



# The Gainesville Iguana

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## All out for May Day

**May Day Rally, Monday, May 1, 5-8pm, Bo Diddley Plaza**

*Join labor and immigrant groups in a celebration of International Workers' Day and immigrants' rights. There will be live music, speakers, and tabling by social justice organizations.*

Speakers: Madres Sin Fronteras/Mothers Without Borders, Dream Defenders, Industrial Workers of the World, North Central Florida Central Labor Council, Alachua County Labor Coalition, National Women's Liberation, Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice.

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## May Day strikes: Momentum builds

*by Jonathan Rosenblum*

*This article was originally published by Labor Notes on March 23. See more at [www.labornotes.org](http://www.labornotes.org).*

Shop steward Tomas Mejia sensed something was different when 600 janitors streamed into the Los Angeles union hall February 16—far more than for a regular membership meeting. Chanting “Huelga! Huelga!” (“Strike! Strike!”), they voted unanimously to strike on May Day.

This won't be a strike against their employers. The janitors of SEIU United Service Workers West felt driven, Mejia says, “to strike with the community” against the raids, threats, and immigrant-bashing hate speech that the Trump administration has unleashed.

“The president is attacking our community,” said Mejia, a member of his union's executive board. “Immigrants have helped form this country, we've contributed to its beauty, but the president is attacking us as criminal.”

Following the Los Angeles vote, union janitors elsewhere in California also voted to “strike with the community” on May

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## Celebrate International Workers' Day

*by Gainesville IWW*

May Day, founded in the United States in 1886 during the struggle for the 8-hour work day, is known around the world as International Workers' Day, International Working People's Day, or simply International Labor Day.

This year, join in solidarity in downtown Gainesville with immigrant workers and others who will be striking, marching,

taking direct action, and celebrating working people's resistance to the anti-immigrant, racist, sexist, queer-bashing, anti-worker agenda of the Trump regime.

Come hear testimonies from the immigrant women workers of Madres Sin Fronteras and their families, as well as activists from a number of other groups working to hold the line against the

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Trump agenda and push forward political and economic gains for the working class.

Join a group and get involved; if you're already involved in organizing, learn more about, and make connections with, activists from other groups.

Let's build solidarity with our friends, co-workers, neighbors, and fellow community members.

The celebration will start off with a May Day parade from the corner of University Avenue and 13th St., which will form up at 4:30pm and march to Bo Diddley Plaza.

The rally with music, food, speakers, and info booths will take place on the Plaza from 5-8pm. ☘

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its residents. Yet, our message through the many years and themes has remained the same.

The festival has survived along with a few existing businesses. It includes the history of the rich culture of the community and, as of more than a decade ago, we celebrate Earth Day.

As we work to preserve our community, we make an effort to educate our community about preserving the planet.

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According to Project Censored, in 2016, U.S. military forces were deployed in 70 percent of the world's nations.

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From the publisher ...

## Holding on, and being ready

The Trump Train has left the station, and the trip is not gonna be pretty.

Yesterday (4/7/17) came the news of 59 Tomahawk missiles launched into Syria, and the confirmation of Neil M. Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, bypassing the 60 vote requirement. Today we had Jacksonville police allowing a disruptive agitator to continually provoke a peaceful protest, then, when the agitator succeeded in provoking someone, cops jumped in and arrested six people.

We as a society have lost the skill and patience of diplomacy and negotiation. The people who think in terms of winning instead of cooperation have seized the controls and we are steaming down the tracks.

Writing this Publisher's Note—as the reality of Trump's win becomes less a shock than just a horror that is here to stay—finds me in a rhetorical trap.

I think of saying things I have already said, about not burning yourself out, of picking issues to work on that directly concern your life, about not trying to do it all, about not giving up hope. I have great gratitude to all who have stepped up in the resistance. But that is not everyone.

Many people (some still paying attention to what's going on) and others (paying less attention because it seems so overwhelming), are rightly busy just continuing with their lives, whether working, studying (or working AND studying), dealing with family or health issues, to have changed much of the pattern of their lives. That's fine, it will be a long haul of recovery. Just please pay attention and do what you can.

That said, the resistance in Gainesville seems to be alive, especially as is true everywhere else, powered by women; younger women with a challenged future laying ahead of them, and older women who are getting back into action after a downtime with other responsibilities, family or otherwise.

When Lynn Jamieson submitted the article we ran last month on the solar energy workshop, she said, "I haven't done anything like this in 30 years." Exactly. The Women's March and the Women's Strike were important in elevating a consciousness of power, and as well, the hope is for men to understand and support that work, and get with the program themselves. It will be years of struggle, as I said last month, to "resist, reclaim and move forward," but that is where we are at.

Kudos to Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell for refusing to cooperate with the Trump administration's call for detaining non-citizens who have been arrested for scrutiny by immigration officials. It is an action which netted our county a reprimand from Washington, but it was an illegal request and her leadership on this probably led to other sheriffs around the state also resisting.

But then there is the situation of Ali Jamoos, a Palestinian UF junior agriculture student with a stellar reputation who went on a Spring Break cruise to Mexico only to be detained in Miami upon his return, turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, jailed and prepared for deportation. We may live in a vibrant Blue Dot, but one of our own just got snatched away. Is this how it starts? A couple good friends are friends of his. To me that make him a friend too. An online GoFundMe raised thousands of dollars for his defense, which is nice, but it did not free him — he is still awaiting deportation. This is not acceptable. This must not be normalized.

2018 will be our next chance to affect the power structure by trying to retake Congress. Voter suppression must be ended, and restitution of voting rights is a key to this. All this bluster about Russian interference is nonsense. A heck a lot of what was "leaked" was true but inconvenient stuff. Women are stepping up, scientists are stepping up. I think a fair amount of Trump voters are going to be open to a change in direction, too.

Opportunities will come, we need to be ready. ☘



Joe Courter

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# On getting along: How to survive in an awful world

by Howard Zinn

This article is reprinted from a 2003 issue of Just Peace.

You ask how I manage to stay involved and remain seemingly happy and adjusted to this awful world where the efforts of caring people pale in comparison to those who have power?

It's easy. **First**, don't let "those who have power" intimidate you. No matter how much power they have they cannot prevent you from living your life, speaking your mind, thinking independently, having relationships with people as you like. (Read Emma Goldman's autobiography LIVING MY LIFE. Harassed, even imprisoned by authority, she insisted on living her life, speaking out, however she felt like.)

**Second**, find people to be with who have your values, your commitments, but who also have a sense of humor. That combination is a necessity!

**Third** (notice how precise is my advice that I can confidently number it, the way scientist number things), understand that the major media will not tell you of all the acts of resistance taking place every day in the society, the strikes, the protests, the individual acts of courage in the face of authority. Look around (and you will certainly find it) for the evidence of these unreported acts. And for the little you find, extrapolate from that and assume there must be a thousand times as much as what you've found.

**Fourth**: Note that throughout history people have felt powerless before authority, but that at certain times these powerless people, by organizing, acting, risking, persisting, have created enough power

to change the world around them, even if a little. That is the history of the labor movement, of the women's movement, of the anti-Vietnam war movement, the disable persons' movement, the gay and lesbian movement, the movement of Black people in the South.

**Fifth**: Remember, that those who have power, and who seem invulnerable are in fact quite vulnerable, that their power depends on the obedience of others, and when those others begin withholding that obedience, begin defying authority, that power at the top turns out to be very fragile. Generals become powerless when their soldiers refuse to fight, industrialists become powerless when their workers leave their jobs or occupy the factories.

