



# The Gainesville Iguana

April 2016  
Vol. 30, Issue 4

## Noam Chomsky on income inequality, student debt crisis

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.  
Jan. 22, 2016

Following is an excerpt from an interview with Noam Chomsky provided by David Barsamian's Alternative Radio. AR, established in 1986, is a weekly one-hour public affairs program offered free to all public radio stations in the U.S., Canada, Europe and beyond. AR provides information, analyses and views that are frequently ignored or distorted in other media. Their funding depends on individual donations and subscriptions. Learn more and support AR at [www.alternative-radio.org](http://www.alternative-radio.org).

*While the cost of living goes up, wages fall, and we keep seeing in each of our states the ability to have a secure retirement is also falling, while at the same time it seems the top one percent just keep getting richer. How long do you think we can sustain this trend before the system just breaks?*

If you haven't looked at it yet, you might pick up on the Internet the latest Oxfam report. Oxfam comes out with a detailed analysis of global inequality every year. They just came out with their last one.

*See CHOMSKY, p. 16*

### INSIDE ...

Editors' Picks .....	2
From the Publisher .....	3
Event Calendar .....	12-13
Radio Programming .....	18
CMC Events .....	19
Oral History .....	20-21
Directory .....	22-23



*Cara Jennings, a former Lake Worth city commissioner, criticizes Florida Gov. Rick Scott at a Starbucks on April 5, in a video that has gone viral. The video, with captions, can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkTgBUYUkMM>.*

## Q&A: This is why I went off on Florida Gov. Rick Scott at Starbucks

By Mary Emily O'Hara

Reprinted from the April 6 Daily Dot at  
<http://bit.ly/1PUod0X>

Cara Jennings is a force of nature.

Total disclosure: Cara is an old friend of mine. We spent our twenties traveling to many of the same protests, in an activist performance-art troupe called the Radical Cheerleaders that Cara founded in the late 1990s with her two sisters, Aimee and Colleen. As a young civil rights movement within itself, radical cheerleaders were often found yelling loudly about things like feminism, environmental justice, and labor rights at anyone who was within earshot.

So it wasn't much of a shock when I logged onto Facebook Tuesday night to discover that a video of Cara had gone viral—a video in which she reads Florida Gov. Rick Scott to filth in a Gainesville Starbucks. I hadn't seen Cara in years, but there she was, the same fiery, unstoppable anarchy-feminist I remembered so fondly. In the years in between, Cara Jennings

was the first anarchist elected to public office in Florida, becoming a Lake Worth city commissioner in 2006 and inciting controversy when she refused to say the Pledge of Allegiance in office. Though she has traveled the world, Cara still lives in Lake Worth, the small town near West Palm Beach where she and her sisters grew up. Now a working mom who does contract work for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), she resides in an anarchist collective house known as a crash pad for activists passing through the area. Her erudite criticisms of both local politicians and global issues frequently make the news.

She spoke with the Daily Dot by phone on Wednesday amidst a media frenzy that had descended after the Scott video exploded in popularity online.

**Cara, you are very viral today. Are you being hounded by the press?**

I have a Fox interview in 15 minutes, but it's Fox so, you know, what do I care? I have 15 unread text messages that are all

*See JENNINGS, p. 14*

## Editors' picks: News that didn't fit

**Bernie Sanders, the Foreign-Policy Realist of 2016** by Robert English – *Of all the presidential candidates of either party, Bernie is actually the most sober and clear-eyed.*

☞ <http://www.thenation.com/article/bernie-sanders-the-foreign-policy-realist-of-2016/>

**Chomsky, Snowden, Greenwald on Privacy in the Age of Surveillance** by Lauren McCauley – *Panel discussion challenges the rhetoric that national security requires that governments can access individual communications.*

☞ <http://www.commondreams.org/news/2016/03/26/chomsky-snowden-greenwald-privacy-age-surveillance>

**Slain Activist Berta Cáceres' Daughter: US Military Aid Has Fueled Repression & Violence in Honduras** by Democracy Now! – *This is a stunning and powerful segment of Democracy Now devoted to Honduras, and the political assassinations which have followed the coup that Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State allowed to stand.*

☞ [http://www.democracynow.org/2016/3/18/slain\\_activist\\_berta\\_caceras\\_daughter\\_us?autostart=true](http://www.democracynow.org/2016/3/18/slain_activist_berta_caceras_daughter_us?autostart=true)

**What's the Matter with Liberalism?** by Mike O'Connor – *Historian's review of Listen, Liberal—or–What Ever Happened to the Party of the People?, Thomas Frank's new book on how the Democrats came to represent yuppies rather than workers.*

☞ <http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/162357>

**Why is Honduras the world's deadliest country for environmentalists?** by Autumn Spanne

☞ <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/apr/07/honduras-environment-killing-human-rights-bertha-caceres-flores-murder> ☞

## The problem is ... money

by Bill Moyers and Michael Winship

*Following is an excerpt from the Dec. 18 article “Bad News for Democracy is great news for TV Profits,” on how TV network heads encourage millionaires and billionaires to spend vast amounts of money on ads to influence the presidential election.*

(T)he problem is money. Tons of it. Trump brings ratings and ratings raise advertising revenue. What's more, in an election cycle like this one, cash already is pouring in from the production, sale and placement of political TV advertising, cash

that also makes television executives and political strategists wealthy. Here's CBS chief executive Les Moonves at an investor presentation last week, cheering on Trump and the other Republican candidates: “The more they spend, the better it is for us ... Go Donald! Keep getting out there. And you know, this is fun, watching this, let them spend money on us... We're looking forward to a very exciting political year in '16.”

Fun? Exciting? Only if you enjoy getting rich, as Moonves apparently does, while watching the country go collectively bonkers.

This is the same Les Moonves who declared during the 2012 campaign, “Super PACs may be bad for America, but they're very good for CBS.” And earlier this year, on an investors call, he said, “Looking ahead, the 2016 presidential election is right around the corner and, thank God, the rancor has already begun.” You can hear the fictional Howard Beale of Paddy Chayefsky's Network spinning in his fictional grave, still mad as hell.

Moonves likes to play the wise guy but he also knows that some are predicting that the 2016 presidential election may cost as much as \$5 billion, with much if not most of it going to television. Hard to believe that, as Julie Bykowicz at the Associated Press reported earlier this month, “... Some 62,462 presidential ads have been on broadcast airwaves already this year, according to advertising tracker Kantar Media's CMAG. The 2016 hopefuls and their related political groups, such as super PACs, have plans to spend \$133 million on broadcast TV by the beginning of March, CMAG information shows.”

This is why, despite the encroachments of cable, satellite and the Internet, local and network broadcast television is still such a money-making machine. At some TV stations, a third of advertising revenue comes from political ads.

So is it any wonder local and national TV news is squeamish about taking on real, in-depth coverage of the campaigns that unload endless wheelbarrows of cash on their doorsteps? That broadcast executives have no qualms about ruining the airwaves and honest discourse while taking glee at the windfalls of profits? ...

*Read the entire article at: <http://billmoyers.com/story/bad-news-for-democracy-is-great-news-for-tv-profits/> ☞*

*From the publisher:*

## All we want is some truth, just give us some truth

So the other night I got home about 9:45, and remembered the NCAA men's basketball championship game was on. I flicked on the TV and started through the channels until I found it. As an underdog rooter, and not a big basketball fan, I was leaning toward Villanova, and my timing was great; score tied at 46 each in the second half.

But the coverage was odd, crowd shots all NC fans, most all replays of North Carolina, and the commentators totally biased to NC. Then on commercials I'd go over to MSNBC, CNN or FOX and see what they were saying, which was almost all about the campaign for President. I learned later regarding the basketball game that the networks now will have multiple feeds of the game going out, with one each for the respective teams. But not knowing that, and with my jumping over to the news stations, I started to see bias in how the news channels report pretty clearly, too. Evident bias toward parties, and candidates.

Worse, because of this, truth suffers, because the information outlets cease worrying about presenting a complete and truthful picture, and instead settle for the easy road of little back and forth snippets of opinion by spokespeople from the campaigns. And then just talk about the horse-race aspect, using polling for information to base their “analysis.”

What I have been drawn to in the Bernie Sanders campaign is his blunt truthfulness. When asked about the possible destabilizing role U.S. foreign policy may have had regarding ISIS, he went all the way back to mention Iran in 1953, and Chile in 1973. He defended his support of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua in the 1980s. All these were interventions to topple elected governments that the U.S. undertook with disastrous outcomes. Topic after topic, he addresses things head on; corporate power, climate change, health care and income inequity. This is a rare moment of political education and ideal raising by a candidate for high office; one with a great track record of being on the right side of history again and again. We have to hope the momentum and enthusiasm being generated can sustain itself.

The political conventions of both major parties will be quite something this summer, but especially the Repubs. As of now Kasich is still hanging in there, he is at least sane. The other two are showmen of different stripes, willing to say anything to please their audiences. Both are very dangerous to our country and frankly to the planet. Neither gives a damn about the truth. Things seem pretty unstable, and frankly scary, because so many people have been drawn in to their fear-based talking points and apocalyptic visions. But is a split in the GOP a good thing for Progressives? What Glen Ford says on pages 8-9 bears consideration.

We have fundamental problems in our society, entrenched problems of growing complexity, because they magnify with succeeding generations. Inferior education and minimal job opportunities in poor areas. Cutbacks in the social safety net. A proxy war machine all over the world. This is the status quo. These won't be solved with an election, but an election can definitely make things worse.

Or this time perhaps it can be a catalyst to start making the needed changes. I was struck by what Susan Sarandon said to Chris Hayes on his show on MSNBC on March 28, which is reprinted below, underscoring her strong support for Bernie.

-----  
SARANDON: I think (about) what's going on now. If you think it's pragmatic to shore up the status quo right now, then you're in touch with (okay with) the status quo. The status quo is not working and I think it's dangerous to think that we can continue the way we are with the militarized police force, with privatized prisons, with the death penalty with the low minimum wage, with threats to women's

*See COURTER, p. 4*



*Joe Courter*

*Subscribe!*

***The Gainesville Iguana***  
*is Gainesville's progressive events calendar & newsletter.*

*Individuals: \$15*

*(or more if you can)*

*Low/No income: What you can*

*Groups: \$20*

*Gainesville Iguana*

*P.O. Box 14712*

*Gainesville, FL 32604*

*Comments, suggestions, contributions (written or financial) are welcome. To list your event or group, contact us at: (352) 378-5655*

*GainesvilleIguana@cox.net*

*www.gainesvilleiguana.org*

*facebook.com/gainesvilleiguana*

*The Iguana has been published monthly or bimonthly by volunteers for more than 25 years. Circulation for this issue is 4,500.*

*Publisher:*

*Joe Courter*

*Editors Emeritus:*

*Jenny Brown*

*Mark Piotrowski*

*Editorial Board:*

*Pierce Butler*

*Joe Courter*

*Beth Grobman*

*Jessica Newman*

*Production work & assistance:*

*Joye Barnes*

*Stephen Bender*

*Jenny Brown*

*Scott Camil*

*Matt Kell*

*Erica Merrill*

*Distribution:*

*Joe Courter*

*Bill Gilbert*

*Jack Price*

*Anita Sundaram*

*Contact us if you can help with distribution in outlying areas.*

*Authors & photographers have sole credit, responsibility for, and rights to their work. Cover drawing of iguana by Daryl Harrison.*

*Printed on recycled paper.*



# Mavericks and mad-as-hellers march to Washington for a pro-democracy rebellion April 18 ... Because it's time

by Jim Hightower

Below is an excerpt from an article that originally appeared in the March 2016 issue of Jim Hightower's Lowdown. See the original and more at [www.hightowerlowdown.org](http://www.hightowerlowdown.org).

The jig is up, and my time has come. I'm about to be arrested. They'll be hauling me away in mid-April.

