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JOHN WOODS / WINNIPEG FREE PRESS People participate in a vigil for Orlando shooting victims at the Manitoba Legislature Monday, June 13, 2016.

A Contest for the Future of Alachua County

by James Thompson

In the August 30th Democratic primary for the Alachua County Commission races, the people get to decide who runs our community--Chamber of Commerce candidates supported by PAC money, or locally grown grassroots issue-based progressives. As sitting Commissioner Robert Hutchinson has acknowledged alongside his own race for re-election, the more difficult challenge is getting his colleague Mike Byerly to keep his seat against the charismatic Jacksonville transplant, Pastor Kevin Thorpe. If Thorpe wins, Plum Creek (now Weyerhaeuser) will resubmit its plans to undermine our Comprehensive Plan and build a city on the wetlands in Eastern Alachua County, and we will see a decline in the focus on social services and a County living wage. The primary is the sum of the election, since no

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What now?

Reflections on Orlando

by Maria Carter

On June 12 in Orlando, a deeply disturbed young man with a semi-automatic rifle shot 102 people in less than 15 minutes at a gay nightclub, killing 49 and wounding 53. The majority of those killed and injured were young, queer and Latinx, enjoying the dancing and celebration at the club's Latin night.

News of the attack flattened the American LGBTQ+ community. We're still reeling.

In the 24 hours after the shooting, a politi-

cal drama of truly American proportions played out across media outlets. The Right immediately seized upon the shooter's Muslim affiliation and his expression of solidarity with the Islamic State as evidence that this attack was an act of radical Islamic terror. 'An attack against all Americans,' they said. 'It could have happened to anyone.'

anwhile, as the story developed, a more complex picture emerged. Omar Mateen had been troubled and violent since he was

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a child. He had been a patron of the gay club he attacked, and had profiles on several gay dating apps. He had even come out as gay to a few friends, even though he was married to a woman, with a young son. Outside of gay circles, however, co-workers and family say he frequently made intensely homophobic remarks. He made wild claims about his radicalism, at various points claiming to support three different, opposing radical Islamic terror groups.

In our queer hearts, we knew. Whatever his religious affiliation and links to terrorism, this was also a hate-crime. It did not happen to all Americans. It happened to the LGBTQ+ community. And, more specifically, primarily to LGBTQ+ people of color.

Things feel different now. At least 100 new anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been introduced across 22 states just since last year. Before June 12th, this reality was irritating, even troubling. Now, it feels panic- and rage-inducing. The homophobic sentiment that has plagued American society for decades had begun to seem anachronistic since the ban on same-sex marriage was lifted last year. This month we learned that we are not as safe as we imagined.

In the days after the Orlando attack, many Christians and Muslims, Republicans and Democrats, made beautiful expressions of support and solidarity. Others did not. The deafening silence from some Republican lawmakers and conservative Christians, as

well as the explicit support for the killing on the part of a handful of ultra-conservative Christian leaders, have reverberated throughout the LGBTQ+ community. In a time when a loud segment of the population is angrily outspoken against Latino immigration, such silence and implicit approval have resounded among Latinx queers even more so.

What now? Where do we go from this place of fear, anger and vulnerability? What can we do, to make this tragedy into a catalyst for good in the world? As horrific as this event is, it is only one among many examples of assault and murder of LGBTQ+ people that happen each year. American culture has a homophobia problem, and it's past time to resolve it.

It is past time for religious judgment to be removed from American political discourse. No matter one's personal feelings or beliefs on sexual orientation or gender identity, the use of conservative religious rationale to attack civil rights is a trend that we must shame out of existence.

Similarly, a rational public discourse on gun regulation seems painfully necessary. Mateen killed dozens of people in seconds, with a weapon designed for military use, legally available to the public. Whatever your opinions on the 2nd Amendment, can we at least agree to lift the prohibition on government funded gun research? Can we at least engage in a reasoned, evidence-based, national conversation about whether equipment designed solely to kill other humans with maximum efficiency should be easier to purchase than cold medicine?

My community is hurting. Our sense of safety was crushed in Orlando, in that early morning when we were attacked at our most vulnerable – in our sanctuary, in the one place in society where we know for certain we can go and not be condemned for how we look or who we love. What we need most from America right now is to feel safe again.

We need you to tell us that you support us and accept us for who we are. We need to know that you're going to stop attacking our civil rights and basic dignity (bathroom bills, anyone?) We need to know that you'll support the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity non-discrimination clauses in your schools, cities and states. We need to know you don't support the idea that there is something intrinsically wrong with us.

If you are not a part of the group of Americans who are secretly satisfied about the massacre of 49 young LGBTQ+ people, then TELL US. Tell us, and tell other Americans, and tell the government, and tell your parents, and tell the people in your life who may disagree. That is what it means to be an ally right now. It means that you use your voice in the straight community to tell people that this was wrong, and to tell people that homophobia and transphobia are wrong. We want to feel safe again. Tell us that we're safe with you. Tell us that you're with us, with your voice and your voting choices. Not just right now, but for the long haul – until LGBTQ+ hate crimes are reduced to a distant cultural memory. ✊

Hasan Minhaj calls on Congress to act on gun control

The Daily Show's Hasan Minhaj was a keynote speaker at the 2016 Radio and Television Correspondents' Dinner (RTCA) on July 16. Minhaj delivered a four-minute speech on our need, all of us.

What we saw in Orlando was one of the ugliest cocktails of the problems that we still see here in America, a cocktail of homophobia, xenophobia, lack of access to mental health care, and sheer lack of political will. All of us satirists, we've all been yelling out, crying out for change. The sad reality is that we are all complicit in what happened.

Every day, in our workplaces, in our homes, in our religious institutions, there is covert

or overt discrimination or phobia towards people of different religious, racial, or sexual walks of life. We just sit there and we let it happen because it doesn't affect our bottom line. "I didn't say it, Hasan. I don't think it's that way. They said it, okay? It's not that simple, Hasan," and we just go on with our lives because it didn't affect our status quo.

The sad reality is stuff like this is going to continue to happen unless we recognize that civil liberties are an all or nothing game. A rising tide lifts all boats. It's not pick or choose. Whether you like it or not, we all have to step up and fight for each other. Otherwise the whole thing is a sham. Until we do that, Hijabis are go-

ing to get harassed in the streets, members from the trans community are going to be demonized for using the bathroom, and my brothers and sisters in the African American community, their spines are going to continue to get shattered in the back of paddy wagons until we stand up and say something.

The thing that hurts me the most is I wish I would have done more. To my brothers and sisters in the LGBTQ community and every marginalized community, I'm sorry I didn't do more.

The same goes for congress. We look to

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Drawing Lines

The mess we are in has been building for a long time. Idealism and hope can keep us moving forward, but is the destination we are heading toward where we want to be going? Back months ago I can distinctly remember more uncompromising friends insisting that the Bernie campaign would come to nothing, that he was a way of occupying the left until when he lost and then he would try to swing his supporters to back Hillary. I hated hearing that because I knew how much truth resonated in it.

But Bernie did a lot better than anyone would have predicted. He took on the most powerful campaign machine ever assembled and through new social media tools and an energized youth movement still is challenging Hillary to move in a more progressive direction. Bernie's campaign has proved that if your progressive program is good and you're clear about it, people will give you money and volunteer for your campaign. Before, potential progressive candidates thought the battle would be too uphill to even try. Better still, and this is the big unknown here, there is a newly organized and invigorated movement of folks who felt the Bern and are connected through the database of the campaign. But what now?