**Sixth**: When we forget the fragility of that power in the top we become astounded when it crumbles in the face of rebellion. We have had many such surprises in our time, both in the United States and in other countries.

**Seventh**: Don't look for a moment of total triumph. See it as an ongoing struggle, with victories and defeats, but in the long run the consciousness of people growing. So you need patience, persistence, and need to understand that even when you don't "win," there is fun and fulfillment in the fact that you have been involved, with other good people, in something worthwhile.

Okay, seven pieces of profound advice should be enough.

*"When I pray for peace, I pray not only that the enemies of my own country may cease to want war, but above all that my country will cease to do the things that make war inevitable."*

-- Thomas Merton ✂

# Bring demands to the streets at DC Climate March on April 29

By Sherry Steiner

Donald Trump is taking office as the only climate-change denying world leader and threatening to throw all that progress away. We're ready to fight back.

That's why the People's Climate Movement is seizing the first 100 days of the Trump Administration as our own and putting all of our energy toward stopping Trump's attacks on our climate, our communities, and our jobs, and advance our vision of a new American economy that protects our planet and people.

On Saturday, April 29 in Washington DC, we will come together for one massive march to bring our demands to the streets. We will march for our families. We will march for our air, our water, and our land. We will march for clean energy jobs and climate justice. We will march for our communities and the people we love. And we will be louder and stronger than ever before. More information is available at: <https://peoplesclimate.org/>.

## Film screening: 'Almost Sunrise' features veterans against war



"Almost Sunrise" – a film about the remarkable journey of two Iraq War veterans – will be shown at the Hippodrome Theatre in downtown Gainesville on Monday, May 1, at 6:30pm.

The film follows two Iraq War veterans, Tom Voss and Anthony Anderson, both tormented by depression after they returned home from the military and pushed to the edge of suicide. The two embark on an extraordinary journey – a 2,700 mile walk across the country from Wisconsin to California, in order to reflect on their haunting experiences of war and to ultimately, save themselves.

While the film exposes the brutality of war, it is ultimately a story of hope and potential solutions. Most importantly, the film reveals the promise of holistic practices for healing from the traumas of war.

The film also acts as an urgent call for communities to better understand these deep-seated psychic wounds from war, and for the government to acknowledge and finally treat moral pain by using methods other than pills. "Almost Sunrise" deftly and movingly demonstrates the promise of holistic healing practices is on the horizon in a way that we cannot afford to ignore.

This special screening of "Almost Sunrise" is free to the public and is co-sponsored by Gainesville Veterans for Peace Chapter 14 and the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program.

The Hippodrome Theatre is located at 25 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. For more information on the screening, contact Veterans for Peace at: [gv-lvfp@earthlink.net](mailto:gv-lvfp@earthlink.net).

For additional information about "Almost Sunrise," see: <http://sunrisedocumentary.com>. ✂

In Gainesville our Sierra Club Suwannee - St. Johns Group is planning a Sister Climate March in Gainesville. We'll gather at Bo Diddle Plaza at 3:00 on Saturday, April 29 and march to Depot Park where we'll have speakers. Join us! If you're interested in helping with preparation and getting the word out, please email me at [sherrysteiner@att.net](mailto:sherrysteiner@att.net). ✂

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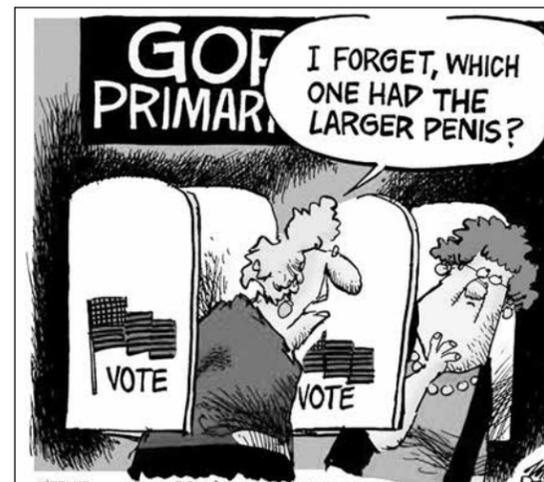
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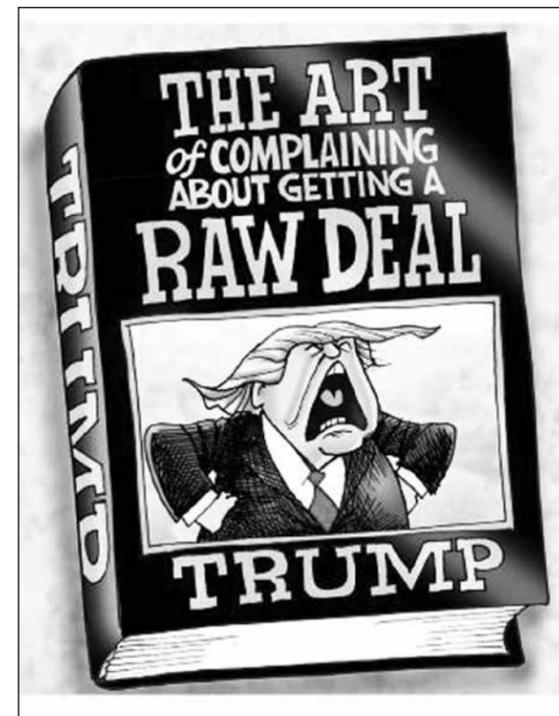
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# Florida's Voting Rights Restoration Amendment

Raising awareness of the pervasiveness and horrible effects of disenfranchisement

by Julie Thaler

I'd like to share some shocking facts regarding voter disenfranchisement and its consequences in Florida:

Nearly 1.7 million Florida citizens have lost the right to vote due to a felony conviction. This includes 23 percent of Florida's black citizens. One-third of all arrests are drug-related and only one-fourth of those who were convicted served any time in prison.

Florida's disenfranchisement rate remains the highest among the 50 states, and it is only one of three states, including Iowa and Kentucky, that impose a lifetime ban on felon voting unless restoration is actively sought.

In Iowa, 93 percent of appeals were approved; in Kentucky, 86 percent; in Florida, only 8 percent. Most of the other states automatically restore voting rights once time is served and after completion of probation and parole.

Currently, Florida requires non-violent felons to wait 5 years after probation and parole to file an appeal. After the waiting period, it takes an average of 7-9 more years before individual cases are heard.

In Florida, Governor Charlie Crist (2007-2011) and his cabinet modified the appeals process and, as a result, 155,000 ex-felons had their civil rights restored.

Our current governor, Rick Scott, reversed this policy and in the first 6 years of his administration, a mere 2,339 received the restoration of their rights. There is now a backlog of over 12,000 appeals on file.

Florida's onerous policies have the appearance of being deliberately politically motivated. Studies have shown that ex-felons register as Democrats over Republicans by a 5-to-1 margin. This fact indicates that voter disenfranchisement in Florida, which is a swing state, could easily skew election outcomes.

Another study by the Florida Parole Commission found that recidivism rates for ex-felons who had their civil rights restored was 11 percent vs. 33 percent for those who did not have their rights restored. Those who have not had their rights restored have difficulty applying for employment, educational loans and housing.

The felon vote and racism have been

historically connected. Blacks make up 17 percent of Florida's population, but 48 percent of Florida's prison population. Studies have shown that blacks are more likely to be arrested and convicted than whites for the same felony offenses.

Restoration lowers recidivism, saves taxpayer dollars, it allows the re-integration of people into society and gives them a second chance to become productive citizens.

The proposed amendment clearly states that restoration of rights in Florida will apply only to non-violent ex-felons who have served their time and their parole obligations.