Not for doing anything wrong, really. In fact, if the authorities arrest me, it will be for standing up for what's right. Or, more accurately, I'll be sitting down for what's right--by participating

### COURTER, from p. 3

rights and think that you can't do something huge to turn that around because the country is not in good shape. If you're in the middle class, it's disappearing and you look...you want to see Michael Moore's documentary, it's pretty funny the way they describe it, but you'll see that health care, you know, and education in all these other countries, we've been told it's impossible (here). It's like we've been in this bad relationship and now we have to break up with the guy because we realize we're worth it. We should have these things. We have to stop prioritizing war and I don't like the fact she (Clinton) talks about Henry Kissinger as being her, you know, go to guy for the stuff that's happened in Libya and other things; I don't think it's good."

I actually met her in Washington, DC at the A16 protest against the World Bank/IMF in 2000. She was there with us on the streets. She gets it. As I said last month... "This is not a Reality Show, it is Real." 🐢

in a peaceful sit-in at the US Capitol. I don't yet know the details of the process, but I am certain why I'm doing it: to help reclaim our People's democratic rights from the moneyed elites who have bought our elections and deeply corrupted our government in order to impose a corporate plutocracy over you and me.

I'm also certain I will not be alone in the paddy wagon. That's because thousands of mad-as-hellers will be converging on Washington to launch a nationwide mass mobilization of people power to halt Big Money's control of our political system. As I write this, more than 2,000 of us have already pledged to engage in the time-honored tactic of peaceful civil disobedience by "sitting-in" for democracy.

But you don't have to go so far as to risk arrest to join this democratic moment, for the April mobilization will offer a wide variety of ways to protest the plutocrats without leaving your comfort zone.

It [began on] April 2 with a patriotic rally at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia [followed by] a 10-day, 140-mile democracy trek from Philly to Capitol Hill. On Saturday, April 16, there will be teach-ins, workshops, and non-violent direct action trainings, and on the 17th a big, colorful protest march, followed by a "Rally for Democracy" on the Capitol lawn. The 18th will be a "Congress of Conscience," a day of direct action and advocacy during which we commoners can demand, in person, that our Congress critters expand voting rights and end their corporate money addiction.

Throughout this People-A-Palooza, there will be an energizing balance of seriousness and fun: how-to workshops, tub-thumping speeches, cultural exchanges, pop-up musical performances, art exhibits and shows, and other activities.

And it won't even end in April. The convening groups and the rank-and-file people energized by the mobilization will be taking the demand for action back to the grassroots and directly into the myriad 2016 campaigns for public office. Two large coalitions, Democracy Awakening and Democracy Spring, each distinct but mutually supportive, are coordinating this pro-democracy rebellion.

### Democracy Spring

Based on intense and inclusive social media organizing and a very diverse network of community activists and "roots" groups, this vibrant coalition is leading the Liberty-Bell-to-Capitol-Hill march

(April 2-11) and coordinating mass actions and sit-ins at the Capitol (April 11-16).

The "Spring" (referring both to nature's season of rebirth and the physical act of leaping forward from a constrained position) will also enlist those who can't be in Philadelphia/DC. There will be call-in days, webcasts, Twitter storms, online petitions, local solidarity demonstrations in front of the district offices of lawmakers, and a basket full of other fun/ effective ways that lively imaginations will conjure up to amplify the message that our democracy is broken and that "we" (i.e., The People) now intend to fix it.

Five strong groups – 99Rise, Avaaz, Democracy Matters, Energy Action Coalition, and the Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union – form the steering committee. More than 100 organizations, including the Lowdown, have endorsed the effort and are involved in a dozen or so working groups that are divvying up the numerous chores that must be done to create a successful mobilization. And hundreds of local volunteer leaders are connected to more than 50 "regional organizing hubs" set-up throughout the country to coordinate community outreach and serve as the organizing and mobilizing

engines to generate mass participation for the more than two weeks of Democracy Spring and Democracy Awakening events.

In other words, this is a huge and complex undertaking, but there is a serious buy-in and commitment of resources and staff from an impressive array of grassroots doers. The importance of the effort is underscored by the willingness of so many to risk arrest in what is expected to be the largest, non-violent, civil-disobedience action in a generation. The plan is to have peaceful sit-ins every day, April 11-16, under the dome of our Capitol--"the People's house."

Among those who've pledged to put their butts on the line are Ben Cohen of Ben & Jerry's, Cenk Uygur of The Young Turks, anticorruption Congressional candidate Zephyr Teachout, law professor Larry Lessig, food activist and author Frances Moore Lappe, Rabbi Arthur Waskow of the Shalom Center, core Occupy Wall Street organizer Winnie Wong, actors Gaby Hoffman and Mark Ruffalo, community activist Paulina Gonzales, and The Yes Men--plus your spunky Lowdown contingent of "cat wrangler" Jay Harris, "internet emissary" Deanna Zandt, and me. As Kai Newkirk, director

of 99Rise and sparkplug of this spring protest puts it, we'll be "Standing up for democracy by sitting in."

Do something!

With [this] month's upcoming actions promising to electrify the movement for democracy reform, now is an important time to get involved, stay involved, and spread the word. You can start by visiting [democracyawakening.org](http://democracyawakening.org).

In addition to the schedule and outline of the April 16-18 events, there you can find information on affordable transportation to Washington and affordable housing while in DC. (Click on the "Logistics" tab.) It will be cherry blossom season in mid April, so make your arrangements as soon as you can! Follow them on Twitter at @DemAwakening and on Facebook.

At [democracyspring.org](http://democracyspring.org), you have the opportunity to sign up for the Philadelphia-to-Washington march and/or to make a pledge to risk arrest by participating in the civil disobedience in DC. The organizers have pledged both training and legal support for direct action participants. You can also sign up to volunteer or just participate in the rallies. Follow them on Twitter (@DemSpring) and on Facebook. 🐢



PFLAG Gainesville serves the community through service, education, and advocacy in an effort to build a better future for youth and adults through a partnership of parents, allies, and LGBTQ+ people.

Visit us at [www.pflaggainesville.org](http://www.pflaggainesville.org) or find us on Facebook!

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 7 p.m.

**Where:** 1625 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Gainesville, FL 32603.



East End Eatery

NOW SERVING BREAKFAST ALL DAY

Breakfast at 8:30AM • Lunch at 11AM  
Sunday Brunch 9:30AM - 3PM

1202 NE 8th Avenue • 378-9870



**Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery**

A totally natural (green) cemetery for humans and pets...accepting both remains and cremated remains...on 78 acres of conservation land that protects plants, wildlife, and clean air and water.

[www.conservationburialinc.org](http://www.conservationburialinc.org)  
Tours available: 352-317-7307



**ARTWALK**  
*gainesville*

**GET ENGAGED....or just have an affair with art on the LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH in downtown Gainesville's Art District.**

**GALLERY TOUR BEGINS AT 7:00 PM**

[www.artwalkgainesville.com](http://www.artwalkgainesville.com)



**COFFEE • TEA • BEER • WINE**  
**PASTRIES • WRAPS • SALADS • SNACKS**

**OPEN EARLY + LATE**  
**MON-FRI, 7AM-12AM / SAT-SUN, 10AM-12AM**  
2029 NW 6TH ST., GAINESVILLE, FL 32609

Event info at [facebook.com/curiaonthedrag](https://facebook.com/curiaonthedrag)  
@curiaonthedrag on Instagram



# An artist’s response to a community tragedy

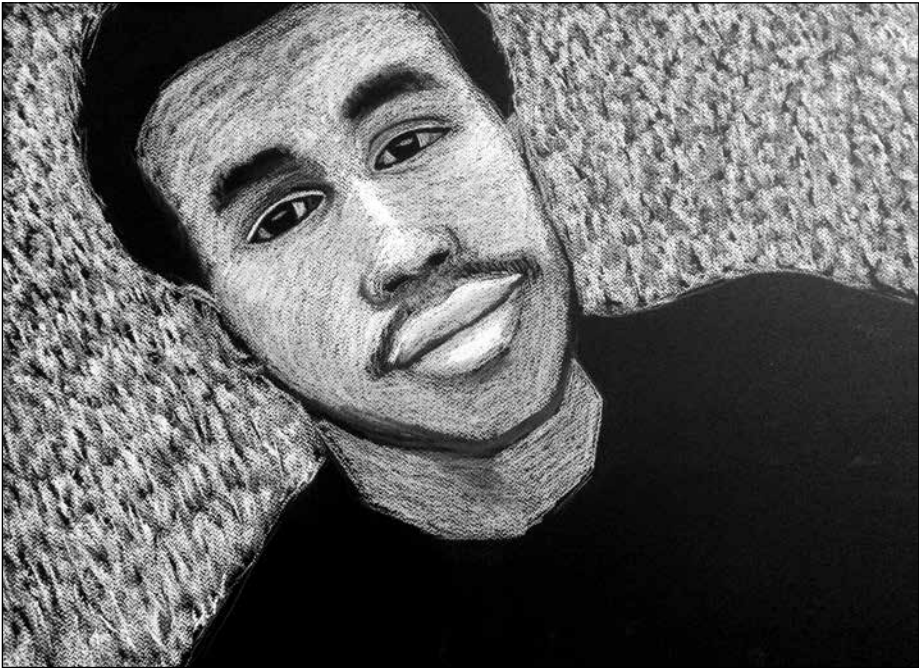
by Barbe Hau

When I heard about the tragic death of Robert Dentmond I had a deep visceral reaction to it. Horrified, outraged and overwhelmed with grief I remembered the tremendous amount of pain I was in when I also attempted suicide. It breaks my heart to know that someone so young and full of promise was feeling that way but for him, the outcome was so much different. For him, help came in the form of a firing squad, not a crisis intervention counselor.

And then I thought about his family, especially his sister and the tremendous amount of pain they were about to go through. About ten years ago I worked in South America as a human rights observer in Colombia and I sat in a boat across from a mother who was waiting to find out if the corpse we found in the river was her missing son. The amount of pain radiating from her every pore rose up and shattered the heavens and I was sure the entire world could hear her cries.

Today I am an artist working in the traditional mediums of oil paints, pastels, charcoal and watercolors.

The day after I heard the news of the shooting I went to my studio and started drawing some of the several self-portraits I found of Robert online. I saw a young man, still boyish, with a rakish mischievous grin, sometimes with just a glimmer of sadness behind his eyes, part teenage angst, part teenage bravado, part good-natured jokester. This could be any high school student, any mother’s child, any



Robert Dentmond, 16, was shot and killed when 9 police officers fired at him after a tense stand-off in the parking lot at Majestic Oaks Apartments on March 20. He had called 911 and said he wanted to shoot himself and had an M-16. It turned out it was a realistic looking plastic replica AR-15. Many questions have been raised about police procedures and the availability of crisis counselors in such situations. Painting by Barb Hau.

kid’s best friend anywhere in the country. But he was one of our own, part of the Gainesville community. And he was dead now and that feels so very, very wrong.

The death of Robert Dentmond will impact this community for a long time to come. I feel right now we are all still in shock. For my own sake I had to get the overwhelming feelings out on paper. As I worked in my studio that day I thought about what it means to be an artist responding to the world around us. As artists we are bedazzled by the world’s beauty, horrified by its violence and injustice, overwhelmed by its awesomeness, impermanence, immortality. If anything is apropos of being memorialized in art, surely this was it.

Then I emailed all the artists I could think of who might be feeling the urge to respond to this tragedy in some way and we decided to put on a show. “Artists Respond to a Community Loss: To the Memory and Benefit of Robert Dentmond” and after much agonizing over whether this was the proper time or place the event was held Saturday, April 2 at the Tench Artist Studios in downtown Gainesville.

Turbado Marabou, a nationally known visual artist whose works are very spiritually based is also a Yoruban priest and

he opened with a beautiful ceremony to tie Robert’s spirit to us so that he does not wander in pain.

Robert’s father and brother were presented with a flower imbued with water we had made holy with our prayers. Then local photographer and African dance instructor Larry D. Rosalez talked about his photographs on display and the ongoing series he has been working on with actor DeAnna S. Wright on the theme of blackness, loss and mourning. He shared with us his powerful poem, “black is” and DeAnna sang a soul-shattering song before we collected donations for Robert’s dad.