Joe Courter

This campaign has become a quite frightening proposition. There are those on the right who hate Hillary and say they will vote for Trump even though they know he is a blowhard con man. There are others hoping their convention will somehow dump Trump for some other candidate as delegates "follow their consciences" and pick somebody else. Imagine the reaction of Trump supporters to that?! That will play out in Cleveland.

There are those on the left who don't like Hillary for very different reasons, and still hold hopes that the negativity hanging around Hillary's neck will weigh her down so much the Convention in Philadelphia will reject her and give the nomination to Bernie. Time will tell, but she is definitely a wounded candidate, with most of those wounds based on policy decisions and practices which many people of the left find unacceptable; her hawkish tendencies, her linkage to the corporate and banking industries, things much deeper and complex than the right wings' Bengazi fixation.

The reality of this county's electoral system is that a third party candidacy is a near hopeless proposition. The Green Party, who would be the natural heir to the Bernie supporters who cannot stomach Clinton, will not be on the ballot in all states, and currently on in less than half. They are also hamstrung by not holding their convention until August. The Libertarian Party IS on all, state ballots, are not well organized and have a mixed bag agenda that is good on social issues, but leans toward deregulated capitalism, worshiping at the alter of the free market.

We are looking at lose-lose proposition, but for social justice issues, and for the sake of the Supreme Court, we will lose less with Clinton. I would like to see a concerted effort to have the Dems retake the Senate, this could be an effort Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren could spearhead, both being Senators themselves. For those who want the public debate on policies to continue, expressing support for the Greens candidate Jill Stein might be enough to force the debate Commission to be shamed into opening the debates beyond Dems and Repubs. Lots can happen in the next four months before we vote in November, so keep your eyes and options open.

And those who are thoroughly disgust by the whole thing, the no party non registered non voters, I kinda understand but please remember that our local elections are very important, especially Byerly and Hutch for County Commission. The national Democratic party may be a mess, but these are outstanding local progressives and under assault by well funded corporate campaign. That election is August 30. Please register Democrat by the end of July and help them. 🐸

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A New Turnpike Through Alachua County?

by Kayla Sosnow

Governor Scott's Florida Department of Transportation wants to build a new, high-capacity high-speed toll road, traversing the state from Tampa to Jacksonville, purportedly for "regional connectivity" and to relieve I-75 congestion between Wildwood and Gainesville. But demand has never been demonstrated for a Tampa-Jax corridor, and the proposal does little to solve I-75 congestion.

In April FDOT finally revealed swaths under consideration for potential future corridors. Towns and villages impacted include High Springs/Alachua, Tioga, Jonesville, Newberry, Haile Plantation, Gainesville, Archer, Williston, Ocala, Rainbow Springs, Dunnellon, Citrus Springs, Lecanto and Hernando. (See swaths on map.)

A new facility would sever sensitive eco-systems and wildlife corridors, rural pastures and homesteads, and towns and villages whose complexion may change

forever. It would also endanger a critical recharge zone, where the Floridan Aquifer is replenished by rainfall to provide potable water supplies for the region. This has been recognized by the St. Johns and Suwannee River Water management districts, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and the State of Florida for years. Alachua County has very protective aquifer recharge policies in our Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Moreover, Alachua County residents believe a new freeway west of I-75 would contribute to further westward sprawl, and drain investment from Eastern Alachua County and East Gainesville. I-75 has been skewing our County's development since it was built 60 years ago.

This 5-minute video exposes how the entire plan was hatched and moved forward, from 2010-2014. The Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation partnered with FDOT to commission a study. Years of meetings and studies followed, including establishment of an annual "Freight Leadership Forum," attended by dozens of CEOs and the Florida Transportation Builders Association. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i98wmmyeVgg&feature=youtu.be>

Once decided, FDOT created the I-75 Relief Task Force, including "representatives from state agencies, local governments, regional planning councils, private landowners, environmental organizations, business and economic development interests and members

of the public," and shepherded them through a tightly managed process designed to lead to new highways.

Nowhere along the way did FDOT notify cities in the swaths. Many City Commissioners in Alachua County were unaware until the County informed them at joint City/County Commission meetings. Meanwhile, FDOT used every means possible to ruthlessly squash public comment, including limiting Public Comment to 30 minutes of a 7 hour meeting, placing it at the end, after all decisions were made, and providing emailed public comments to Task Force members on CDs after they arrived at meetings.

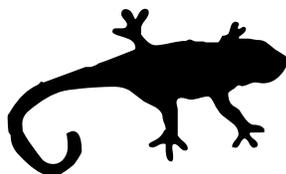
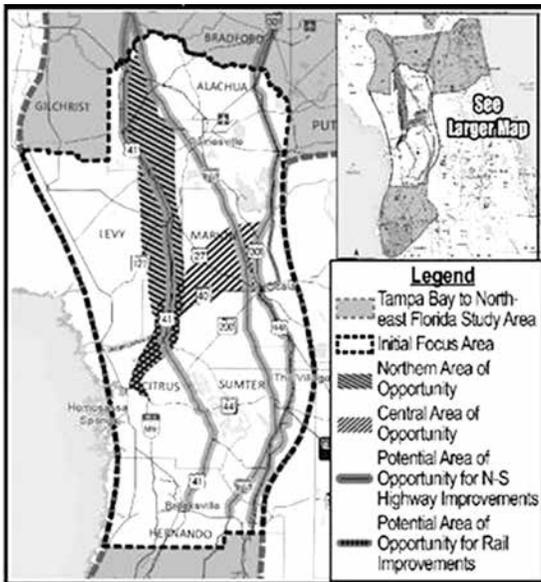
Instead of a new corridor through virgin territory, we support alternatives such as investing in freight rail improvements to get more trucks off the road, regional and commuter passenger rail, local roads that will take people off I-75, and maximizing I-75 through truck only and/or express lanes.

If you agree, please take action.

- Send comments to Huiwei.Shen@dot.state.fl.us; cc Info@NoNewHighways.org
- Visit www.i75relief.com and www.nonewhighways.org
- Join I-75 Relief North Central Florida Info on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1133688126642561/>
- Attend the final Task Force meeting August 12th in Ocala
- To volunteer, call Katy at 234-9427

As Commissioner Mike Byerly explained, "FDOT has two timeframes: too soon to tell, and too late to change." We are in one EXTREMELY BRIEF MOMENT between!

Let us preserve the pristine natural beauty of North Florida, and not succumb to its overdevelopment. NO NEW HIGHWAYS! 🐸



Bradford County Phosphate Mine is Lunacy

by Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson
and Jim Tatum

Confusion and animosity have reigned for some time in Bradford County, due to the county commissioners not listening to the people. However, as time goes by, there is less confusion and more animosity apparent at each meeting of the commissioners.

It all started when a group of landowners joined together to form HPS II Enterprises with the intent of mining phosphate on a large tract of land adjacent to the Santa Fe River, and straddling New River, a tributary dividing Bradford and Union counties.

Following overwhelming citizen and environmental opposition, Union Co. quickly voted in a year moratorium on accepting mine permit applications, giving them time to revisit inadequate and outdated Land Development Regulations (LDRs). Bradford County commissioners witnessed equally overwhelming opposition, but ignored it and chose not to enact a moratorium. At the same meeting, county attorney Will Sexton advised the commissioners not to discuss the topic nor answer questions, which immensely intensified the ire of their constituents.

At the April 21 meeting in Starke, the commissioners vacillated and tried but failed to rescind the no moratorium vote, so they scheduled a workshop for the citizens on April 29, saying specifically and repeatedly that no mine permit applications had

been filed. A few days later the workshop was cancelled, since now it was revealed that HPS II had submitted a permit application on April 21, thus categorizing further proceedings as “quasi-judicial” and disallowing discussion.

