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Chaos of war on terrorism spreads to Syria

by Jacob Hornberger

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It had to happen. It was always inevitable that the U.S. government's much-vaunted "war on terrorism" would devolve into absolute chaos, especially by attracting authoritarian and totalitarian regimes into the "war on terrorism" maelstrom.

Ever since President George W. Bush declared his much-ballyhooed "war on terror," we have seen authoritarian and totalitarian regimes infringe on or destroy the civil liberties of their citizenry, citing the "war on terror" as their justification. Bashing down people's doors in warrantless searches, arbitrary arrests, indefinite detention, torture, assassination. The war on terrorism has become a dictator's best friend. Hey, if the U.S. government is doing it, why not every other regime in the world, including the dictatorial ones?

And now we have the grand spectacle of Russia intervening in the Syria civil war, one of the deadly civil wars that the U.S. national-security state has incited as part of its many regime-change operations ever since its inception in the 1940s.

What is Russia's justification for establishing a military base and initiating bombing campaigns within Syria? You guessed it! The "war on terrorism"!

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From left to right, Margaret Parker, Maren Jorgensen, Anna Baumstein, and Joe Soghi joined dozens of supporters of Planned Parenthood at 13th and University Ave. on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 29, as part of a nationwide show of support for the organization, which is under attack by the Republican Congress. They are members of the Eastside High School Young Democrats. Photo by Joe Courter.

The five biggest lies you've been told about Planned Parenthood

by Chris Ostendorf

This article originally appeared on Sept. 25 on the Daily Dot. Read more at www.dailydot.com.

Planned Parenthood is at war.

After several "sting" videos — which have been widely debunked as a hoax — targeting the women's health organization went viral over the past few months, abortion has once again become a hot-button issue — with Planned Parenthood at the center of the debate.

Although the House recently voted to defund the organization, the Senate blocked the measure, which would

deny the more than \$500 million a year Planned Parenthood receives in federal funding. Meanwhile, Twitter users have been voicing their support in the fight for reproductive health, with the hashtag #ShoutYourAbortion giving women a platform to combat stigma.

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Labor Coalition working with Fight for 15 Florida

by Alachua County Labor Coalition

The Alachua County Labor Coalition (ACLC) has been working with Fight for 15 Florida to visit with and sign up fast food workers in Alachua County the last 2 months in addition to the ACLC Living Wage Campaign. We need folks willing to join us in both of these campaigns. The fast food workers are very eager to learn that Fight for 15 has come to their community, and we have visited over 50 fast-food restaurants locally with the Fight for 15 state-wide organizers providing the initial training.

We had a well-attended meeting in September where about a dozen fast-food, child-care and health care workers from the Tampa/St. Pete area joined twenty labor coalition and local community members to provide testimony about the gains they have made there in the Fight for 15. They spoke of one-day strikes, fighting for better pay, for better working conditions and being treated with dignity and as a valued employee.

These workers were on their way back from Tallahassee where they had marched and spent all day lobbying legislators on worker issues, including a living wage for all workers in Florida. Sen. Dwight Bullard moderated the press conference that the workers spoke at and has once again introduced Senate bill SB 6, companion to HB 109 to raise the minimum wage to \$15/hour in Florida.

McDonald's is leading the slide to the bottom on worker wages and rights internationally. It is the second largest employer in the world, and many of the workers that we talked to in Gainesville have worked at McDonald's for an average of 8 years and have never seen a raise above minimum wage. McDonald's business model was thrashed at a hearing of the Brazilian senate's human rights committee in August where workers from five continents testified about the low pay and poor working conditions at the fast-food giant.

Two McDonald workers from the Fight for 15 in Tampa were in Brazil to testify and shared their stories with us at our meeting in Gainesville.

We are gearing up for a nationwide action in November, so there will be more worker outreach actions and strategy meetings locally.

Join us in the Fight for 15 struggle and also



Photo courtesy of Fight for 15 Florida

the Living Wage Campaign in Alachua County. Keep up to date on the ACLC Facebook page and website. Contact the ACLC office if you would like to work on these campaigns. Our next Living Wage meeting is Oct. 8, 5:30 pm at the ACEA office, 618 NW 13th Ave.

Learn more at <http://laborcoalition.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/109862125217/>.

Upcoming ACLC Events

Oct. 8, 5:30 pm: Living Wage meeting, ACEA office, 618 NW 13th Ave.

Oct. 21, 7 pm: showing the newly updated film Koch Brothers Exposed at 7:00 pm, Alachua County Main Library, 401 E. University Ave. ☘

Active Streets Gainesville on Oct. 18

Sunday, October 18, will mark the third time that Active Streets Gainesville has coordinated a free community event that transforms our most iconic roadway into a vibrant destination full of activities led by local organizations and businesses.

From 11 am until 3 pm, University Avenue, stretching from West 6th Street to East 7th Street, right through the heart of downtown, will be a joyous promenade of non-automotive activities, with walkers, riders, skaters, art bikes, live music, information booths and smiling people.

Perhaps most stunning will be the corner of Main and University, which becomes a giant piece of art, as chalk wielded by young and old turns dark grey asphalt into a chaos of color. More information is at www.activestreetalliance.org.

Businesses, organizations and individuals can participate by providing supplies or by leading group activities that engage attendees in a healthy, active lifestyle.

The event is hosted by Gainesville Citizens for Active Transport, Gainesville Cycling Club and Active Streets Alliance. It is sponsored by the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Transportation. ☘



From the publisher: On taking things for granted

There is only so much our brains can pay attention to as we go through our lives. We all develop habits; not only of what we feel we need to be thinking about, but how much we dwell on what we are thinking about. Our minds are active, but under-activity and over-activity can present problems. We all know the situation of over-thinking a situation, reading too much into a situation and actually, by adding needless complexity, making a mess of something that could have been simple and straight forward.



Joe Courter

Under-activity of the mind is something we all do by necessity. We tune out what we don't need or want to think about. This allows us to focus on what is important to us. So we take for granted many things. We trust maps (or our GPS) to be accurate. We trust other drivers to stay in their lanes. We trust our senses.

Regarding information and news, we select from the menu, but take it with a grain of salt. This is called critical thinking. Did that history book present an accurate picture of what went on? From what perspective is that news report coming from? Is this news report actually deserving of the time being devoted to it, and what about the things that have not been given coverage which are going on? There is a great term called "Media Literacy," which means you understand how news is reported, not just the news itself.

Acceptance of what is, as opposed to working to make things better, has a lot to do with what you take for granted. This came to the fore with the recent visit to the U.S. by the Pope. The heart of "Liberation Theology" is that one should be conscious of and work toward the improvement of the lives of those around us. This tendency toward social justice work is controversial both within the church and outside. Watching the right-wing talking heads freak out about this "socialist Pope" was quite instructive. As a life-long Atheist who grew up in a Catholic family, I found it rather stunning to hear some of the pronouncements of this Pope; way more progressive on many issues but sadly still entrenched in male supremacy. (And what was up with meeting that Kentucky woman?)

I tend not to label my politics, but I do think the basic tenant is right in the first sentence of the U.S. Constitution, where it says "...promote the general welfare..." To me, that is education and healthcare. And healthcare can be broadly interpreted as the health of the ecosystem we all share on this one planet we all share. I don't need liberation theology to tell me to be an active and informed citizen, but if it motivates that to happen in some people, great. Feminist Flo Kennedy once remarked, "I'm for any movement that's off its ass." Apathy, simply taking for granted that organizing and social justice work isn't important, is the enemy of progress. And progress, that is something some people have been taught to fear. Fear of LGBT advances, fear of immigrants, fear of socialism, etc. They often then become tools of the right wing.

There seems to be less and less we can take for granted, big things like the economy, our electoral system, things we used to trust. All I take for granted is that it will be interesting times ahead. ☘

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Government in the shadows vs. Paynes Prairie

by Robert "Bob" Simons

The workings of government in Tallahassee have always been messy. The money from the Florida Lottery, voted upon by the people of Florida for the purpose of increasing funding for education, was long ago syphoned off into the murky politics of Tallahassee. Amendment 1, also voted upon by the people of Florida (passing by a 75 percent to 25 percent majority of the people who voted) is suffering the same fate. (The overall funding for the environment in the State's 2015 budget, in spite of supposed additions from Amendment 1, is \$48 million less than it was in the 2014 budget according to Pegeen Hanrahan – Gainesville Sun 7/19/15.) The Water Management Districts, designed to carefully ration Florida's fresh water supply to ensure a sustainable future for the people of Florida have been downsized and reworked to eliminate the "sustainable" aspect of that idea. And now, it seems, Tallahassee's attention has turned to Florida's State Parks.

Some time ago, the people of Florida

came up with a plan to help reduce or limit some of the worst aspects of state and local politics by devising a legal system termed "Government in the Sunshine". This has never been perfect, but it has been helpful. Alas, nothing lasts forever.

But back to State Parks. What is happening? Well, this is pretty hard to determine, due to systematic circumventing of the "Sunshine" aspect of governance. No public announcements have been made. No plans have been revealed. No public workshops have been held. Only by listening to recently retired people who have worked for the State Park System for many decades do we learn that there is a concerted effort in Tallahassee to dramatically alter State Park management.

First, budgets and numbers of employees have been reduced year after year. Second, there seems to be a plan to privatize much of the management of the parks, as evidenced by more and more management activities are being done by private contractors. Third, the Governor and his proposed appointee, Jon Steverson, have

stated the intention to introduce hunting, cattle grazing, and timbering to State Parks to make them more profitable. This last bit is being called multiple use management.