Source: March 6, 2017 Brennan Center for Justice and the 2016 Sentencing Project reports, <http://www.brennancenter.org/blog/restore-ex-felons-voting-rights-its-right-thing>

Last month, the Florida Supreme Court heard arguments on the Voting Restoration Amendment. If the language of the petition is approved and the required number of signatures are obtained, the amendment could go on the ballot as early as 2018, or as late as 2020.

We are asking people who are willing to come out of the shadows and come forward to tell personal and compelling stories as part of an organized statewide speakers' bureau to raise awareness of the pervasiveness and horrible effects of disenfranchisement. It's time for all of us to stand up and correct this injustice in our state. ✪

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# Sabal Trail: It takes a police state to build an energy empire

Reflections on the death of a water protector and the responsibilities of a movement

by Panagioti Tsolkas

This article originally appeared on the Earth First! Newswire on March 27. See more at [earthfirstjournal.org](http://earthfirstjournal.org).

I've found my mind in a frequent state of confusion and sadness over the police killing of pipeline saboteur Jim Marker since it occurred a month ago this weekend. While stories of police brutality and mass repression, like the sort that has been occurring over the past year against the #NoDAPL camps, are always infuriating, the police permanently taking someone in our midst leaves a haunting chill.

Marker's death hit very close to home for those of us who have dedicated much of the past 6 months to stopping construction of the Sabal Trail pipeline. Jim was murdered by Citrus County Sheriffs on the morning of February 26, 2017, as around 50 activists stood in front of the Coleman federal prison complex in the neighboring Sumter County.

The group I have been organizing with, Sabal Trail Resistance (STR), called for the demonstration at Coleman as a joint endeavor to express solidarity with American Indian Movement activist Leonard Peltier locked up there and to draw attention to the pipeline which passes within about 2 miles of the facility.

Along with that demonstration, STR had encouraged people to commemorate that weekend, the anniversary of the Wounded Knee '73 Stand-off, with anti-pipeline resistance. I didn't know Jim Marker, but I know others who did and based on what I've been able to learn about him, I suspect that he may have been responding to that call. I think he also likely picked the spot that he damaged the pipeline based on a civil disobedience blockade that occurred days earlier where people put their lives and freedom on the line to shut down construction by locking themselves to a concrete box over 200 feet inside the pipe.

After police responded to a report of him damaging pipeline equipment less than a mile from where the pipe occupation had occurred, they located the car suspected to be his and initiated a high-speed chase that ended in him being run off the road and shot to death. The only hope of knowing what really occurred that day lies with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's decision to release records from possible dash cam footage. A representative of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) told me there was no indication of this happening anytime soon.

While being associated with Jim Marker's actions has been a heavy weight to carry for our small group, entailing scrutiny from law enforcement, media and other activists, it is something we knew we could not shy away from. I feel very thankful to be part of a group of people who had the courage to respond immediately to his killing and follow up by hosting an open community memorial Sunday, March 26. Some organizers involved with opposing the Sabal Trail pipeline have chosen to condemn Jim Marker's actions as violent (though no one else was injured), others have chosen to celebrate him for causing an effective delay of construction, but I've found that the more important responses to engage with are people who are feeling conflicted, uncertain, afraid or paranoid.

After fielding a month of questions and comments, in person and online, I've realized that there is an important movement



*The Sabal Trail pipeline is an approximately 515-mile interstate natural gas pipeline being built in Florida, Georgia and Alabama. The Sabal Trail Transmission expects completion by the end of June. It runs in a north-south direction through the middle of Alachua County and through Gainesville. Opponents cite reasons for their protests including the dangerous transporting of fracked gas, endangerment to waterways and indigenous burial sites, destruction of the environment, and property stolen through eminent domain.*

responsibility to engage with people about matters like this in order to work through some divisive tendencies that can have damaging impacts on our work. These moments are a call to deepen our collective courage and actively challenge the paralysis that fear can bring if its is left to fester.

For starters, we need to diligently question and scrutinize the reports of the law enforcement agencies and the media's use of them. For example, in Marker's case, the first statement released by CCSO implied a shoot-out which some news outlets reported as Marker firing at officers. In subsequent statements, CCSO confirmed that this did not occur.

While Marker's action was bold, it was not unique or unprecedented. There is a long history of sabotage being used as part of a broad resistance effort, among the most famous being the Boston Tea Party of the anti-British revolutionaries. Countless examples exist over the past two centuries of social changes in this country and abroad. Some involve groups of people engaging openly in property damage and others more clandestine activities. Over the past month alone, for example, there have been numerous reports of pipeline-related sabotage in various states.

A dialogue around "violence" is not relevant without context. While the only violence that actually occurred was against Marker by the police, the involvement of a rifle in damaging pipeline equipment seems to have left some people with a feeling that the potential for violence existed. While that could be an interesting philosophical debate, it is useless speculation. The most common uses of guns are not for things that fall into a category of violent crime, but for a variety of non-criminal activity including recreational sport, hunting for food and self-defense. STR has argued that Marker's action can be viewed as an act of "self-defense" to protect himself and others from the pipeline that has stolen peoples land and damaged the environment that people depend on for life.

But even if firing a gun was something that was considered violent, it would be an extreme contradiction to claim that only some entities are justified in the use of it. As most know by now, Marker was a military veteran. Whether one agrees with the military or not, Marker was most likely trained with public tax dollars to use guns to enforce whatever the government claims to be a just cause. But most can agree that the state does not have a monopoly on the concept of justice, as the histories of anti-slavery, civil rights, labor unions and women's suffrage can attest to. Is it much of a stretch to view oil and gas pipelines as the aggressors in a conflict that represents an extreme travesty of justice?

Perhaps most importantly: the general role of the police cannot be ignored. There has been a steady stream of uprisings across the country over the past several years that have succeeded in exposing the police for the widespread use of excessive force, including the killing of children at playgrounds (as was the case with Tamir Rice in Ohio). But the problem with police is not just that they kill with impunity. The more common travesty is that they hold millions of people in cages, and they've been doing it for a long time. And it has everything to do with our effort to protect the Earth from the energy empire. The fear of prison and police violence is the primary obstacle that keeps people from stopping corporate plunder in a direct and effective manor.

While Jim acted alone last month, he acted in the context of thousands of like-minded veterans who joined the front lines of a pipeline battle at Standing Rock in North Dakota, declaring that their oath to protect this country included standing up for the water and those who protect it. And he was killed in the context of a nationwide epidemic of state violence, where police are able to kill with impunity, despite the steady flow of protests and uprisings that have occurred in response to police killings.

An Amnesty International report from 2015 indicated that not a single state in the U.S. has laws that meet international human rights standards for "use of force" by police officers. Though Florida is among the only eight states in the U.S. to require a verbal warning by police officers before shooting, there is no evidence to indicate if this occurred in Markers' case.

In a letter contributed to the Jim Marker Memorial Site by well-known military veteran and activist Brian Wilson:

[Marker] was the 209th civilian killed by US police in 2017, an average of 3.7 civilians killed per DAY. This continues the pattern of more than 3 civilians killed by US police per day over the last few years. To appreciate the staggering disparity between police killings in the US and other countries, in England and Wales combined, police killed 55 civilians over a 24-YEAR period, 1991-2015, an average of 2.3 per YEAR. In the first 24 DAYS of 2015, US police killed 59 civilians, an average of 2.7 per DAY, actually less than the higher averages for 2016 and early 2017.