At the meeting on May 2, it was revealed that most if not all county representatives knew before the April 21 meeting that the application had been submitted even though the audio tape has several “no pending applications” clearly audible. About this time Alachua County became a player, and agreed to make a strong stance against the mine, sending a letter of concern to all state and federal agencies that will need to eventually permit such a dangerous undertaking. They also offered assistance to Bradford County as to procedures, and initiated reciprocal attendance at each other’s meetings, which did ensue.

At the May 19 meeting of the commissioners, they were accused of lying, withholding information, personal interests, illegal collusion, illegal proceedings, refusal to answer questions, and so on. Commissioners Reddick and Chandler definitely were given approval by the majority of the crowd, and commissioners Sellars and Thompson definitely were not. Chairman Lewis directed further review of the application, LDRs, and employing outside experts.

The polarization of this issue is mostly

black and white. The industry’s side promises profit for the owners, a few jobs, increased taxes temporarily, an economic spurt or “boom” which inevitably will be followed by a “bust,” leaving the area economically impoverished in the long run.

Also promised are risks for the health of nearby residents, from radon, dust, and noise pollution. The Santa Fe River will be put at extreme risk of irreparable damage, in the immediate vicinity and far downstream.

It has protections from at least five layers of legislative designations, which include upper and lower Santa Fe River Minimum Flows & Levels, Santa Fe River Basin Management Action (which also mandates Total Maximum Daily Loads), Outstanding Florida Waterway, Federal Clean Water Act as Area of Critical Habitat (for the Oval Pigtoe Mussel), and a Water Resource Caution Area.

Additionally, Florida has just allowed spending \$50 million on springs restoration, and we have the downstream springs of Hornsby, Tree House, and Poe which have been given special protection by the state as imperiled. These layers of laws will not allow degradation, and such a plan to put the river at risk for profit for a few is insanity.

Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson is policy director for Our Santa Fe River, and Jim Tatum is historian. Both live in Fort White. ✨



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August 30th - Primary Election (Polls open 7 AM to 7 PM)

Get Registered to Vote. You must be registered to vote by August 1, 2016 to be eligible to vote in the August 30, 2016 Primary Election. Visit our website at VoteAlachua.com to fill out a form, find registration form sites, update your record, or verify your current registration status .

Florida is a Closed Primary State. To vote for a partisan candidate in a Primary, you must be registered in the same party as the candidate. To change your party affiliation for this Primary Election you must submit a voter registration application party change by the **August 1st deadline**. **All voters can vote in non-partisan races and on issues.**

Update Your Voter Record. If you have moved, notify the Elections Office. Florida Law requires that you register in the precinct of your legal residence. It is illegal to vote in a precinct where you no longer live. If your name or signature have changed, submit a Florida Voter Registration Application to the Elections Office so your record can be updated.

Know Your Polling Location. Some polling places have changed due to redistricting. To locate your precinct and polling place go to VoteAlachua.com where you will find maps and pictures of your polling place.

Redistricting - Due to court ordered redistricting, **all of Alachua County is now in the newly created State Senate District 8, and U.S. Congressional District 3 now represents all of Alachua County.**

Take Photo and Signature ID. Florida law requires voters to present current and valid photo and signature identification at early voting sites and polling places on Election Day. Acceptable IDs includes: a FL Driver License, FL ID card, U.S. passport, debit or credit card, military ID, student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID and public assistance ID. **NEW acceptable identifications:** Veteran's Health ID issued by the VA, a FL Concealed Weapon License, and a Government Employee ID. If you do not present photo and signature ID you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

Be Informed. Watch your mail for a sample ballot from the Elections Office. Familiarize yourself with the candidates and issues on the ballot before going to vote. You may mark your sample ballot and take it with you into the voting booth.

Avoid the Lines-Vote by Mail. If voting by mail, sign the certificate envelope and return the ballot early. **Be sure we have your current signature on file.** Due to changes in postal delivery standards, **it can take up to 5 days for your ballot to get to us.** To be counted, we must receive it by 7 PM Election Day. Postmarks do not count. You can bring your ballot to our office during normal office hours at 515 North Main Street, Suite 300, Gainesville, or place it in our drop box located in front of the building. To request a ballot, go online or call our office at 352-374-5252. Your request for a mail ballot must be made by 5 PM on August 24, 2016.

Avoid the Lines-Vote Early. Any voter can vote at any one of our 3 Early Voting sites; **Millhopper Library, Tower Road Library or the Supervisor of Elections Office.** Early Voting starts August 19th and ends August 27th.

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Republican is running, and you must be registered as a Democrat to vote in it. You can do this and request a mail-in ballot at www.votealachua.com.

A common reaction by progressives, especially in the Gainesville urban core that is celebrating its City Commission's return to a progressive majority, has been that favored son and outspoken environmentalist Mike Byerly can't be beat. But Byerly has never faced a better-funded or more politically ambitious challenger. In his first bid for office against Ken Cornell, Pastor Thorpe ran as a proclaimed social services advocate and environmental supporter with the help of prominent local Democrats, local residents in the pay of Plum Creek as consultants, local corporate media (Gainesville Sun sister publication The Guardian reported him as a green candidate), and also members of the faith community. Now, he holds fundraisers at the home of west county development maven Cotton Fletcher, the headquarters of the pro-development Tea Party Republicans that funded former Gainesville Mayor Ed Braddy's storied rise to office. With the leaked and now public meeting records of the Chamber of Commerce, we also know that a Political Action Committee of up to \$200,000 is

being formed by big bankers and private corporations to help elect pro-Plum Creek candidates that are "friendly to business."

The deck couldn't be more stacked, nor the contrast between the candidates more clear. Thorpe has compared the proposed sprawling development of the East County to the process of removing cockroaches from your home ("You do know that any time you build anything you are disturbing in some way or another the environment? That's why you shouldn't get mad when you see roaches at your house; it was their house before it was yours"). He has also flipped his position on social services with the Reagan-like insistence that "Alachua County needs to have an honesty moment, either we're going to continue to try and take care of people through social programs, or we're going to move out of the way so that people can take care of themselves."

In contrast Mike Byerly has been consistently doing all the things that correspond to his beliefs about conservation and rights: helping to pass anti-discrimination laws, protecting Planned Parenthood, fighting Plum Creek's corporate public relations campaign with scientific research and education, helping to defend our County's Comprehensive Plan, and organizing a conservationist coalition

to that end (Stand By Our Plan, standbyourplan.org) that will far outlast his tenure in office. Thorpe's campaign has already begun expensive robo-calling and will rely on big money mailers and media campaigns. Byerly's strength is on the ground, but it takes a lot of volunteer time and day-to-day organizing to combat money in politics of a scale likely unseen before in our County.

Positions on the Comprehensive Plan, social services, access to resources, and discrimination and equity are held in common by a tenuous progressive majority on the County Commission--Hutch (also up for re-election), Byerly, and Cornell. A win by Kevin Thorpe will certainly ensure that Plum Creek re-hatches its land flipping scheme, devastating the hydrology, transportation infrastructure, and beauty of our County while forever altering a way of life we need to protect. If you look back over a half century of County Commissions, very few of them would have voted our way on Plum Creek, fought for a living wage, or held our community to standards of justice and equity that the current majority does. To take Mr. Thorpe's candidacy and wide-ranging support across party lines as anything less than a return to a dangerous normalcy will mean a certain loss not just for Byerly, but for Alachua County. 🐢

Chloe Goldbach, write-in candidate for County Commission District 5

Awareness needs to spread regarding issues affecting the LGBT community, especially issues facing the transgender community. Because of this, I am running as a write-in candidate for Alachua County Commission in District 5 in the hopes of enacting lasting, positive change.