It is this last bit that now seems to be coming to Paynes Prairie. Or is it? No plans have been revealed to the people of Florida, even though private cattle ranchers have recently been asked to consider cattle leases on Paynes Prairie.

Paynes Prairie has a long history of cattle ranching. It was one of the first cattle ranches in North America, when Spanish colonists first settled here. Later, it was a Seminole cattle ranch under the leadership of the Seminole Chief, King Payne, for whom the prairie is named. Later still, it was Camp Ranch, up until it was purchased by the State and added to the State Parks System as the first State Preserve. After careful study by a distinguished group of scientists soon after this purchase, it was determined that cattle grazing was unwise, if the purpose was to preserve the native fauna, flora, and ecology of the prairie in a healthy

condition. The dikes, canals, ditches, and pumps that kept the prairie dry to facilitate grazing were then removed, and the water from Sweetwater Branch has just recently been allowed back onto the prairie.

Should all of this be undone? Should we go back to managing the prairie as a cattle ranch? If so, why did we spend so much public money buying the land, filling in the canals and ditches, removing pumps, removing fences, and establishing trails for visitors? Does this make any sense? Are we going to have any say in this? Are we even going to be informed?

Of course, this isn't just about Paynes Prairie. This applies to all of Florida's State Parks. Up until now, Florida's State

Parks have been managed to maintain examples of natural Florida for people to visit and enjoy. Unlike the vast majority of public lands, such as state and national forests, wildlife refuges, and water management district lands, our state parks have not been used for hunting, cattle grazing for profit, and timbering for profit. When lands have been purchased by the various efforts such as Florida Forever, the purchased lands were evaluated, and those that could support timbering, grazing, and hunting were assigned to agencies that practice multiple use management. Lands where hunting, grazing, and timbering would be damaging or inappropriate were assigned to the state park system. True, state parks do not make quite enough money to pay

for their own management. They make about 77 percent of this amount. Hunting, grazing and timbering might add to this, but at what cost. If it damages the value of the parks for ecotourism, it will clearly be a penny wise and pound foolish change. The economic value of our State Park System (voted the best state park system in the country) to Florida's overall economy is vastly greater than the budgets for park management.

It seems that all of the effort to make Florida's State Parks the best in the land and uniquely different from other sorts of public lands is about to be undone in the shadowy back rooms in Tallahassee. Or is it? Would the people of Florida really let that happen? ☹

Paynes Prairie/ Marjorie Harris Carr bus tour on Oct. 24

by Joanna Grey, Matheson History Museum

The Matheson is excited to host a history bus tour of Paynes Prairie, featuring a tour of the prairie and a catered lunch by Pearl Country Store & Barbecue, on October 24, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Lars Andersen, a full-time river guide and author of Paynes Prairie, The Great Savanna: A History and Guide, will lead an immersive tour of the prairie. Dr. Peggy Macdonald, executive director of the Matheson and author of Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida's Environment, will provide an overview of Carr's quest to save Paynes Prairie, Lake Alice, and Micanopy. Carr is one of the six women featured in the Matheson's current exhibit, Saving the Sunshine State: Women Leaders in the Twentieth Century.

Marjorie Harris Carr was raised in southwest Florida and received a bachelor's degree in zoology from Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University) in 1936 and a master's degree in zoology from the officially all-male University of Florida in 1942. She led campaigns to save Paynes Prairie, Lake Alice and the Ocklawaha River. A co-founder of the Gainesville Garden Club, Alachua Audubon Society and Florida Defenders of the Environment, Carr led the successful campaign to stop construction of the Cross Florida Barge Canal.

Lars Andersen, owner of and full-time river guide for Adventure Outpost in High Springs, is also the author of The North Florida Adventure (an educational audio CD). Recent projects include Paddlers Guide to the Suwanee River Wilderness Trail and Paddlers Guide to the Gilchrist County Blueway.

Tickets are \$60 per person and include lunch from Pearl Country Store & Barbecue and bus transportation from the Matheson History Museum to Paynes Prairie. For more information call 352-378-2280 or email info@mathesonmuseum.org. ☹



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Social Justice Summit runs Nov. 12 to 15 at UF

The CWC/ASPIRE, in collaboration with the Black Student Leadership Conference and MicCHECK, are announce the first Social Justice Summit at the University of Florida. Events will run from Nov. 12 - 15, with events occurring at the Reitz Union, HPNP, Engineering Building, and Brain Institute.

Dr. Joe White, renowned scholar, activist, and key figure in the development of Black Psychology, will be providing the Opening Address from 5:30-7 p.m. on November 12 in the Reitz Grand Ballroom. Following the address, Dr. White will be joined by a panel from UF for a Q and A session. Panelists include:

- Dr. Donna Parker, Associate Dean for Diversity and Health Equity and Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
- Professor Winston Nagan, Founding Director of the Institute for Human Rights and Peace Development and Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar Professor of Law
- L.B. Hannahs, Director of LGBT Affairs and MCDA Coordinator of Social Justice Initiatives
- Dr. Bonnie Moradi, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research
- Ms. Joselin Padron-Rasines, the UF Student Body President

The Social Justice Summit poster presentation will follow afterward from 7-8 p.m. We are accepting both scholarly posters with social justice implications and creative self-expression posters that address the question "Why is social justice important to you?"

To register for the Social Justice Summit: For the Gator Good please go to: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3JH1hMljSKCwzz. You may also submit poster abstracts at this site. Please submit them by October 15, 2015.

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Graduate Assistants United goes to arbitration with University over health insurance changes

by Taylor Polvadore, Graduate Assistants United

Graduate Assistants United (GAU), the official labor union that represents around 4,000 graduate, teaching, and research assistants at the University of Florida (UF), has decided to take the University to arbitration hearing with an outside neutral body over the unilateral changes it has made to graduate assistant health insurance. These changes were made by the University outside of bargaining and without negotiations with GAU. The changes made by the University included a significant increase in the cost of dependent premiums (a 22.8 percent increase from last year) and an increase in deductibles.

Not only are these unilateral changes a violation of the contract in and of themselves, they represent a significant change to the working conditions of all

graduate assistants (GAs). For GAs who earn the minimum stipend of \$13,000 for .5 FTE (full-time equivalent for GAs), extending health insurance to their partner and child(ren) will now cost 40% of their annual pay. How can UF expect its graduate students to choose between health insurance for their family and food/rent?

In July, GAU filed a chapter grievance through the University. Although the University agreed not to change the deductibles for the duration of the 2014-2017 contract, it still refuses to acknowledge that it does not have the right to implement future unilateral changes. The University also refuses to acknowledge that dependent premiums are a bargaining issue and are continuing to implement the dependent premium increase. Consequently, GAU has decided to take the case to a hearing.

The hearing will be held on October 28, 2015. The time and place is still to be determined. Please come support GAU and help us ensure that all UF graduate assistants and their families can continue to have proper, affordable health insurance!

For updates, please see our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ufgau.org>). You can also reach us at organizing@ufgau.org.

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Linda Lee: a voice for Lake Apopka farmworkers

by Becky Wilson

Linda Lee ascends to the podium slowly, for her mobility is limited by her multiple health conditions.

Speaking before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States (OAS) on September 22nd in Orlando, she details her story of injustice. Her unassuming presence does not prepare you to hear her powerful words. Linda Lee speaks out frequently about farmworker rights, and getting justice in her hometown of Apopka.

She is a Farmworker Association of Florida member and she works tirelessly for the farmworker community and the community of South Apopka.

Linda Lee began working on the farms when she was eight years old. Today, she experiences symptoms from Lupus, kidney failure, vision problems, and has had 8 operations. She suffers the long-term, chronic effects of decades-long daily exposure to pesticides.

A muck farmworker for many years, Linda worked harvesting vegetable crops – corn, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, broccoli and more - on the farmlands of Lake Apopka in Central Florida. Linda herself was not conscious of the risks of pesticide exposure in the 1950s, '60s, '70s and '80s, because there was no education required for farmworkers around the threats to their health from these toxic chemicals. Farmworkers commonly used empty pesticide containers for doing laundry and for other household tasks.

They were, also, exposed to pesticides through aerial spraying of crops, wind drift, touching plants wet with pesticides, and directly inhaling these toxic chemicals. Farmworkers even used to linger under the aerial spraying for the cool breeze from above, refreshing in the Florida heat. No one alerted them to the dangers.

The chemicals commonly used in those decades on the Lake Apopka muck farms - DDT, toxaphene, endrin, aldrin, dieldrin, and chlordane – are all highly toxic organochlorine pesticides and all have been subsequently banned because of their harmful impact on the environment. All are considered persistent organic pollutants and all are endocrine disrupting



Linda Lee

chemicals, which means they affect the body's hormone system.

In 1998 the Lake Apopka farms were purchased by the state of Florida in order to stop nutrient run-off from the farms into the lake and all farming operations ended. Overnight, over 2000 farmworkers lost their jobs and some who lived in company-owned housing also lost their homes.

After the farm shut-down, portions of the north shore farm land were re-flooded in an attempt to restore wetlands. Then, in the winter of 1998-1999, some 1,000 migrating birds died over a couple of months due to pesticide exposure from consuming fish from the canals on the contaminated muck farms. Yet, the health impacts on the former farmworkers were dismissed and were never linked to their exposure to pesticides. Over \$113 million of state taxpayer dollars went to purchase the farms and millions more to study the lake and the wildlife, while not a dime ever reached the human casualties of Lake Apopka.