In contrast, pipeline owner Spectra Energy and its partners NextEra Energy and Duke Energy, and investors that have included the governors of Georgia and Florida, continue to operate with impunity protected by local police despite having been cited numerous times for violating federal safety laws and regulations, deer poaching, transgressing sacred graveyard protections, and gross negligence in pipeline safety leading to pipeline ruptures.

So James Leroy Marker is another civilian victim of those seeking to protect the sacredness of our ecosystem while the lawless plundering of the earth continues with impunity with collusion of

police and corporations.

We know the U.S. was founded on genocide, environmental injustice and mass incarceration. Not long after the wars of Manifest Destiny had spread from coast to coast, this nation incubated what would become the global dominance of oil and gas companies, fortified by the last century of war around the world—driven by corporations and paid for with tax dollars. What started as prisoner-of-war camps for indigenous people refusing relocation turned into the modern Indian Reservation system, and set the precedent for how to deal with rebellious elements in the growing empire and blossomed into the world's largest per-capita prison population.

It should come as little shock to me that the tradition of merging state repression and corporate plunder would continue in the pipeline battles of today. But it doesn't. It still shocks me when the police brutalize, imprison and kill people to defend the economic interests of the extractors. The thousands of people shot with water cannons in the freezing cold at Standing Rock, hundreds facing criminal charges, dozens hospitalized, in attempt to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline over the past year. Its one moment in time among over 500 years of repression and resistance.

On March 6, 2017, the Suncoast Standard, a local news outlet in Citrus County asked in an article on Jim's death, "Will the Sabal Trail Pipeline Resistance denounce the actions of James Leroy Marker?" We didn't respond formally, but I'm proud to say, on behalf of STR: no, we will not.

On a personal level, as sad as I am over the loss of Jim Marker, and as angry as I am that the police took him from us before I had the chance to get to know him, I choose to direct those feelings into deepening my commitment to draw out these connections between pollution, police and prisons. I commit to intensifying my dedication to this struggle. I will do what I would want done in my honor, if I was to face a similar fate at the hands of the police. Because that's the responsibility that comes with being part of a movement. ✖

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## From STRIKES, p. 1

1. As the meetings gathered steam, Mejia reports, workers in schools, grocery stores, restaurants, and farms started talking about joining the walkout too.

And the strike is going on the road: SEIU-USWW is partnering with the human rights group Global Exchange, worker centers, the Southern Border Communities Coalition, and faith groups to organize a “Caravan against Fear” that will tour California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas in April, staging rallies, cultural events, direct action trainings, and community strike votes leading up to May Day.

### The biggest yet

In recent years, May Day has seen demonstrations to support immigrant rights. This year’s mobilizations will center on defending immigrants, but weave in other issues as well, such as climate justice and the de-funding of public education.

Up and down the West Coast, we are likely to see the largest May Day strikes since hundreds of thousands of immigrant workers walked off the job in 2006.

A thousand miles to the north of Mejia’s home city, leaders of the unions representing Seattle public school teachers, graduate employees at the University of Washington, and staff at Seattle’s community colleges have called for a strike to protest the Trump administration’s attacks on immigrants, Muslims, workers, women, and members of the LGBT community. The public school teachers and UW graduate employees are scheduling strike votes in the coming weeks.

“We’re horrified about what Trump has done,” said Alex Bacon, a community college administrative assistant and member of AFSCME Local 304. And given the Trump administration’s support for “right-to-work” legislation and slashing health care and retirement programs, he said, “even if we’re not in the crosshairs this second, we’re next.”

### ‘Summer of Resistance’

A March meeting organized by the county labor council and Seattle City Councilmember Kshama Sawant brought together immigrant community leaders and representatives from two dozen Seattle-area unions—including Laborers, Teamsters, Boeing Machinists, stagehands, hotel workers, and city and county workers—to plan a May Day of mass resistance. Participants acknowledged the need for creativity rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

A week later, the labor council committed its support for an immigrant-led May Day march, in a resolution urging unions “to consider all forms of action on May 1, 2017, whether striking, walking out, taking sick days, extended lunch hours, exercising rights of conscience, organizing demonstrations or teach-ins, or any other acts of collective expression that builds solidarity across communities.”

Labor Council head Nicole Grant described May Day as just the beginning of a “summer of resistance,” showing that working people can and will respond to Trump’s attacks with disruptive action. “We won’t take down this president in one day,” added Sawant. “But on May Day we are taking our resistance to another level.”

Climate justice activists are also folding into the May Day movement. In Washington state, the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations are calling for an “Earth Day to May Day Action Week,” blending Earth Day April 22 and a “March for Science” into a full week of workshops and protests culminating in a big May 1 mobilization.

### Local connections

Nationally, many union leaders haven’t weighed in on the May Day strike movement, in part because their contracts with employers include no-strike clauses.

Mejia acknowledges the risk of striking, but says, “The government is criminalizing us.” The bigger risk, he says, would be to not fight back, because inaction will only embolden Trump and his billionaire backers.

Key to successful May Day strikes, many activists point out, is connecting local fights to anti-Trump resistance activities.

At the University of Washington, for instance, where one-third of the graduate employees are international students, union members are demanding that university administrators bargain with them over the impact of Trump’s Muslim ban and other executive orders. And they are pressing the university to declare itself a “sanctuary campus” and to waive a discriminatory fee it now imposes on international students.

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## Actors’ Warehouse presents ‘Stick Fly’ by Lydia Diamond

“Stick Fly” tells the story of the LeVay family. The affluent, African-American family is gathering at their Martha’s Vineyard home for the weekend, and brothers Kent and Flip have each brought their respective ladies home to meet the parents for the first time.

Kent’s fiancée Taylor, an academic whose absent father was a prominent author, struggles to fit into the LeVay’s upper-crust lifestyle. Kimber, on the other hand, is a self-described WASP who works with inner-city school children, fits in more easily with the family. Joining these two couples are the demanding LeVay patriarch Joe, and Cheryl, the daughter of the family’s longtime housekeeper.

As the two newcomers butt heads over issues of race and privilege, longstanding family tensions bubble under the surface and reach a boiling point when secrets are revealed.

The Actors’ Warehouse is a community theater founded in 2011 with the aim of creating and recreating a safe space where participants can share stories of the human experience, using the art of performance.

The play will be performed from April 7 through April 23 at the Actors Warehouse at 608 N. Main St. in Gainesville.

## Scientific research critical

*Maria Carter posted a link to an article from the March 16 Washington Post by Joel Achenbach on her Facebook page, which she introduced with her own comments. The WaPo article has been cut because of space limitations, but the entire article and related links can be seen at [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/trumps-budget-would-slash-scientific-and-medical-research/2017/03/15/d3261f98-0998-11e7-a15f-a58d4a988474\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.cc545464006c](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/trumps-budget-would-slash-scientific-and-medical-research/2017/03/15/d3261f98-0998-11e7-a15f-a58d4a988474_story.html?utm_term=.cc545464006c)*

### March 16 at 11:00 a.m.:

I will have the chance to live to old age because of the government-funded research of the NIH. Without the treatment they spent two decades developing, my prognosis was another 10 years until my immune system would stop working entirely. There are many more people like me, people with rare illnesses and complex medical conditions, who will not survive if we allow this administration to decide that scientific advancement is not a priority.

What is the purpose of society, truly, if not to explore the depths of human understanding? To reach heights of both understanding of the material world, and understanding of the interior world, through artistic expression? Learning, science, art, and scholarship are not extraneous indulgences that can be discarded because we overspent on a war. They are the entire and only reason we should ever go to war in the first place. They are the locus of civilization, not its periphery.

I can't march right now. I can't hardly walk. Thank you for marching for me. No matter who you voted for, if you support science and me and others not dying an early, preventable death, thank you for using your voice to protect American science for future generations.

