educate our community about the need for a higher minimum wage in Alachua County, a livable wage.

Over 25 organizations including Veterans for Peace, The Sierra Club, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1205 have endorsed the campaign so far to lift low wage workers over the poverty line. If you would like one of our crackerjack speakers to come speak to your organization, please contact us. We welcome the involvement of the whole community in this effort, which will not only raise the wages of our target businesses, but the wages of the whole community. As wages rise in certain sectors of a community, all wages rise as businesses compete for workers.

When the Iguana hits the newsstands, we will have had our first public meeting on July 7 with the Board of County Commissioners, where the issue of a Living Wage will be addressed in the context of the yearly budget. We have met with all of the commissioners and with county staff and have presented them with a white paper explaining our position with fancy charts and statistical data about the overall pov-

erty rate in Alachua county, and different poverty metrics including the MIT Poverty Calculator which puts a living wage in Alachua County at \$14.32/hour.

We have also shared with the county a proposed ordinance, drafted by a labor lawyer.

We are going to the County Commission and asking that they pay a Living Wage based on the Federal Poverty Level, which is \$11.66/hour and then over the next 5 years increasing that rate to 125% or \$14.57/hour. This wage would include all county workers and the workers that work for the county under contract. Additionally, the wage rate would also be adjusted every year based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.

We will then go to the other nine largest employers in Alachua County including UF and Santa Fe to pressure them to also honor this wage contract with the community they reside in and benefit from.

We expect to go to each of the public County Commission meetings over the next two months, where the commissioners will direct staff to do their own analysis of our white paper and ordinance. We then expect that within a month there will be a public reading and first vote on an ordinance, and then soon after, a second vote. This is when we really need supporters to come to the meetings and let the commissioners know that all workers and their families deserve to live a dignified life

made more possible by a living wage.

Please contact your commissioners in support of this issue at: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/BoCC/Pages/BOCC.aspx>.

Please go to our website to see the ordinance and white paper and to click all of those data links and keep up to date on this campaign: <http://laborcoalition.org/living-wage-campaign/>.

You can also join our Facebook group, where we post all meetings and events. We would welcome your input and organizing talents. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/109862125217/>. 🐾

Rad Press Café closing up shop

by Joe Courter

Rad Press Coffee, despite a number of people doing a lot of work, has folded. They just could not muster the level of business needed to make it work out.

The Civic Media Center owes them great thanks for the infrastructure they added to the space, with sinks and counter-top that will remain for whatever other activities occur there. The CMC can use it for serving at their events, and it WILL be in use for The Fest at the end of October for sure. Summer was a poor time to launch their re-opening, but optimism is a hard thing to keep in check. However, for all the planning and the training of new workers it was not working in that configuration.

While that loss puts the CMC in a pinch for volunteers, too, as Rad Press people could serve that function, persevere the CMC will. It has shortened the hours for summer to save on time the A/C has to run. The new hours are 2pm to 6pm, Monday through Saturday.

South Main is still cooking, though. A new space called The Primitive Studio is opening in the space being revitalized by the Freewheel Project at 618 S. Main St. This will include a performance space for plays and comedy. While the immense work of the City is prepping Depot Park, around it are a lot of small enterprises using sweat and dreams to build assets to a future hub of activities for all of Gainesville to come down to and enjoy. 🐾



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Civic Media Center Events — July/August 2015

Tue, July 7	Gainesville Socialist Meeting, discussion/reading group @ 7pm
Wed, July 8	Summer Irish Dance Class @ 7:30pm
Thu, July 9	CMC Volunteer Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thu, July 9	Poetry Jam @ 8pm
Sat, July 11	Wild Iris' Free Store @ the CMC from 2pm-6pm
Sat, July 11	Gainesville High School's Canes on da Mic poetry Club Showcase @ 7pm, \$2-10 suggested donation
Sun, July 12	West African Dance Class @ 5pm \$5-10 suggested donation
Mon, July 13	Screening "The House I Live In" @ 7pm and discussion on prison industrial complex. \$3-5 suggested donation
Thu, July 16	CMC Volunteer Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thu, July 16	Poetry Jam @ 8pm
Sat, July 18	Wild Iris presents: South Main Block Party from 12pm-6pm
Sun, July 19	West African Dance Class @ 5pm \$5-10 suggested donation
Mon, July 20	Screening "Flow: For the Love of Water" -- documentary on the privatization of the world's fresh water supply @ 7pm, \$3-5 suggested donation
Tue, July 21	Gainesville Socialist Meeting, discussion/reading group @ 7pm
Tue, July 21	LouDD Conversations hosts "Racism: America's Great denial" @ 8pm. Free, donations appreciated
Wed, July 22	Summer Irish Dance Class @ 7:30pm
Thu, July 23	CMC Volunteer Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thu, July 23	Poetry Jam @ 8pm
Fri, July 24	REDI (Rural Empowerment & Development Innovations), benefit @ 7pm
Sat, July 25	CMC & Wild Iris Kids Appreciation Day. Movie, games, face painting, etc. 10am - 2pm. Free, donations appreciated
Sun, July 26	Girls Rock Camp meeting, 2pm-4pm
Sun, July 26	West African Dance Class @ 5pm \$5-10 suggested donation
Mon, July 27	Screening of "Anita" -- documentary on Anita Hill, who accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of lewd conduct.
Tue, July 28	Gainesville Socialist Meeting, discussion/reading group @ 7pm
Thu, July 30	CMC Volunteer Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thu, July 30	Poetry Jam @ 8pm
Fri, July 31	ArtWalk @ the CMC @ 7pm
Sat, Aug 1	Zine Fest & concert: Comics, zines, graphic novels, stories, artwork and crafts from 2pm-8pm, with concert to follow. 9pm-1am. Bands TBA.
Mon, Aug 3	Screening of "Shenandoah," a documentary on the hate crime assault and subsequent death of a Latino man in Shenandoah Pennsylvania, @7pm. \$3-5 suggested donation.
Wed, Aug 5	Summer Irish Dance Class @ 7:30pm
Thu, Aug 6	CMC Volunteer Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thu, Aug 6	Poetry Jam @ 8pm
Mon, Aug 10	Screening of "What Happened, Miss Simone?" -- documentary about Nina Simone @ 7pm, \$3-5 suggested donation
Tue, Aug 11	Gainesville Socialist Meeting, discussion/reading group @ 7pm
Wed, Aug 12	Summer Irish Dance Class @ 7:30pm
Thu, Aug 13	CMC Volunteer Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thu, Aug 13	Poetry Jam @ 8pm
Mon, Aug 17	Screening of "The Silent Truth" -- documentary on military cover-up of the death of PFC LaVena Lynn Johnson
Tue, Aug 18	Gainesville Socialist Meeting, discussion/reading group @ 7pm
Thu, Aug 20	CMC Volunteer Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thu, Aug 20	Poetry Jam @ 8pm
Mon, Aug 24	Alachua County Labor Coalition screens "The Hand that Feeds" -- undocumented immigrants unionize in NY to fight illegal wages and conditions @ 7pm, \$3-5 suggested donation
Thu, Aug 27	CMC Volunteer Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thu, Aug 27	Poetry Jam @ 8pm

433 S. Main Street 373-0010 www.civicmediacenter.org
Park just to the south at SE 5th Ave., (see sign), or after 7pm at the courthouse (just north of 4th Ave.), or GRU (2 blocks east of CMC) Check website for details, additional events.



Struggling for justice in Mexico

by Nayeli Jimenez Cano

Since September 26, 2014, a phrase has been heard all around the world — “they took them alive, we want them back alive.” These words reflect the unfortunate night when 43 rural students from Ayotzinapa, Guerrero, Mexico, were forcibly disappeared. They were travelling from Ayotzinapa to Mexico City to a national protest to commemorate the 2nd of October. Every year hundreds of students go to the streets to demand justice for the hundreds of students that were killed by military the 2nd of October in 1968 at Tlatelolco, a public plaza of Mexico City.