Linda herself speaks out saying "There are people in South Apopka actually dying from the stuff (pesticides). They had the bird deaths, they had the fish deaths, nobody did research on us to see what was plaguing our bodies." These former farmworkers can, and do, wind up with conditions like arthritis, respiratory problems, diabetes, persistent coughing, recurring rashes and scarring, Lupus, breast cancer, as well as miscarriages, birth defects, developmental and learning disabilities in their children, such as ADHD and autism.

Despite this great need for health care, for Linda, it is almost impossible to get. She has to take several buses which takes several hours to get to and from

her doctor in Orlando. Of her experience with health care in Apopka, she says, "doctors treat you like trash" because you are a minority and low-income. Her kidney problems are actually the result of medical misdiagnosis, and these failings led to her being over prescribed unnecessary medications.

In the face of this injustice, Linda is "going to continue to speak out," as this issue is central to her daily life. "I lost my daughter and my granddaughter, just this year." Linda now struggles to take care of her two grandchildren and three young great grandsons, as well as maintain her home. When her granddaughter recently died of Lupus, all of Linda's money for a new roof for her small home in South Apopka went to cover the funeral costs for her granddaughter, who was only twenty-five years old. There is a GoFundMe in order to help her buy a new a roof for her house, as she cannot afford it any other way.

Health issues caused by pesticides can be inter-generational. Children of farmworkers are exposed by contact with their parents who have pesticides on their work clothes and bodies. They can be exposed by drift, because they typically live in the vicinity of the farms and homes and vehicles often contain pesticide residues on floors and furniture.

Linda Lee speaks out on these issues whenever she can, wherever there are people to listen.

Besides just speaking out, Linda has worked with her community to create the Lake Apopka Farmworker Memorial Quilt Project. This quilt brings together the stories of loss among farmworkers, one square at a time. The Quilts bring Linda a renewed hope and commitment to the plight of the former Lake Apopka farmworkers. She wants to share the legacy of African American farmworkers who were the backbone of agriculture in the state for decades.

These Quilts are a source of validation for the community: they are a tangible representation of a community's struggle, of their loss.

Over ninety percent of the workers on Lake Apopka muck farms were directly exposed to pesticides.

There are two EPA designated Superfund sites, one on the north shore and the one on the south shore, that are linked to the alligator population declines and anomalies studied and made famous by the late UF scientist Dr. Louis Guillette.

After 15 years of advocacy on the part of farmworker organizations around the country, the EPA recently issued

the first new and stronger protections for farmworkers in twenty years. The Worker Protection Standard to protect farmworkers from pesticide exposure now includes a requirement to train farmworkers annually on health and safety related to occupational exposure to agricultural pesticides. Future generations of farmworkers will, hopefully, benefit from these stronger regulations. But, it is too late to solve the health problems of the Lake Apopka farmworkers. Yet, the community continues to raise awareness and continues to speak out.

Farmworkers feed the entire nation in what is an essential and honorable occupation, and yet they still are largely "the invisible ones" – out of sight and out of mind of most of the American population. The many injustices they suffer are largely under the radar screen of even the newly "food conscious" public.

With incredible energy and drive, Linda Lee promises from the podium "I'm going to keep fighting." She needs us to fight with her. If you would like more information or if you would like to help farmworker Linda Lee, please contact Jeannie at the Farmworker Association of Florida at 407-886-5151 or farmworkerassoc@aol.com.

Gainesville PRIDE Days: Oct.16-25

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida is sponsoring Gainesville Pride Days. For updates and more information see: gainesvillepride.org

Friday Oct 16, 6pm: Community Awards Dinner & Silent Auction
Sweetwater Branch Inn, 625 E University Ave. \$45 tickets at Pride Community Center and Wild Iris Books

Saturday Oct 17: Same-Sex Marriage Ceremonies
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship offers marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples at no charge, 4225 NW 34th St. Ceremonies begin at 11am, in 1/2 hour blocks, each followed by a gala reception! Interested couples e-mail MarriageEquality@uufg.org by Oct. 12 to receive details

Saturday Oct 17, 5pm: Stonewall Democrats of Friendraiser
Happy hour at First Magnitude Brewery, 1220 SE Veitch St

Sunday Oct 18, 11am: Service with Rev. Dr. Maureen Killoran
Sermon "Come Out, Come Out, Whoever You Are," Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville, 4225 NW 34th St

Sunday Oct 18, 9-10:15am: LGBTQ Today
A talk by Tara Lee, UUFG Common Room, 4225 NW 34th St

Sunday Oct 18, 11am: PFLAG Family Reunion
Food trucks, outdoor games, live music, First Magnitude Brewing Company, 1220 SE Veitch St

Thursday Oct. 22, 7-8:30pm: Celebrating Activism
"The Life & Legacy of Abby Goldsmith," Pride Center, 3131 NW 13th St

Friday Oct 23, 8pm: Pride Pub Crawl

Drink and food specials at downtown establishments. Starts at The Jones B-Side, 203 SW 2nd Ave, ends at the University Club, 18 E University Ave. \$15 advance reg, \$20 door. Tickets at PCCNCF

Friday Oct 23, 9pm: "Queen of Hearts" Womyn's Dance!
Alice in Wonderland themed dance at the Hippodrome, 25 SE 2nd Pl, for all self-identified womyn. Tickets \$15 advance, \$25 door. Tickets at Wild Iris Books & PCCNCF

Saturday Oct 24, noon: Join or Watch the Pride Parade
Begins at 7th St & W University, proceeds east on University to S 1st St.

Saturday Oct 24, 1-9pm: Celebrate Your PRIDE at the FESTIVAL
Festival takes place on the lawn of the County Administration Building and surrounding streets. Dozens of musical acts, over 100 vendors. Kids Space available. Free

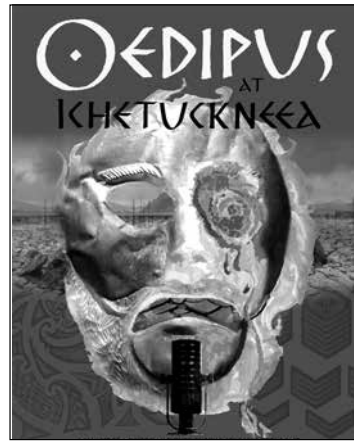
Sunday Oct 25, 9:15 & 11:15: Pride Sunday
The United Church of Gainesville, 1624 NW 5th Ave, will hold Gay Pride Sunday Services. Pride Message "Queering The Witness," The Rev. Dr. Shelly Wilson, Sr, Minister

Sunday Oct 25, 10:45: "Sex & Gender: Beyond Binary, A Discussion Of Current Scientific Thinking"
Georg Vollweiler, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology, Santa Fe College. Brunch follows in the Reimer Fellowship Hall at 12:15pm

Sunday Oct 25, 10:30am: 2nd Annual Gainesville Pride Brunch
Emiliano's Café, \$23.50 (includes tax and gratuity). Tickets limited and must be purchased by Oct 20 from GCA and PCCNCF

Theatre Santa Fe presents "Oedipus at Ichetuckneea" Oct. 15-17

In 2035, a sacred spring is threatened with pollution. A power-hungry ruler is blind to warnings about defiling Mother Earth. With their land in the midst of drought, people rally to save their water while aggressive reporters brag about "providing news that's 'Patently Palpable.'" A hip-hop chorus offers commentary and an old story is made new in "Oedipus at Ichetuckneea," a re-imagining of the tragedy "Oedipus the King" adapted by Santa Fe College Theatre Professor Gregg Jones and English Professor Stephen Robitaille from a script by Ian Johnston.



Set in the midst of a water crisis in a place much like Florida, "Oedipus at Ichetuckneea" is an allegory for climate change. The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 15-17, in the Fine Arts Hall at the Northwest Campus of Santa Fe College, 3000 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville. Tickets are \$15 main floor and \$12 balcony for adults; \$9 for seniors, children and University of Florida students; and free for Santa Fe College faculty, staff and students with college identification cards. For ticket information, call the Box Office at 352-395-4181 or visit the Fine Arts ticket website at: <http://www.sfcollege.edu/finearts>.

"Our concept is to create an immersive mixed-media theatre experience set in a dystopian future world where extreme drought and ultimate survival are the issues facing people in the fictitious kingdom of 'Ichetuckneea,'" Jones explained.

"This is our swan song," said Jones, who along with Robitaille will retire at the end of the 2015-2016 academic year. "We have a cast of 30 and a technical crew of 25, so over 50 students are involved in this production in addition to faculty and staff. Like the other plays I've directed recently, 'Oedipus at Ichetuckneea' deals with social themes and is designed as a teaching tool. I want students to learn about theatre arts so they can use those arts to make a difference in the world—this is theatre with a message! I want students to know they don't have to be stuck with doing Shakespeare and Tennessee Williams plays for the rest of their careers."

The role of Oedipus is played by Gainesville performance artist Tom Miller, who consulted with Jones several years ago about entering college as a nontraditional student on a theatre track. Miller did so well that he earned a scholarship at SF and is now a senior working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Florida.

"As art forms, theatre and film are merging and plays are combining technology with storytelling," Jones said. "Oedipus at Ichetuckneea" uses these ideas by making the audience part of the action with video screens on stage and in the lobby of the Fine Arts Hall. Students in the Graphic Design and Digital Media departments will get hands-on experience in play production as well as students in the Theatre, Dance, and Music departments. Digital Media Technology Associate Professor Wes

Lindberg is helping with the video and Robitaille is attending rehearsals to provide background to the actors from an English literature perspective.