### From the Washington Post:

President Trump’s budget calls for a seismic disruption in government-funded medical and scientific research. The cuts are deep and broad.

They also go beyond what many political observers expected. Trump had made clear that he would target the Environmental Protection Agency, but the budget blueprint calls for a startling downsizing of agencies that historically have received steady bipartisan support. The National Institutes of Health, for example, would be cut by nearly \$6 billion, about a fifth of the NIH budget.

The shock waves of this blueprint will be felt far beyond the walls of government bureaucracies. The scientific endeavor across America depends to a large degree on competitive grants distributed by federal agencies that face dramatic budget cuts. NIH uses only

*See RESEARCH, p. 16*

## Civic Media Center Events

- Fri, April 14 “Lesbiana Rising” Sinister Wisdom quarterly release & discussion with NWL, 6:30pm
- Mon, April 17 Doc. film TBA, 7pm
- Tue, April 18 Pink Pistols meeting, 7pm
- Sat, April 22 Water is Life Benefit Concert, 6-10pm
- Mon, April 24 Doc film TBA, 7pm
- Fri, April 28 At CMC Art and music. as part of Art Walk, 7-10pm
- Fri, April 28 CMC benefit concert w/Pierce Pettis in MAMA’s, 435 S. Main, next door to CMC, 8pm
- Fri, April 28 WGOT radio benefit at Dirty Nellies, 10pm
- Sat, April 29 Note: NO free store this month
- Mon, May 1 Doc. film Cowsspiracy, 7pm
- Sun, May 7 IWW meeting, 6-8pm
- Mon, May 8 Doc film TBA, 7pm
- Tues, May 9 w/ Wild Iris Books Book signings; authors TBA, 7pm
- Fri, May 12 In Concert: Grant Peeples, 8pm



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Tuesday Martes

Wednesday Miercoles

Thursday Jueves

Friday Viernes

Saturday Sabado



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

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

16 Sunday Assembly - "Kids' Books for Adults" talk, SFC Downtown (530 W. Univ. Ave), 11 am, 3rd Sundays - see sagainesville.weebly.com.

EASTER

23 Audubon Bird Tour at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens (4700 SW 58th Dr; bring binoculars), 8 am sharp; \$4..

Earth Day Trash Clean-up at Sweetwater Branch, Paynes Prairie (3300 SE 15th St), 9 am; rsvp @ www.prairiefriends.org/event-2515439/Registration

High Springs Pioneer Days w/ pie & costume contests - Sat, 10 am-5 pm, & Sun, 10 am-4 pm.

Fifth Ave Arts Festival continues, 600 NW 5th Ave, noon-5 pm; pg 2.

Friends of the Library Book Sale continues at 430 N. Main St - great deals on books, music, art, movies, comics, puzzles, more (bring yr own bags & boxes!): noon-6 pm.

Author Ted Geltner on his Harry Crews biography, dntn library (401 E. Univ. Ave), 2:30 pm.

30 Solar Co-op meeting, downtown library, 3 pm - see pg 21.

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.

7 IWW meets, CMC, 6-8 pm. Black Diamond live at Heartwood Stage, 7 pm.

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

17 Fire Station Groundbreaking - SE 5th Ave & Main St, 8 am.

Greens meet: call 352-871-1995 for time/place updates.

Documentary TBA, Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm.

Gvl Food Security Group meets 3rd Mondays, Quaker Meeting House (708 NW 38th St), 7-9 pm.

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

24 FOL Book Sale, noon-6 pm. The Resilience Movie, Hippodrome Cinema (25 SE 2nd Pl), 6:30 pm; free, but please pre-register at www.centerforpeacebuilding.org.

Documentary TBA, Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), \$3-5 requested, 7 pm.

Sign-making for May Day, against Confederate Memorial Day: NWL office (200 NE 1st St, Ste 200; enter from back garage), 6:30 pm.

May 1 May Day celebration w/ vendors, food, music, speakers, organized by Gvl Industrial Workers of the World: march from W. 13th St & Univ Ave, 4:30 pm; Bo Diddley Plaza, 5-8 pm; see pg 1.

GCAT meets - see 4/17.

Cowspiracy at CMC, 8 pm.

Almost Sunrise presented by Veterans for Peace at Hipp, 6:30 pm; see pg 4.

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

8 Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice meets 2nd Mons, Mennonite Meeting House, 6 pm.

CMC documentary tba, 7 pm.

1963: Dr. No, first James Bond movie. 1970: Let It Be, last Beatles album.

11 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 am & 5:30 pm.

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

1968: Lyndon B. Johnson signs Civil Rights Act. FULL MOON

18 Civics Classes by Dr. Donna Waller, Sr. Ctr (5701 NW 34th St), Tuesdays, 1:30 pm, through May 9.

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.

Pink Pistols meet, CMC, 7 pm.

David Sedaris, Phillips Ctr (3201 Hull Rd), 7:30 pm.

25 FOL Book Sale, half-price day, noon-6 pm.

County Commission meets - see 4/11.

Fla Vegetable Garden Planning class, SFC CIED Bldg (530 W. Univ. Ave), 6 pm.

Alachua Co. Labor Coalition meets 4th Tuesdays, Mennonite Meeting House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 6:30 pm.

Equal Means Equal documentary screening & discussion, Millhopper Library (3145 NW 43rd St), 6:30 pm.

2 School Superintendent Search workshop, Kirby-Smith Bldg (620 E. Univ Ave), 4 pm: see sbac.edu.

School Board - see 4/18.

1957: Joseph McCarthy dies. 1972: J. Edgar Hoover dies. 2011: Osama bin Laden dies.

9 Gvl Comm. on Status of Women 36th Annual Conference, Trinity United Methodist Church (4000 NW 53rd Ave), 8 am-5 pm; \$25-70.

County Commission meets - see 4/11.

Wild Iris/CMC book-signing event (author info tba), CMC, 7 pm.

12 "Naborhood" Coffee Talk concert series, Artisans Way (5910 Hampton St, Melrose), Wednesdays, 11 am-2 pm.

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 (111 E. University Ave), 4-7 pm; Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds.

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

"Dismantling Racism" 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, Mennonite Meeting House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 7 pm.

19 Humanist meeting topic: N Florida pre-Columbian archaeology (open to all), UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

Swamp Records Showcase, Heartwood Stage (619 S. Main St), 6 pm.

26 FOL Book Sale, 10¢ day, noon-6 pm.

"Dismantling Racism" - see 4/12.

Confederate Memorial Day Opposition - details tba at www.womensliberation.org/chapters/gvl



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

3 Cinema Verde meets Green Drinks, Market St Pub, 5 pm.

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

What the Health documentary at Hipp if 67 or more \$10 tickets sold by 4/19 at www.tugg.com/events/what-the-health-hiq; pg 16.

10 "Dismantling Racism" - see 4/12.

IGUANA Deadline for May-June issue is May 9th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

1994: Nelson Mandela inaugurated President of South Africa. FULL MOON

13 Gainesville 4 All meets every Thursday, Eastside Community Ctr (2841 E Univ Ave), 5:30 pm - see facebook.com/GNV4ALL

CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 2nd Thursdays, 5:30 pm.

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

"Rethinking Counterterrorism" talk, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm.

"Walking on Water" Fla aquifer talk, Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE County Rd 234), 6 pm.

"A Writer's Life: Marjorie Kinan Rawlings & Women Writers Today" talk at Matheson Museum (513 E. Univ Ave), 6 pm, free.

Survivors of Violence Art Exhibit Reception, Harn Mus, 6 pm.