Eight years ago, I moved to Alachua County to attend the University of Florida. It is now my home where I work as a biomedical engineer, while studying to pursue a career in social work to provide support for LGBT youth and adults.

LGBT equality is the priority of my campaign. Educational programs on transgender sensitivity need to be implemented for the workplace, school system, and overall community to reduce discrimination experienced by the transgender community. "Bathroom bills" are still a hot topic of discussion so educating our community is essential to preventing essential rights, like equal bathroom access, from being stripped from the transgender community. Homelessness disproportionately affects members of the LGBT community. This problem must be addressed through active outreach to these individuals and by ensuring that organizations that serve homeless individuals offer specialized training and have anti-discrimination policies in place that are being upheld.

While the county has adopted an anti-discrimination ordinance, I want to insure that the protections are being observed and to find ways to expand these protections statewide. Lastly, in light of the Pulse shooting in Orlando and the disproportionate violence experienced by LGBT individuals, I call for stricter ordinance regarding purchase of long guns and implementation of universal background checks. 🐢

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and there's plenty of vacancies).

What makes the upcoming Alachua County Commission election so interesting is that there are two incumbents -- Mike Byerly and Robert Hutchinson (the author) -- who have strong progressive credentials. Their challengers are Kevin Thorpe and Larry McDaniel, who are registered as Democrats but are receiving much of their funding from Republicans, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Plum Creek corporation.

The challengers have calculated that if they can motivate 3000 Republicans to switch their voter registration to Demo-

crat for the upcoming primary in August, then they win. That is, unless 3,000 NPAs can be convinced to also register as Democrat to counteract this right-wing stealth move.

Wouldn't it be tragic if the thousands of NPAs, many of whom are Bernie supporters because they are down on the corporate cronyism of the national Democratic Party, allow the corporate acquisition of our local county commission seats by refusing to participate in local primary elections, where all the important decisions are made?

The easiest way to change your party registration is to go online to www.VoteAlachua.com

and print out a form which you can mail back. The public libraries will also register you and turn in your paperwork (saving you the postage stamp and envelope, whatever they are). Or you can stop by the Supervisor of Elections office at 515 North Main Street.

August 1st is the deadline for a registration change that will allow you to participate in the all-important August 30th primary election. Don't let anger at national party politics, or ignorance about local election rules, get in the way of your full participation in our community's governance. Vote as if our future depends on it -- because it does. 🐾

Editors' picks: News that didn't fit

🐾 **Brexit—A Stern Rebuke to Arrogant Elites**, by Stephen Kinzer
<http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2016/06/24/brexit-stern-rebuke-arrogant-elites/Uz5BLaweyL71MHWITeWobL/story.html>

🐾 **Last Week Tonight with John Oliver: Brexit**
This brilliant take on the Brexit actually aired the week before Britain's vote to leave the European Union.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAgKHSNqxa8>

🐾 **Don't Remember Muhammad Ali as a Sanctified Sports Hero. He Was a Powerful, Dangerous Political Force**, by Dave Zirin
Don't remember Muhammad Ali as a sanctified sports hero. He was a powerful, dangerous political force.
<http://www.portside.org/2016-06-05/dont-remember-muhammad-ali-sanctified-sports-hero-he-was-powerful-dangerous-political>

🐾 **Books vs. TV: This is what happens to your brain on both**, by Samantha Olson
<http://www.rawstory.com/2016/06/books-vs-tv-this-is-what-happens-to-your-brain-on-both/>

🐾 **Calling All Venezuelans to the Table**, by Lisa Sullivan
The deteriorating situation in Venezuela is very complex. This article does a great job of unraveling the current crisis.
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Bernie Sanders: Here's what we want

By Bernie Sanders

This statement from Bernie was originally published by the Washington Post on June 23. See more at www.washingtonpost.com.

As we head toward the Democratic National Convention, I often hear the question, "What does Bernie want?" Wrong question. The right question is what the 12 million Americans who voted for a political revolution want.

And the answer is: They want real change in this country, they want it now and they are prepared to take on the political cowardice and powerful special interests which have prevented that change from happening.

They understand that the United States is the richest country in the history of the world, and that new technology and innovation make us wealthier every day. What they don't understand is why the middle class continues to decline, 47 million of us live in poverty and many Americans are forced to work two or three jobs just to cobble together the income they need to survive.

What do we want? We want an economy that is not based on uncontrollable greed, monopolistic practices and illegal behavior. We want an economy that protects the human needs and dignity of all people — children, the elderly, the sick, working people and the poor. We want an economic and political system that works for all of us, not one in which almost all new wealth and power rests with a handful of billionaire families.

The current campaign finance system is corrupt. Billionaires and powerful corporations are now, through super PACs, able to spend as much money as they want to buy elections and elect candidates who represent their interests, not the American people. Meanwhile, we have one of the lowest voter turnout rates of any major country on earth, and Republican governors are working overtime to suppress the vote and make it harder for poor people, people of color, seniors and young people to vote.

What do we want? We want to overturn the disastrous Citizens United Supreme Court decision and move toward public funding of elections. We want universal voter registration, so that anyone 18 years of age or older who is eligible to vote is automatically registered. We want a vibrant democracy and a well-informed electorate that knows that its

views can shape the future of the country.

Our criminal justice system is broken. We have 2.2 million people rotting behind bars at an annual expense of \$80 billion. Youth unemployment in a number of inner-cities and rural communities is 30 to 50 percent, and millions of young people have limited opportunities to participate in the productive economy. Failing schools all around the country produce more people who end up in jail than graduate college. Millions of Americans have police records as a result of marijuana possession, which should be decriminalized. And too many people are serving unnecessarily long mandatory minimum sentences.

What do we want? We want a criminal justice system that addresses the causes of incarceration, not one that simply imprisons more people. We want to demilitarize local police departments, see local police departments reflect the diversity of the communities they serve and end private ownership of prisons and detention centers. We want to create the conditions that allow people who are released from prison to stay out. We want the best educated population on earth, not the most incarcerated population.

The debate is over. Climate change is real. It is caused by human activity, and it already is causing devastating damage in our country and to the entire planet. If present trends continue, scientists tell us the planet will be 5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit warmer by the end of the century — which means more droughts, floods, extreme weather disturbances, rising sea levels and acidification of the oceans. This is a planetary crisis of extraordinary magnitude.

What do we want? We want the United States to lead the world in pushing our energy system away from fossil fuel and toward energy efficiency and sustainable energy. We want a tax on carbon, the end of fracking and massive investment in wind, solar, geothermal and other sustainable technologies. We want to leave this planet in a way that is healthy and habitable for future generations.

What do we want? We want to end the rapid movement that we are currently experiencing toward oligarchic control of our economic and political life. As Lincoln put it at Gettysburg, we want a government of the people, by the people and for the people. That is what we want, and that is what we will continue fighting for. 🐢

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you guys as our leaders. You make almost \$200,000 a year to write rules to make our society better, not tweet, not tell us about your thoughts and prayers, to write rules to make our society better. Ultimately it comes down to money and influence.

Right now since 1998, the NRA has given \$3.7 million to congress. There are 294 sitting members of congress that have accepted contributions from the NRA and that doesn't even include the millions of dollars from outside lobbying. Before I get up here in my liberal bubble and I ask for gun control and universal background checks and banning assault rifles, we've got to be able to have the conversation. Right now specifically congress has blocked legislation for the CDC to study gun related violence. We can't even talk about the issue with real statistics and facts. I don't know if this is like a KickStarter thing, but if \$3.7 million can buy political influence to take lives, if we raise \$4 million, would you guys take that to save lives?