The script incorporates references to today's news (a "climate crisis," water scarcity and water pollution) and to Florida landmarks (Ichetucknee Springs and the Silver River). An Artificial Intelligence Source (AIS), which Jones compares to science, plays the role of a computerized Oracle.

Development of the play can be followed on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Oedipusnew>

To tie the performances even more closely to Florida's waters, springs paintings by Margaret Ross Tolbert and photographs by John Moran will be displayed in the Fine Arts Hall lobby.

For more information about "Oedipus at Ichetuckneea," call Jones at 352-395-5004.

For more information about the Fine Arts Department or Fine Arts Hall, call Fine Arts Department Chairperson Alora Haynes, 352-395-5296. 🐾

The Gainesville Chapter of the United Nations Association

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**Thursday October 22, 2015 from 9 am to 2 pm
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2809 W University Avenue Gainesville, Florida**

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Focus: Sustainability, as the UN adopts the new Sustainability Goals.

Keynote Speaker: Cynthia Barnett will address the issue of water in a changing world and living more ethically with water.

Panelists: Barbara Oberlander will talk about Eleanor Roosevelt, the first Chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights.

David Price will present an overview of the UN's 70 years.

Luncheon: Box luncheons are available at \$17.00 each. Selections are: Veggie Wrap, Turkey Swiss Croissant, or Ham and Cheese Croissant

Please order by October 14, 2015 by contacting: Lisa Renner at ejrenner@hotmail.com or PO Box 358361, Gainesville, FL 32635-8361

The Association welcomes co-sponsors at \$30.00 each. The Gainesville Chapter of the UN Nations Association is a 501 (c) (3) 🐾

Confederate statue may move to Matheson

by Joe Courter

By a three-to-two vote after a long and varied discussion from citizens, the Alachua County Commission voted to offer the Confederate Soldier statue, which has been at the corner of Main St. and University Avenue since 1904, to the Matheson Historical Museum for placement on their grounds.

It was felt that the message of the statue, extolling the cause of the South which most historians agree was about perpetuation of the system of slavery, was not appropriate for land on which also had the Alachua County Administration Building, and that the museum was a more appropriate place. Keeping with the fact the statue was put up with private funds, it was decreed that private funds would also fund its move to the Matheson.

All this is contingent on the Board of the Matheson agreeing to the placement of the statue there, which will be decided at the end of October. Starting with a \$250 check from Commissioner Hutchinson, there are a number of donations already coming to the Matheson for what will likely be the \$10,000 to \$20,000 expense. This money will be held in an account until enough is raised, and, if for some reason the move does not happen, it will either be refunded or used for other museum projects at the discretion of the individual donors wishes.

Great credit is due to the citizen activists, particularly Jesse Arost and Faye Williams, who brought this issue to light, and it must be said, this was an educational community exercise, and it is indisputable that "Old Joe" got more attention in the last few months than he had in the last hundred years. 🐾

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Sunday Domingo



Radio Notes: Find schedules for WUFT, WGOT, and Grow Radio, our local non-corporate stations, at www.s.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 pg 13.

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.

11 Secular Sunday Assembly planning meeting, downtown library, 1:30 pm.

"Dare to Imagine", Squirrel Ridge Park, hosted by River Phoenix Ctr for Peacebuilding, 2-4:30 pm.

West African Dance Class, Sundays at CMC through Oct, 5 pm; \$5-10 requested (no one turned away).



NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

18 "LGBTQ Today" talk by Tara Lee, UUGF (4225 NW 34th St), 9 am.

Active Streets Gvl takes over Univ Ave, 11 am-3 pm - see pg 2.

PFLAG Family Reunion, 1st Magnitude Brewing, 11 am.

Pride Week Service at UUGF (4225 NW 34th St) on transgender issues & memorials, 11 am.

Green Party meets, dntn library, 2 pm (call 352-378-2787 for info).

25 Pride Sunday at United Church, 9 am.

Williston Atheists meet, Bronson Restaurant (157 N. Hathaway, Bronson), 11 am.

RPCP Sampler: 4 free mini-workshops, 10 am-5:30 pm: see centerforpeacebuilding.org/events/1082.

Pride Brunch, Emiliano's Café, 7 SE 1st Ave, 10:30 am: adv tix only, \$23.50 at Pride Ctr by 10/20.

FOL Book Sale, noon-6 pm.

Nov 1 The Fest 14 concludes.

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

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Monday Lunes

12 Nat'l Security/Civil Liberties talk by Hassan Shibly from CAIR (Council for American-Islamic Relations) at Fla Free Speech Forum, Paramount Plaza (2900 SW 13th St), 11:30 am.

Concerning Violence, doc based on Franz Fanon writings, Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm.

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

19 Guardianship law workshop, Millhopper Library (3145 NW 43rd St), 6 pm.

Author Tim Dorsey (Sharkskin Suite), Waldo Community Ctr (13558 NE 148th Ave), 6:30 pm.

Ten Years after Katrina: "Resilience," "Recovery" & REALITY, CMC doc, 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.

26 FOL Book Sale, noon-6 pm.

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

Science Café: Childhood Trauma - 6 pm: adv registration requested, see flmnh.ufl.edu/calendar/grid/science-cafe-fall-1/.

Let the Fire Burn: doc on 1985 Philadelphia police violence against MOVE group; CMC, 7 pm.

1946: Hillary Rodham (Clinton) born.

2 CMC documentary tba, 7 pm. GCAT meets - see 10/19.

1734: Daniel Boone born. 1865: Warren G. Harding born.

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

Tuesday Martes

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

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

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



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

Democratic Debate Watching Party, Market St Pub (112 SW 1st Ave), 7:30 pm; see pg 16.

Keep up with the CMC at www.civicmediacenter.org for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future (also see pg 18).

20 "Tolerance Trap" talk on LGB equality, UF Ustler Hall atrium, 3:30 pm.

School Board, 6 pm.

Monument Quilt Workshop, Wild Iris Books, 6 pm.

Tom Harkin on ADA, UF Reitz Union ballroom, 6:30 pm.

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

Diary of a Country Priest - 1951 avant-garde film, UF Fine Arts Plaza, 8 pm, free.

The Paisley Fields, Telomeres, The Mourning Glories: queer country show at CMC, 9 pm.

27 County Commission - see 10/13.

FOL Book Sale half-price day, noon-6 pm: see folacl.org.

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

Pickpocket - 1959 art film, UF Fine Arts Plaza, 8 pm, free.

Full Moon Bike Ride - meet at Maude's Café, 11:30 pm.

3 School Board, 6 pm.

The Conch - 1st Tuesday storytelling contest at Lightnin' Salvage, 7 pm.

Wednesday Miercoles

7 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.

Move to Amend meets weekly, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 6 pm.

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

The New Jim Crow discussion group, Mennonite church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 7 pm thru 10/14.

Capitalism 101, CMC, 7 pm.

14 Humanists on cycles of history, UUGF (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

All-Girl Frankenstein opens at Hipp, 7 pm (runs through 11/7).

Just Health Care meets, ACLC (Ste 204, 14 E. Univ Ave), 7 pm.

Mellow Soul - poetry & music night at CMC, 8 pm.

21 UNITY in CommUNITY march/rally starts at Hipp, 4 pm: see centerforpeacebuilding.org.

Health workshop by Citizens Co-op & Sundgren Chiropractic, CMC, 5 pm.

Choose to See: Exposing Local Sex Trafficking, E Auditorium, SFC NW campus, 7 pm.

Koch Brothers Exposed, shown by ACLC, dntown library, 7 pm.

ORIONID METEOR SHOWERS

28 FOL Book Sale 10¢ day, noon-6 pm.

"Archives, Archaeology and Architecture" - panel on UF & historic St. Augustine, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm.

"Drink with the Extinct!" - sip local brews by the mastodon at Fla Museum of Natural History for school-science fundraiser, 7 pm: \$25 members, \$30 public.

1886: Statue of Liberty dedicated.

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

IGUANA Deadline for Nov-Dec issue is Nov 3rd; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

8 Fla Constitution Revision talks by Bob Graham, Jon Mills, others: UF Levin Law College, 4 pm, free.

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

CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

Living Wage Campaign meets, ACEA (618 NW 13th Ave), 5:30 pm.

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

My Perestroika doc w/ dir. Robin Hessman, UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm.

Open Poetry every Thursday at CMC, now at 8 pm.

15 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Pink Ribbons Inc, Feminist Movie Night, UF Ustler Hall, 6 pm.

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

Oedipus at Ichetuckneea, SFC Fine Arts Hall, 7:30 pm, runs 15th-17th; see pg 10.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

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

22 "The UN at 70", Gvl Woman's Club (2809 W. Univ. Ave), 9 am-2 pm; pg 10.

Santa Fe Springs Protection Forum, 40 NW 1st Ave, High Springs, 9:30 am.

Women's Suffrage Panel, LWV, Matheson Museum, 6 pm, \$5.

Abby Goldsmith's Activism celebrated & 1st Abby G. Young Activist Award, Pride Ctr, 7 pm.

29 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

"Gainesville Gone Austin" country music Child Advocacy Ctr fundraiser, Santa Fe River Ranch (29220 NW 122nd St, Alachua), 6 pm: gainesvillegoneaustin.org.

"Turning Passion into Action" talk by Celeste Mergens, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm.

Shipwrecked opens, Actors Warehouse (608 N. Main St), 8 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

5 SSJ Sierra Club meets, UUGF (4225 NW 34th St), 7:30 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

1605: Gunpowder Plot thwarted.