Ironically, while they were addressing to demand justice, policemen stopped in the highway of Iguala, Guerrero. Police shot them; 6 students were killed and 25 were injured. Then policemen gave the students to a narco group, Guerreros Unidos. They have been missing ever since.

Unfortunately, these students are not the only ones; the numbers of missed and killed people in Mexico can be counted in the thousands. The current situation of Mexico has several political roots that need to be understood from a broad perspective. For that reason and in order to raise awareness to the international community, an event called “Struggling for Justice in Mexico” was presented on June 23 at the Civic Media Center.

The event started with music from Tierra Libre, a Latin American band based in Gainesville. They performed Latin revolutionary songs, and each of them was accompanied by a critical poem written by Silvestre Hernandez, one of the band members.

The forced disappearance of 43 students from Ayotzinapa has highlighted the State's actions violating fundamental Human Rights but also its failure in conducting a proper search and investigation that should lead to the whereabouts of the missing students.

Since the signing of Plan Merida in 2008 by former presidents Bush and Calderon, the levels of violence in Mexico have become the highest in all Mexican history.

See MEXICO, p. 23

Iguana Directory

Call 352-378-5655 or email gainesvilleiguana@cox.net with updates and additions

Notice to readers: If there is inaccurate information in this list, please let us know. If you are connected to an organization listed here, please check and update so others can be accurately informed about your contact information. Thank you.

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 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. alachuagreens.weebly.com, alachuagreens@gmail.com, 352-222-3449.

Alachua County Labor Coalition meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaign for universal, single-payer health care. Memberships are \$20/year. Contact: <http://laborcoalition.org/>, info@laborcoalition.org, 352-375-2832, 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 Vine Bread & Pasta place at 627 N. Main St. 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.

The Community Weatherization Coalition is a grassroots community coalition whose mission is to improve home weatherization and energy efficiency for low-income households through education, volunteer work projects and community-building. The CWC welcomes new volunteers to get involved in a variety of ways, from performing audits, to PR/Graphics and more. Contact: 352-450-4965 or cwc@communityweatherization.net

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, alachuadems.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 works to protect freshwater resources, conserve public lands, and provide quality environmental education since 1969, 352-475-1119, 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 Death Penalty works to abolish the death penalty. Join vigils when Florida has an execution. Meets first Tuesday every month at

St. Augustine Church & Catholic Student Center (1738 W. Univ. 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. gainesvillefnb@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 partners with Appalachian allies to end mountaintop removal coal mining and build a prosperous economy/sustainable future for the region and its people. We pursue policies to strengthen our local economy through energy efficiency, clean energy. gainesvillelovesmountains@gmail.com, 352-610-1090, <http://gainesvillelovesmountains.wordpress.com/>.

Gainesville NOW www.gainesvillenow.org. info@gainesvilleNOW.org NOW meeting info contact Lisa at 352-450-1912.

Gainesville Socialists is a bi-weekly reading and discussion group. Meetings are open to all who consider themselves socialists, are interested in socialism, or are otherwise curious. Meetings are held at the CMC every other Tuesday at 8 pm, gainesvillesocialists@gmail.com

Gainesville Women's Liberation The first women's liberation group in the South, formed in 1968; now part of National Women's Liberation; a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. The inequalities between women and men are political problems requiring a collective solution. Founded 1968. Join us: www.womensliberation.org, P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 347-560-4695, nwl@womensliberation.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Industrial Workers of the World Local union organizing all workers. Meetings are at the Civic Media Center the first Sunday of the month at 4:30 pm. Gainesvilleiww@gmail.com. www.gainesvilleiww.org

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd Mondays at 6 pm 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 pm. gainesvilleiso@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support, education and advocacy for families

and loved ones of persons with mental illness/ brain disorders. 374-5600. ext. 8322; www.namigainesville.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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>.

Stand By Our Plan is committed to informing the public about the critical differences between the Comprehensive Plan and Plum Creek's proposal. We do not support Plum Creek's Plan. Alachua County's Comprehensive Plan is the best blueprint for future growth in the unincorporated areas of our county; it protects our valuable wetlands. standbyourplan@gmail.com; <http://standbyourplan.org/>.

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

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

UF Radical Student Alliance is a progressive grassroots organization that strives to combat social justice issues on campus, with our core values being transparency, democratic process, the value of each member's input, and the ability of any member to assume a leadership role. ufradstudentalliance@gmail.com.

United Faculty of Florida Union represents faculty at University of Florida. 352-392-0274, 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 pm. 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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Sunday
Domingo



Radio Notes: Find schedules for WUFT, WGOT, and Grow Radio, our local non-corporate stations, at www.wuft.org, wgot.org, & growradio.org respectively. WGOT is a part-time over-the-air broadcast; and like Grow radio is streamed on the internet. More info on local independent radio on pp 23.

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

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

12 West African Dance class CMC, each Sun thru Aug, 5 pm, \$5-10 (no one turned away if broke).

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).

19 Green Party meets, downtown library, 2 pm.

Cyclops Cinema showing films at The Atlantic: this week, *Results*, 7/18-21, 5:30 pm.

1979: Sandinistas overthrow Nicaraguan dictator Somoza.

26 Cyclops Cinema showing films at The Atlantic: this week, *Dark Star: HR Geiger's World*, 7/25-28, 5 pm.

1953: Fidel Castro launches revolutionary "26th of July movement" in Cuba.

2 Gvl Atheist Brunch (potluck), Curia on the Drag (2029 NW 6th St), 11 am.

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

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

16 Green Party meets, Millhopper Library, 2 pm.

Jen Lancaster at Library Author series, Millhopper Branch (3145 NW 43rd St), 2 pm.

23 **1920: Malvina Reynolds** born.

30 1967: Thurgood Marshall 1st black on Supreme Ct.

Monday
Lunes

13 In Sickness and In Wealth - doc on health disparities opens discussion series: Hipp Cinema (25 SE 2nd Pl), 5:30 pm.

The House I Live In, Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm.

Raisin' Cane - Harlem Renaissance tribute at Philips Ctr, 7:30 pm, \$25.

20 Flow: For the Love of Water, CMC documentary, 7 pm.

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

Gvl Food Security Group meets 3rd Mondays, Highlands Presbyterian Church (1001 NE 16th Ave), 7 pm.

27 Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice meets, Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 6 pm.

Anita: Speaking Truth to Power, doc on Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings, CMC, 7 pm.

1974: House Judiciary Committee begins impeachment of R. Nixon.

3 Shenandoah, CMC, 7 pm.

GCAT meets - see 7/20.

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

10 Nina Simone documentary *What Happened, Miss Simone?* at CMC: see civicmediacenter.org for details, 7 pm.

1937: Electric guitar patented.

17 The Silent Truth - CMC doc, 7 pm.

1887: Marcus Garvey born.

24 The Hand That Feeds, CMC, 7 pm.

IGUANA Deadline for Sept issue is Sep 1st; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

Tuesday
Martes

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

Anti-war signholding - 1st/3rd Tues, Archer Rd & 34th St, 2nd/4th Tues, Univ Ave & 13th St; 4:30-6 pm.

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

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

Mellow Soul - poetry & music night at Rockey's (112 S. Main St), every Tues, 8 pm.

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

Gary Langford & The Jazz Project in concert at UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 7:30 pm.

21 School Board, 6 pm.

PFLAG meets, United Church (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm - see pg 7.

Gvl Socialists, CMC, 7 pm.

LouDD Conversations: Racism & Denial, CMC, 8 pm.

28 Alachua County Comm meets - see 7/7.

Labor Coalition meeting, ACEA Hall (618 NW 13th Ave), 6:30 pm.

Gvl Socialists, CMC, 7 pm.

1868: 14th Amendment to US Constitution approved.

4 School Board, 6 pm.

The Appleseed Cast & others live at Loosey's, 9 pm.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

11 Alachua County Comm meets - see 7/7.

Gvl Socialists, CMC, 7 pm.

1921: Alex Haley born.

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18 School Board, 6 pm.

PFLAG meets (see 7/21)

Gvl Socialists, CMC, 7 pm.