I don't know. Ultimately I just got to ask you this. Look, when I got into comedy, when you guys got into media, and when you guys got into politics, we wanted to do the best work we could possibly do. Is this what you want your legacy to be, that you were a could-have-done-something congress but you didn't because of outside lobbying, that you were complicit in the deaths of thousands of Americans?

I know being a member of congress is hard. You got to placate your base. You got to look out for reelection. You got to answer to lobbyists but please, persevere, because our thoughts and prayers are with you. Good night. 🐘

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Moosehead's Wicked Good Plan is a documentary about Maine's 17 million acre forest threatened by development proposed by the landowner in a situation similar to a local proposal. This screening will be sponsored by Sierra Club Suwannee - St. Johns Group and Stand By Our Plan.

National Geographic's Chief Sustainability Officer Hans Wegner endorsement for Moosehead's Wicked Good Plan, "I think this is a very nicely done piece of film on a subject that is very local, yet is in reality simply a microcosm of what is happening all over the world where decisions are made by corporate entities not based on what is good for the larger region, but purely for economic returns to the corporate coffers. Lost in that are the concerns of the locals and a consideration of the larger impact such decisions have."

Let's watch Moosehead's Wicked Good Plan together and chat about the effects that arise from the development of forested areas and how best to deal with inevitable growth of natural areas. Click the link below to watch the trailer for the half-hour film.

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June 13th - August 4th

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

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

3 Yoga for Others, CMC, 9:45 am.
Atlantic/Arcade "Over Easy" block party (Main & Univ) electronic music mini-fest, 9 pm–2 am.
Women's Movie Night, 1st Sundays, Pride Center (3131 NW 13th St), 7 pm.

10 Yogatree yoga + poetry, CMC, 11:30 am; \$6–12 sliding scale.
1821: US takes possession of Florida from Spain.
1985: French agents bomb, sink Greenpeace Rainbow Warrior.

17 Sunday Assembly, SFC (530 W. Univ Ave), 11 am - see sagainesville.weebly.com.
The Top/Atlantic Anniversary Blowout weekend, 15th–17th.
1975: US & USSR conduct joint Apollo-Soyuz space project.

24 IWW Speaking Tour arrives at CMC; see civicmediacenter.org for time & more info.
Music Fest, bands tba, Loosey's.

31 League of Women Voters Candidate Forum: meet & hear your candidates for Aug 30 election at downtown library (401 E. University Ave), 1:15–4:45 pm. Next-to-last day to change party registration - see pg 24 & pg 6.

7 Yoga for Others, CMC, 9:45 am.
Women's Movie Night, see 7/3.

14 2 Cow Garage play at Atlantic, 8 pm.

21 Sunday Assembly - see 7/17.
1791: Slaves revolt in Haiti.

28 1831: Nat Turner starts slave rebellion in VA.

4 Labor Daze celebration at BD Plaza - see pg 24.

4 Gvl Citizens for Active Transportation meets at CIED (530 E. Univ Ave), 1st & 3rd Mons, 7 pm (maybe not today).
1881: Booker T. Washington opens Tuskegee Institute.
INDEPENDENCE DAY

11 Mount Kailash - Return to Tibet (part 1) documentary, CMC, 7 pm.
1796: US takes possession of Detroit.
WORLD POPULATION DAY

18 Where to Invade Next? Michael Moore documentary sponsored by Humanist Soc. of Gvl; Civic Media Center, (433 S. Main St), 6:30 pm; \$3–5 requested.

Gvl Food Security Group meets 3rd Mondays, Quaker Meeting House (708 NW 38th St), 7–9 pm. 
GCAT meets, 7 pm; see 7/4.

Republican Nat'l Convention 18th–21st, Cleveland: get out the popcorn!

25 CMC documentary tba, hosted by Respite Ctr, CMC, 7 pm.
Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice meets, Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 6 pm. 
Democratic Nat'l Convention, 25th–28th, Philadelphia.

Aug 1 Last day to change party registration - see pg 24 & pg 6.

CMC documentary, title tba, 7 pm.
GCAT meets, 7 pm; see 7/4.

8 Mount Kailash - Return to Tibet (part 2) documentary, CMC, 7 pm.

1879: Emiliano Zapata born.

15 CMC documentary tba, hosted by Respite Ctr, CMC, 7 pm.
GCAT meets - see 7/4.

22 CMC documentary tba.
1893: Dorothy Parker born.
1920: Ray Bradbury born.

29 CMC documentary tba.
1839: Slaves seized Amistad.

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

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

1968: Stonewall Inn riot launches LGBTQ liberation.

5 Springs Academy class on springs biology, North Florida Springs Environmental Center (99 NW 1st Ave, High Springs), 1 pm, \$5 - see floridaspringsinstitute.org.

School Board mtg cancelled.
Zumba, Bo Diddley Plaza, 6–7 pm, free.

Groundwater Mafia (TN), Hardback Café (211 W. University Ave), 9 pm.

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

19 Zumba, see 7/5.
School Board meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 620 E Univ Ave, 6 pm: see sbac.edu.

PFLAG meets, United Church (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm - see pg 16.

1848: L. Mott & EC Stanton convene Seneca Falls Women's Rights convention.

26 County Commission meets - see 7/12.

Late Night Hype, Vol 5 show at Hardback Café.
1990: GHW Bush signs Americans with Disabilities Act.

2 School Board - see 7/19.
Artist Village, music, art, & performance at CMC, 8 pm.

1924: James Baldwin born. 

9 County Commission meets - see 7/12.
1974: Richard Nixon resigns.
NAGASAKI DAY

16 School Board meets - see 7/19.

PFLAG meets - see 7/19.

23 Alachua County Comm meets - see 7/12.

30 VOTE! - see pp 1 & 14.

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30 Jazz Lunch at Bo Diddley Downtown Plaza (111 E. Univ Ave) each Tues & Thurs through July, 11 am-1 pm, free.

CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

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

Keep up with the CMC at www.civicmediacenter.org for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future.

1960: Democratic Republic of Congo gains independence.

1966: National Organization for Women founded.

7 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

1906: Leroy "Satchel" Page born.

1940: Richard "Ringo Starr" Starkey born.

14 Volunteers & Poets at CMC, usual times.

1789: French rebels seize Bastille.

1912: Woodrow "Woody" Guthrie born.

21 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

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

CMC Benefit Show, Loosey's (120 SW 1st Ave), 9 pm, \$5-10 slide.

28 Volunteers & Poets at CMC, usual times.

IGUANA Deadline for Sept issue is Aug 29th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

4 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

1900: Louis Armstrong born.

1964: KKK kills 3 SNCC workers.

11 Volunteers & Poets at CMC, usual times.

1833: Robert Ingersoll born.

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18 Volunteers & Poets at CMC, usual times.

FULL MOON

25 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

Sept 1 Volunteers!

Poets!

July 1 East Gvl Farmers' Market, Health Dept (224 SE 2nd Ave), 10 am-2 pm through Oct.

Gatorbone Band at Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 6:30 pm, \$20.

All-American Songfest at Free Fridays concert, BD dntn plaza, 8 pm; pg 17.

GUTS, others, Public & General (1000 NE 16th Ave), 8 pm.

Waxwings, others, Hardback Café.

8 Black & Pink Letter-writing & Potluck, CMC, 6 pm.

Nothin' Fancy at Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 6:30 pm, \$20.

Idylwild play rock 'n' funk, BD Plaza, 8 pm, free; see pg 17.

15 Claire Lynch Band at Thomas Ctr, 6:30 pm, \$20.

Ricky Kendall & the Healers get folksy for Free Fridays series, 8 pm.

The Toxic Avenger final weekend at Hipp: see thehipp.org/mainstage.