Friday Viernes

9 Lauren Poe for Mayor campaign kickoff, 1st Magnitude, 5-7 pm.

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

CMC Fundraiser House Party at Jon & Julia Reiskind's, 7-10 pm.

Heavy Petty & Hedges play originals & Tom Petty songs: Free Friday downtown concert series, SW 2nd St & 2nd Ave, 8 pm; see pg 4.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

16 Pride Week begins: see pg 9 & gainesvillepride.org

John Lewis at University Auditorium, 5 pm; see pg 15.

Pride Community Awards Dinner, Sweetwater Branch Inn (625 E. Univ Ave), 6 pm, \$45.

"A Good Death" talk by Monica Williams-Murphy, Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE County Road 234), 6:30 pm.

Wester Joseph's Stereo Vudu rawks penultimate Free Friday concert, 8 pm.

Lydia opens at Acrosstown Rep (619 S. Main St), 8 pm; runs through 11/1.

Prototypes Version 3, Gallery Protocol (2029 NW 6th St), 8 pm.

23 Mick Marino & Friends cover Neil Young hits to wrap up Free Friday concert series, 8 pm.

Pride Pub Crawl starts at Jones B-Side (203 SW 2nd Ave), 8 pm, \$20 (\$15 in advance via Pride Ctr).

"Queen of Hearts" Womyn's Dance at Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 9 pm, \$25 (\$15 in advance via Pride Ctr).

30 The Fest 14 begins - see pg 14.

G'ville Downtown Artwalk, 7-10 pm; see pg 11.

"Artist-Naturalists in Florida: Then & Now" - opening reception for Doris Bardon Ctr in new location (1315 S. Main St), 7 pm: see thedoris.org.

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

Pithlachocco Returns! Halloween fundraiser for Alachua Conservation Trust, 1st Magnitude, ? pm; see pg 7.

6 "Farming & the Black Community", CMC, 7 pm.

Mass Arts 5 art show curated by Bill Bryson at 1st Magnitude, 7 pm; pg 15.

Transform - Hyde 'n' Zeke live performance of mid-1980s classic local album, Thomas Ctr, 7:30 pm - check Scene for ticket info.

Saturday Sabado

10 Native Plant Sale, Morning-side Nature Ctr (3540 E. University Ave), 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Thornebrooke Art Festival, 2441 NW 43 St., 10 am-5 pm, Sat & Sun.

Plant & Seed Swap, Highlands Presbyterian Church (1001 NE 16th Ave), noon.

Repurpose Project Fall Trash Festival, w/ family fun, music, food, beer: 1920 N.W. 23rd Ave, 4-8 pm.

17 Fall Plant Sale & Orchid Show, plus free open house, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens (4700 SW 58th Dr), 9 am-5 pm.

Teen Art Show, downtown library (401 E. Univ Ave); winners announced at reception, 1:30 pm.

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

Stonewall Democrats Friendraiser, inside 1st Magnitude Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St), 5 pm.

CMC Anniversary Fundraising Dinner, outside 1st Magnitude Brewing, 5-8 pm; see pg 17.

24 Radiant Hands benefit garage sale, UUGF, 8 am-noon.

FOL Book Sale opens, 430 N. Main St, 9 am-6 pm: great deals, byo boxes!

Advance Directives Workshop, Prairie Creek Lodge, 9 am-noon.

"The Muslim Jesus" interfaith dialog, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 10 am.

Lubee Bat Festival, 10 am-4 pm; see pg 24.

Paynes Prairie History Bus Tour, 10 am - see pg 5.

Home Voices of the Movement: Our Elders Speak - veteran activists speak out, CMC, noon-4 pm; \$5 requested.

Gvl Pride Parade/Festival - parade starts 7th St & W. Univ Ave, 11 am; festival, at Main St & Univ Ave & nearby streets, 1-9 pm; free.

Kids Herb Fest, 1st Mag, 2 pm.

31 The Fest 14 continues. "Mary McLeod Bethune: An American Legend" talk by Dr. Ashley Robertson, Matheson Museum, 2:30 pm, \$5.

HALLOWEEN

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

367 days 'til 2016 national election. 1962: Richard M Nixon holds "last" press conference.



The Civic Media Center to host acoustic side of The Fest



Riot folk punker Greg Rekus, from Winnipeg, stomps up a storm.

The Fest is an amazing Gainesville happening, wrecking Halloween for some, and largely a bro-fest. (A line of 25 guys was seen lining up to pee in Palomino, while women were just going in and out of their side.) You, Iguana

reader, are again invited to spend a day or three at the acoustic side of the Fest, at the Civic Media Center. You will see performers from around the U.S. and beyond in short sets.

All ages are welcome with a \$10 donation or free with a FEST 14 Pass

The CMC doesn't make anything from wristband wearers, the walk-up \$10 is ours to keep. See the whole schedule at <www.thefestfl.com> and click on bands for background info.

Here's the CMC's line-up:

Friday, Oct. 30

11:30 pm-midnight - KOJI
10:10-10:40 pm - Chris Farren
9:30-10:00 pm - Grey Gordon

8:50-9:20 pm - Billy The Kid
8:10-8:40 pm - Jon Creeden
7:30-8:00 pm - Jesse LeBourdais
6:50-7:20 pm - Living Room (acoustic)
6:30 pm - doors open

Saturday, Oct. 31

11:30 pm-midnight - Sunshine State (Decedents/All cover acoustic set)
10:50-11:20 pm - Jon Creeden
10:10-10:40 pm - War on Women (acoustic)
9:30-10:00 pm - Boyfriend Material
8:50-9:20 pm - Joe Blake
8:10-8:40 pm - Elway (Tim - acoustic)
7:30-8:00 pm - Dan Potthast
6:50-7:20 pm - Mikey Erg
6:10-6:40 pm - Kepi Ghoulie
5:30-6:00 pm - KJ Chixdiggit (acoustic)
4:50-5:20 pm - James Alex
4:10-4:40 pm - Coffee Project
3:30-4:00 pm - Shaun the Revelator
3:00 - doors open

Sunday, Nov. 1

8:30-9:00 pm - TBD
7:50-8:20 pm - Henrietta (acoustic)
7:10-7:40 pm - Dave Dondero
6:30-7:00 pm - The Lion and the Wolf
5:50-6:20 pm - Toby Foster
5:10-5:40 pm - Will Staler (Defiance, OH)
4:30-5:00 pm - Bob Nanna
3:50-4:20 pm - Options
3:10-3:40 pm - Edmonton (Kiiks - acoustic)
2:30-3:00 pm - Greg Rekus
1:50-2:20 pm - Sammy H Stephens
1:10-1:40 pm - Everymen
noon - doors open

Civil rights activist to speak on Voting Rights Act

The Voting Rights Act, signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on August 6, 1965, aimed to overcome legal barriers at the state and local levels that prevented African Americans from exercising their right to vote under the 15th Amendment. The act significantly widened the franchise and is considered among the most far-reaching pieces of civil rights legislation in U.S. history. Part of the law was overturned by a Supreme Court decision in 2013.

Civil Rights Activist and Representative John Lewis (D-GA) will speak about the Voting Rights Act - its tumultuous beginning and the events leading to its passage, and the impacts it has had after 50 years. Rep. Lewis has recently introduced legislation that will update the Voting Rights Act making it more applicable to the issues faced by contemporary society and overcoming the decision of the Supreme Court. He will speak on Friday, October 16 at 6 p.m. in the University Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Prior to Rep. Lewis' talk, a roundtable discussion will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. titled, "Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act." The roundtable will feature UF Political Science Professor Michael McDonald, author Ari Berman (whose new book, Give Us the Ballot, was recently reviewed by Rep. Lewis), journalist Brentin Mock, and Miami-based attorney Lida Rodriguez-Taseff, who is on the Board of Directors of Latino Justice. The roundtable will be moderated by UF Political Science Professor Dan Smith.

The event and roundtable is sponsored by the Bob Graham Center, the Department of Political Science, the Samuel L. Proctor Oral History Program, the African American Studies Program, the College of Journalism and Communications, the College of Liberal

Arts and Sciences, UF Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, Chomp the Vote, Democracy Fund, UFF State & Local Politics Fund.



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News from Gainesville's Home Van Food Pantry

by Arupa Freeman

The Home Van Food Pantry is doing a very large business as things continue to go badly, both in terms of the economy and the access to food in the downtown area. The Salvation Army has stopped serving dinner except on Fridays and is planning to drop meal services all together at the end of the year. There are also people coming down from Dignity Village to receive food, since the kitchen at Grace is not yet operational. Although we are a food pantry for homeless people, some elderly people who have (thank God) a roof over their heads but not much else, are also coming to receive food. We do not discriminate. Some people would like to be going to Grace for meals but they've lost their bus pass (as you may recall, the city gave out permanent bus passes to homeless people earlier this year). They have been told that bus passes can't be replaced. It is hard to keep track of one's belongings living of the streets (it's hard enough living inside, as I've discovered), and one's belongings are much more likely to be stolen if you're homeless. There is also the photo ID problem. If you lose your photo ID you cannot get service at a food pantry or many other places. That is bureaucratic cruelty. Under the Patriot Act photo IDs are very hard to get and even harder to replace. Is our society really going to let people starve because they don't have the right pieces of paper? Sounds to me like something out of Germany in the early 30s. My Jewish friends often say that we must never forget history, particularly that history, because, among other things, it teaches the lesson that good people can be

lulled, one step at a time, into unspeakable evil.