Afterwards local activist from Porter’s Sister Faye led us in a community discussion to process our feeling about the shooting and the loss of another precious young man’s life at the hands of the police. Art and performance are meaningless if they do not start a larger dialogue in the community, in this case about mental health, gun violence, racial and class disparities.

We hope the art ceremony provided some comfort to Robert’s family and contributed to a community healing process that still has a long way to go. 🐸

# Updates from Alachua County Labor Coalition

## Fight for \$15, Orlando

April 14

It’s time to take the Fight for \$15 to the streets!

Nearly 64 million hardworking Americans make less than \$15 an hour. That’s just not right – and on April 14, we’re standing together in Orlando to yell “enough.” Are you with us? We’re rallying to show that we support \$15 and union rights for all working people. Fast-food workers will go on strike in 300 cities, including Orlando.

The workers’ protests, timed to hit just before Tax Day, will zero in on McDonald’s, highlighting how the world’s second-largest employer and the industry leader in the fast food and service economies is driving a race to the bottom that is undercutting wages across the economy and resulting in nearly 64

million workers being paid less than \$15.

A group of people from Gainesville and the ACLC are driving down in a rented van, meeting at the new Labor Coalition office. Please message Sheila Payne on Facebook if you can join us.

For more information and updates after-the-fact, see the Facebook event at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1076100632446044/>

## ACLC General Meeting with Guest Speaker from Central Florida Jobs With Justice

April 26

An organizer from Central Florida Jobs With Justice will speak at this month’s ACLC general meeting on April 26 at the Mennonite Church, 1236 NW 18th Avenue, in Gainesville.

Central Florida Jobs With Justice is a coalition consisting of labor unions, community organizations, faith based groups and students working together to build power for working people. We are a part of the national Jobs with Justice which is a network of over 45 coalitions organizing in their communities along side with us for social and economic justice.

Learn more at: <http://laborcoalition.org>.

## County Commission Meeting on Living Wage Campaign

April 12

This issue of the Iguana will be out after this meeting takes place, but learn more about the issue and the outcome on the ACLC Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/109862125217/>. 🐸

### Labor Notes

The voice of activists who are  
“Putting the movement back in  
the Labor Movement”

**www.labornotes.org**  
for in-depth and up-to-date  
reporting from around the  
labor movement  
**Subscribe \$30/year**

## 37th Annual 5th SAVE Arts FESTIVAL

April 22-24, 2016

600 NW 5th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601    22nd - Black Out @ Bo Diddley Plaza - 8pm-10pm  
23rd - Stage Performance & Exhibits - 11am-7pm  
24th - Stage Performance & Exhibits - noon-5pm

### Celebrating Life!

Celebrate Earth Day, Music and Entertainment,  
Food, Culture, Art, Children's Activities,  
Education and the Environment

## FREE for the entire family

For more information call 352-372-0216  
[www.culturalartscoalition.com](http://www.culturalartscoalition.com)

## Farm to Family Full Moon Concert

SPRING Music Festival  
April 22 - 24, 2016  
Gates Open Thursday, April 21 at Noon • Friday Showtime 3 PM

**Come Back Alice**    **Grass is Dead**  
**Morning Fatty**    **Natalie Nicole Green**  
**Locochino**    **Los Panas 352**    **Back From the Brink**  
**Taylor Martin**    **Hannah Harber & the Lionhearts**  
**Quartermoon**    **Jesse Smith & Uneven Pavement**  
**SYZYGY**    **Scholars Word**  
**Brian Smalley**    **HWY 238**  
**Darryl Brewer**    **Chelsea Saddler**  
**Don Austin**    **In The Moment**  
    **Gypsy & Billy Gilmore**

**FarmtoFamily.com**

Weekend Passes: \$35 Early Bird • \$45 Advance • \$65 at the Gate • Day Passes  
No persons under 18 admitted without parent • Children 13 & under FREE

**All-Tech Raceway Park**  
1024 SW Howell Rd. Lake City, FL  
A portion of the proceeds benefits  
PURE WATER WILDERNESS  
and OUR SANTA FE RIVER



# A Republican meltdown won’t make the Democrats better

By Glen Ford  
Black Agenda Report, March 24, 2016

Glen Ford is an insightful write and thinker, and this is a vision that needs consideration. If we don't build a strong left in this country, this is a very likely outcome of a Republican fragmentation. This article originally appeared on Reader Supported News on March 26. See more at [readersupportednews.org](http://readersupportednews.org).

The impending breakup of the Republican Party will not create more favorable conditions for Black and progressive electoral politics. Instead, it will compel the Democrats to build a “big tent” party, after the convention this summer. The strategy will “push Blacks and progressives back to the margins, smothering them with newly categorized ‘moderates’ who, before Donald Trump’s intervention, were Republicans.”

Bernie Sanders’ surprise victory in Michigan – and his best showing yet among Black voters, at 30 percent – increases the odds that Hillary Clinton will at some point in this primary season lose discipline and allow her inner witch to emerge, cackling insults at the Sandernistas and driving substantial numbers of them out of the Democratic Party.

The pollsters made their biggest miscalculations in decades in Michigan, where they had predicted Clinton would swamp Sanders by as much as 20 percentage points. Instead, the Vermont senator won 50 to 48 percent. However, most numbers-crunchers project that Sanders will himself need to pile up winning margins of 20 percent in a bunch of large states, plus win in Florida, to stand a chance of beating Clinton in pledged delegates – not to mention the overwhelmingly pro-Clinton “superdelegates.” Sanders cannot capture the nomination, but the longer he stays in the fight, the more his supporters will think of themselves as a movement that cannot coexist in the same party as Wall Street.

There is only a possibility of an outright split in the Democratic Party in Philadelphia, in July, but a Republican apocalypse in Cleveland seems all but inevitable. Donald Trump’s wins in Michigan, Mississippi and Hawaii make it unlikely that he can be stopped at a “brokered” convention. But, whether he wins the nomination or has it stolen from him, the Republican Party

is in terminal meltdown. By choosing Trump as their champion, the GOP’s core white supremacist constituency is showing that it never gave much of a damn about the Republicans’ corporate trade and tax agenda, and that their main interest in foreign policy is in keeping foreigners out of the USA. Their “conservatism” is almost entirely defined by their racism – including white “evangelicals.” They feel betrayed, because Republican leadership clearly cares more about capital gains taxes than the perceived collapse in white group privilege and prestige. They want a real White Man’s Party – as was promised to them by Barry Goldwater in 1964 and Richard Nixon in 1968 – not a Wall Street Party, especially since many of the white racist rank and file associate Wall Street with Jews.

The ruling class and all its “complexes” – military, industrial, national security, financial – is in panic at the prospect of losing control of a huge part of its white mass electoral base, which supports Trump despite (or, to some degree, because of) his protectionism and foreign policy pronouncements that are to the left of Democrats Clinton and Sanders. Trump says he would not have attacked and overthrown Saddam Hussein and Muammar Gaddafi, because “they fought terrorism,” and would similarly call off the proxy war against Bashar al-Assad in Syria. He would violate the “bipartisan” taboo – cherished as dearly by Obama and Clinton as by McCain and Romney – against anything that impedes the free flow of capital across borders, dragging jobs and tax bases with it.

These titans of capital and their establishment Republican servants cannot coexist with Trumpism, no matter how crudely defined, and are preparing to abandon or scuttle the ship, in search of a more dependable electoral yacht. Trump’s white legions will do the same if he is cheated of the nomination. Nothing can save the GOP from debacle, resulting in either two right-wing tickets or one vastly weakened presidential campaign that might drag down congressional, state and local Republicans.

Unfortunately, the Democrats are likely to escape such an implosion, unless Hillary’s inner witch makes it impossible for the Sandernistas to quietly acquiesce to her coronation. But a Democratic Party disaster is coming, whether Sander’s folks roll over or not. The Republican crack-up will immediately destabilize the Rich Man’s Party duopoly as it has existed since 1968. No matter what Hillary Clinton says at the convention to mollify

Sanders supporters; no matter the lies she mouths about her commitment to the fight against economic injustice and corporate lawlessness; not matter how loudly she proclaims that Black lives matter, she and the rest of Democratic Party leadership will instantly mobilize to embrace the “moderate” Republicans that have been cast adrift by Trump’s GOP revolt. “Moderate” will be defined as any Republican that, for whatever reason, cannot stomach The Donald or abide the overt racism of his hordes.

The dissolution of the Republican Party as we have known it compels its duopoly partner, the Democrats, to move quickly to scoop up the spillage: the tens of millions of disoriented Republican-leaning whites that will instantaneously be categorized as “moderates,” to be ushered into the Democratic ranks. Clinton and the DNC cannot help but lunge rightward with arms outstretched to grab a huge chunk of 2012 Romney voters. They are already savoring the prospect of gaining majority white support in a national election for the first time since 1964. Nothing will stop them from shaping a “big tent” strategy to build a “superparty” on the detritus of the GOP collapse. And not just for the 2016 campaign. The “big tent” they envision will no longer be 20 to 25 percent Black, with a similar proportion of progressive whites. Instead, corporate Democrats will launch an appeal to everyone to the left of the Aryan Nations. The campaign will become a kind of “One America” crusade, appealing to all “decent” citizens to “unite” against “bigotry” – but nothing substantive that might repel the newly available former Republican voters that will now be in play. Black lives will only matter rhetorically. Those elements of the Sandernista agenda that might be included in the Democratic Party platform adopted in Philadelphia will find no place in building a “centrist” superparty.

What we are describing goes way beyond the rightward shift that occurs after every Democratic convention. Duopoly electoral systems are like binary stars; they orbit around each other. The destabilization of one star/party’s orbit has an immediate and dramatic effect on the orbit/behavior of the other; their place in the universe is defined by each other. Democratic strategists are now scheming to pull whole districts of previously Republican voters into the party in November, and to keep them there. Black Democrats believe their overwhelming support for Clinton has made them indispensable to the party. They will welcome Hillary’s “big tent” national unity campaign as evidence of Black strength in the party, when in fact its aim will be to push Blacks and progressives back to the margins, to smother them with newly categorized “moderates” who, before Donald Trump’s intervention, were Republicans.

What’s needed is a complete breakup of the duopoly, not just the Republican half, which would only make the Democratic half more amorously “centrist” and useless.

Given that the Democratic Party is hegemonic in Black America, its fracturing would wreak havoc in virtually every African American civic and political structure – a very good thing, since the dead weight of the Democratic Party has calcified and corrupted those structures over the past two generations. Any weakening of the Democrats opens space for a more radical Black politics consistent with the historical Black consensus on peace and social justice. However, Black leftists cannot rely on white progressives, like the Sandernistas, to set Black politics free by bringing down the Democrats. It will require a grueling and painful internal Black struggle, such as we at Black Agenda Report – and previously, at The Black Commentator – have been advocating for 16 years. 🐸

# Post-election, pre-election

by Joe Courter

Yes we just had an election here in Gainesville, and it came out pretty well. With a higher voter turnout driven by contested presidential primaries, we saw Mayor Ed Braddy turned out of office by Lauren Poe, and Adrian Hayes-Santos score an overwhelming triumph in the City Commission race.

But being a democracy, and an even numbered year, we are not done. August 30 will be the Primary voting day, so if you are a recent or longtime registered Democrat, you get to vote again in a number of races which feature multiple Democratic candidates.

This includes very important races locally as both Alachua County Commissioners Robert Hutchinson and Mike Byerly have Primary challengers. More details will be talked about in the May/June and July/August Iguanas regarding other races. These include two School Board races (yay Eileen Roy), a much needed challenge to Sheriff Sadie Darnell by Zac Zadalis (yay Zac), various constitutional offices, and judges. Major ones to watch include Keith Perry (R) vs Rod Smith (D) for State Senator District 8, and Marihelen Wheeler (awesome D) against whoever is left from the Repub primary for State Rep #21. And the revolting Tea Partier Ted Yoho (R) is being challenged by Ed Emery (D) for US House of Representative.