22 Lonesome River Band, Thomas Ctr, 6:30 pm, \$20.

Ricky Stano & Elio Pedra jazz up Free Fridays Downtown Concert series: Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. Univ Ave), 8 pm; see pg 17.

29 G'ville Downtown Artwalk 7-10 pm (also 8/26); see pg 16.

Grandpa's Cough Medicine, 1st Magnitude Brewing Co (Vietch St off S. Main), 7 pm.

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

The Irie Ones reggaefy Free Friday concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

5 Hard Luck Society bring blues & country to BD Plaza, 8 pm, free.

12 Black & Pink Letter Writing & Potluck, CMC, 6 pm.

Transportation Planning meeting, Ocala - see pg 4.

Savants of Soul rock BD Plaza, 8 pm.

Sweet Heat, Condition Oakland, Kiiks presented by Jenarchy at CMC, 9 pm.

19 Early Voting starts today, runs through 27th; see pg 6.

Meet Friends of the Civic Media Center at open house, CMC, 5-8 pm.

The Shambles play classic rock at Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free.

26 Bonnie Raitt tribute, BD Plaza, 8 pm, free; see pg 17.

2 The Duppies ska-ndalize Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free.

2 Gvl Tabletop Grand Re-Opening, new location (4401 NW 25th Pl - off NW 43rd St), Sat & Sun; see pg & www.gamesvilletabletop.com.

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

Please support Citizens Co-op, a community resource. Shop Co-op first & keep your \$\$\$ local! See pg 17.

1964: LBJ signs Civil Rights Act.

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

Gvl Roller Rebels vs Savannah Derby Devils, MLK Ctr (1048 NE 14th St), 6 pm, \$8 adv, \$10 at door; see pg 20.

Ship Thieves, Radon, & Clairmel at Hardback Café, 9 pm.

16 CMC Community Block Party, 2-6 pm.

Pop Canon Reunion Show at High Dive (210 SW 2nd Ave).

Band Roulette performance night, Boca Backyard (232 SE 1st St), 10 pm.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

23 Interfaith Dialog, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 10 am.

CMC volunteer training - call 352-373-0100 for info; 12-2 pm.

1846: H.D. Thoreau jailed for refusing to pay \$1 poll tax.

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

Wild Iris Free Store, 22 SE 5th Ave, 2-6 pm.

6 Interfaith Dialog - see 7/9.

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

HIROSHIMA DAY

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1961: East Germany begins building Berlin Wall.

20 CMC volunteer training: 7/23.

Interfaith Dialog - see 7/9.

1619: 20 slaves land in Jamestown, VA.

27 Friends of Susan B. Anthony Luncheon, Best Western (4200 NW 97th Blvd), 11:30 am, see pg 16.

Swamp City Sirens vs North River Rolling Renegades - see 7/9 & pg 20.

3 1783: American Revolution ended by Treaty of Paris.

Please use your vote

by Joe Courter

August 30 is over 2 months away at the time this is being written, and there won't be another Iguana until after the election; but that's the way the calendar and our production fall. You will find articles and ads in here, and we hope you will take them to heart and memory. If you want, save this and use it as a guide later.

Our city and county have benefited greatly from electing forward-thinking commissioners, but the work they do can be stopped or reversed with an election cycle where people don't turn out. Election finance laws have changed, and with this election a lot more outside-the-area corporate money and negative advertising can be expected, especially against Byerly and Hutchinson. Negative advertising is designed to confuse and disillusion people, and drive voter turnout down.

In our pages you will see ads for Hutch, Byerly, Zadelas, Boyette and Roy. The first two we feel very strongly about, as articles make clear. Zac is providing a needed challenge to Sheriff Darnell. He worked under Darnell in the Sheriff's Office, and was fired not long after he declared his candidacy last year after a domestic dispute with his now ex wife, also then a Sheriff's

Deputy and the aggressor in the altercation. We have an ad for William Boyette because at the last minute he asked for one, but we equally like Kim Barton for Supervisor of Elections, an office both work in. Either one will ably fill the shoes of retiring Pam Carpenter. Eileen Roy has been caught in a firestorm over the recent resignation of School Superintendent Owen Roberts, who had been receiving mixed evaluations based on a variety of actions during his tenure as superintendent. The broad publicity on the plagiarism charges against Roberts was but the latest of a lot of other things leading to the poor evaluations by some School Board members, but there was also a lot of support for Roberts in the community as well, and this has led to an eruption of below-the-surface frustration over long-standing racial disparity in our community, and likewise has led to a big backlash against Roy and fellow Board member Gunner Paulson. We hope cooler heads can prevail, because in the last week things got pretty mean-spirited. It is painful to see a split in the progressive community, hopefully in the coming months and after the election some greater understanding and unity can be achieved, but it won't come without serious effort.

See VOTE, p. 20



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Berta Cáceres Was at Top of Honduras Military's Kill List: Whistleblower

by Nika Knight, staff writer

This article was originally published by Common Dreams on June 21. See more at www.commondreams.org.

It appears the United States government is not the only one in the world with a 'kill list.'

According to new reporting by the Guardian published Tuesday, U.S.-trained special forces units within the Honduras military are operating an assassination program—complete with a hitlist comprised of names and photos—that targets social justice and environmental activists with “elimination.”

Based on testimony from a whistleblower and former soldier who refused to follow orders to target those on the list, fled the country, and now fears for his life, the newspaper reports that the list is distributed to two elite units along with orders to systematically assassinate each person on it.

The whistleblower, a 20-year-old former First Sergeant from the Xatruch unit that operates on the Caribbean coast, asked to be referred to by the pseudonym Rodrigo Cruz for fear of reprisal.

“If I went home, they’d kill me. Ten of my former colleagues are missing,” Cruz told the Guardian.

Prominent Indigenous land defender Berta Cáceres was at the top of that list before her assassination in March, Cruz said.

Prior to her murder, Cáceres herself said she believed such a hit list existed and that she was on it. She blamed the U.S., specifically then-secretary of state Hillary Clinton, for turning a blind eye to the right-wing government that took over in a military coup in 2009 and the surge in human rights violations by security forces that followed.

“I’m 100 percent certain that Berta Cáceres was killed by the army,” Cruz told the Guardian.

The newspaper wrote:

According to Cruz, Cáceres’s name appeared on a list given to a military police unit in the Inter-institutional Security Force (Fusina), which last summer received training from 300 US marines and FBI agents.

Five men have been arrested for her murder, including Maj Mariano Díaz Chávez, an active-duty major in the Honduran army. Díaz had previously participated in joint US-Honduran military operations in Iraq, and is reported by local media to be a graduate of the elite Tesón special operations course which is partly taught by US special forces. Diaz was a military police instructor when arrested, but has since been given a dishonourable discharge.

“Cruz’s testimony suggests death squads are targeting political opposition, but the justice system is so broken, and directly controlled by figures implicated in corruption, that there is no one [in Honduras] who can credibly investigate,” Annie Bird, director of the group Rights and Ecology which documents human rights abuses in Honduras, told the Guardian.

Cruz’s statements strengthen the Cáceres family’s appeal for an independent international investigation into the Berta Cáceres’ death.

“This shows us that death squads are operating in the armed forces, which are being used to get rid of people opposing government plans,” Cáceres’ daughter told the Guardian. “It shows us that human rights violations are state policy in Honduras.”

The U.S. has given Honduras an estimated \$200 million in military aid since 2010, the newspaper observed, and the aid continues unabated despite a recent State Department assessment that “among the most serious human rights problems” in the country are “unlawful and arbitrary killings by security forces.”