25 Alachua Cty Labor Coalition meets, ACEA Hall, 6:30 pm.

1913: Walt Kelly born.

Sept 1 1939: Lily Tomlin born.

Wednesday
Miercoles

8 Free confidential walk-in HIV testing at Alachua County Health Dept, 224 SE 24th St, 9 am-3 pm, M-F; & at Pride Ctr, 3131 NW 13th St, 4-6 pm on 1st & 3rd Thurs; info: 334-7961.

Downtown Farmers' Market every Wed, SW 1st St & 1st Ave (by Market St Pub), 4-7 pm; **Edible Plant Project**, 2nd Weds.

Maya Lin (Vietnam Wall creator) documentary, Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 7 pm.

Just Health Care meets, 14 E. University Ave, Ste 204, 7 pm.

Summer Irish Dance classes, CMC, Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, \$5.

15 Humanists: Robert Knight on Fla water crisis - UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

1953: Jean-Bertrand Aristide born.

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1936: Tom Robbins born.

1947: Danny Glover born.

29 Gvl Wants Bernie meetup, High Dive (210 SW 2nd Ave), 7 pm.

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.

5 Citizens' Climate Lobby meets, Vine Bread & Pasta (627 N. Main St), 6:30 pm.

1914: World's 1st electric traffic signal installed (Cleveland, OH).

12 Democratic Executive Committee meets, County Commission meeting room, 7 pm.

Just Health Care meets, 14 E. University Ave, Ste 204, 7 pm.

19 Humanists discuss Sunday Assembly movement - UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

26 1786: William Shays launches eponymous rebellion.

1920: US women get vote.

2 1945: Ho Chi Minh declares independence of Vietnam.

Thursday
Jueves

9 Feminist Vent, Wild Iris Books (22 SE 5th Ave), Thursdays, 5 pm.

Relocate Rebel Statue rally, Main St & Univ Ave, 5:30 pm.

CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

Acoustic Blues weekly open mike Cymplify, 5402 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm.

Velo Vixens, 1st Mag, 6:15 pm.

Open Poetry every Thursday at CMC, now at 8 pm: Gvl's longest-running poetry jam, open to all; informal & welcoming to both readers & listeners.

16 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

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

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

Green Flag to 48-hr film race, Boca Backyard, 8 pm.

1862: Ida Bell Wells born.

23 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots) opens at Acrosstown Repertory (619 S. Main St).

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

1888: Raymond Chandler born.

30 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

1939: Eleanor Smeal born.

1956: Anita Hill born.

6 1st GOP presidential debates on Fox TV of course - check listings for when clown car opens its doors.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

13 Volunteers & Poets at CMC, usual times.

Gvl-So. Carolina Roots panel, Matheson Museum, 6 pm, \$5.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWERS.

20 Volunteers & Poets at CMC, usual times.

1940: Leon Trotsky assassinated.

27 Volunteers & Poets at CMC, usual times.

551 BCE: Confucius born.

3 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Escape of the Unicorn opens at Acrosstown Rep.

Friday
Viernes

10 "Beauty and the Beasts" amazing 30+-artist show of drawings, paintings & sculpture at Thomas Ctr Gallery (306 NE 6th Ave), M-F 8 am-5 pm, Sat 1-4 pm through Sept 19, free.

Music & Video Collaboration w/ Cold Waste, Julie Karr, & Mariama (from MSNRA) at Curia on the Drag coffeeshop (2029 NW 6th St - old Humane Society bldg), 6 pm.

Transgender Movie Night, 2nd Fridays, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 7 pm.

1875: Mary McLeod Bethune born.

17 Quit, Radon, & Post Teens at The Atlantic - punk's not dead in Gainesville.

1955: Disneyland opens.

24 1 Million BC at Fla Museum of Natural History, followed by panel discussion by scientific experts (!?!), 7 pm.

REDI (Rural Empowermt & Development Initiatives) benefit, CMC, 7 pm.

Women of Rock cover band benefit for Girls Rock Camp, Loosey's, 9 pm.

31 Gvl Artwalk, from downtown to South Main, lots of stuff going on: 7 pm; see pg 20.

Gay Movie Night last Fridays, Pride Ctr, \$2, 7:30 pm.

A Night of Shakespeare at Primitive Studio (inside Free Wheel Project, 618 S. Main St), 8 pm.

BLUE MOON

7 The Hairy Ape (Eugene O'Neill play) opens at Primitive Studio (618 S. Main St), 8 pm - check *Scene* magazine for more info.

Little Jake & the Soul Searchers revive Free Friday downtown concert series, SW 2nd St & 2nd Ave, 8 pm.

14 No Fraud & others at The Atlantic (south Fla ska-punk - highly recommended).

Hard Luck Society, SW 2nd & 2nd, Free Friday concert, 8 pm.

21 Nearly Nude Bike Ride # 2 - assemble in minimal ensemble at Pleasant St Bicycle, 6:30 pm.

Savants of Soul sing sweetly, SW 2nd & 2nd, 8 pm, Free Fridays show.

28 Ruthless opens at Actors Warehouse, 7 pm.

The Duppies do Free Fridays, SW 2nd St & 2nd Ave, 8 pm.

4 Rickey Kendall sings Americana & blues, SW 2nd & 2nd, 8 pm, free.

Saturday
Sabado

11 Gainesville Express - train-themed Family Fun Day at Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave), 10 am-4 pm, \$4 (\$1 if 11 or younger); also 7/12, 1-4 pm.

Wild Iris Free Store, CMC, 2-6 pm.

"Canes on the Mic" Gvl High School poetry showcase sending them off to National Slam in Atlanta, CMC, 7 pm.

18 SoMa Art Hub "Semiver-sary" w/ music, art, more: 601 S. Main St, 10 am -4 pm.

SSJ Sierra Club potluck picnic, Poe Springs Park, 11 am.

Block Party at SE 5th Ave & Main St (Wild Iris, CMC, Co-op, SAW, & Rock Tower), noon-6 pm, \$5-10 donation requested.

"Mad About Science Family Fun Day", Matheson Mus, 1-4 pm, free.

Acrosstown Rep Gala - theatre & party, 619 S. Main St, 6 pm, \$20.

Checkered Flag - 48-hr film race ends w/ showing of films at Boca Backyard, 10 pm, free (& fun).

25 Interfaith Dialog, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 10 am.

Kid Appreciation Day, CMC & Wild Iris - games, coloring, & movie (*Ferngully*, 12:30 pm), 10 am-2 pm, free.

5K Bull Run benefits Peaceful Paths, Tioga Town Center, 7:15 pm.

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

Gvl Zine Fest! Meet artists & publishers, buy works; CMC, 2-8 pm, followed by concert, 9 pm-1 am.

Medicare 50th b'day celebration, T. Boltin Ctr (516 NE 2nd Ave), 11-3 pm

8 Wild Iris Free Store, CMC, 2 pm.

15 Battle of G'ville re-enactment, Matheson Museum, 10 am, free.

Gvl Barter Project, Highlands Presbyterian Church (1001 NE 16th Ave), 3rd Saturdays, 1-4 pm.

22 Interfaith Dialog, Mennonite Church, 10 am.

Wild Iris Free Store, CMC, 2-4 pm.

1st Magnitude Brewing 1st anniversary party, w/ food, music, beer: 1220 SE Veitch St, 2-6 pm.

29 Women's Equality Day Luncheon, Best Western, 11:30 am; adv. tickets only, \$20: fosba.com; pg 6.

5 Queerball Variety Show, UUFG, 7:30 pm, \$15/door.



History and the people who make it: David Barsamian

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler. This is the 28th in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida, continuing last issue's Barsamian interview. David Barsamian was interviewed by Paul Ortiz [O] and Matthew Simmons [S] in 2014. The first part of this interview ran in the June 2015 issue of The Gainesville Iguana.

B: I was a terrible student. I hated school. I was a model student through elementary school and from 7th, 8th grade on, I went down the tubes. I barely graduated from high school. I had to go to summer school and make up classes so I could get the lowest possible graduation diploma that New York City schools give.