As Bernie Sanders said when he was here in Gainesville, politics isn’t a sport you watch from the stands, it is by participating in the process that you amplify you voice and make democracy real. More next time ...🐸

# SWEETWATER

ORGANIC. FAIR TRADE. SHADE GROWN COFFEE

Florida's Sustainable Coffee Roaster




[www.sweetwaterorganiccoffee.com](http://www.sweetwaterorganiccoffee.com)

Gainesville, Florida

Find our coffee in the Gainesville area at:

Alternatives Global Market	Satchel's Pizza
Brasington's Adventure Outfitters	Swift Cycle
Dorns' Liquors & Wine Warehouse	The Perfect Gift @ Haile Plantation
Harvest Thyme	The Top Restaurant
Hitchcocks Alachua	Union Street Farmer's Market
Karma Cream	UF - TheFreshFoodCompany
Mother Earth Market West	UF - Pascal's
Mother Earth Market 13th Street	Ward's Supermarket
Pop A Top Corner Store	Wild Birds Unlimited



# VINE

ORGANIC BAKERY & CAFE

**SOURDOUGH BREADS • PASTRIES • ORGANIC COFFEE**

**SOUP & SANDWICH • FINE WINE • NATURAL SODAS**

**BEER • WI-FI • VEGAN & GLUTEN FREE PRODUCTS**

**627 N MAIN STREET**

[FACEBOOK.COM/VINEGAINESVILLE](https://www.facebook.com/vinegainesville)

352.872.5866 • CASH ONLY - ATM ON SITE

MON - THU: 8 AM - 6 PM

FRIDAY: 8 AM - 8 PM

SATURDAY: 7 AM - 4 PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

# SWALLOWTAIL

7TH ANNUAL

## Farm SPRING FESTIVAL

APRIL 16TH

12PM-10PM

\$10-\$20 SLIDING SCALE ADMISSION

KIDS FREE!

RAIN OR SHINE

NO DOGS

[SWALLOWTAILGSA.COM](http://SWALLOWTAILGSA.COM)



## Alachua County Peace Poetry Contest Reading, May 14

For the seventh year in a row, Gainesville Veterans for Peace hosted the Alachua County Peace Poetry Contest, where all students in Alachua County, K-12, are invited to submit one original poem on the subject of peace and social justice.

This year, VFP received more than 250 poems from students in elementary, middle and high school. Winners are selected by Dr. Sidney Wade, English professor at the University of Florida, and her panel of graduate students.

On May 14, the approximately 25 winners (who will be announced after April 18) will read their winning poems aloud at the Alachua County Peace Poetry Reading. The event starts at 2pm and will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Gainesville, 4225 NW 34th Street.

The event is free and open to the public. There will be live music and light refreshments after the Reading.

All winning poems are printed in the 2016 Peace Poetry Book and will be available on the VFP website, [vfp Gainesville.org](http://vfp Gainesville.org).

For more information, email [vfp-peacepoetrycontest@gmail.com](mailto:vfp-peacepoetrycontest@gmail.com) or call Sheila Payne at 352-373-3435.

## Keith Perry is coming for your utility

by Jason Fults

Feb. 25 was a great day for Florida Representative Keith Perry (R). Promising to “keep government off your back and out of your pocketbook,” he announced his bid for the newly-drawn Florida Senate district that includes all of Alachua and Putnam counties as well as part of Marion county.

He also scored a legislative victory with the assent of his House Bill 1355 by the House Regulatory Affairs Committee. This bill offered Gainesville voters the “opportunity” to vote away control of their municipally-owned utility, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), on the March 2017 ballot. Despite unanimous opposition to this bill by the politically-diverse Gainesville City Commission, Alachua County Commission, and Representative Clovis Watson, as well as emails and phone calls from more than 300 area residents, the Committee passed Rep. Perry’s bill by a vote of 13-2.

This was the third year in a row that Rep. Perry had sought passage of some version of this bill, and it was supported by the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and the North Central Florida Builder’s Assoc.

Following significant citizen resistance and behind-the-scenes lobbying by our City Commission and the Florida Municipal Electric Assn., HB 1355 was finally killed through an 11<sup>th</sup> hour veto by Governor Rick Scott. Given Rep. Perry’s promise to “go back to the drawing board” next session, however, it is important that

Gainesville voters see through this ruse and oppose any similar future attempts.

If not, they’ll be risking handing over near complete control of their utility, including “... managing, operating, controlling, and otherwise having broad authority with respect to the utilities owned by the City of Gainesville ... free from direction and control of the Gainesville City Commission.”

The “Gainesville Regional Utilities Authority,” as proposed by Rep. Perry, would have had power to set utility rates for the community, build new power plants, exercise the power of eminent domain, issue revenue bonds, dispose of utility assets, hire or fire GRU’s General Manager, and determine the amount of funds that GRU transfers to the City’s budget each year. In other words, this five-person Authority would have had all the powers of our elected City Commission, but with none of the accountability to its citizenry.

Once they were appointed by a simple majority vote of the City Commission, each member of the Authority could have been reappointed for up to twelve years, at a salary of \$18,000/year, and could have been removed only under very limited circumstances.

As former City Commissioner Susan Bottcher pointed out: “To illustrate why this is so dangerous, the Authority could, for example, decide to build another power plant even though it is not needed. Or the Authority could decide to raise rates, sell the telecommunications department and gut the general fund transfer (which would bankrupt the city).

Sure, you can attend their publicly noticed meetings and tell them to stop, but HB 1355 eliminates all legal or electoral recourse for anyone to control what they do. This must be the ‘free-market principle’ that Rep. Perry says he likes about the bill.”

This debate has unfolded as Flint, Michigan continues to grapple with the catastrophic decisions of political appointees regarding its water supply, and many in this community believe that Perry’s efforts are simply a step in the direction of privatizing our publicly-owned utility.

Undoubtedly, the Chamber of Commerce and Builder’s Association will launch further attempts to create such an Authority, and citizens must remain vigilant against these asinine proposals. We can send an even stronger message this November however by fighting to keep Florida Senate hopeful Keith Perry “off our backs and out of our pocketbooks.” 🐢

## Gainesville Votes! pushes for city elections in the fall

by Harvey Ward

In times of deep political division finding common ground — even on local issues — is hard. We should be able to agree, however, that democracy works better when more citizens vote and that our government needs to be more efficient and less expensive.

Gainesville can simultaneously drive up voter participation and drive down the cost of running elections by moving elections for Gainesville City Commission from the current stand-alone spring model to the traditional fall election cycle.

Gainesville Votes! is a group of committed citizens who are working to do exactly this. Right now city voters are stuck in constant cycle of elections every single spring. Voters participate in rates as low as eleven percent and these elections cost taxpayers upwards of \$230,000 every year.

By contrast, in the city of Tallahassee, which holds city elections in the fall cycle, as many as 76 percent of voters participate in local elections. What’s more, Tallahassee spends less than \$90,000 every two years on its elections. We owe it to ourselves, and to future generations, to realize the millions of

dollars of savings this plan provides over multiple years.

We believe Gainesville can do better than its record shows. The time has come to move our city commission elections to the fall. We propose following the model successfully used by the Alachua County School Board: Non-partisan elections occurring in August (alongside county, state and federal primaries) of every even year. When a run-off is necessary, it would be held on the first Tuesday in November along with county, state and federal elections.

To accomplish this reform, Gainesville Votes! needs the support of 7,463 fellow Gainesville voters willing to sign a petition before May 29. We are collecting signatures right now. Assuming that we reach our goal, the question of whether to amend the city charter will appear before city voters on the November 2016 ballot.

As a result of this reform, city commission terms would be four years, just like the school board and every county elected office. However, no current commissioner would have her or his current term lengthened or shortened.

We need you. Now. Not only to sign your own petition, but to tell your friends, family, co-workers, etc. — every registered Gainesville city voter you know — about our campaign.

Right now Gainesville Votes! is working hard to raise awareness of the campaign. You’ll see us at events around town; and we hope you’ll ask questions. We’ll make presentations to civic clubs, churches and any group who wants more information. You can read about us on our Facebook page or on our web page: [GainesvilleVotes.org](http://GainesvilleVotes.org). At either, you can download the petition. Feel free to make as many copies as you like. Signed petitions may be returned to PO Box 12873, Gainesville, FL 32604.

We believe good government transcends political party. Our plan aligns city elections with all the other elections. It breaks the cycle of never-ending elections and allows voters — and commissioners — to focus on governing rather than electioneering. It saves taxpayers money. And it has the potential to substantially increase voter participation.

Reforming Gainesville elections is good government in action. 🐢

### All Joking Aside: An evening of short comedy skits presented by Sidney Homan and His All-Woman Company

A fund-raiser for the Doris Bardon Community Cultural Center, Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 pm, donations at the door. Suggested donations are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students. For more information call 352-378-9166.

Sidney Homan and 13 actors known as His All-Woman Company — note that the “His” in the company’s name was ruled non-sexist by the actors themselves — present “All Joking Aside: An Evening of Short Comedy Skits” as a

fundraiser for the Doris Bardon Community Cultural Center (1315 South Main Street, Gainesville, Florida). There will be live music.

The Doris Bardon Community Cultural Center is a unifying force for the arts providing a place where artists and arts organizations can meet to network, learn, and present their work; where inspiration, collaboration, and education help develop future artists as well as future audiences. Look for news and updates at [www.thedoris.org](http://www.thedoris.org). 🐢

### Are You Searching for a Spiritual Community?

For a community dedicated to peace, equality, social justice, and care of the earth?

Join with Friends in the mystic tradition of waiting upon the Divine.

Gainesville Quaker Meeting  
11 a.m. Sundays  
[www.gainesvillequakers.org](http://www.gainesvillequakers.org)  
Supporting the Iguana for 30 years

**Arrow's Aim Records**  
Buy. Sell. Trade. *Music*

Open Every Day 12-8

10 N. Main Street  
Gainesville, FL 32601

352-371-2121





Abril-Mayo

The Gainesville Iguana

April-May

Iguana, c/o CISPLA, P.O. Box 14712, Gainesville, FL 32604  
(352) 378-5655 www.gainesvilleiguana.org

Sunday  
Domingo



**Radio Notes:** Find schedules for WUFT, WGOT, and Grow Radio, our local non-corporate stations, at [www.wuft.org](http://www.wuft.org), [wgot.org](http://wgot.org), & [growradio.org](http://growradio.org) respectively. WGOT is a part-time over-the-air broadcast but working to be full-time in the near future. More info on local independent radio on pg 18.

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](http://www.gainesvilleiguana.org/calendar).

**17 FOL Book Sale**, noon-6pm.  
**Astronomy Talk** by Santa Fe Planetarium director Dr. James Albury, Sunday Assembly (530 W. University Ave), 3 pm, free.

Keep up with the CMC at [www.civicmediacenter.org](http://www.civicmediacenter.org) for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future.

**24 5th Ave Arts Festival**, noon-5 pm; see 4/23.  
**Yogetree!** Yoga + poetry workshops, 4th Sundays, CMC, noon; \$6-12 slide.  
**Green Party** not meeting this month; info: 352-871-1995, [alachuagreens@gmail.com](mailto:alachuagreens@gmail.com).

**May 1 May Day celebration** by IWW at CMC, 1-5 pm.

**Eat Local Challenge Kickoff** food fair & more: Matheson Museum, 1-4 pm, free.

**Voices Rising** - 100-person community chorus concert, 1st Methodist Church (419 NE 1st St), 3 & 7 pm, \$5-20 slide benefits Bread of the Mighty Food Bank; pg 21.

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

**Caravan of Thieves** at Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 7 pm, \$20.

**MAY DAY**

US-INSPIRED HOLIDAY CELEBRATED AROUND WORLD BUT NOT IN US.

**8 1886: John Pemberton** sells 1st Coca-Cola (as medicine).

**15 1911: US Supreme Court** orders Standard Oil corporation to be broken up under Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Monday  
Lunes

**18 FOL Book Sale**, noon-6 pm.  
**Beyond the Medical Model** mental health film & discussion, Civic Media Ctr, (433 S. Main St), 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.