We might need some civil disobedience. I am dealing with an extremely boring but non-threatening ailment called Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, so I can't organize civil disobedience events or rallies at this time. Maybe someone else could take this on. "HEY HEY BUREAUCRATS, HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL YOU STARVE TODAY". Well, surely one of you can come up with something better than that. In case anyone is wondering, yes, I am angry about all this.

Some of you may be wondering why we still have homeless people downtown. There is the bus pass problem, the problem of people with mental illness who are afraid or unwilling to go outside their comfort zone, the old hermits who just don't want to, and others who for various reasons don't want to be way out on the edge of town. I think Grace Market Place and Dignity Village are evolving into good places that will solve the problem of homelessness for many people, but in the meantime, everybody has to eat today and tomorrow and all the other days of the week.

In the meantime, I also have a lot of gratitude for the support so many of you are giving to our little food pantry. There are even elves who drop food through the hole in the screen and disappear!

At this time, we are particularly in need of donations of small jars of creamy peanut butter. Chunky soups, canned meats, beanie weenies and anything Chef Boy Ardee are also much appreciated.

LIES, from p. 1

No matter where you fall politically, we can all agree that it's dangerous to attack—or defend—Planned Parenthood without knowing the facts about the organization. In the recent Republican debates, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush asserted that he wasn't against women's health care—just Planned Parenthood, using the reasoning that many women could get the same services from other providers. But Vox's Sarah Kliff debunked that logic—most women don't have the options or resources to just “go somewhere else.”

With that in mind, here are the five biggest myths about Planned Parenthood.

1) Abortion comprises most of Planned Parenthood's services

The most popular statistics on Planned Parenthood state that abortions make up as much as 94 percent of their total services—or as little as three percent. But there's a bit more to it than that.

Planned Parenthood claims that its total services are made up of 42 percent STD/STI testing and treatment, 34 percent contraception services, 11 percent other kinds women's health treatment, nine percent cancer screening and protection, three percent abortion services, and one percent that's classified as “other.” This category includes adoption referrals and family planning. Some of these services actually take place at Planned Parenthood, while others include referrals the organization may make on behalf of a patient.

Where things get murky is in the areas of when it comes down to the dollar signs. Critics of Planned Parenthood often attack the idea that all these services should be counted the same, as abortion often costs more than more routine services the organization provides. As the Washington Post's Michelle Ye Hee Le writes, “advocates and opponents of abortion rights have calculated somewhere between 15 percent and 37 percent of the organization's annual non-government health services revenue comes from abortion services.” But real figures on the subject are hard to come by.

But even while the three percent statistic doesn't account for the total amount of revenue abortion provides the organization, the idea that 94 percent of women come to Planned Parenthood to receive abortions is inaccurate. And it discounts all the other services Planned Parenthood provides, like the 1.13 million pregnancy tests given to women every year.

2) The Planned Parenthood videos show a fetus being harvested for its brain

One of the reasons that Carly Fiorina effectively won the second Republican debate was a horrifying description the former Hewlett-Packard CEO gave of one of the aforementioned Planned Parenthood videos. Fiorina recalled an especially gruesome scene, wherein she saw “a fully formed fetus on the table, its heart beating, its legs kicking, while someone says we have to keep it alive to harvest its brain.”

The only problem? This never happened in any of the videos Fiorina was mentioning.

What Fiorina may have been referring to was an anti-abortion documentary called Human Capital, which does include footage of a moving fetus. However, that scene was not filmed at Planned Parenthood. The documentary also includes an interview with a former procurement technician—a biomedical research company employee who obtains fetal tissue—who claims that she was once commanded to extract brain tissue from an aborted fetus.

It's impossible to prove whether the technician was telling the truth about her experiences, but the real problem is that Human Capital does not actually contain any footage like the moment Fiorina described.

3) Planned Parenthood is selling fetal tissue for profit

It's important to remember that no matter how upsetting the various Planned Parenthood sting videos may be to watch, there is no record of Planned Parenthood making money off fetal tissue. As Kliff notes, “the videos do show Planned Parenthood officials discussing fetal tissue, sometimes in ways that are callous and jarring. But there is no moment where Planned Parenthood discusses procuring fetal tissue for profit.”

The source of confusion likely stems from the fact that Planned Parenthood receives between \$30 and \$100 per patient from biomedical research companies as a reimbursement for the cost of collection, storage, and transport of fetal tissue. As Sherilyn J. Sawyer, director of biorepository for Harvard University and Brigham and Women's Hospital, told FactCheck, “in reality, \$30-100 probably constitutes a loss” for Planned Parenthood.

While donation of fetal tissue may be controversial issue, the New York Times explains that “scientists at major universities and government labs have

quietly been using fetal tissue for decades.” The Times' Denise Grady and Nicholas St. Fleur report, “They say it is an invaluable tool for certain types of research, including the study of eye diseases, diabetes, and muscular dystrophy.”

And as bioethicist R. Alta Charo of the University of Wisconsin writes, “virtually every person in this country has benefited from research using fetal tissue.” She continues, “Every child who's been spared the risks and misery of chickenpox, rubella, or polio can thank the Nobel Prize recipients and other scientists who used such tissue in research yielding the vaccines that protect us (and give even the unvaccinated the benefit of herd immunity).”

The donation of fetal tissue is actually very common, with countless women choosing to do so (with the consultation of a doctor) after their abortions each year. This might seem shocking, but in the race to find cures for ailments like Alzheimer's and ALS, it's also incredibly important.

4) Defunding Planned Parenthood is a guaranteed way to save taxpayer money

For years, critics have been calling for the federal government to defund Planned Parenthood. But the idea that defunding Planned Parenthood is both the morally and fiscally responsible decision doesn't add up.

For one thing, Planned Parenthood isn't just funded on a federal level—it's also allocated state by state. This is great for someone like Jeb Bush, who has been able to capitalize off his successful campaign to defund Planned Parenthood in his home state of Florida—now ranked as one of the worst states for women's health. But since this is also a state-by-state issue, other states are free to decide whether they want to defund Planned Parenthood on an individual basis. And as long as federal funding does exist, states like Florida can't stop the organization from getting government money.

That's because the truth is that defunding Planned Parenthood could in fact end up costing the taxpayers money—rather than saving it. ThinkProgress' Bryce Covert estimate that Medicaid spending would increase \$650 million without the contraceptive services Planned Parenthood provides. And in Texas, where family planning services were cut by \$73 million in 2011, it was determined that an additional cost of \$273 million in federal Medicaid coverage would be required to make up for getting rid of

these expenses in the first place.

According to Congressional Budget Office Director Keith Hall, this problem would look just as bad on a national level. Hall argued that cutting Planned Parenthood funding would lead to an increase in public spending of \$130 million over 10 years.

5) Planned Parenthood doesn't help advance women's health

In Florida, 25 percent of all women are uninsured—second only to Texas. And the statistics get worse from there: In

addition, 20 percent of women report being in poor health and don't have access to doctors or healthcare providers. And 23 of Florida's counties don't have any practicing OB/GYN.

Women in these places are the ones who need Planned Parenthood the most. The CBO estimated that 650,000 women across the country would lose partial access to healthcare if the organization were to be defunded, which would lead to more unplanned pregnancies due to less

access to birth control. This makes sense: In 18 states surveyed, Planned Parenthood helps provide access to 40 percent of women who receive birth control. In 11 other states, the number is even higher: Half of like women with access to contraceptives got them from Planned Parenthood.

The facts show that abortion may be a controversial issue, but Planned Parenthood should not be. No matter your feelings on the issue, keeping Planned Parenthood open is important for women and important for America. ✨

CMC celebrates 22nd anniversary!

The Civic Media Center will mark the start of its 22nd year on Saturday, Oct. 17, with a fundraising (it just doesn't stop!) event at one of the coolest and most community-friendly spaces in town, First Magnitude Brewing Company, 1220 SE Veitch St. It is one block east of S. Main and a block south of the Gainesville-Hawthorne bike trail, at the south edge of the soon to be Depot Park.

Our event will run from 5-8 pm, and includes dinner prepared from produce donated by various local farms including Frog Song Organics, Glades Ridge Dairy, Possum Hollow farm, Siembre Farm, and Farmer John as well as raffle and silent auction items from local supporters such as John Moran, Civilization, Crane Ramen, Whiskey House, Midnight, Frog Song Organics, North West Seafood and Loosey's. Great beer will of course be available from our hosts at First Mag. Music and sound system by the Weeds of Eden with other performers TBA.

Dinner will be available to those who purchase a wristband by making a \$25 donation, but those who just want to come and show support can attend as well for a suggested \$10. Please come, and if you can't, please consider a donation anyway.

Over the years the CMC has touched the hearts and minds of many people with the speakers it has brought to town, the numerous events it has organized, the books and other publications read, and bonds of friendship and solidarity formed among those who have met and worked together in this unique and valued community resource. Due to a multiplicity of factors, this year has been a really hard one financially, so while we can celebrate the past, we need your help to rise to the challenges we face. Direct donations can be made to the CMC website via PayPal <www.civicmediacenter.org> or by the mail to 433 S. Main St. Gainesville, FL 32601. ✨



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WAR, from p. 1

Is it any wonder that President Obama and his cohorts are stymied and dumbfounded by Russia's maneuver? What are they supposed to say — that Russia doesn't have the authority to fight terrorism? That the U.S. government is the world's sole international policeman that wields the power to ferret out and kill "terrorists"?