I managed to get into San Francisco State for a year, but I hated that too and dropped out. Then I went to Asia and that's really where my second life begins.

I'm compressing a lot here. But I wind up in India and become the disciple of a master musician. I learned sitar. I'm exposed to some of the greatest musicians and cultural figures, poets, and others in India, and that's enriched my life enormously. I'm still connected to that culture even though I can't go back to India now because I've been banned for my work on Kashmir and other issues.

I did well in classes I was interested in, like English and history, and the others I just play[ed] hooky. I'd get on the bus in the morning and go to Times Square. You could see three movies for ninety-nine cents. I'd sit through three movies, come back home, and my mother would say, how was school today? Oh fine, no problem. Then the teachers would send notes: we haven't seen David in weeks; is he okay? I'd intercept those notes. I'd forge my mother's signature. The first maybe criminal act I did, I started forging notes saying that David's been under the weather and couldn't come in, but everything's fine now.

O: What went wrong, David?

B: No, I say, what went right! I did not subordinate myself to superior authority. I was a rebel from the get-go, my politics come from a very early age. I was writing letters to the New York Daily News and the New York Post. I was a big fan of Adlai Stevenson. I supported his election in 1952. He lost. I would write very strong

letters and I would always include a PS, [saying] you don't have the courage to publish this, but I'm writing it anyway. And they'd publish 'em.

O: How old were you when you started writing these letters?

B: I think seven or eight. I started sub-



scribing to magazines: Newsweek, Esquire, Time, Popular Mechanics. I was so happy to see my name on a label, that things were coming to my home in this mailbox at 521 East 87th Street with my name. Like, it was affirmation of existence: wow, I'm being acknowledged.

The public library, the Webster Branch was on York Avenue and 78th Street. I loved going there – not only did it have books and was well-lit, it had no roaches. Our walk-up apartment was full of roaches, these little creatures scurrying around, driving me crazy.

The library was a refuge. It was quiet, nobody spoke in Armenian. I was absorbing everything that I could possibly absorb, reading things I didn't know what the words meant.

Reader's Digest had a vocabulary quiz in every issue and I would try and learn all the words, write them down, use them in sentences. I was trying to educate myself outside the formal school system.

The neighborhood I grew up in was primarily Central European. It was known as Germantown. There were many immigrants from Poland, Hungary, what was then Czechoslovakia, Austria, obviously Germany. I would walk down 86th Street, hearing German. It was the com-

mon link language between a lot of these immigrant groups. There were very few Armenian families. It was also heavily Catholic, almost all the kids went to parochial school.

It was a very racist neighborhood. They didn't know anything about Armenians. I would be called Albanian or Argentinian or—they just didn't have a clue where Armenia was, what its history was.

It was pretty rough, in terms of intolerance. These Catholic kids—I hate to stereotype or paint with a broad brush—were extremely racist and very narrow-minded, super-patriotic; many of them joined the military as soon as they could. At that time, when you were seventeen, you could go to the military recruiting office and say, I wanna go into the army right now. A lot of them wound up in the army, police, fire department, those kinds of jobs.

S: That kind of über patriotism, how did that influence your developing political ideology?

B: I was very skeptical about authority and power, and felt that powerful institutions lie to people. We see that today very graphically: long denials of spying and wiretapping and intercepting of emails.

A very formative experience was what happened to the Brooklyn Dodgers. New York at that time had three major league baseball teams: the Yankees, the Giants, and the Brooklyn Dodgers. I was a fanatical Dodgers fan. My two older brothers, one was a Giants fan, and the other was a Yankees fan. So I had to be different.

Now the Dodgers were quite successful. They won the World Series in 1955. The team was bought by a banker, Walter F. O'Malley, and shortly after the Dodgers won the World Series, we started reading reports in the papers: the owner is not happy. He wants a new stadium. He wants the city to build new parking garages, the kind of socialism for the rich that exists only in the United States. O'Malley said, if you don't do this, we're leaving Brooklyn. We're leaving New York.

Robert F. Wagner, the mayor, I remember him giving press conferences saying, don't worry, the Dodgers moving out of New York, impossible, it'll never happen in a thousand years. Then one day, there's the Daily News headline: "Dodgers Move to L.A." That was very revealing to me about the duplicity of politicians, number

one, and the predatory nature of capitalism. O'Malley was making a lot of money. The team was very successful and very popular in Brooklyn, but he had a chance to make more money in Los Angeles.

That was a big learning experience about truthfulness and about the real loyalty of capitalism is to capital. It's not communities, it's not to countries, families, or individuals; it is to capital. I never had to read Marx or Hegel or Engels to understand this essence of the capitalist system, which is constantly trying to gain more and more profits.

S: I wanna get back [to] your relationships with these people that you've interviewed such as Edward Said, Howard Zinn.

B: I think my connection with Chomsky leads to all of these others. I knew about him back in the '60s, even when I was in India. When I returned to the United States, around 1970, I started reading a lot more. Then I moved to Boulder, Colorado, in 1978 and got involved in the community radio station there, KGNU.

I was reading a book of Chomsky's called "The Washington Connection and Third World Fascism." It's a two-volume set, a remarkable piece of scholarship, and I got very excited. I wrote Chomsky a fan letter. To my surprise, he wrote back. I was quite taken with that. So I wrote another letter and we started a correspondence.

Meanwhile, my radio skills were becoming more sophisticated and I said, let's do an interview. He agreed, and the thirtieth anniversary of that interview is coming up. We're going to be doing an event in Boston to mark that, he and I.

He's eighty-five years old now; I just saw him in early February. We did an almost three hour interview. We've done eight or nine or 10 books together. I could not believe that this voice could not be heard in the United States. I thought, whoa! He should be readily available. But he was not. That was the main impetus to start Alternative Radio.

During this period I was reading Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States," and I contacted Zinn. Whenever I said the name Chomsky, was like open-sesame, abracadabra. The oceans would part, the curtains would open. That was my entré to Edward Said and Howard Zinn, and Iqbal Ahmed.

After years of doing radio and journalism, I've developed a bit of a reputation, too. I've gotten to know a lot of other people

like Arundhati Roy and Vandana Shiva, Tariq Ali, people from different parts of South Asia and West Asia.

Everyone is different to interview. There's no set way, one thing that I could say about a particular person. Noam has a lot to say: he's very loquacious, he's extremely knowledgeable. So one has to be very aggressive to limit him to a reasonable answer. Otherwise, you realize after an hour that you're still on question two and running out of time.

Howard Zinn was very jovial, very amiable, a lovable man, enormous good humor, full of all of the best qualities of socialism: egalitarianism and solidarity. And in that—in Chomsky too—is something quite remarkable. He will treat you, let's say, an average person, no different from a multiple Nobel Prize laureate. He won't give special attention to that Nobel Prize winner over you. I've seen many examples of that.

He treats people very decently, as equals, and is very kind and gentle and will hear people out, will entertain the most absurd questions and try to formulate an answer.

Edward Said—kind of different background. He's very suave, and debonair, a very classy dresser, very intimidating. He said something like, I hope you have good questions. With the implication being that if you don't, I'm out of here, don't waste my time. You could see this tremendous intellectual energy there. So I started talking about Palestinian poetry and a particular poet that he liked, Mahmoud Darwish, and that kind of softened him up. It was through that cultural angle that I got into the political with him.

Iqbal Ahmed of Pakistan was also a close friend, very influential on Edward Said's political development. He also had great

knowledge of West Asia, South Asia, and the Middle East. So I had access to these wonderful founts of information and insight and knowledge. I feel like I've gotten my education vicariously just by being with all these people and being exposed to what they know.

S: So your interviewing skills, your style, was that something that just developed organically?

B: When I was growing up, I used to listen to all the talk shows. It was the beginning of talk show radio, in the '50s, late night talk radio, people like Barry Gray, and I would listen to their style. Edward R. Murrow, I watched on TV, CBS Reports. I liked the way he formulated questions. Even later, I would listen to any major broadcaster to see what their style was and what I could glean from that that would work for me, and do it in a way that would feel authentic.