**"Moving City Elections"** - League of Women Voters program on scheduling issue w/ Thomas Hawkins & Prof. Joe Little, Millhopper Library (3145 NW 43rd St), 7 pm.

**25 CMC** documentary tba, 7 pm.



**1898: US declares war on Spain.**  
**1993: >1 million march in DC for LGBT rights.**

**2 CMC** documentary title tba, CMC, 7 pm.

**GCAT** meets, 7 pm; see 4/18.

**1903: Benjamin "Dr." Spock** born.

**9 CMC** documentary title tba, CMC, 7 pm.

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

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

**16 CMC** documentary title tba, CMC, 7 pm.

**Gvl Food Security Group** - see 4/18.  
**GCAT** meets, 7 pm; see 4/18.

**1918: Sedition Act** outlaws criticizing US government.

Tuesday  
Martes

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

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

**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.

**1961: Yuri Gagarin orbits Earth.**

**19 FOL Book Sale**, 1/2 price day: noon-6 pm.

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

**Herschel Elliott** on anti-capitalism, presented by Gvl Socialists, CMC, 7 pm.

**PFLAG** meets, United Church (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm - see pg 4.

**1995: Truck bomb kills 168 in Oklahoma City.**

**26 County Commission** - see 4/12.

**Labor Coalition** meeting, 901 NW 8th Ave, 7 pm.

**1937: Fascists bomb Guernica.**  
**1986: Chernobyl nuclear plant melts down.**

**3 School Board** - see 4/19.  
**The Conch** - 1st Tues story-telling, Lightnin' Salvage, 7 pm.

**1903: Harry L. "Bing" Crosby** born.  
**1933: James Brown** born.

**10**

**IGUANA Deadline** for May-June issue is May 10th; write [gainesvilleiguana@cox.net](mailto:gainesvilleiguana@cox.net) or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

**17 School Board** - see 4/19.  
**PFLAG** meets - see 4/19.

**1954: US Supreme Court** bans school segregation.

Wednesday  
Miercoles

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

**Downtown Farmers' Market** every Wed, Bo Diddley Plaza, 4-7 pm;

**Edible Plant Project**, 2nd Weds.

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

**Eyes on the Prize** civil rights doc & discussion Weds thru 5/11, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 7 pm.

**Dream On** on vanishing American dream, hosted by Alachua County Labor Coalition at CMC, 7 pm.

**20 FOL Book Sale** ends, 10¢ day: noon-6 pm.

**Humanists** topic: reconceiving the tree of life; UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

**Mellow Soul** poetry, spoken word, & music at CMC, 8 pm.

**1889: Adolf Hitler** born.  
**1999: 2 students** kill 13 others, selves at Columbine High.

**27 Tangerine** - Transgender Affairs movie, CMC, 2 pm.



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

**STAR WARS DAY:**  
**MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU**

**11 Community Circles:** Restorative Justice practitioner training 2-day workshop, \$250-350; see [centerforpeacebuilding.org](http://centerforpeacebuilding.org).

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

**Just Health Care** meets, ACLC (Suite A, 901 NW 8th Ave), 7 pm.  
**Democratic Executive Committee** meets, County Commission meeting room, 7 pm.

**18 Humanists,** UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.  
**1895: Augusto Sandino** born.

Thursday  
Jueves

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

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

**Civil War Roundtable**, Trinity Methodist Church (4000 NW 53rd Ave), 7 pm.

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

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

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

**21 CMC Volunteers**, 5:30 pm.  
**Stonewall Democrats**, 901 NW 8th Ave, 3rd Thursdays, 6 pm.

**"Music Everywhere"** - author Marty Jourard on Gvl rock'n'roll in '60s & '70s, Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave), 6 pm, free.

**Student FilmFest**, The Wooly (20 N. Main St), 6 pm.

**Open Poetry**, CMC, 8 pm.

**1926: Queen Elizabeth II** born.

**28 CMC Volunteers**, 5:30 pm.  
**The Sultans of String**, Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE County Rd 234), 7:30 pm, \$20.

**Open Poetry**, CMC, 8 pm.

**5 Lauren Poe** Gvl mayoral inauguration, Thelma Boltin Ctr (516 NE 2nd Ave), noon.

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

**"Miranda"** - law & history of Miranda warnings, Matheson Museum, 6 pm, free.

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

**Open Poetry**, CMC, 8 pm.

**NATIONAL DAY OF REASON CINCO DE MAYO**

**12 Volunteers & Poets** at CMC, usual times.

**Civil War Roundtable**, see 4/14.

There will doubtless be events scheduled that aren't on this calendar at press time: check various websites and listings, and support events in our wonderfully active community.

**19 "Scribes of the Sunshine State"** Fla writers program, Matheson Museum, 6 pm, free.  
**Stonewall Democrats** - see 4/21.  
**1897: Oscar Wilde** leaves gaol.

Friday  
Viernes

**15 Earth Day Plant Sale**, Fla Mus of Natural History (UF 3215 Hull Rd), Fri-Sat, 10 am-5 pm.

**Fam Jam** concert w/ Dana Lyons, 322 SW 4th Ave, 6:30 pm, \$10-20 slide, 12 & under free.

**Roosevelt Collier Trio** at Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 7 pm, \$20.

**"All Joking Aside"** Sid Homan & Co. comedy skits, The Doris (1315 S. Main St), 7:30 pm, \$15 (\$10 students); pg 11.

**22 Marjorie Carr Earth Day Luncheon**, Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 11 am, \$30 pre-4/15, \$40 after (352-372-0216).

**Farm to Family Full Moon Festival** returns, south of Lake City, Fri-Sun - see farmtofamilymusic.com & pg 7.

**"We Are Neutral"** Earth Day celebration - 1st Mag Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St), 4 pm, \$20; see pg 2.

**"Black Out"** kicks off 5th Ave Arts Festival, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. Univ Ave), 6 pm.

**Repurpose Project Runway!** Trash-ion show & DJ dance party, Repurpose (1920 NE 23rd Ave), 6 pm; see pg 17.

**The Pillowman** opens at Acrostown Rep (619 S. Main St), 8 pm.

**EARTH DAY FULL MOON**

**29 Critical Mass** bike ride, meets at Freewheel Project, 6 pm.

**G'ville Downtown Artwalk** 7-10 pm; CMC features larry rosalez; see pg 5.

**Darrell Webb Band** at Thomas Center (306 NE 6th Ave), 7 pm, \$20.

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

**Single Black Female** opens at Actors Warehouse (608 N Main St), 8 pm, \$15.

**6 "Tapestry Rewoven - A Carole King Tribute"** opens next Free Fridays Downtown Concert series: Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. Univ Ave), 8 pm.  
**1931: Willie Mays** born.

**13 Bobby Whitlock & CoCo Carmel**, Thomas Ctr, 7 pm, \$20.

**Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute**, Free Friday concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

**1846: US declares war on Mexico.**

**20 Fla NOW** state conference opens, Melbourne Beach.

**Hot Club DeVille** plays gypsy jazz: Free Friday concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

Saturday  
Sabado

**16 Friends of the Library Book Sale** (430 N Main St); great bargains on books, music, DVDs, art, games, more (please bring your own boxes): 9 am-6 pm.

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

**"All Joking Aside"**, 7:30pm, see 4/15.

**Swallowtail Farm Spring Festival:** music, workshops, food, more; 17603 NW 276th Ln, Alachua, 11 am-9 pm; see pg 9.

**23 "Imagining Florida"** art display & talks, Santa Fe Downtown (530 W. Univ Ave), 8:30 am-5 pm.

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

**5th Ave Arts Festival** opens (600 NW 5th Ave) w/ art, music, food, games, more: 11 am-7 pm; see pg 7.

**Spring Cleaning Fest**, Repurpose Project, 12-4 pm; see pg 17.

**Wild Iris Free Store**, CMC, 2-5 pm.

**30 Independent Bookstore Day** at Wild Iris Books (22 SE 5th Ave) w/ local authors, music, food, more: 10 am-4 pm; see pg 24.

**Gamble Rogers Music Fest**, St. Aug, Fri-Sun: [gamblerogersfest.org](http://gamblerogersfest.org).

**Mimi Oz** live at CMC, 8 pm.

**7 Blueberry Festival & Yard Sale** benefiting Cross Creek Fire Dept - CR 325 & SR 301, Island Grove, 8 am-4 pm.

**Veg For Life** vegan potluck, UUFG, 1st Saturdays, \$2+veg dish, 6:30 pm.

**Duppies** at Hardback Café, 10 pm.

**14 Interfaith Dialog** - see 4/23.  
**"Wicked Plants"** exhibit opening: Fla Mus of Natural History (UF, 3125 Hull Rd), 10 am-3 pm.

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

**Peace Poetry** Vets for Peace contest winners, UUFG, 2 pm.

**"A Stroke of Brilliance"** art/literary display final day at Thomas Center.

**Equality Fla Greater Gvl Gala**, Thomas Ctr, 7 pm, \$50; see eqfl.org.

**Kanapaha BG Moonlight Walk**, 7 pm.

**21 Gvl Barter Project**, see 4/16.

**"War Is A Lie"** author David Swanson talk sponsored by Veterans for Peace, UUFG, 7 pm; see pg 19.

FULL MOON





JENNINGS, from p.1

reporters, and I have a list of five that I haven't called back yet, too.

**I understand that the video started recording after your conversation with Gov. Scott was already under way. What had been said before the video?**

It started out very calm. I saw his profile and wasn't sure if it was him. So I just said, "Governor Scott," and he turned towards me. I asked, "Why did you pass that awful law last week that impacts women's healthcare choices?" And he said, "I don't vote on bills," which is so incredibly disingenuous. If I didn't understand the political process, at that point I would have thought, "Oh, I got the information wrong," and I would have dropped it. But he didn't even own up to the fact that he passed this bill.

So I said, right you don't vote—but you have executive authority to sign bills into law. And this bill you signed into law is very harmful to women like me, who rely on women's health services like Planned Parenthood. And he said, go to your county health clinic then.

So I have the governor of the state of Florida telling me which healthcare provider I should go to, in a coffee shop. Complete-

ly inappropriate. And basically where the video picks up is when I respond by saying, "You're an asshole."

**At which point everyone watching this video starts to lose it with laughter. And this video, it kills me, because I know you—and anyone who knows you knows that you are fearless when it comes to these confrontations, but this time there just happened to be a camera nearby.**

The thing is ... I'm like, really? This is the video that goes viral? I've been much more poised and articulate many other times. [laughs]

**Why confront the governor in person, as opposed to an online petition, or whatever people would normally do?**

Well, you know, 12,000 people signed a petition opposing this bill that was delivered to the governor. And for months, people have been trying to meet with him at the Capital in opposition to the bill. I've been in Tallahassee before to try to meet with him on immigration issues with over 100 of his constituents, and he's refused meetings.

Around the time when Florida was moving forward with a copycat bill of the Arizona anti-immigrant SB 1070 legislation, I was part of a group of people that were going to

Tallahassee weekly to try to meet with the governor and he refused to meet with us.

So in some way, I guess, the only way you can get Governor Scott's attention is if you happen to run into him at Starbucks. Because if you try to meet with him as a constituent, good luck. And that is the reputation he has.

**Tell me about another time when something like this happened and there wasn't anyone there recording it. What other confrontations have you had with political figures?**

Girl, I hope you have a long piece of paper! [laughs]

Yeah, I mean, I believe in engaging people who have the political power to make decisions that affect our lives. So, I try to do that. In this situation, I just happened to stumble upon Governor Scott at Starbucks.

But in other situations ... for example I was at the RNC [2012 Republican National Convention] in Tampa a few years ago to address Marco Rubio, to stop him from running for office. He was across the room, but I did share my thoughts with him. It was in the paper around that time. I don't know if there was video, but it was definitely covered.

**Have you had any communication with Planned Parenthood or the clinics that are impacted since the video blew up?**

I haven't even gotten to check my email yet, honestly. But I know some people who work at Planned Parenthood who I've talked to.