Stick Fly at Actors Warehouse (608 N. Main St), Thurs-Sats at 8 pm, Suns 3 pm, thru Apr 23; pg 10.

columbinus at Acrosstown Rep (619 S. Main St), 8 pm, thru 4/23; see pg 3.

Open Poetry, every Thursday, Civic Media Center, 8 pm.

20 Solar Co-op Social hosted by League of Women Voters, Swamp Head Brewery, 4:30 pm.

Stormwater Treatment talks, Sr. Ctr (5701 NW 34th Blvd), 6 pm.

Spamalot opens, Buchholz HS, 8 pm (also 4/21-23 & 30); see pg 5.

Song Circle at Loosey's, 8 pm.

Reggae Dance Party, Heartwood Stage (619 S. Main St), 9 pm.

27 Volunteers & Poets, CMC. Felipe's Restaurant/Bar Celebration (1209 W Univ Ave), 5:30-7 pm.

Wax Wings & others, Boca Backyard (232 SE 1st St), 10 pm.

4 New City Commissioners Swearing-In ceremony, Thelma Boltin Ctr (516 NE 2nd Ave), noon. NATIONAL DAY OF REASON STAR WARS DAY: MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

11 Volunteers & Poets, CMC. Maca reggae/samba concert at Heartwood Stage, 7 pm.

SSJ Sierra Club mtg, UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm.

14 Troubled Waters screening & panel, SF College (3000 BW 83rd St) 6:30 pm - more on Facebook.

"An Evening with Tom Stoppard" - collage of scenes directed by Sidney Homan, UF Ustler Hall, 7:30 pm, free. Hamlet opens at The Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 8 pm; runs through May 7.

James Taylor Tribute by Mike Boulware & Friends in Free Friday concert series at Bo Diddley Downtown Plaza, 8 pm; see pg 15.

Sinister Wisdom presentation on "Lesbiana Rising" at CMC, hosted by Nat'l Women's Liberation, 6:30 pm.

Hedges CD release, Heartwood, 8 pm.

21 THATcamp (The Humanities And Technology Camp) for cultural & tech workers, Harn Museum, 9 am-4 pm; see gainesville2017.thatcamp.org.

Hot Club de Ville plays Gypsy jazz at Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free; pg 15.

We Are Neutral Earth Day Celebration, family-friendly food & music at First Magnitude Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St), 4-10 pm; \$27 at door.

28 "How to Improve US Presidential Elections" talk by economics Nobel laureate Erick Maskin, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 10 am.

G'ville Downtown Artwalk 7-10 pm; see pages 7 & 16, and artwalkgainesville.com.

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

The Detours rock Bo Diddley Plaza, Free Fridays concert, 8 pm; see pg 15.

Pierce Pettis, CMC benefit at M.A.M.A.'s Club (435 S. Main St), 8 pm; \$15 adv, \$20 door - see pg 24.

WGOT Radio Benefit Concert at Dirty Nelly's (208 W. University Ave), 10 pm.

5 Jazz on the Green Tour takes over Bo Diddley Plaza w/ music, food, & more, 6-10 pm (no.Free Friday concert: tix start at \$42, jazzonthegreentour.com).

Zumba at Boltin Ctr, 7 pm.

Sarah Mac, Heartwood, 7:30 pm.

Locochino & others, Loosey's. CINCO DE MAYO

12 Grant Peoples in concert at Civic Media Center, 8 pm.

Fast Lane brings soul & funk to Bo Diddley Plaza Free Friday show, 8 pm. Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

15 "Grab Him by the Tax Return" Trump resistance rally, Ocala Downtown Square, 11 am-7 pm; see Facebook.

Tree Fest w/ games, bounce house, food - music starts 5 pm; Swamp Head Brewery (3650 SW 42nd Ave), noon-11 pm; free admission.

PCCNCF Archives Unveiling: local queer history talk & reception, Gvl Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 6 pm.

King Lear - final performance at UF Constans Theater, 7:30 pm.

22 FOL Book Sale opens 9 am. St Johns River Paddle/Pontoon Boat Tours - see www.mathesonmuseum.org/events-1.html

Muslim-Christian Dialog, Em. Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 2nd & 4th Sats; 10 am.

March for Science starts 10:45 am, Ben Hill Griffin Stadium; rally at Bo Diddley Plaza, noon-3 pm; pgs 11, 20.

38th Annual 5th Ave Arts Festival, 11 am-7 pm, w/ Little Jake & the Soul Searchers ~5 pm; see pg 2.

Bradford-Union County Phosphate Mine discussion & potluck: Sustainable Living Ctr (10665 SW 89th Ave, Hampton), noon-3 pm.

Hogtown Craft Beer Festival, 300 brews: Tioga Town Ctr, 1-5 pm, \$45.

Water Is Life benefit concert, CMC, 6-10 pm.

Fla Museum 100th Anniv. Gala: 3215 Hull Rd, 6 pm, \$250: flmnh.ufl.edu

Beerlympics benefitting Gvl Roller Rebels, Curia (2029 NW 6th St), 7 pm.

Band Roulette Showcase benefitting Girls Rock Camp, Boca Backyard, 10 pm. EARTH DAY

29 Save-2-Lives blood drive & pet adoption: County Animal Shelter (3400 NE 53rd Ave), 9 am-4 pm.

Climate March - sister march for national event by local Sierra Club: meet at Bo Diddley Plaza, marching to Depot Park; 3:30 pm - see pg 4.

Endless Pools & others, Boca Backyard, 10 pm.

6 Author Ace Atkins, downtown library, 2:30 pm.

Gvl Roller Rebels vs Hard Knox, MLK Ctr (1028 NE 14th St), 6 pm; pg 2.

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

Moonlight Walk at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 7 pm; \$15 adults, \$7 kids.

13 Interfaith Dialog, see 4/22.

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Community leaders, homeless people, and supporters protest in front of the governor's mansion in Tallahassee during the National Day of Action for Housing event on April 1. The protestors are seeking to protect funds for affordable housing, responding to Gov. Rick Scott's call to cut the affordable housing trust fund budget by 77 percent. Photo by Julie Matheney

## National Day of Action for Housing in Tallahassee

by Julie Matheney,  
Organizer with the Florida  
Homelessness Action Coalition

I know you're busy. There are so many things competing for your attention, and it's hard to keep up with all of the things happening in the world right now.

Trust me. I get it.

Since the election, I've felt really overwhelmed. I've kept busy with community organizing, petitions, calling representatives, and going to every demonstration I could. I'm encouraged to see so many people taking up new fights and continuing old battles ... but there's one underlying issue that's not getting enough attention.

After organizing a rally for the National Day of Action for Housing last week, I've come to

the conclusion that homeless advocacy isn't "sexy" and affordable housing even less so.

About 30 people gathered at the Governor's Mansion on April 1 to share our experiences of being without a home. We talked about why affordable housing funds are important to us. We ate bowls of beans and rice lovingly prepared by Tallahassee's volunteer-run Food Not Bombs and sported signs with slogans like "Housing = Healthcare" and "House Keys Not Handcuffs."

The majority of people there were currently homeless or have been homeless at some point in their lives. After months of work organizing the rally and contacting more than 100 organizations around the state, I was amazed to find affordable

housing had simply fallen off the radar for so many groups.

Given the Trump administration's plans to cut \$6B from HUD and the Governor's raid of our state's affordable housing funds, I hoped that these massive cuts would rally support not only from the agencies who rely on these funds, but also the newly formed groups dedicated to resisting the Trump agenda. Boy, was I wrong.

In talking to community organizers, I was met with silence or "there's just too much going on right now" to get involved in a rally dedicated to affordable housing.