You have to own your style. You can't mimic someone. I can't say there was one single influence on me. I just started developing it. The initial interviews I did were so difficult, were so trauma-laden that everything that followed, really, was not that difficult.

See <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00031874/00001> for the full transcript of this interview.

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Some reflections on the Supreme Court

by Donna Waller

The U.S. Supreme Court is a fascinating institution. I have actually been focusing on it since 1964 when I decided to become a Government major with a concentration in Constitutional Law. In my lifetime I have watched it do away with segregation, demand that state legislatures apportion themselves fairly, affirm that the free exercise clause must take precedence over state laws and local ordinances, and require the enforcement of due process rights in the face of arbitrary judicial and police power. I have watched the Court affirm a woman's right to choose, and now, marriage equality. I have seen some negative moments, too, the worst of which in my opinion is the Court's recent decision in the Citizens United case.


All of these decisions have stirred controversy. I am old enough to remember "Impeach Earl Warren" billboards all across the South; however, I must admit the way some conservatives have reacted to the recent marriage equality decision has amazed me. No, Governor Jindal, we cannot "abolish" the Supreme Court. It owes its existence to the Framers, or as I like to think of them, James Madison and his buddies. Conservatives are supposed to revere them and their work. The men who wrote the Constitution really hoped to create a governing document for this country that would serve it forever and were remarkably thoughtful in its construction. Their belief was that popular government required a delicate balance between the wishes of the majority, which they believed could be as tyrannous as any king, and the liberties and rights of minorities. The Court was absolutely

meant to be the guarantor of civil liberties, and after the passage of the Fourteenth Amendment, it became the guarantor of civil rights, as well. That is why the justices are appointed for life or "good behavior," to be removed from the popular will. You might be able to impeach one justice, but get rid of the Court? I don't think so. How could so many people who call themselves conservatives and who wish to lead this country have so much disdain for the fundamentals of the system?

People who dislike Supreme Court decisions really only have two options. They can wait until the Court changes composition and reverses the decision. Because the Court is a conservative institution itself, being bound by precedent, this happens rarely, and when it does, it takes a long time. In the case of the reversal of Plessy vs. Ferguson by Brown vs. The Board of Education, the process took nearly seventy years.

The other way to overturn an unpopular decision is by the passage of a Constitutional amendment. This is a cumbersome and uncertain process. Two thirds of Congress must propose it, and three quarters of the state legislatures must agree to ratify it. The Move to Amend folks who hope to overturn the Citizens United must understand that they will have to be in it for a long haul. In the case of marriage equality, this strategy was sure to fail in the face of the number of states that had embraced the principle before the decision. Yes, Governor Walker, you are deluding your supporters with empty rhetoric; furthermore, for presidential candidates to even talk about Constitutional amendments is crassly manipulative. Presidents play no role in the amending process whatsoever. Are the candidates hoping that voters are ignorant of this fact? You bet!

If you knew all this, you probably did well in your American National Government class. If you didn't and you know some people you think might not either, please explain these facts to them. This is reality, not rhetoric. ☹



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"No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right.

"The judgment of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is reversed.

"It is so ordered."

—Justice Anthony Kennedy, June 26, 2015, in the opinion holding that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to wed. ☹

CONFEDERATE, from p. 1

Carolina, and the nation's eyes have turned to the awkward – and sometimes unfathomable – display of Confederate flags on state houses, license plates, and state flags. (Never mind that this worthy pursuit of unsavory symbols seems to have distracted attention from the perhaps more worthy pursuit of improved gun control legislation.)

There is no space here for more than a quick summary of some basic facts.

Yes, the Confederacy was formed largely to protect the institution of slavery.

No, most southern soldiers were not slave holders and their motivations might have been quite mixed, although nearly all were strongly pro-slavery.

The modern display of Confederate flags on public buildings and as part of state flags does not date to the 1860s but rather to a much later resistance to desegregation and racial equality. The wartime flag was appropriated by a different generation of unambiguous white supremacists.

There is absolutely no reason to believe that most folks who display a Confederate flag license plate know anything at all about history.

Then there are the Civil War re-enactors.

Folks like to dress as Civil War soldiers, learn 19th century military maneuvers, camp out using rustic equipment, and occasionally “reenact” Civil War battles. Other folks like to mock them or be outraged by them.

Most of the Civil War re-enactors I have known or observed (not a small number) strike me as dedicated social historians, who are most interested in the daily life of the Civil War soldier. They are

interested in the authenticity of clothing, food, and weaponry. They read the letters and diaries of infantrymen. They enjoy the camaraderie of their re-enactor companies. In my observation they are not idiots. They do not believe that they are “playing war,” nor do they believe that they are somehow “experiencing the real thing.” They have a hobby that involves studying the past, and they seem to enjoy it.

Here in Florida we have a fairly large annual reenacting event commemorating the Battle of Olustee, and – more recently – a smaller annual event marking the much smaller Battle at Gainesville.

Civil War reenactments almost by definition raise rather inconvenient truths. The guys with the Confederate flags are reenacting men who were fighting for a society built upon human bondage.

Moreover, the actual narrative of the Battle of Olustee (a Confederate victory) adds more complex layers. The Union army put three black regiments into the field that day, including the famed 54th Massachusetts. After battle reports make it clear that some black Union soldiers who were captured on the field were summarily executed rather than being taken prisoner. These sorts of racial atrocities occurred on other battlefields as well. (I do not know that the annual Olustee event acknowledges these atrocities, but the excellent official web page does.)

So, we are back to Confederate flags and symbols. I do not wish to tell other people how to think, but here is how I look at it.

People who devote long hours in their spare time to studying and reenacting the lives of Confederate soldiers may in fact be crazed white supremacists, but their hobby is not evidence of that. They do not celebrate slavery, and the good ones understand the horrors of this war.

Meanwhile, folks who defend the flying of Confederate flags on today's public buildings are – whether they fully get it or not – engaged in a very different sort of symbolic action, mired in a long history of violent racism.

Politicians who cater to those sentiments are engaged in a special sort of divisive evil.

But when those same politicians put their fingers in the air and shift positions because the wind blows in the opposite direction, I find it hard to give them too much credit.

Get rid of those flags, but then get back to me when you do something serious about those guns. 🐘

MONUMENT, from p. 1

monument is only commemorating “The Confederate Dead.” In 1904, we were a united country. Many soldiers from the Union side also died in Florida, including a few in Alachua County, and purposefully ignoring them seems unchivalrous.

The second inscription says: “They fell for us, and for them should fall the tears of a nation's grief.” This phrase also bothers me, as the “us” they fell for was not all of the people of Alachua County. The “nation” they ask to grieve has been left purposefully ambiguous: is this the Confederate nation, or the United States that should be shedding tears?

The third inscription is: “They counted the cost and in defence of right they paid the martyr's price.” The first four words are inaccurate (they obviously did not “count the cost” for enslaved people). The next five words (“and in defence of right”) are not only wrong, they are offensive. And the last five words (“they paid the martyr's price”) compares the fatal outcome of the soldiers' involvement to a sacred mission. While some may have felt this, a major goal of secession was to retain slavery which should not be considered sacred in 1904 or 2015.

Like many issues, there will be people arguing passionately for a variety of positions, including complete removal of the statue or for leaving it alone. One possibility is that the statue could be moved to the Matheson Historical Society's park about five blocks east, where it might become one of many sculptures depicting the history of Alachua County. Included on other statues might be depictions of people or symbols of events that are important to our history, such as William Bartram, Osceola, Josiah Walls, General Edmund Gaines, Marjorie Kinman Rawlings, Bo Diddley, and others.

Deciding whether to change the location of this symbol may seem like an important decision facing the County Commission, but it pales in comparison to the difficult issues that confronting racism and discrimination pose every day.

Some may wish for, or benefit from, a protracted argument about this, but I hope we discuss the fate of the monument in the context of how symbolic decisions can mask or over-simplify the really tough issues that we must grapple with as a community. 🐘

“The designer of the [Confederate] flag, W.T. Thompson, called it the ‘White Man's Flag.’ Literally. You can't get any more clear about its intent than that.”