**This new bill defunded Planned Parenthood completely in the state of Florida, right?**

Not completely. But what it did was impact the funding for any provider that is in any way affiliated with abortion services. So for low-income people who benefit from what they call Title X funding, that's basic well-woman care, family planning, HIV testing, pregnancy testing, breast exams, things like that.

In places where I live in Palm Beach County, 45 percent of low-income women get their basic reproductive healthcare—their screenings, their STD testing, their birth control—from Planned Parenthood. This bill basically forces all those people to find a different provider. But in some parts of the state, there aren't other providers. Or the other providers don't offer the same quality of care or the same services.

**So just to be clear, now the state of Florida won't let women on Medicaid go to Planned Parenthood—is that how it works?**

Right. Correct. It doesn't even have to mean that there are abortion services at that clinic. Just because the clinic's care is provided by Planned Parenthood and Planned Parenthood offers abortion in other places, it makes it so you can no longer go there at all and have it be covered if you're low-income. It's really too bad that the governor telling me to go to the county health clinic wasn't on video, too. He thinks he has the authority to dictate where women go to get their mammograms. It doesn't matter to him that the county health clinic doesn't provide care that's as good as Planned Parenthood.

He feels comfortable telling me where I should go. I feel comfortable telling him he's an asshole.

**Amazing. Is there anything else you wish you had said to him but didn't have a chance to?**

The governor is so egregious, the list of things to bring up about him is very long. From environmental policy, to the brutal number of executions in this state under his authority, to the lack of voting-rights restorations that is on his shoulders. We're fighting fracking bills that he was expected to support if they had gotten to his desk. I would have liked a much longer audience with the governor to discuss a lot of the issues. But he left, so.

**What else are you working on as far as activism these days?**

I'm working on a few things. There's an effort to stop a new federal max prison construction in Kentucky that they're trying to build on a mountaintop-removal coal mining site. There's going to be a convergence in D.C. in June to push the BPA to stop building these federal prisons and finally commit to reducing mass incarceration.

**I'm working on some local issues, too, around development and environmental issues where I live.**

What's so incredible about this viral video is that so many people seem to agree really strongly with you. I haven't seen a single person opposing what you said on social media—it's all applause.

Isn't that incredible? Sometimes you just don't wanna read the comments ... but the comments here, I've been blown away. I think it speaks to the fact that while politicians across the country are trying to defund Planned Parenthood, there's actually massive public support for groups like Planned Parenthood. Not

just good access to healthcare, but also recognizing that safe access to abortion is a basic healthcare issue for women. Because the other part of this bill creates really horrible obstacles for abortion clinics, it's not just about cutting Medicaid access.

Some people—including people in my family—have messaged me and said, "Look, I don't support public funds for abortion." But they've been really misled. We're not talking just about public funds for abortion. We're talking about a woman's right to choose where she gets her mammogram. And if Planned Parenthood provides the best medical service, then we should have the right to go there. These laws that are being pushed by right-wing think tanks are hurting our basic access.

*For additional reading see:*

☛ *The Guardian's "Florida woman captured on video confronting governor over healthcare" by Richard Luscombe at: <http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/apr/06/florida-woman-rick-scott-starbucks-planned-parenthood>*

☛ *The Establishment's "What it's like to confront Governor Rick Scott in a Starbucks" by Darlena Cunha at <http://www.theestablishment.co/2016/04/08/what-its-like-to-confront-governor-rick-scott-in-a-starbucks/>.* ☛

## The Brainwashing of My Dad

*A film by Jen Senko*

A filmmaker examines the rise of right-wing media through the lens of her father, whose immersion in it radicalized him and rocked the foundation of their family. She discovers this political phenomenon recurring in living rooms everywhere, and reveals the consequences conservative media has had on families and a nation.

The Brainwashing of My Dad is showing at Cyclops Cinema April 20-26. ☛

THE  
REPURPOSE  
PROJECT

HOURS: Tues-Sat: 10am-6pm, Closed: Sun & Mon  
1920 NE 23rd Ave, Gainesville

The Repurpose Project is a non-profit community based effort to divert useful resources from the landfill, redirect these items to the public for art and education, inspire creativity, and help us all rethink what we throw away.

Valuable materials are thrown away every day. We believe that everything is a gift from the earth and should be used and reused as much as possible before taking more. Join us on our journey to a sustainable future. Buy USED!

www.repurposeproject.org

CAN I HELP?

Housecleaning  
Weekly/BI-Weekly

Pet Care  
Playing, Walking,  
Overnight

UF Grad and Local Homeowner  
Reliable/Trustworthy with Excellent References  
(352) 495-2262/ (352) 575-4080

Landscaping  
Natural/Graceful/Wild  
Innovative Ideas

Food Prep  
For Individuals or  
Party Help

CYCLOPS CINEMA  
DVD & BLU-RAY RENTALS MINI MOVIE THEATER  
10 E UNIVERSITY AVE OPEN 3PM-11PM TUE - SUN

UPCOMING FILMS:  
THE WAVE (NORWEGIAN DISASTER FILM)  
THEORY OF OBSCURITY: A FILM ABOUT THE RESIDENTS  
BITE (CANADIAN HORROR)  
THE BRAINWASHING OF MY DAD (POLITICAL DOC)

CALL OR VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO:  
352-376-1870 CYCLOPSCINEMA.COM



**CHOMSKY, from p. 1**

It now turns out that in 2016 the 1% will own about half the world’s wealth, meaning they will have as much wealth as 3 1/2 billion people. I think 60 families have practically all of it. It used to be 90 families. It’s getting smaller. And it has almost nothing to do with any contribution to the economy or even any achievement.

So, for example, a large percentage of the people in the top families, the top earners, are from the financial institutions, which are kind of parasitic.

There was an IMF study, about two years ago which studied the profits of I think it was six leading American banks. It turns out they almost all come from the taxpayer in one or another way. There is an implicit government insurance policy. It’s not on paper, but everyone understands it. Informally it’s called “Too big to fail.” If you have a big institution, the government is not going to let it collapse. That does lead to the publicized bailouts.

But that’s the least of it. It means inflated credit ratings, access to cheap credit, which is a huge amount of money. It’s an incentive to carry out risky transactions, which are very profitable. And if they go bust, don’t worry about it. The taxpayer will bail you out.

Bloomberg News, the business press, tried to put a number on it. They estimated an over \$80 billion-a-year subsidy to the top financial institutions from taxpayers, basically their profit. And things have been set up so that with stock options and all sorts of other trickery, incomes just shoot to the sky. There’s all sorts of other devices.

The Oxfam report goes into the question of tax havens, which are by now a huge phenomenon. So Pfizer locates in Ireland or in the Cayman Islands. They have kind of an office in the Cayman Islands, let’s say, or in the Jersey Islands in England and don’t pay taxes. Which is huge amounts of money. There’s no economic justification for them, nor are they natural processes of any sort. These are just decisions.

So how long will they be tolerated? It’s a question you ought to be asking yourself. They will be tolerated as long as people are willing to tolerate them. Meanwhile, wages stagnate or decline. There’s big talk about the minimum wage, should it go up to \$12 or \$15. As you probably know, in the 1950s and the 1960s, the minimum wage tracked productivity and GDP. If it had continued after the mid-1970s, it

would probably be about \$20 an hour now. That’s money that poor working people are handing over to the rich. And it goes on in case after case. So how long will it be tolerated? As long as people don’t want to rise up and overthrow it. It can stop. It’s not done by force, actually. It’s not a totalitarian dictatorship. We’re very free in many respects.

-----  
*I have nieces and nephews who are graduating from college and they have this enormous student debt. They’re coming into the world of work often at lower-paying jobs than the degree you would think would bring them, and they are saddled with a debt that they can almost never get out from under.*

*It seems like we’re driving more and more towards education being part of that 1 percent, too, and not for anybody else. As a labor movement, we want our children to be educated but we also want to them respect the fact that all work has dignity. We seem to not be able to give them either of those things. What role does higher ed play?*

I think we can. The sharp rise in tuition, which leads to really onerous debt problems, as you say, these are problems that a kid can’t get out of. You can’t declare bankruptcy. They can garnish Social Security. People can live with it for their lives. I don’t think there’s any economic basis for this.

I think there’s pretty good evidence for that. Take a look around the world. Maybe the most successful so-called state capitalist economy is Germany. It has free education. The Nordic countries have free education. Mexico, a poor country, has free education—a pretty high level, in fact. If you go to UNAM, the main university, very high quality. Terrible

salaries because it’s a poor country. But they have free education.

Take the U.S. Back in the 1940s and the 1950s, this was a much poorer country than it is now, far poorer, but it basically had free higher education. The GI Bill was kind of race-based, there were a lot of things wrong with it, but it did offer free education to a huge number of people who would never have gone to college before. And not only education but support. It was very good for them, it was very good for the country. This was the highest growth period in the country’s history. And it was a poorer country.

So why do we have to have tuitions shooting up not only here but in England and elsewhere? The same thing is happening at the state college level. The funding of colleges in the states has been sharply declining. Here too, but in many places just going way down. This is all part of the same neoliberal policies of shifting the burdens onto the people who are vulnerable and protecting the rich and powerful because they don’t want to pay taxes. All of the same policies.

Again, it’s not graven in stone. It doesn’t have to be like this. These policies can be reversed. In the colleges and universities themselves the work force is being treated kind of like what’s happening in industry. So, for example, the faculty is declining significantly relative to both administrators—the administrative class is shooting sky high, deans and sub-deans and provosts and one thing or another—and also because of a shift to temporary workers, who are much more easily kicked in the face. So adjuncts, graduate students, people who can’t defend themselves, are doing more and more of the work. And there’s a limit on tenured faculty, and it’s reducing.

The basic thrust is, get rid of the permanent faculty and use temporary workers who don’t have any protection. It’s terrible for the educational system, it’s good for the trustees and the interests they represent. But it certainly doesn’t have to happen.

It’s happening in Europe, too. The Bologna Protocols, as they were called, essentially are designed to undercut what was the university system, the idea that the university ought to be free from outside pressure and dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding.

It’s an ideal that wasn’t observed, but it’s a very important ideal. That’s being undercut by EU decisions, in Britain by government decisions, to try to turn the universities into essentially business-oriented enterprises.

There was an article about it by a good educational analyst in Britain recently who said that the Tory government in England is trying to turn first-class universities into third-class commercial institutions, making it a requirement on, say, the classics department at Oxford that if they want to hire somebody, they have to show that they can survive in the market.

This is monstrous in terms of the whole

history of what civilization has been about for the last couple hundred years. But all of this is part of the basic neoliberal framework.

And it certainly doesn’t have to happen. Like you say, it’s a terrible burden for young people, actually, a lot worse in

Europe. Say, in Italy, I don’t know the exact number, but kids who get out of university are just living at home because they can’t possibly afford an apartment, they can’t get decent jobs. It has a terrible effect on coming generations. 🐉



***A destination game store and parlor.***

***4205 NW 16th Blvd Gainesville FL 32605 352-378-PLAY (7529)***

***Find us online at [gainesvilletabletop.com](http://gainesvilletabletop.com) and Facebook***

**BUY USED!**  
It's good for  
the planet!



**Junk Shop,  
Art Supplies,  
Building Supply,  
& event space!**

**repurpose project  
RUNWAY**  
**Friday, April 22nd, 6-9pm**

**TRASH FASHION SHOW  
AND DJ DANCE PARTY**

**[www.repurposeproject.org](http://www.repurposeproject.org)**

**Spring  
Gleaning  
Festival**  
...and flea market

**April 23rd,  
Saturday,  
12-4pm**

**Live MUSIC on OUTDOOR STAGE,  
Satchel's Pizza, Swamphead beer, Physics Bus,  
Hands on Gainesville, Forage Farm,  
Pop Up Playground, family-friendly games  
& puppet show!**

**1920 NE 23rd Ave, Gainesville, FL**





## 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	5 pm	Joe and Craig Show
Mon	5 pm	Street Nuts
	7 pm	Malum
	8 pm	The Sum of Your Life
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	Brazilian Commando
	7 pm	Planet of Sound
	9 pm	Reality Bites

## Veterans for Peace Memorial Day display on hold until next year

By Veterans For Peace, Gainesville

There will be no Veterans for Peace Memorial Day weekend display of tombstones this year in Gainesville.