“This is disturbing smoking-gun evidence which reinforces calls that the U.S. must withdraw military aid from Honduras where there’s been a bloodbath since the 2009 coup,” Lauren Carasik, director of the International Human Rights Clinic at Western New England University, told the newspaper.

Cruz also told the Guardian that the lieutenant in charge of his unit deserted after being ordered to carry out the kill list:

“The lieutenant said he wasn’t willing to go through with the order as the targets were decent people, fighting for their communities. He said the order came from the joint chiefs of staff [and] he was under pressure from the Xatruch commander to comply,” Cruz said.

A few days later, the lieutenant left the base and has not been seen since.

Indeed, the murders reflect a wider trend, as a recent report found state and private forces colluding to kill environmental and land defenders in shocking numbers around the globe—and particularly in Latin America.

Cruz saw the list twice, the Guardian noted—the first time was when sheets of paper had accidentally “fallen out of his commander’s vest in the jeep which Cruz drove.”

“I only had them in my hand for 20 or 30 seconds but I recognized some faces as leaders from the Bajo Aguán [region]. I didn’t say anything,” Cruz said.

The Guardian noted, “The Bajo Aguán region—where the Xatruch taskforce is based—has been the setting for a string of violent land disputes between powerful palm oil magnates and local farmers. More than 100 people—mainly peasant activists—have been killed, many at the hands of state or private security forces.”

“Among the names on the hitlist seen by Cruz was that of Juan Galindo, an activist who had fled the region after receiving threats, but was murdered in November 2014 after returning home from exile to visit his sick mother,” the newspaper noted. “Cruz also recognised Johnny Rivas and Vitalino Álvarez, high-profile members of the United Peasant Movement (MUCA). Both men were among 123 activists in the Bajo Aguán named by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in 2014 as requiring urgent protective measures.”

Álvarez, 52, who has survived four assassination attempts since 2010, told the newspaper: “There’s been a systematic strategy to eliminate the most belligerent social leaders. Since they killed Berta, the rumors are I’m now top of that list.” 🐾

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

The Friends of Susan B. Anthony will celebrate Women's Equality Day with their annual festive luncheon on Saturday August 27th. This event, which began as an informal birthday party for Susan B. Anthony over forty years ago, is now held in conjunction with the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Each year a local woman is recognized who exemplifies the spirit of Susan B. Anthony. This year, Nancy Griffin and JoAnn Wilkes will be co-honorees

for their contributions to the Displaced Homemakers Program (DHP) at Santa Fe College. In operation for thirty years, the program has helped over 3100 women make the transition to the work force. DHP provides support, stability, training, and career exploration, with the goals of empowerment and education for the job market. The special featured speaker will be Laura Rosenbury, the first permanent female dean in the 106 year history of the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida. Dean Rosenbury

is an internationally recognized scholar in the field of family law and feminist legal theory.

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



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Grow Radio is changing its format, moving from live-streaming, free-form programming to a podcast-only format.

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Celebrate and keeping fighting for Social Security and Medicare

by Mary Savage

Can you believe that Medicare turns 51 on July 30 and Social Security turns 81 on Aug. 14? Raise a glass of sparkling cider, have a slice of cake and sing “Happy Anniversary!” to these good and moral programs that benefit senior citizens and their families. But can you also believe these good and moral programs are under attack? They are - still! That’s why we all have to keep up with the issues. First, a history lesson: Before Social Security, senior citizens and workers had no national assistance when they grew old or got sick or died on the job. Counties operated poor farms and poor houses for destitute workers when they grew old. Many seniors lived with family members, adding to the

stress of the household. But thanks to the great Democratic president Franklin Roosevelt and his New Deal administration, Social Security became law in 1935 and gradually improved life for ordinary Americans.

On the day the bill became law, FDR said in a presidential signing statement, “We can never insure one hundred percent of the population against one hundred percent of the hazards and vicissitudes of life, but we have tried to frame a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family against the loss of a job and against poverty-ridden old age.”

Let’s join with the approximate 4.3 million Social Security beneficiaries in the state of

Florida and shout: “Thank you, FDR!”

Some good news: The Social Security Board of Trustees, which has just released its annual report to Congress, deems that Social Security has a large and growing surplus, “and its future cost is fully affordable. Indeed, a greatly expanded Social Security is fully affordable,” according to the Huffington Post’s June 22, 2016 article: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/nancy-altman/2016-trustees-report-conf_b_10615718.html. So don’t believe the nonsense that we have to “save” Social Security by privatizing it or raising the retirement age.

With Medicare, the federal healthcare program for seniors, confused elected officials such as House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin) tout dismantling Medicare completely and putting a voucher program in its place. That was not the intent of the Congress and President Lyndon Johnson when he signed Medicare into law in 1965. That’s not why we pay into the Medicare fund and see this amount on our W-2 forms each year. Can you imagine being a senior and getting a \$5000 voucher to purchase health insurance in the private market and expecting to have all the bills paid? That’s what Ryan and others are proposing. Let’s throw out this idea with the rest of the cat litter and table scraps. Ideally, we need Medicare for everyone through a single-payer system, but we also have to keep Medicare alive and well for seniors today.

Call to action: A bill in the House of Representatives (H.R. 5396) called the “Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2016” would help millions of Medicare beneficiaries who need vision, hearing and dental care. These services are not covered by Medicare. Contact your representative today and tell him or her to support the bill. Let your representative know that half of Medicare beneficiaries live on incomes below \$24,150 per year and that this bill would improve the quality of life for not only seniors, but also their families who struggle to care for their aging relative.

So don’t forget to celebrate on July 30 and Aug. 14 and give your elected official a call to remind them that seniors are here, seniors are aware and seniors vote.

To keep up with these issues, view the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare’s Web site: www.ncpsm.org.

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From VOTE, p. 14

A number of races will not be on the ballot in August, with either candidates unopposed, or where there is no primary challenger and the race goes right to the November ballot. You'll hear more about them in the September and October editions of Iguana. Most interesting among them is local downtown developer Ken McGurn stepping in to challenge Tea Party loonie Ted Yoho after Ed Emery had to pull out with heart problems. We wish Ed well, and sincerely hope Ken is up to the challenge, because Rep. Yoho is an embarrassment to our community.

In the race for US Senate, Marco Rubio has decided to jump back in after a weak performance in his run for President. There are a slew of Democrats running, the top three being Patrick Murphey (mainstream Dem), Alan Grayson (loosey-goosey progressive) and Pam Keith (black woman military vet outsider). Keith impressed me most at the Democratic Party dinner last year.

There will be a bunch of different races on your ballots depending on where you live. Do your best to research positions and endorsements. People died for the right to vote, and others, because of repressive laws, can't vote because of a criminal record. And not voting is a vote for the people you disagree with. So vote. 🗳️

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Death Toll Rises in Oaxaca as Government Represses Teacher Protests

by TeleSurTV

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The Mexican government followed through on its threat to use force against striking dissident teachers.

Mexican police attacked teachers striking against neoliberal education reforms in the southern state of Oaxaca, killing at least eight people and leaving dozens more injured.

Police were attempting to evict teachers from a road blockade on the Oaxaca-Puebla highway in the municipality of Nochixtlan when gunfire erupted, leading to violent clashes that lasted approximately four hours. teleSUR Mexico correspondent Aissa Garcia reported that as many as 12 people may have been killed by the state violence.

Teachers from the dissident CNTE union, also known as Section 22, had set up the blockade as part of protests over an education reform implemented by President Enrique Peña Nieto and the arrest of several of the unions' leaders over the past week.

In a press conference from the Mexican capital, a spokesperson for the union said the dead included Andres Aguilar Sanabria, 23, and Santiago Jimenez Aylin, 28, who have been identified as trainee teacher students. The spokesperson said there was a third fatality but did not provide any details.