-MikkiCZ,

“5 Facts about the Confederate Flag,” DailyKos, July 3, 2015

‘This oppresses women’ stickers go viral

by Jenny Brown, Iguana Editor Emeritus



The feminist groups National Women’s Liberation and Redstockings have been getting lots of press—as far away as India—for vintage stickers they’re distributing that keep appearing on sexist ads in New York. Women are sick of being bombarded with advertisements that depict women only as sexual objects,” Erin Mahoney of National Women’s Liberation told The Huffington Post. “That use our bodies to sell products. That embolden men to disrespect us. That tell us we are not worthy unless we conform to unrealistic, sexist, racist, and unhealthy beauty standards.”

The campaign has its roots in some Gainesville history: During the founding years of the Women’s Liberation movement in the late 1960s, there was a close collaboration between Gainesville Women’s Liberation and Redstockings. The two groups started working together again in the 1980s to distribute the Redstockings Women’s Liberation Archives for Action.

The sticker campaign started in a class that the groups taught last fall in New York. In a consciousness-raising session in the class, women reported being bombarded on the street by sexist comments from men and by sexist ads from corporations. The students drew a connection between these, and organized a protest at American Apparel, a clothing store notorious for its sexist ads, passing out stickers and a flier that said:

Men harass women—at work, at home, on the street. Creators of sexist advertising—in addition to oppressing women by using sexualized and objectifying images of us to sell their products—encourage men to harass women by making it appear that we invite and enjoy harassment. Corporate interests give men a false feeling of superiority over women and amplify men’s belief that they are entitled to harass women. Men are being bought off —bribed—and distracted from working with women to fight the 1 percent.

MEN: Stop harassing women. Speak up and stop other men. Do not buy in to sexist advertising. WOMEN: Join us.

The sticker itself is a gem from the Redstockings archives, and was first used in the 1960s. Besides the archive, Redstockings today is a grass roots women’s liberation think tank working on developing theory and strategy for the movement—“building on what’s been won by knowing what’s been done.” (For more on Redstockings, go to Redstockings.org or follow Redstockings on Facebook.)

In response to the flurry of press, men’s comments have tended to scoff at the problem, while women have mostly asked, “Where can I get some of those stickers?”

The Gainesville NWL chapter has stickers available. To get involved, call Kendra at (352) 575-0495, or email nwl@womensliberation.org.

The next meeting is July 23rd at 6:30 in the Vidal Building downtown. Please contact the chapter through our website, womensliberation.org, if you’re interested in coming. 🐸



Judge hails ‘historic’ free speech settlement between the PCJF and federal government

By Partnership for Civil Justice Fund

After nearly 13 years of litigation, a federal judge has approved an unprecedented settlement between the Partnership for Civil Justice Fund (PCJF) and the Justice Department and the Department of the Interior that will significantly change the handling of mass protests in the United States.

At a fairness hearing June 22, presiding Judge Emmet G. Sullivan of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia called the “substantive changes” of police reform that the PCJF obtained in the agreement a “historic” accomplishment.

Noting that the Department of Justice is a signatory to the “extremely significant settlement” with the PCJF and has an “active role” “reviewing practices and procedures of local law enforcement” across the country, Judge Sullivan stated that the reforms embedded in the agreement should “serve as a model for other law enforcement agencies,” and urged that they “take a hard look at this settlement” in an effort to comply with Constitutional standards.

The new policies include: generally

prohibiting the use of police lines to encircle protesters and demonstrations; requiring particularized probable cause for any protester to be arrested; providing fair notice and at least three warnings to disperse assembled groups prior to any lawful arrests rather than engaging in group sweeps; identifying avenues of exit for protesters to comply with dispersal orders and ensuring that such warnings are clocked at least two minutes apart, and are audible throughout the crowd.

The Agreement also requires that in any mutual aid or interagency action the same obligations are still followed by the U.S. Park Police regardless of whether another law enforcement agency is initiating action against demonstrators.

The 13-year litigation followed the arrest of nearly 400 protesters, tourists, bystanders, legal observers as passers-by on the morning of September 27, 2002. The D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, working with the U.S. Park Police, encircled Pershing Park, refused to let anyone leave and then mass arrested everyone who happened to be present and

trapped by law enforcement in the park. Many were held bound wrist to ankle in stress-and-duress positions on a police gym floor for upwards of 24 hours.

Notably, this massive violation of constitutional rights by the D.C. MPD was carried out under the command of Chief Charles H. Ramsey, who presided at the scene of the illegal mass arrests, and who has now been appointed to President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

The first settlement between the PCJF and the District of Columbia totaled approximately \$8.25 million, providing eligible arrestees with up to \$18,000 each. The current settlement with Federal agencies — including the Department of the Interior, which oversees the Park Police — totals \$2.2 million and will add additionally up to \$5,000 for eligible arrestees.

As part of the PCJF’s earlier litigation of this matter, all arrests were declared null and void and as part of the Proposed Settlement, the FBI will take additional steps to ensure that the arrests are fully expunged across criminal justice databases.

The PCJF represents and provides legal assistance to people engaged in free speech activity across the United States, including in the Black Lives Matter movement. The PCJF is litigating the class-action lawsuit on behalf of hundreds of Occupy protesters who were trapped and mass arrested without notice or warning on the Brooklyn Bridge. Its Freedom of Information Act work exposed the domestic spying of the FBI and other U.S. agencies on peaceful protesters, including the Occupy movement. It litigated the successful lawsuit challenging the ban on protests on the Great Lawn of Central Park during the 2004 RNC. Its class action and other litigation in Washington, D.C., in which more than 1,000 persons were falsely arrested during protests, has resulted in settlements over \$25 million and major reform in police practices. Learn more at www.JusticeOnline.org.

To read the Washington Post’s article on the settlement, visit <http://goo.gl/rOIXAC>. To view the Joint Memorandum of Points and Authorities filed in support of the preliminary approval of this settlement, visit <http://goo.gl/5uffZb>.

Why we need Medicare for all Celebrating Medicare’s fiftieth anniversary

On Saturday, August 1, the Alachua County Labor Coalition, along with many other groups across the nation, is holding a birthday party to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the enactment of Medicare. It will be held together with a health information fair, at the Thelma Boltin Center, 516 NE 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thank goodness the Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”). Millions of people in states such as Florida with federally sponsored marketplaces will be able to keep the income tax subsidies which enable them to obtain low-premium health insurance.

But, as Bernie Sanders and many others say, Obamacare isn’t enough. The subsidies go directly to health insurance companies which helped write the ACA. Although the premiums are affordable, out-of-pocket costs, copays and deductibles may not be. An estimated 33 percent

of Americans put off getting medical care because of the cost. The ACA doesn’t cover everyone. Even if all states take advantage of the Medicaid expansion provision, there will be 31 million people uninsured ten years from now. It doesn’t cover all medical needs. Depending on the plan, only 60–90 percent of medical costs are covered. It is inefficient, physicians and other providers still have to deal with the costs of numerous insurance plans.

Therefore, while we are celebrating the anniversary of Medicare which has proved enormously successful in protecting the health and financial security of seniors, it is time to extend its benefits to all. As it is in all other developed countries, healthcare should be a human right and a government obligation, rather than a commodity bought and sold in the marketplace.

Join us on August 1 for birthday cake and to find out more. 🐾

citizens co-op

A COMMUNITY-OWNED MARKET

Co-Op welcomes community support

by Citizen's Co-Op Board of Directors

A year after the membership uprising at the Citizen's Co-Op, and months after a settlement with the fired workers (see Iguana April 2014), the co-op finds itself with a new invigorated board, and an effective manager in Kim Drummond. The co-op will be celebrating Drummond's year-anniversary, the longest tenure of any general manager.

Kelsey Naylor, one of the fired workers and now a board member, sees the Co-op as a valuable community asset and has been active in engaging old and potential new membership.