We plan to come back next year, although the new design will condense the display and move it further from the parking area.

The former Gainesville City Commission voted to remake NW 8th Avenue into an ugly cement and asphalt speedway.

The new design turns everything between 34th Street and 31st Street into concrete and asphalt, removing the grass. It also reduces the amount of grass east of 31st Street from 60-inch wide strips to 36-inch wide strips.

We now have a new Mayor and city commission majority. They have the opportunity to stop this ugly speedway and redesign it into three lanes.

8th Avenue in this area is really a road that goes between two parks, Westside

Park and Loblolly Woods Nature Park. There are also two schools there.

It would save the city money to stop this monstrosity now, change the design to three lanes, reduce the sidewalks from 10 feet wide back to five feet wide and restore the grass strips back to 60 inches.

This would be safer and less costly to do and maintain. Over the years, upkeep of four lanes of asphalt costs more than three lanes. It would also be cooler, because replacing the grass in the present plan with concrete will create more heat.

We will ask the new city commission majority to look at this immediately because the sooner they stop the current design, the more money will be saved.

This is a win-win because we would save taxpayer money and bring back the park atmosphere.

We don't want to look and be like Orlando – we are Gainesville. 🐘

*“Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.”*

- Franklin D. Roosevelt



### WGOT-LP 94.7 FM

Soon to be at 100.1

Gainesville's Progressive Community  
Radio Station WGOT is on the air

Check out [wgot.org](http://wgot.org) for upcoming events  
and a detailed schedule.

94.7 is a Low Power FM station with a transmitter at NW 39th Ave and I-75, so best reception is within 5 miles, but many people are able to pick up the station in their car.

Questions? Comments?  
E-mail us at [info@wgot.org](mailto:info@wgot.org).



**Democracy NOW!**  
airs Mon.-Fri. 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

## David Swanson to speak on ‘War is a Lie’

Nobel Peace Prize nominee and activist David Swanson will speak in Gainesville, Sarasota and Jacksonville about the latest developments in the telling and the debunking of lies about wars. He'll answer questions and sign copies of his new book, “War Is A Lie: Second Edition.”

Swanson is an author, activist, journalist and radio host. He is director of WorldBeyondWar.org and campaign coordinator for RootsAction.org. He blogs at DavidSwanson.org and WarIsACrime.org. He hosts Talk Nation Radio and is a 2015 Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

Other books he has written include “Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union,” “When the World Outlawed War,” and “War No More: The Case for Abolition.”

The speaking events will be held:

- May 19, Sarasota, Fogartyville Community Media and Arts Center 525 Kumquat Court, 7 p.m.
- May 20, Jacksonville, Florida Christian Center Auditorium, 1115 Edgewood Ave S, (904) 381-4800, 7 p.m.
- May 21, Gainesville, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville, 4225 NW 34th St., 7 p.m.

The events are brought to you by Veterans for Peace Gainesville and Florida Veterans for Common Sense in Sarasota. 🐘

## Civic Media Center events

Check [civicmediacenter.org](http://civicmediacenter.org) for details, additional events

Every Thu Weekly Volunteer Meeting, 5:30 pm

Every Thu Weekly Poetry Jam, 8 pm

Fri 4/8 Punk Black Music Show Friday, 7 pm

Sat 4/9 Pierce Pettis & Elaine Mahon Music Show, 8 pm

Mon 4/11 Dharma in the Community: Social Justice & Buddhism: “Destroyer of Illusion” Film Series Monday, 7 pm

Wed 4/13 ACLC Presents: “Dream On” a Labor Film Wednesday, 7 pm

Mon 4/18 Gainesville Peer Respite Center Presents: Beyond the Medical Model // Film+ Discussion, 7 pm

Tue 4/19 Gainesville Socialist Host's: Herschel Elliott's Anti-Capitalist discussion Tuesday, 7 pm

Wed 4/20 Mellow Soul Poetry at The CMC! Wednesday, 8 pm

Sat 4/23 Wild Iris Free Store Saturday, April 23rd 2 pm

Wed 4/27 Trans Affairs Screening of Tangerine Movie, 7 pm

Fri 4/29 Art Walk: larry rosalez: the miseducation - curtain performances and works from my college experience, 7 pm

Sat 4/30 Mimi Oz Live Music, 8 pm

Sun 5/1 IWW Hosts MayDay Celebration, Sunday May 1st 1-6 pm



**433 S. Main Street • 373-0010**

Park just to the south at SE 5th Ave, (see sign), or after 7 pm at the courthouse (just north of 4th Ave), or GRU (2 blocks east of CMC).



## Where's CMC's SpringBoard event?

This year, breaking with tradition in a town with tons of fundraising events, the CMC will be “hosting” a “No Event” fundraiser. Does the CMC need your support? Heck yeah. But are we going to request you devote an evening to us? Not this time.

So please consider a small or larger donation to give the CMC a jump-start on those hot summer months of running the AC. You see all the events we do in our event box; the CMC is all that and much more. Beyond all the books and other resources we make available, countless folks have benefited from the films and events we host, personal connections have been made, political organizing has been catalyzed and carried forward. Musicians have had their careers starts, touring musicians have had a non-bar all-ages venue to share their talents, and poets have had their starts or honed their talents. We have helped build a great little hub of activities which include Citizens Co-op, Wild Iris Books, Sequential Artists Workshop, and hopefully soon a Tamale Shop.

Please take a minute to write a check, visit the website to make a PayPal donation, come by for an event and give something extra, or just drop something off. It is easy to take something that has existed for 20+ years for granted. But it's not easy to keep going, as any coordinator past or present will tell you. The whole community is who we serve, and it take a community to keep it going.

As a co-founder, former coordinator, current volunteer, and speaking for the CMC Board: Thank You!

Joe Courter

[www.civicmediacenter.org](http://www.civicmediacenter.org)  
coordinators@  
[civicmediacenter.org](http://civicmediacenter.org)  
352-373-0010  
433 S. Main St., Gainesville  
32601



# History and the people who make it: Phil Fixico

*Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.*

*This is the 34th in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida.*

*Phil Fixico [F] was interviewed by Ryan Morini [M] in 2012.*

**M: Your date and place of birth?**

**F:** July 23, 1947. Los Angeles, California. Racially, I’m African-Native-American. Culturally, I’m an aspiring Seminole Maroon descendant, but to the people of America who see me on the street, I’m just another flavor of black.

Racially, I say I’m African-Native-American, my ancestry is a mixture of Africans that came from Sierra Leone to South Carolina. They were rice growers in Sierra Leone. They didn’t wanna do slavery so they escaped and formed an alliance with Native Americans.

In the case of my ancestry, there was a mixture and when I say that I’m an aspiring Seminole Maroon descendant, I’m not a Seminole Maroon because I didn’t do the things that qualify you to be a Seminole Maroon based on the scholarly definitions of that.

I was born in LA. I grew up around a community known as the Central Avenue Community on the east side of town.

Because there was no integration, you had a full range of people, the person who worked at the shoe-shine stand and the person who owned a business or who was a doctor or a lawyer, all within that community.

When integration came, of course, the more affluent moved out. Nickerson Garden Projects. Over the years it had been classified as one of the most dangerous projects, little houses off the alley and dirt in the yard with cans and rocks and stuff.

When we moved to Watts, the projects were new. Two story, new plumbing, green grass. Wow, it was like a plush condo. It was below poverty-line housing that someone cared enough about poor people to build. Not only did they care, somehow had fought the necessary battles that it be built.

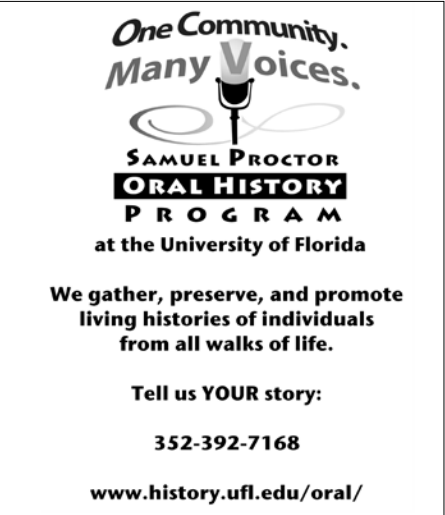
All of the people that lived there were poor. You had two classes of people, the poor rather financially helpless and defenseless. And those among the poor who decided, I’m gonna prey on the people closest to me.

It would’ve been a great idea if they had somehow could have integrated the different socio-economic classifications of people.

When you moved in, all the children literally lined up to see what you were bringing into your house. Shortly after we moved in, a man was stabbed in the back, killed. And he bled over the back porch.

Soon thereafter, a young girl—fifteen at the most—she was raped at 7:30 in the evening in front, and people pulled their shades down, closed the door. That’s where we lost it, the predators were in control.

That’s where our culture disintegrated so



I’ve never forgotten that lesson. It’s not about the buildings, it’s about the people.

**M: Your parents, who were they?**

**F:** My biological parents, I didn’t confirm who my father was until I was fifty-two. You say well how does that happen?

Well Mom was confused and she was desperate and she was just worrying about getting us out of those projects and you know she wasn’t about to be concerned about my identity.

Hey, well, if you getting something to eat and you got a place to stay. I developed an identity problem very young and I survived, but it was a devastating upgrowing, you know. Four years old, I was having night terrors.

I was raised in a web of secrets and lies, but the worst ones were the half-truths where I would think I’d have it and then I’d run into the truth and I don’t have it.

The same nightmare, night after night. We moved to the projects and so by age 8, a

predator. I got two pennies and I snuck off and went to the store. And I was violently molested. I didn’t tell my mother, I told a neighbor. He told my brother who took some street vengeance on the guy. But I lost my smile, I began staring. I’m still affected by [that] [laughter].

When I was 9 I got a gang tattoo, what I was really saying is leave my body alone. My ambition was to be a hustler. Those were my heroes because they were predators but they weren’t the violent, hurt you predators.

My fantasy was, I could take a ice cream truck, not the kind that makes the noise, but that supplies the ice cream truck. I would get it and I would bring it to the projects and I would open the door and I would walk away, and everyone could just go in there. So that was my sense of self.

I started getting in trouble. By 14, quite naturally, I was in a gang, eventually I hit the wall – airplane glue, weed and wine.

I had become a plague on my family, my school and my community. My mother got us out of the projects by marrying a guy with a small business but she wanted me to call him daddy and she had never told me who my daddy was.

So it became this epic battle between me wanting to know my identity and her feeling, hey no you not gonna. So, she put me out and my mind said — huh, I could handle it because I had a gun, a twenty-five single-shot. I had a burglary kit. I had some locksmith tools but I didn’t know how to use them. Of course I had a knife.

I was put out, then [it] occurred to her, he’s a minor, I can’t put him out. So she called the police and said I ran away. Now the police are looking for me. I had already sold my gun to get money for the glue. When they drove by, I got rid of the burglary kit.

Eventually I hit the wall. I was fast discovering that I couldn’t make it in the streets. There was a lady, a big strong black woman. I did attempt to snatch her purse, she was stronger than me. She literally could have lifted me up, broke my neck and killed me. But she restrained herself [laughter]. Thank God. I’m here today. Bless you lady for letting me live.

I felt a extreme sense of shame that I had failed to be a hustler. The next day I attempted suicide. I was at my girlfriend’s house and I lock myself in her bathroom. I took a bunch of prescription drugs, drunk a bottle of iodine, which probably saved me.

So I wound up going into the juvenile system for a year. From being in jail at 14, I was in solitary confinement. I escaped. I was in the day room of the psychologically mentally problems and that is something you never forget. You got 30 people in there and they’re attempting to break you.