### Why is that?

Why didn't homeless agencies who rely on state and federal funding participate? Why didn't activist groups get involved?

The need for affordable housing underlies every other social issue. What's the point of welcoming refugees if they can't afford to live here? What good is a \$15 minimum wage if people still don't have enough to pay rent or ever buy a house? Why aren't feminists fighting beyond reproductive rights when women endure domestic violence because alternative housing options don't exist? What about women who risk rape without access to shelter? What about the disproportionate number of people of color on the streets? Why are we silent when developers gentrify our low income neighborhoods and force people out of their homes? Why are there more than 10 empty homes for ev-

ery homeless person in our city? People are literally dying on the streets. Homelessness is not normal. It's not acceptable and we can do better.

In 1989, over 40,000 marched in DC to protest the shortage of affordable housing. Some of those who gathered walked over 200 miles from New York City. Successful because so many organizations joined together on this common issue.

I am a 1st generation Cuban-American woman who has experienced homelessness 3 times. My partner is the director of operations at GRACE, a one-stop homeless services campus where my sister also

works as an advocate. Affordable housing is extremely important to me and my family because it touches our lives and the lives of people we're trying to help every day.

Homelessness is a symptom of many broken systems: racism, broken health care, a lack of mental health care and substance abuse treatment, and most obviously: a lack of affordable housing. Florida ranks [49th in the nation](#) for mental health care spending and in the last decade we've diverted \$1.3 billion of our state's affordable housing funds for other things. Homeless shelters are important, but they're just band-aids for the bigger problem.

When will we prioritize basic human needs? Somehow, we accept homelessness as part of the American fabric. I want my kids to know that homelessness is not normal. I want my community to look up at the systems responsible instead of looking down on homeless individuals. But, until the millions of people working on all of these other issues acknowledge that access to housing is a fundamental piece of every social justice movement, we're only solving a small part of the puzzle.

Please call your representatives and demand that we make affordable housing a priority in our state. 🐘

## Iraq vet: 'No more wars'

by Seth Alexander,

Gainesvillian, Bernie delegate, DEC member and heck of a guy

So, I have stayed off social media out of fear of a long-winded rant about the war machine and how we are all a slave to their addiction to war. To know that our brothers and sisters will have to bring boots to ground on yet another war sickens me and all I can do is weep.

Yeah, a grown man admitting that he's crying.

Crying for the needless loss of military life that will surely follow this air strike. Crying for the civilians that will be trapped in this war because we as a nation will not allow them passage as a refugee. Crying over the war drums beating on each and almost every "news agencies." Crying because this will further delay solutions to problems we have here at home. Crying because we have all seen this before with Iraq and it did nothing positive—just drive America further into debt, recession, homelessness, etc.

Before people say I'm a crybaby liberal, please remember that I'm an 11-year veteran of the US Army with three tours of duty in Iraq (over 1150 days carrying my M-16A2 rifle or my SAW in a foreign county).

I have seen friends taken from us, I have experienced the physical tolls of war, the mental tolls of war, and we all are still living with the aftermath of the last needless war.

The chemical attack in Syria (for which we have not found proof of who actually committed this act) was a vile act and I am not saying that we should have allowed it to happen, but jumping into a war without allies, without planning, without an exit strategy, without approval of the Congress, without a war chest for funding, without military numbers, without the will of the people, without merit, just reminds me that President Trump is a child who will allow any of his advisors to warp his mind.

I will stand today and forever holding up two fingers and saying three simple words, "No More Wars."

I said it in Philly at the Democratic Convention and the response was to physically hide me by ordering a fellow Gainesville Democrat (and a vet for that matter) to cover up my silent protest for "no more war" with a Florida flag, so people could not see that we are against all wars.

Well, I hope you have a damn large flag, because this boondoggle will be hard to hide. 🐘



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about 10 percent of its \$30 billion budget for in-house studies; more than 80 percent goes to some 300,000 outside researchers.

Investment in research and development has been seen since World War II as critical to national prosperity and security. But the Trump administration has signaled that government-funded science, like government more broadly, has become too sprawling.

The result is a budget that takes a sharp bite out of some programs and kills oth-

ers outright. Those targeted for termination include an EPA program to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, the accident-investigating Chemical Safety Board, and a NASA satellite program (long ago known as the GoreSat, after the idea was promoted by then-Vice President Al Gore) that monitors solar storms and Earth's climate.

The new document — titled “America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again” — seems likely to energize scientists and students who have been rattled by Trump’s rhetoric

and political appointments and are preparing to participate in the “March for Science” demonstration scheduled for April 22 in Washington ...

The document going to Capitol Hill shows the administration’s philosophy and breaks with a history of bipartisan support for federally funded science. NIH, for example, enjoyed an increase in funding under President George W. Bush. The Trump budget blueprint does not explain why NIH has been targeted

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# WHAT THE HEALTH

**Film screening on May 3**  
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It's a sometimes funny investigative documentary that will be an eye-opener for everyone concerned about our nation's health and how big business influences it.

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# Help bring Memorial Mile back to Gainesville

*by Gainesville Veterans for Peace*

Veterans for Peace has, each Memorial Day weekend since 2007, assembled the “Memorial Mile” of grave stones along the stretch of NW 8th Ave running eastward from NW 34th St. Each grave stone holds the name, age, hometown, service status and date of death for an individual casualty in America’s wars in central and southwest Asia: the previous display showed 6,888 United States troops, with 63 more on the list for this year (so far).

In 2016, the Memorial Mile had to be canceled due to road renovations by the City of Gainesville. This year, NW 8th Avenue is open and available again, with the City’s Public Works Department providing full cooperation—but VFP needs more hands to set up the Mile, and to take it down again.

Set up begins at approximately mid-

*From RESEARCH, p. 16*

for such a huge reduction, but calls for a “major reorganization” to focus on “highest priority research.”....

Trump has long derided the EPA, and the budget reflects the president’s views.

night on Friday, May 26. Different crews handle the markers for those who died in different years, so some volunteers will be needed then; others won’t start work until hours later.

As each marker needs to go in an exact location with precise alignment, volunteers will need to be able to cooperate closely—and to have knees that can bend down and rise up hundreds of times through the

night. Take-down goes more quickly, although it requires careful coordination to make sure the markers stay in the correct order and go into the right boxes, and usually starts a little before sundown on Memorial Day (Monday, May 29).

*If interested in helping out, please contact Gvl Vets for Peace president Scott Camil at 352-375-2563 or [scott.camil@gmail.com](mailto:scott.camil@gmail.com).*