The union spokesperson blamed the police forces who participated in the eviction for the three deaths, calling it an "attack," and asked the government to engage in dialogue with the striking teachers.

The death toll of five demonstrators was later confirmed by the public prosecutor's office in Oaxaca. Meanwhile, Proceso magazine reported six deaths while the CNTE themselves later reported nine.

teleSUR's correspondent in Mexico was told by the CNTE on Monday that the figure had risen to 12, with 10 fatalities in Nochixtlan, one in Hacienda Blanca and another in Juchitan.

Mexican investigative journalist Sanjuana Martinez has called the government repression a "hunting" that seeks to eliminate dissidents who oppose the education reforms.

Police said that at least 21 people had been arrested.

Users on social media said that dozens of the injured were left untreated after the police seized the hospital in Nochixtlan and only allowed injured police access. Injured demonstrators were reportedly treated inside a nearby church.

Another clash between demonstrators and police took place in the city port of Salina Cruz, in Oaxaca as well, where another group of teachers were blockading a road that connects the state with its neighbors on the Pacific coast. Local media also reported dozens of injured protesting teachers and dozens of arrests, however

authorities have not said anything on this case.

Renato Sales Heredia, national security commissioner, warned last week that the government would use force to repress mobilizations by striking teachers and their sympathizers.

Heredia said that a "moderate use of force" would be used to clear out these types of protests, but would only be used as a "last resort."

In Mexico, common protest tactics include shutting down major highways or staging protest camps in front of government offices.

Before Sunday's events, hundreds of academic, religious, popular, student, human and social rights organizations around the world signed a document Friday that condemned the "brutal repression" exerted by the Mexican government against teachers who reject the education reform by President Enrique Peña Nieto.

Peña Nieto unveiled an education reform in 2013 as part of a set of 11 neoliberal reforms implemented in his first 20 months of power.

The controversial law imposes teacher evaluations in order to determine which applicants will be chosen to fill open posts in the public school system nationwide. Critics say the testing only justifies mass layoffs and does not effectively measure teaching skills, like the special knowledge and demeanor needed to teach in rural areas and Indigenous communities. 🐞



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Alachua County Green Party Part of a worldwide movement built out of four interrelated social pillars that support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. alachuagreens.weebly.com, alachuagreens@gmail.com, 352-222-3449.

Alachua County Labor Coalition meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaign for universal, single-payer health care. Memberships are \$20/year. Contact: <http://laborcoalition.org/>, info@laborcoalition.org, 352-375-2832, PO Box 12051, Gainesville, FL 32604

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

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

Citizens Climate Lobby (Gainesville Chapter) provides education/activist opportunities to bring about a stable climate. Meetings are on the Wednesday after the first Saturday of each month at 12:30, at Vine Bread & Pasta place at 627 N. Main St. 352-672-4327, www.citizensclimatelobby.org, cclgainesville@gmail.com

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

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

www.chispasuf.org

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

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

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

Democratic Party of Alachua County Meetings held the second Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium of the County Administration Building at SE 1st St. and University Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, alachuadems.org.

Edible Plant Project Local 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, 352-682-2542

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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.

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

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ) 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, 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. gainesvillelovesmountains@gmail.com, 352-610-1090, <http://gainesvillelovesmountains.wordpress.com/>.

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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

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, P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 347-560-4695, nwl@womensliberation.org.

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

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

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

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

Home Van A mobile soup kitchen going to homeless areas twice a week with food and other necessities, delivering about 400 meals per week; operated by Citizens for Social

Justice. barupa@atlantic.net or 352-372-4825.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support, education and advocacy for families and loved ones of persons with mental illness/brain disorders. 374-5600. ext. 8322; www.namigainesville.org.

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

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

NCF AWIS is an advocacy organization

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding provides innovative ways to resolve conflict and provides services like mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. www.centerforpeacebuilding.org. 2603 NW 13th St. #333, 352-234-6595

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

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

Stand By Our Plan is committed to informing

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

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

Sunday Assembly, a secular congregation which celebrates life, meets the third Sunday of each month at 11 am 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.

UF Radical Student Alliance is a progressive grassroots organization that strives to combat social justice issues on campus, with our core values being transparency, democratic process, the value of each member's input, and the ability of any member to assume a leadership role. Meetings are at 6:30pm Wednesdays on campus, ufradstudentalliance@gmail.com.

United Faculty of Florida Union represents faculty at University of Florida. 352-392-0274, president@uff-uf.org, www.UFF-UF.org.

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

United Way Information and Referral Human-staffed computer database for resources and organizations in Alachua County. 352-332-4636 or simply 211.

Veterans for Peace Anti-war organization that raises awareness of the detriments of militarism and war as well as seeking peaceful and effective alternatives. Meets first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. 352-375-2563, <http://vfp Gainesville.org/>

WGOT 94.7 LP-FM Community low-power station operating as part of the Civic Media Center. wgot947@gmail.com, 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. All email received will be responded to. Upon request the Party will provide membership applications.. ✨

No Partying, Dude!

by Robert "Hutch" Hutchison, Alachua County Commissioner

You hate the political parties. The Democrats and their slippery super-delegates. The Republicans whose candidates attract all the haters. The Libertarians because their ideas don't pan out in modern society. The Greens for their narrowly focused idealism. Etc.

So your voter registration lists you as a "No Party Affiliate" (NPA), because you are independent and wish to vote your conscience. In Alachua County, there are around 35,000 registered voters (out of a total of 164,000) who agree with you.

Being unaffiliated with any party is the perfect way to be registered if you don't care about local environmental protection, or about LGBTQ issues, or about racial disparities and social and economic justice in our community, or decisions being made for how to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on law enforcement, ambulances, children's services, roads and transit services, humane treatment of animals, or a myriad of other local issues.

Those who don't care about these issues don't vote in local elections, because it is at the county commission level where many of these decisions take place. In Alachua County, in most election seasons including this one, all of the candidates for county commission are registered as Democrats. This means the decision about who will represent you on these and many other important issues is made during the Democratic primary.

Florida is a "closed primary" state, which was the method chosen by progressive reformers years ago to remove the decision-making about candidates from party bosses. We don't have caucuses or super-delegates in our elections for local or state offices in Florida because we don't want to give the decision-making over to small groups of insiders.

People whose voter card doesn't list their primary preference as Democratic simply have no say in how our community progresses. They can't vote for the constitutional offices (Sheriff, Elections Supervisor, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, and Clerk of the Court). They can vote in the non-partisan School Board and Judge races.

When you change your registration to Democratic or Republican, or Libertarian, or Green, or Socialist, or Whig, or Bull Moose Party (yes, these are all choices), you are not "joining" these parties. You are simply indicating that if there is a primary, you wish to vote in the primary of that party to select a candidate to move on to the general election, where everybody can then vote regardless of party affiliation. If you actually want to "join" a major party, you can run for one of the seats on the local Democratic or Republican Executive Committee, and your name will appear on a ballot in your voter precinct during the primary election (most, but not all seats, are not contested,

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Power to the People!

Literally. This Labor Daze Fest is all about that. We are working on a living wage for ALL. We are supporting local responsible businesses. (Come see who wins the Labor Daze Local Responsible Business award!) And this year we are putting our money where our mouth is: one lucky raffle winner will have their power bill paid by Labor Daze Fest! So come support local business, listen to some great music, climb the free rock wall, and get some serious empowerment this Labor Day Weekend. Power to the People. Pass it on!

Labor Daze Fest (info on facebook) is SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 (the day before Labor Day), from 4-10 PM at The Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. University Ave.). Mama Trish is a local musician, activist, and Mother of Labor Daze. 🐾

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