"The co-op has seen a lot of change as of recent," said Naylor. "I encourage those who walked away in the past year to reach out to me and consider getting involved again. I am forever grateful for the outpour of support for myself and fellow workers last year. A large faction of the co-op membership spoke up last Spring and it pained me to see their voices ignored ... but it also pains me to give up on something with so much potential because of a select few who made really terrible choices. I'm so happy to see both a store manager with skill, ethics and determination running the

store as well as some new faces, including myself, on the board of directors. This gives me a lot of hope for the co-op. Those factors alone are not enough, however. This is a community-owned store and we need our community to rally back around us."

In addition to ex-employee and union co-founder Naylor, the current board consists of benevolent veterans Rob Brinkman and Rick Nesbitt, producer-owner representative Jordan Brown (Family Garden), and has welcomed Neal Devine as worker-owner representative, supporter Windy Wood, and Sequential Artists Workshop founder Tom Hart as member-owner representative.

Hart, whose Sequential Artists Workshop has shared courtyard space with Citizen's Co-Op and the CMC for 3 years said, "I've seen traffic at the co-op rise and fall and rise again over these three years, but more importantly, in the best of times I saw the co-op work as an active and engaged community space. As a board member, I hope to build connections among producers and community members. I'd like anyone who believes in local economics, shared resources and community engagement to take in the new vibe with a shop -- meet Kim and the staff and continue this years-long dialogue."

Hart continued, "To be frank, the co-op is too valuable an asset to lose. We want to plan for the future of the co-op, and for that we need your support now. The board and the staff are here to listen and support you back.

"Talk to us at the co-op. With your support and voice, this asset can be around in the community for generations of Gainesvillians." 🐾



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Institutions must keep pace with new truths, circumstances

"I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and Constitutions. But laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors."

- Thomas Jefferson
(inscribed on The Jefferson DC memorial)

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hostility toward out-groups—and that becomes so much worse when the out-group was itself once a resource, as African-Americans were once slaves. This can lead the dominant group to feel robbed, or dispossessed. We can draw a straight line from slavery to the Civil War to the Confederate flag that today flies in front of the South Carolina state capitol to the Confederate, Rhodesian, and South African flags sported by Dylann Roof in photographs.

Here is a former classmate of Roof's: "He had that kind of Southern pride, I guess some would say. Strong conservative beliefs. He made a lot of racist jokes, but you don't really take them seriously like that. You don't really think of it like that." Others have since come forward with unambiguous evidence that Roof saw himself as a soldier on behalf of the white race, a kind of reverse John Brown. According to another friend, Roof hoped to spark a new Civil War.

He may well have suffered from at least one mental illness that left him distressed and unable to function in daily life; illness may have left him with little to lose. Right now, we don't know for sure. But we do know that he committed a conscious, deliberate act of intergroup violence that he himself situated as part of a larger, identifiable pattern. And to many people, he'll be a hero. This is why it makes no sense to talk about the shooting outside of historical, political, or racial context, as Senator Graham tried to do. It was the act of a consciously white supremacist individual in a white supremacist social context.

So why are so many people so quick to attribute Roof's act to mental illness? What psychological agenda does it serve? Linda Tropp, a psychologist at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and an expert on prejudice, told me in an email exchange that this is probably an example of "fundamental attribution error" at work—that is, the tendency of humans to credit a person's action to personality rather than his or her situation or social context. "Relegating the Charleston killing to the cause of 'mental illness' may lead us to make a dispositional (personal) attribution for the person's behavior, and to downplay the situational/structural issues that have brought about such a racist act," she wrote.

Why is this "error" relevant to the debate? Because it lets us off the hook from trying to change the context in which Roof committed the murders. It's a pathway to irresponsibility, a way to throw up our hands and say

nothing can be done. On Friday, Senator Graham (a Republican presidential hopeful) again denied the context for Roof's actions, and defended flying the Confederate flag in South Carolina. "It's him," said Graham, referring to Roof. "Not the flag."

That is the response predicted by at least one study published just this year. Charlene Y. Chen and colleagues surveyed a nationally representative sample of white Americans about how they viewed two different mass shootings, one based on the Virginia Tech massacre by a South Korean immigrant, the other inspired by the Columbine High shootings by two white, native-born youth.

They found that participants were quick to attribute the Columbine-style shooting to mental illness, which was in turn associated with more positive beliefs about white American men. Participants primed with the Virginia Tech scenario, for their part, were more likely to see the murders as somehow more rooted in the shooter's identity and to express negative beliefs about Korean-American men. In other words, this group of white people were more likely to see a killing by one of their own as a deranged individual act, not a product of white American-ness. They didn't apply the same perception to an immigrant of color, which suggests unconscious, or "implicit," bias at work.

Some commentators went further than Graham in trying to disconnect Roof from culture and history. Another Republican presidential candidate, Rick Perry, called the shootings an "accident," and many have invoked the language of tragedy or

natural disaster. Yesterday, in her now-deleted Twitter account, Miami Herald columnist AJ Delgado questioned whether Roof was actually white, and added that white supremacists don't kill black people in churches (forgetting, for example, the 1963 church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama). Such disparate efforts to "other" Roof—to repudiate his connections to community, history, culture, or even humanity—add up to one thing: denial.

Where does that leave us? My two cents: The first step, and only the first, is to cultivate a high level of self-awareness, particularly of the psychological biases that can lead us to discriminate against others and to avoid responsibility for what happens in the world around us. But it can't stop with inner change. Racism does not appear to be a mental illness, and you cannot treat it with talk therapy and pills. However, both racism and mental illness thrive in silence and isolation. The next step is to talk, openly and frankly, about both—and then have the guts to actually listen to each other.

Beyond that, we need to find the courage to see the lines that connect the past with the present with the future—to see, in other words, that our actions have consequences. We can explicitly reject the symbols of racism and hate, like the Confederate flag. We can take steps to limit the ability of a man like Roof to get ahold of weapons that turn private ideology into mass murder. We can work to eliminate bias in policing. The list is long, but Charleston reveals the alternative to inaction. I don't want to live in Dylann Roof's world. Do you? 🐾

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News from Alternative Radio

by David Barsamian and staff
AlternativeRadio.org

We have just completed our 29th broadcast season. Thanks for lending your ears and support to this independent media project.

AR offers its weekly program free of charge to all non-commercial, public, community and college radio stations. We make every program available for free via podcast (<http://www.alternativeradio.org/pages/podcast>). We also have a growing archive of free audio and video (<http://www.alternativeradio.org/pages/free-downloads>) on our website.

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SOME GOOD NEWS

Low power community stations continue to populate the media landscape and are willing to offer space for dissident voices to be heard. We have heard from several that have added us to their schedules, including:

- Active Radio in Boston airs AR Mondays 9pm ET
- KCMJ in Colorado Springs airs our program at 6pm Wednesdays and midnight Thursdays
- WCAI (serving Cape Cod and surrounding island and coastal region) airs us on Sundays 7-11pm during its 'Arts and Ideas' program
- Radio Free Palmer in Alaska broadcasts AR Tuesdays at 6pm and Wednesdays at 9am
- WTUL in New Orleans will broadcast AR Thursdays at 8am throughout the summer months
- WADR in Janesville, WI plans to add us to their roster this summer, along with Radio SFV in San Fernando Valley, CA and WTUL in New Orleans.

THE BAD

- Long-time AR flagship station WMNF-Tampa/St Pete dropped us from their

schedule and replaced us with an animal justice show. We are offered on their HD2 and online broadcast.

- KRCC in Colorado Springs removed our program from their main frequency and offers AR only to those with HD radios or internet access.
- Long time affiliate KUOW-Seattle moved AR to 11-midnight on Wednesdays.
- KUFM-Montana Public Radio moved us from Mondays 1-2pm to Sundays 7-8pm.
- WAMC Albany, New York, AR's largest NPR affiliate station, has moved us from Tuesdays at 1 pm to Mondays at 8 pm.
- WUGA in Athens, GA has dropped us from their schedule.
- While Alternative Radio is getting airtime on more low power stations, they have small audiences due to limited range signals and meager finances.