After I finally got through that and went into forestry camp, I was helped. The help came from professional people doing their job. I’m sure that’s why I was able to have a life and not return to what I had came from. I never forgot that.

My mother, her father was black as a 1920 telephone, with straight hair. He was Cherokee. He was a Pullman porter. He had ran off the reservation when he was 12.

I didn’t know about the Seminole Maroon side. And we lived briefly with my biological father. But she wouldn’t tell me that he was my father and she wouldn’t let him reveal that he was my father. They were doing a trial relationship when I was four to five so I remember him. Oh boy, he had problems with alcohol. Very smart.

I had an aunt who said he could pick up any instrument and play but he never could finish the song.

There was some physical abuse from him towards her. I saw the blood and I was plotting how I could take his life. But they broke up.

One morning she walked in and she just threw a sheet on the floor, she threw a few clothes in it. And she said, let’s go. She tied that sheet and we just walk right out into a cab.

I’ve just discovered that his family, they were Seminole. His father was a famous Black Seminole leader. Poppy Fixico, which is my Indian name, Poppy. But Poppy Fixico was his father and he had received an allotment for land with oil.

Within one year of that, they murdered him. The family had to take refuge in other states like Colorado, Kansas, and they did receive a considerable amount of money from it. But his mother viewed my mother as another person who wanted to come in and get some Indian money. So she shut the door on my mother.

They had to run off and leave his property. It was on a huge deposit of oil. At 52, I put together all the facts that I knew. I found family in Los Angeles and I connected with them. And then in Texas and Oklahoma, and some members in Missouri and Mexico.

When I went to one of the ancestral homelands, they put me in the parade in a limo like I was a returning son. And at the school on Seminole days I told them, I said, well sorry I wasn’t here as part of the community, you don’t know me. But I promise I will speak 300 times for the ancestors and I’ll take your story to the nation so I did it.

I was able to complete it and take it to the Smithsonian Institution, where you know, I’m featured.

That was thirteen years ago. It’s not even what I really wanna do. But I basically do it because I’m afraid not to do it.

My activism required thirteen years of research. But, it was precious to me because it was denied to me. I’ve now spoken over five hundred times. When I reach a platform where I can give my take on it, I’ll be free. I can go do what I really want to do. So.

I’m basically into the arts—music, art, theater—and I’ve come to the conclusion that one reason there are so many frustrated, musicians, actors and artists is because we do it for the wrong reason. We do it for the obvious reasons of fame, prestige, and money.

But the true value of a lot of these things is medicinal. I graduated from a two-year junior college arts school and they advised me, well, with your drawing skills you should do black family art.

What a blow to me, because I had no family that I knew of. So you know I was crushed, I went into abstract expressionists and if you do that you gonna stay home and not have no money.

I created about 128 from Minimalism to Rococo using this process of attempting to take the artists out of the creation of it and then I realized, wow, this is not art. I destroyed most of them.

So I would like to do art, music, theater. But I just wasn’t able to pursue it because you had to take care of the family.

*Search for “Phil Fixico” at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu/collection/> for the full transcript of this interview.*

*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. 🐢*

## Citizens group ‘Stand by our Plan’ defeats Plum Creek

On March 1, the Alachua County Commission voted to deny Plum Creek’s plan to destroy wetlands in our strategic Eco-system east of Newnans Lake and the rural quality of life of our citizens that live there.

We thank Commissioners Mike Byerly, Ken Cornell and Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson for voting to protect our rural way of life, our environment and the Comprehensive plan which protects both.

Plum Creek and its supporters are not happy about this and are trying to replace Mike Byerly on the County Commission and Eileen Roy on the School Board with Plum Creek task force members. They are also after Eileen Roy because as a member of the planning commission she voted to recommend denial of the Plum Creek plan.

Please protect the seats of those who protect us. Re-elect Commissioners Mike Byerly, Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson and School Board Member Eileen Roy.

For more information about Stand by Our Plan, go to: <http://standbyourplan.org>. 🐢

## 100-voice community chorus to present concert

Voices Rising Community Chorus, a 100-voice intergenerational chorus, will present its spring concert on Sunday, May 1, at First United Methodist Church, 419 NE 1st Street in Gainesville, with performances at 3 and 7 p.m.

Among the works featured will be music from West Side Story as well as the Florida premiere of Newtown Requiem by jazz composer Joe Utterback.

The suggested donation is \$5-\$20, or give what you can. Half of all proceeds will benefit Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. 🐢



# Iguana Directory

Call 352-378-5655 or email [gainesvilleiguana@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://alachuagreens.weebly.com), [alachuagreens@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bstandly@aclufl.org)

**Amnesty International** UF campus chapter of worldwide human rights movement; [www.facebook.com/ufamnesty](http://www.facebook.com/ufamnesty) or [UFAmnesty@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org), [cclgainesville@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.civicmediacenter.org).

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

[www.chispasuf.org](http://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](mailto:CodePink4Peace.org), [jacquebetz@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://alachuadems.org).

**Edible Plant Project** Local 100% volunteer-run collective to create a revolution through edible and food-producing plants. <http://edibleplantproject.org/contact-us>.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.thefineprintuf.org).

**Florida School of Traditional Midwifery** A clearinghouse for information, activities and educational programs. 352-338-0766 [www.midwiferyschool.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.gaaponline.org), [info@gaaponline.org](mailto: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. University Ave, 352-378-1690, [www.fadp.org](http://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](mailto:gainesvillefnb@riseup.net). [www.facebook.com/#!/groups/143660782367621/](http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/143660782367621/)

**Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ)** organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd Mondays at 6 pm at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. [Gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com](mailto:Gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com), [www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com](http://www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com), 352-377-6577.

**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. [gainesvilleloves-mountains@gmail.com](mailto:gainesvilleloves-mountains@gmail.com), 352-610-1090, <http://gainesvillelovesmountains.wordpress.com/>.

**Gainesville NOW** [www.gainesvillenow.org](http://www.gainesvillenow.org). [info@gainesvilleNOW.org](mailto: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](mailto:gainesvillesocialists@gmail.com)

**National Women's Liberation** is 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](http://www.womensliberation.org), P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 347-560-4695, [nwl@womensliberation.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:officers@ufgau.org), [www.ufgau.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.harvestofhope.net), email: [kellerhope@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.gainesvillehumanists.org) or [facebook.com/humanistsocietyofgainesville](http://facebook.com/humanistsocietyofgainesville); [gainesvillehumanists@gmail.com](mailto:gainesvillehumanists@gmail.com).

**Humanists on Campus** UF organization provides a community for freethinking, secular humanists. Goals include promoting values of humanism, discussing issues humanists face internationally. We strive to participate in community service and bring a fun, dynamic group to the university! Preferred contact info: email [ufhumanistsoncampus@gmail.com](mailto:ufhumanistsoncampus@gmail.com), alternative: [j.bontems@ufl.edu](mailto: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](mailto:Gainesvilleiww@gmail.com). [www.gainesvilleiww.org](http://www.gainesvilleiww.org)

**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](mailto:gainesvilleiso@gmail.com).

**Kindred Sisters** Lesbian/feminist magazine. PO Box 141674, Gainesville, FL 32614. [www.kindredsisters.org](http://www.kindredsisters.org), [KindredSisters@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:nlggainesville@gmail.com) or [www.nlg.org](http://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](mailto:ncfawis@gmail.com) or go to [www.ncfawis.org](http://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](http://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](http://pflaggainesville.org). Confidential Helpline 352-340-3770 or email [info@pflaggainesville.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.centerforpeacebuilding.org). 2603 NW 13th St. #333, 352-234-6595

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

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

**Stand By Our Plan** is committed to informing

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

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

**Sunday Assembly**, a secular congregation which celebrates life, meets the third Sunday of each month at 3 pm at 530 W. University Ave. (Santa Fe College campus building in downtown Gainesville). There is a talk, music, sing-alongs, discussion, refreshments and fellowship. See <http://SAGainesville.weebly.com/>.

**UF Pride Student Union** Group of gay, lesbian, bi and straight students & non-students, faculty and staff. [www.grove.ufl.edu/~pride](http://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](mailto:ufradstudentalliance@gmail.com).

**United Faculty of Florida Union** represents faculty at University of Florida. 352-392-0274, [president@uff-uf.org](mailto:president@uff-uf.org), [www.UFF-UF.org](http://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/](http://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/](http://www.afn.org/~vetpeace/).

**WGOT 94.7 LP-FM** Community low-power station operating as part of the Civic Media Center. [wgot947@gmail.com](mailto:wgot947@gmail.com), [www.wgot.org](http://www.wgot.org).

**World Socialist Party of the United States (WSP-US)** can be contacted by anyone wanting to know and understand more about Marxian socialism and the WSPUS's efforts to transform the dog-eat-dog – Devil take the hindmost world created by capitalism into a democratically arranged world society of equality by emailing the Party at [boston@wspus.org](mailto:boston@wspus.org). All email received will be responded to. Upon request the Party will provide membership applications..✉





**INDEPENDENT  
BOOKSTORE DAY**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016

[www.indiebookstoreday.com](http://www.indiebookstoreday.com)

## Wild Iris Books celebrates Independent Bookstore Day April 30, 10 am - 4 pm

Independent Bookstore Day (IBD) is a national initiative that started in California and now includes over 400 indie bookstores across the nation. Every year they work with publishers to create special limited edition titles and merchandise and they encourage authors to partner with stores in their area to create a gathering centered around a love of literacy and community.

This year Wild Iris will not only be celebrating local authors but also community organizations and creative artists and of course our block family – CMC, SAW and the Citizen's Co-op!

Check out this amazing list of authors who will be guest booksellers talking

about the books that inspire them:

Lauren Groff, Joe Haldeman, Tom Hart Leela Corman, Sandra Lambert, William Hatfield, Write Handed Poet A. Denée, and Leanne Lawrence.

We also will have WellFlorida Council, Inc. providing free HIV Testing/ Counseling, live painting with the art of Carrie Martinez, music with Mama Trish, African dance performances with Larry d rosalez-lewis and poetry by Mellow Soul Tuesdays.

The list is still growing but currently we know that Gainesville Area NOW, Trans Affairs in Gainesville, Alachua County Humane Society, the Alachua County Library District, and Gainesville Girls Rock Camp will be there to join the festivities.

IBD is also all about the limited edition merchandise – this year our favorites include a vinyl companion to Rad American Women A to Z, a Neil Gaiman coloring book and the cutest wallet with bookstore cats that you've ever seen. Our friends at SAW will be hosting a community art wall where can write and draw about your favorite or why you love indies or both!

For more information, visit [wildirisbooks.com](http://wildirisbooks.com), email [info@wildirisbooks.com](mailto:info@wildirisbooks.com) or call 352-275-7477. We hope to see you there! 🐾

Did you see the quote from John Ehrlichman that Dan Baum has kept on ice and just now released in this month's Harper's Magazine?

*"The Nixon campaign in 1968, and the Nixon White House after that, had two enemies: the antiwar left and black people. You understand what I'm saying? We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did."* 🐾

### **The Gainesville Iguana**

*Established 1986*

#### **The Gainesville Iguana**

*is Gainesville's progressive events calendar and newsletter*

#### **Subscribe!**

*Individuals: \$15 (or more if you can)*

*Low/No income: what you can*

*Groups: \$20*

*Gainesville Iguana, P.O. Box 14712,  
Gainesville, FL 32604*

*Comments, suggestions, contributions (written or financial) are welcome. To list your event or group, contact us at:*

*(352) 378-5655*

*GainesvilleIguana@cox.net*

*[www.gainesvilleiguana.org](http://www.gainesvilleiguana.org)*

*[facebook.com/gainesvilleiguana](https://facebook.com/gainesvilleiguana)*

*Current and past issues since 1996 and PDFs since 2012 are available at [www.gainesvilleiguana.org](http://www.gainesvilleiguana.org)*



**377-5828**

**Open: Mon-Fri 7 am-10 pm,**

**Sat-Sun 9 am-10 pm**

**DRIVE THRU & CALL-INS**

**Two locations:**

**407 NW 12th St.**

**5011 NW 34th St.**