Obama and his interventionist acolytes within the mainstream press are complaining that Russia isn't bombing ISIS and other targets within Syria that the Pentagon is bombing. Instead, they lament, Russia is bombing targets that are seeking the ouster of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad — targets that consist of rebels who the CIA has trained and supported, with the aim of ousting Assad from power.

But wait a minute! Who says that the U.S. national-security establishment has a monopoly on determining who exactly a "terrorist" is or a monopoly on determining the best way to fight "terrorism"?

Civic Media Center Events

Details of events at www.civicmediacenter.org

- Every Thu Weekly Volunteer Meeting, 5:30pm
Every Thu Weekly Poetry Jam, 8pm
- Wed 10/07 Capitalism 101 presented by UF Radical Student Alliance, 7pm
Sun 10/11 West African Dance Class, \$5-10 suggested donation, 5-6:30pm
Mon 10/12 Film screening: "Concerning Violence," \$3-5 suggested donation, 7pm
Wed 10/14 Mellow Soul, 8 pm
Sat 10/17 Wild Iris Free Store @ 6 pm
Sat 10/17 CMC 22nd Anniversary Fundraising Dinner @ 1st Magnitude Brewing Company, 1220 SE Veitch St, 5-8 pm
Sun 10/18 West African Dance Class, \$5-10 suggested donation, 5-6:30pm
Mon 10/19 Film screening & discussion: "Ten Years after Katrina: Resilience, Recovery & Reality," \$3-5 suggested donation, 7 pm
Wed 10/21 Citizen's Co-op and the Sundgren Chiropractic Health Center Health Workshop, 5-6 pm
Sat 10/24 Elders Speak Panel, noon-4pm
Sun 10/25 West African Dance Class, \$5-10 suggested donation 5-6:30pm
Mon 10/26 Film screening: "Let the Fire Burn," \$3-5 suggested donation, 7pm
Fri 10/30 FEST 14 at the CMC
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Mon 11/2 Film screening TBA, 7pm
Fri 11/6 Farming & the Black Community, 7pm
Sun 11/8 West African Dance Class, \$5-10 suggested donation 5-6:30pm
Mon 11/16 Alachua County Labor Coalition hosts Movie Monday, 7pm
Tue 11/17 Ecology of the Police State w/UF RSA, 7pm
Fr 11/20 Youth Speak Panel, 7pm



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In Syria, Russia maintains that people who are trying to violently oust the government from power are the terrorists while Obama, the Pentagon, and the CIA say that those people are "freedom fighters" (except for ISIS, who, they maintain, are actually terrorists even though they too are trying to oust Assad from power.)

Yet, if we shift our attention over to, say, Egypt, which is governed by one of the most brutal and vicious military dictatorships in history, we see U.S. officials taking a different perspective. In Egypt, U.S. officials take the side of the military dictators by saying that the Egyptian citizens who are trying to oust the dictatorship from power are the "terrorists."

That's, in fact, why U.S. officials continue to flood the Egyptian dictatorship with weaponry and armaments, to help it maintain its dictatorial hold on power, just as Russia is doing in Syria to help maintain the Syrian dictatorship's hold on power.

The fact is that President Obama and the U.S. national-security establishment lack any moral standing whatsoever to complain about Russia's intervention into Syria.

Obviously, Russia's intervention into Syria magnifies the potential for conflict between Russia and the United States, a conflict that could easily spiral out of control. Is that a good thing for the American people? Clearly not! Getting into a war with a nuclear power is never a good idea. But that's the direction in which the U.S. national-security establishment is heading our nation.

Obviously, the sanctions that Obama imposed on Russia, with the aim of having Russian officials kowtow to the U.S. national-security state, have not succeeded in achieving their end. Indeed, arguably the sanctions incited Russia to intervene in Syria as a way to spite Obama and his sanctions system.

What's happening in Syria is just one more manifestation of what the national-security state and the philosophy of foreign empire and interventionism are doing to our country (and to the world). Not only are they leading our nation to bankruptcy, owing to the out-of-control federal spending and borrowing to fund all this destructive nonsense, they are making the world more unsafe for Americans.

Look at Iraq. Look at Afghanistan. Look at Yemen, where Saudi Arabian forces just bombed a wedding party, just as U.S. officials did repeatedly in Afghanistan. Look at Ukraine, where the U.S.-supported coup and NATO's movement toward Russia's borders incited the predictable Russian response in Crimea and Ukraine.

Look at the massive refugee crisis in Europe. It is a direct consequence of the U.S. military death machine's interventionist antics in Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Syria, and Afghanistan.

Where are the Middle East paradises they promised with their interventions? Where are the free societies they promised would accompany their invasions and occupations? Where is the order and stability they assured us would result from the massive death and destruction they have wreaked in the Middle East and Afghanistan?

Everywhere you look, the old Cold War era national-security state leaves nothing but death, destruction, suffering, impoverishment, enslavement, tyranny, and bankruptcy.

How long are the American people going to permit this to go on? How bad do things have to get before Americans say: Enough is enough — it's time to dismantle the old Cold War era Pentagon, CIA, NSA, military-industrial complex, and America's foreign empire of military bases and restore the limited-government, constitutional republic that our American ancestors intended for our nation, which would finally bring us the freedom, peace, prosperity, and harmony for which we all yearn? ☘



GROWRADIO.org programming schedule

Grow Radio is a listener-supported, Gainesville-based Internet radio station that provides community members an opportunity to create and manage engaging, educational, informative, locally-generated programming to promote fine, musical and visual arts and humanities for the enrichment of the Gainesville community.

Grow Radio is changing its format, moving from live-streaming, free-form 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 4 pm Paper Beats Rock
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
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 Ecstasy 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 ☘

Elections coming!

by Joe Courter

Creeping up on the horizon is another round of elections and campaigning.

Coming on March 15 will be City elections, which will include a Mayors race that should prove interesting to say the least. Current Mayor Ed Braddy will face a challenge from Lauren Poe, a solid moderately progressive Democrat. Lauren's campaign is just kicking off as we got to press. Another race will be for the good guy but term-limited Randy Well's District 4 seat. John Uman, who challenged Keith Perry last election cycle, is one announced candidate but more are expected to join. Oh and then there is the Presidential Primary, of which we have one word: BERNIE!

Further down the road, Ed Emery will be challenging Ted Yoho, the tea party wacko who is thanks to gerrymandering our US Congressman. Others might jump in here, too; it is way early to know but, while up hill, is definitely worth to fight to get him out if we can. ☘

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History and the people who make it: Dezeray Lyn

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler. This is the 30th in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida.

Dezeray Lyn was interviewed by Jessica Taylor [T] and Lara Alqasem [A] in 2009.

T: Where were you born?

L: In Hollywood, Florida [in 1978]. I had a lot of siblings and we had financial difficulties so we moved a lot and had a house foreclosed on. It was just difficult.

When I was in school and Desert Storm was going on was the first that I heard about war and conflict. But I wasn't in the proper mental state to pursue any knowledge about the specifics. I felt very removed from what was happening.

T: What was the point where you were able to focus on these?

L: It started with animal rights. I got an email of a picture of animals a hunter had killed and it spelled out the word PETA. And I didn't think it was funny and I didn't know what PETA meant. So I looked up, what is this? I saw this video called "Meet Your Meat." I'm not a supporter of PETA now, but I went vegan on the spot. From there I learned about a lot of other issues, environmental issues and social issues, what was being done to animals worldwide. That launched me into this whole world that I even didn't expect that just started from an email one day.

T: To you what is the relationship between animal rights issues and human rights issues?

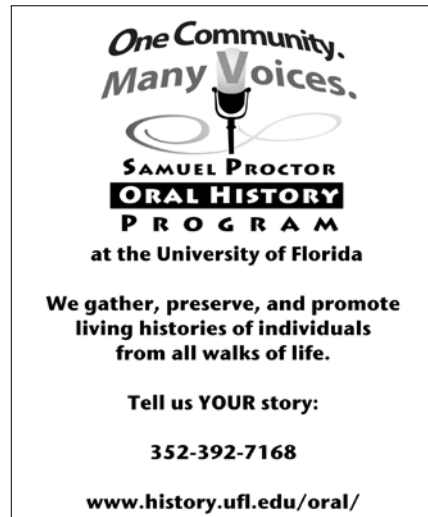
L: They're sentient beings: they should have freedom of movement, freedom from pain and exploitation. Eating meat is seeing to it that people are going hungry all over the world because the land that's clear-cut for cattle grazing and the wheat that goes into feeding animals could be feeding the world. Suffering is linked between species, between countries, between cultures. Once my eyes were opened to that I started becoming really sensitive, like a sunburn.

T: When was the moment that you were interested in the Israel-Palestine conflict?

L: In 2008 when Cast Lead, which was

a genocidal offensive against the people in Gaza happened, it seemed just so crazy that it couldn't be real. I started doing Friday demonstrations at the Israeli consulate. I was living in Philadelphia at the time and went to D.C. to march against U.S. complicity and funding what was happening, and found out about the white phosphorous gas that was being used. People are being maimed and killed and it was very visceral and scary.

At the time, I was involved in numerous things like the Occupy Movement, Food Not Bombs, different homeless



advocacy groups. One other person and I co-founded this group called The Better World Project in Philadelphia.

I've always painted hubcaps and left them in the streets, tied them to light poles. Just wanted people to see pretty things, taking trash and making something beautiful out of it. So we were having light pole art galleries. We were collecting garbage and doing White House crime scenes out of boxes, and doing displays and newsstands like, this is the real news. We would do scale models of the situation in Iraq, and in Palestine. it was really crude artwork using trash. We were trying to do different things so that people in their daily life walk around and see random pieces of artwork and information on it about workers' struggles, or consumer politics and stuff.