THE UGLY

Getting taken off stations' main channels and moved onto HD only, combined with getting relegated to late night or pre-dawn air times on NPR affiliates, presents a new challenge to AR to get the critical info we provide into the public mind. When do people mostly use the radio - weekdays, especially morning and late afternoon drive times, and weekend mornings. Evenings and nights see a sharp drop off in listeners.

There is also a trend toward shorter and shorter highly produced radio pieces. One program director told us that AR is long-form radio, and that long-form radio is for podcasting and not for broadcast any more. The ever-shrinking American attention span requires haiku-like brevity on an interstitial music bed.

The ugliest trend in public broadcasting is the marginalization of dissent. As power has moved to the right in the recent decades it has pulled public radio, and we can add PBS, with it reducing it to an echo chamber for imperialism and capitalism. The space for radical alternatives to the status quo are limited or eliminated. The founding progressive principles of public broadcasting in the U.S. have been forgotten.

It is a distressing situation but as we begin our 30th anniversary we remain undaunted.

Your support makes a difference.

NOTE: Alternative Radio airs on WGOT, 94.7 FM, at 8am on Mondays, 4pm on Saturdays, and 1pm on Sundays. Tune in! 🐸

Go, Bernie, Go!

Over 10,000 people in Madison WI (okay it is Madison), but all around there are large crowds coming out for Bernie Sanders. Lots of money is coming in from small donors. Cynics say he's just placating the left wing of the Democratic party, that he's being used. That there is no way he can win. Well you know what; that does not matter. He is the raising issues of income disparity, the criminal banking industry, and corporate money controlling our government like nobody else has in my lifetime, and with a lifetime track record to boot. This is not about the election itself. This is about the process. The process of educating people to understand the issues, to understand the system, and have the courage to fight back. It will be an interesting ride, get on board. There will be Gainesville For Bernie meet-up on July 29 at the High Dive, 230 SW 2nd Ave. at 7pm. There are over 200 people on Facebook already interested as of July 5th. It ought to be down at Innovation Square on that big lawn, because telling the truth about corporate power and the banks is an innovation in our political debate. I think it is way overdue!

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Grow Radio will be changing format in 2015, moving from live-streaming, freeform programming to a podcast-only format.

The following schedule is subject to change, and not all programs are broadcast each week. Check growradio.org for updates.

Sun	5 pm	Joe and Craig Show
Mon	5 pm	Street Nuts
	7 pm	Malum
	8 pm	The Sum of Your Life
	10 pm	Female Trouble
Tue	10 am	The Serene City
	4 pm	Copyright Issue
	6 am	Your Used To Be
	8 pm	Lost Sharks
Wed	12 am	Pyramid Society 64
	9 am	Sax and Violins
	1 pm	The 2nd Ave. Shuffle
	3 pm	The Quiet City
	5 pm	An Average Day
	7 pm	Homebrew Talk
	9 pm	The Otherness
Thu	12 pm	Things Be Blowin'
	2 pm	The Breakup Song
	4 pm	Hope & Anchor
	6 pm	The Kitchen Sink
	8 pm	florida rules
	10 pm	Eagle Death
Fri	3 pm	Ectasy To Frenzy
	5 pm	Artichokeification
	7 pm	Jazzville
	9 pm	Bag of Tricks
Sat	3 pm	Brazillian Commando
	7 pm	Planet of Sound
	9 pm	Reality Bites 🐸

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According to this plan, the U.S. has given weapons and provided training to intensify the narco-war that Calderon started in 2006. As a result, Mexico has become highly militarized.

UF history professor Paul Ortiz talked about the history of social struggles in Mexico, from independence to neoliberalism. In his participation, he remarked the character of social organization of the Mexican population. He also explained that rural schools, just like the Ayotzinapa school of the missing students, are the heritage of the Mexican Revolution that demanded land and freedom.

In a country where the State cannot administer justice and where armed forces are colluded with criminal organizations, their inhabitants have found new strategies of justice beyond the Mexican legal systems. This is the case of the self-defense communitarian police in some Mexican estates such as Guerrero and

Michoacán where these groups have been the objects of political repression. In this sense, Stephen Durham, activist and leader of the Freedom Socialist Party, talked about Nestora Salgado, a Mexican-U.S. citizen that went back to Mexico to fight with the self-defense police and now is in a high-security prison.

It is necessary to break with the official arguments that all the problems of Mexico are because of the narcos, especially when it is clear that the armed forces in Mexico, police and military, are in collusion with criminal bands and also because the State has not provided solutions but instead it has applied several reforms that are affecting the already damaged quality of life of the Mexicans. We need to speak up because until now there is a silence in the international political sphere that has not highlighted and condemned the Mexican authorities in their omission of providing security to the population. It has been almost one year since the 43 students have been missing

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Editors' picks: the news that didn't fit

☛ **Lawyers, status, public backlash aid college athletes accused of crimes, by Paula Lavigne**

An Outside the Lines investigation of 10 major college programs shows that a number of factors have helped athletes avoid jail time and prosecution.

http://espn.go.com/espn/otl/story/_/id/13065247/college-athletes-major-programs-benefit-confluence-factors-somes-avoid-criminal-charges

☛ **Take down the Confederate flag, by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

The flag that Dylann Roof embraced, which many South Carolinians embrace, endorses the violence he committed.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/06/take-down-the-confederate-flag-now/396290/>

☛ **Jailed for being broke, by Matt Taibbi**

A broken bail system makes poor defendants collateral damage in modern policing strategies.

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/jailed-for-being-broke-20150623>

☛ **Bree Newsome [the activist who climbed the flagpole at the South Carolina State House] speaks for the first time after courageous act of civil disobedience**

<http://bluenationreview.com/exclusive-bree-newsome-speaks-for-the-first-time-after-courageous-act-of-civil-disobedience/>

☛ **Deadly Force: Police Use of Lethal Force in the United States from Amnesty International**

A scathing report on police use of force from Amnesty International.

<https://www.amnestyusa.org/research/reports/deadly-force-police-use-of-lethal-force-in-the-united-states>

☛ **President Barack Obama Interview with Mark Maron on the WTF Podcast --**

http://potus.wtfpod.com/podcast/episodes/episode_613_-_president_barack_obama/

☛ **The Fight Over Obamacare was a Giant Political Charade, by Sonali Kolhatkar**

http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/the_fight_over_obamacare_was_a_giant_political_charade_20150702

☛ **Small Donations, Not Super PACs, Bring Big Funds for Bernie Sanders, by Nadia Prupis**

http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/the_fight_over_obamacare_was_a_giant_political_charade_20150702

☛ **Dr. Jill Stein is Running for President**

Amy Goodman interviews the Green Party candidate, including her views on Bernie Sanders' presidential announcement.

<https://thepeaceresource.wordpress.com/2015/06/23/dr-jill-stein-is-running-for-president/> ☛

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and seven years since thousands of people have been murdered, tortured and disappeared.

The case of 43 students must be the final episode in this brutal narco war. We should not bury them in the grave of forget. International solidarity is needed, not only for asking a minute of silence but for speaking up and making visible the current situation of the millions of Mexicans that demands a dignified life.

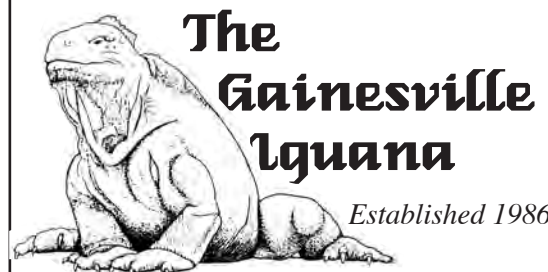
To get involved in this struggle for justice, check out the resources below:

- Contact information for organizers, compiled by the parents of the missing students: <http://www.caravana43.com/>

- Petition to end the Plan of Merida: <http://ustired2.com/take-action/>

- International organizing page for events around the globe: <https://ayotzinapasomostodos.wordpress.com/>

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