T: What were the effects of your artwork?

L: We never stayed to find out. We left stuff anonymously. We travelled from

Philadelphia to Florida, and then across to the west coast. We stopped in different cities, everywhere: Baton Rouge, Phoenix, San Francisco, Dallas. We would do these things and just leave them and walk away. Hopefully people saw them and read them and cared, and it added a little something different into their day.

T: Can you talk about the main [organization] that you work with?

L: The Palestine group? Yeah, International Women's Peace Service. My friend here, I don't wanna say her name - I met her on a Day of Rage during the bombing in Gaza. I was talking to her about how I wanted to go to Gaza, to do something, and she'd been there like seven times. She was telling me about the International Women's Peace Service and, throughout the following year, we talked a lot about it. Then I became involved in a Block the Boat movement, her and I kind of co-founded it, and things got really, really intense during this campaign. Once I got money up to go, then I learned a lot about them.

They're located in a village called Deir Istiya. Women come, they work out of this volunteer house, and they do numerous things, like provide accompaniment for farmers facing violence from settlers, they interview. Interviews can be former prisoners, families whose children have been killed, or their husbands or wives have been killed by the occupying force, shepherds, or anything. Also, engaging in and supporting nonviolent resistance to the occupation and intervening in human rights abuses. International Women's Peace Service has been around since 2002 and they have a really good reputation in Palestine. I'll be going back either with them or International Solidarity Movement in September.

T: Can you talk a little bit about how things unfolded there?

L: When I arrived at the airport, my friend here had gone with me and we pretended we didn't know each other in case one of us was flagged. She was taken away and interrogated, deported, and I got through. So from the beginning it was harrowing. I got to the village and it was a giant culture shock. Immediately I started working, doing interviews, and found it's a very sad and very frightening place.

The first two weeks I didn't think I could stay the whole time and it just seemed really upsetting and emotional. I had a really difficult time, especially after the first demonstration I went to, and the tear gas and being shot at. Just really frightening.

But after the third week, getting connected to the land and the people and I felt like roots were growing really quickly. And I wanted to stay there. I got really, really involved in the work and doing reports, as many as I could, I wanted to see all the refugee camps, and expose myself to as much as possible. There's so much more that I wasn't able to come close to touching, which is why I felt like my work was not finished there. It was a really amazing, stressful, scary, powerful experience, and really beautiful.

I didn't wanna leave, I was gonna stay until I was deported. But I have a court case here that I had to come back for. It was really, really difficult and I was really conflicted leaving there. Going through Israel to Tel Aviv to leave was really upsetting because, whereas a couple days earlier I was running from these soldiers shooting at us, there they're on the bus with me. Many, many soldiers on the buses and walking down the street while I was trying to get to the airport. It was really strange, kind of a shock and uncomfortable.

T: Can you talk about the airport incident when you were trying to get there?

L: If you're there in any kind of human rights capacity and they suspect it or have proof of it, they'll deport you and ban you. You have to get a solid story together. We expected both of us to get through, but we set up two different meetup points, just in case. She was in a line aside from me and up ahead, and I saw her getting questioned for a minute or two, and someone came around the counter and took her away. It was thirty-one hours before I knew what had happened to her.

During one of the trips that she was there, the Israeli Times did an article about I.W.P.S. They weren't supportive of Palestinian liberation, so they did a really ugly article. They mentioned not only her name but her home, her address, her husband's name, and where she lived.

It could've been really dangerous for her, because if some person was very Zionist and against Palestinian human rights activists, they could have easily

gone to her home and hurt her or her family. Because of this article, her name was flagged.

The article had come out three years earlier. They took her aside, questioned her, yelled at her, get out of here, you're a liar, and all this stuff. She was trying to pacify them and let them know that she wasn't there to help Palestinians, she wanted to visit the Holy Land. But they ended up not believing her. Questioned for four hours, held for ten, and then deported and she's banned for ten years from coming back. But I don't feel that after ten years they say, oh, okay, you probably don't care about Palestine anymore so you can come back in. So it's tantamount to a lifetime ban.

T: You said that when you first got there you felt a culture shock. Can you explain that?

L: First of all, visually it's completely different than anything I've ever experienced. It's really, really beautiful. The hills are really beautiful, there's ancient olive trees. But also things like the military presence, these watchtowers, and these Israeli flags everywhere and barbed wire and the wall and checkpoints, heavily armed people standing there. When I first got to the village, one of the people that I was gonna volunteer with told me, wait at the corner, I'm gonna send a taxi for you, but be careful. This is not just a settler-only road, but settlers go through here to go to the settlements and they'd just, a few weeks before, tried to kidnap two kids and shot at them and they were going through all this trauma now. Be careful if you see a yellow license plate, which identifies an Israeli car.

It was a climate I wasn't used to where I didn't feel safe anywhere. I worried about homes being raided 'cause the home I stayed at had tried to be raided weeks before I got there. They actually broke the metal door so they couldn't get in. We had conversations like, if they come, what do we do? So immediately it was like, okay, this is very different from what I'm used to. Palestinians, they're very kind and very welcoming and very open. Come into my home, and have some tea. And the military presence and the occupation ... it was just different.

T: What was the point that you decided that you wanted to stay until you had to leave?

L: I think it was when I went to Hebron. In the villages, it was somewhat quiet, but when I went to Hebron to work with I.S.M., that's where everything changed. I got really angry and really defiant while I was there. The occupation is right up in your face. There's soldiers all over the streets, checkpoints everywhere. Just to get to where the checkpoint is to monitor the children coming in, there's numerous checkpoints you have to go through. There's signs, "This land was stolen by Arabs," and "This is our land now," and there's hundreds of Israeli flags everywhere. It's like a graffiti battle of "Free Palestine," and then they'll spray paint blue stars over it. There are homes in cages.

You were very clearly on one side or the other. You're very obviously in the middle of a military occupation. You can very clearly see the result of what's happening on these families and you can clearly see what the agenda is. There's segregated roads there that Arabs and Palestinians can't travel on so you're yelled at by soldiers, give me your passport! We have to make sure you're not Arab!

That was where things started to change for me. I met a lot of people from the International Solidarity Movement and they were very kind and supportive. I met a lot of Palestinians, like medics and people at demonstrations and people at Palestinian-based resistance groups there. They were very helpful.

Palestinians, even if you don't know them, are gonna help you get to where you need to go or stop in the street and ask you if you need a ride. It's not hard to get connected with people there really quickly.

See [http://ufdc.ufl.edu/1/AA00035192/00001?search=dezeray+=lyn for the full transcript of this interview; look for a second segment in the next issue of the Iguana.](http://ufdc.ufl.edu/1/AA00035192/00001?search=dezeray+=lyn%20for%20the%20full%20transcript%20of%20this%20interview;look%20for%20a%20second%20segment%20in%20the%20next%20issue%20of%20the%20Iguana)

The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program believes that listening carefully to first-person narratives can change the way we understand history, from scholarly questions to public policy. SPOHP needs the public's help to sustain and build upon its research, teaching, and service missions: even small donations can make a big difference in SPOHP's ability to gather, preserve, and promote history for future generations. 🐢

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 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.sjsierra.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. Meetings are at 6:30pm Wednesdays on campus, 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.



11th Annual Bat Festival on Oct. 24

The 2015 festival is on Saturday, October 24, from 10am-4pm. The 11th Annual Florida Bat Festival is an opportunity for attendees to view giant fruit bats, tour the conservancy grounds and enjoy the great outdoors while learning about how fruit bats benefit environments and ecosystems worldwide. Last year we welcomed over 4,400 guests and attendance is expected to increase this year. The conservancy is not open to the general public on a regular basis, so this event is a rare opportunity for wildlife lovers to see our bats up-close.

The bats at Lubee boast wingspans of up to six feet across. Guests will get to observe how the bats interact with each other, play with their toys and eat a variety of fruits and vegetables, a truly unique sight. Food and refreshments, and “batty” merchandise (including bat houses) will be available for purchase at the event. Also, other local environmental organizations will offer educational materials at their booths spread across the beautiful grounds of the conservancy.

The festival is a fun, relaxing and recreational experience for the whole family with free activities, including bat-themed crafts and games for kids, educational exhibits, bouncy huts provided by Space Walk and presentations by bat experts. All proceeds of the festival help support bat conservation and education programs. The festival is held at Lubee Bat Conservancy, a 110-acre ranch, located at 1309 N.W. 192nd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32609.

Admission is free, although donations are encouraged. We highly recommend grabbing your friends or family and carpooling! For more information, please email us at batfest@lubee.org or See more at: <http://lubee.org/events/annual-bat-festival/#sthash.JXH87t7x.dpuf>. 🦇

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by Robert Parry

<https://consortiumnews.com/2015/10/01/should-us-ally-with-al-qaeda-in-syria/>

Republican Rep. Jason Chaffetz's dishonest graph regarding Planned Parenthood

<http://freethoughtblogs.com/pharyngula/2015/09/29/im-filing-this-one-away-as-an-example-of-one-of-the-most-dishonest-graphs-ever/>

And a correction of said dishonest graph

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/09/29/1426029/-I-ve-corrected-the-chart-Rep-Chaffetz-presented-at-today-s-Planned-Parenthood-hearing#>

How Bernie Sanders Shaped the Northeast Punk Scene

by Paul Blest

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The Prominence and Plight of Girls in the Criminal Justice System

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