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	2-4 pm	Cramela Mix Show		2-3 pm	CMC/Counterpoise
	8-9 pm	Malum		3-4 pm	Red Pony Music Hour
	9-10 pm	Noche Latina		4-5 pm	Alternative Radio
	10-11 pm	Stripped		9-10 pm	RAD Radio
<b>Tue</b>	<b>12-1 am</b>	<b>The Michael Slate Show</b>		10-11 pm	Big Island Mix
	1-3 am	Ecstasy to Frenzy		11-12 am	Departure
	3-5 am	Jazzville	<b>Sat</b>	12-1 am	Malum
	1-2 pm	<b>Democracy Now!</b>		1-3 am	Things be Blowin' Around
	6-7 pm	Afropop Worldwide		3-4 am	Hippie Sessions
	7-8 pm	Woodsongs Radio		4-5 am	Woodsongs Radio
	9-10 pm	Hippie Sessions		1-2 pm	<b>Sábado Musical</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>1-2 pm</b>	<b>Democracy Now!</b>		2-3 pm	<b>This Way Out/ Rootstock Radio</b>
	2-3 pm	<b>Joe and Craig</b>		3-4 pm	<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>
	8-9 pm	Jazzville		4-5 pm	<b>Alternative Radio</b>
	9-10 pm	Pow Wow Show		5-6 pm	RAD Radio
	10-11 pm	Counterpoise		6-7 pm	Sweet Retreat
	11-12 am	Hippie Session		7-8 pm	Last One In
<b>Thu</b>	12-1 am	Sweet Retreat		8-9 pm	<b>Afropop Worldwide</b>
	1-3 am	Cramela Mix Show	<b>Sun</b>	1-2 pm	<b>Alternative Radio</b>
	3-4 am	Afropop Worldwide		2-3 pm	Heartbeattrue Radio
	4-5 am	Big Island Mix		3-4 pm	Noche Latina
	1-2 pm	<b>Democracy Now!</b>		7-9 pm	Cramela Mix Show
	2-3 pm	<b>Building Bridges/ Rootstock Radio</b>		10-11 pm	Informativo Pacifica / Music
	3-4 pm	Heartbeattrue Radio		11-12 am	Spanish Music
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# History and the people who make it: Patty Sheehan

Patricia Sheehan [S], Orlando City Commissioner and past president of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Local Officials, was interviewed by Holland Hall [H] in December 2016, six months after the Pulse nightclub massacre.

This is the 39th in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

**H: Who are some of your favorite queer artists ...**

**S:** Melissa Etheridge. We actually jammed together way back when, and we were working together on a community garden for breast cancer survivors. I'm just fried right now, really exhausted, trying to be visionary and what's fun, it's kind of hard to get into that space because it's been really hard the last month or so. But yeah, Melissa, Katy Perry, I love Pink. I find their work to be hopeful. They overcome a lot of odds.

I'm a musician and an artist. I never thought in a million years I would ever run for public office. I moved to downtown Orlando from an area that was a lot cheaper, but it was dreadful quality of life, and it was a stretch for me to afford to live downtown. My city commissioner was very dismissive—didn't care about the issues impacting my neighbor[hood]. I said, I could do a better job than this. I'm going to run, and I did the first time in 1996, and I only missed the run-off by seventy-five votes ...

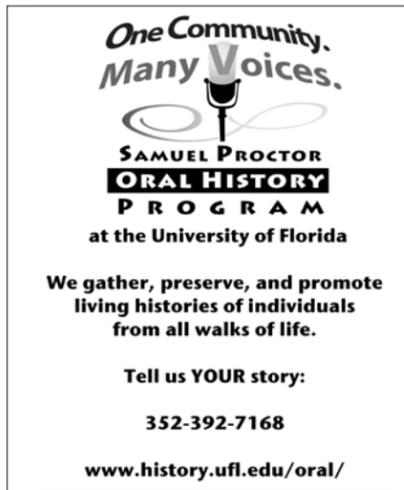
It was between a closeted lesbian and this guy that was just really awful, but he said he would be supportive of LGBTQ issues. Of course that didn't happen. I had to weigh it—support a closeted lesbian who used my sexuality against me when she ran—what do I do? It was a tough decision. I ended up supporting him, and I wasn't happy with the way he represented, so I ran against him and beat him in 2000 with 54 percent of the votes, and I've gotten higher percentages ever since.

**H: Did you ever, going into the public sphere, want to hide your orientation?**

**S:** No, because I think dishonest politicians hide things. To be a public servant, I had to be honest, and I don't think there's anything wrong with me [or] with the LGBTQ community, so if we participate in that, we're part of the problem. So I've always been open. When I ran the first time, three of the

six people running were gay or lesbian, but I was the only one that was honest, and the other two used it against me.

I came out when I was 21, I was a member of an evangelical church, I wanted to do anything but be gay. I thought it was the worst thing in the world. I tried the pray the gay away thing, and it didn't work. So I accepted myself at twenty-one, I hid it from my family until I was about twenty-three, and I came out to my sisters and my mom. It didn't go great. She just said, I don't want you teaching—because at the time I thought about becoming an



art teacher. "You shouldn't be around children, you'd be a bad influence," and weird stuff like that.

This was thirty years ago. There's a big difference between things then and now. I was just happy I didn't get kicked out of the house, because I had already been kicked out when I was seventeen. It was a really bad family situation, more or less a mutual divorce, a lot going on [laughter]. My family was very dysfunctional, but then, they lost me once, I guess they didn't want to lose me again. It wasn't approval, but we kind of worked it out. Over the years my mother's been more accepting, my father's been out of the picture for a long time. Now she watches me on TV and keeps clippings, and she's proud of me as opposed to ashamed.

**H: What role has your sexuality played in your place in public office?**

**S:** Every time I was mentioned it would be "Sheehan, a lesbian," "Sheehan, who is gay." I think that's gonna be on my tombstone, that wording. And of course, "openly-gay"—there's always something

as an identifier. I don't mind that. I wish it wasn't necessary, but I think because of that it's very important for me to be a good representation of my community.

One of the good things that's come out of the Pulse tragedy is that so many churches who have not been particularly supportive of the LGBTQ community have reached out. Politicians who've not been supportive have reached out, and they legitimately feel bad because they see what the currency of hatred is, and that's murder. Any complicity in that, I think they felt it for the first time ever, and it's really changed some hearts. Even though something horrible and tragic happened here, there has been a silver lining. Not for those families, I mean they miss their children, they're angry. Now as they cycle through grief they're getting angry at me and other people. I understand that they kind of have to blame somebody, and it's sad.

I was really proud of how Orlando reacted in love. If you become consumed by hate, you become part of what killed our friends.

The moment it happened—I didn't find out. I turn my phone off at night because I have a very particular persnickety district, and if I never turn my phone off, I'd never get any sleep. [Next morning] the chief of staff of the city, called me and said, twenty-one people were shot at the Pulse nightclub, we suspect terrorism. I called my police liaison, Eddie, cause I knew that it'd be impossible to get in there without him. I threw on a shirt with my logo so people would know that I was an official, and we went right down. I got there about nine o'clock. I stayed there until midnight. It was just interview after interview.

People wanted to know how can you help? I said, just give blood. I got it wrong, though, at first. I heard that they had relaxed the rules for gay men giving blood. But it was gay men who hadn't had sex in a year, which to be honest, might not have relaxed it at all, cause my boys are, you know, whatever [laughter]. Equality Florida had their website set up, blew all online fundraising out of the water. My thing was to educate, to communicate, to help raise money, and to help get resources to the families. There were things I couldn't do while on the street. Kids—I call them kids, they're young enough to be my kids—they couldn't get their cars back. They had to go to work, and your car's been impounded by the FBI. So we set up the assistance center so we could

rent them cars. Some of these victims are just now getting their belongings back.

It takes a long time when you have a mass shooting like this, to be made whole. I was just stunned by the outpouring of love. At one point, I was talking to somebody in the media about giving blood, and she turned the monitor around and showed the lines around the blood bank, and I cried. I was so happy, I'm like, wow, everyone's coming out and doing this. Orange Avenue, a major [artery] in our city, was blocked for a month. I didn't know how neighbors were going to react. One day, walking through the neighborhood, I saw an Adirondack chair with a hand letter[ed] sign clearly done by a child that said "We love you" with rainbow and hearts. And I just said, wow. That's the community I live in.

There were a lot of politicians that I felt were just self-serving. They weren't doing it to educate, they weren't doing it to try to help the gay community. Marco Rubio, our U.S. senator, stood in the blood, announced his reelection campaign. It was the most disgusting thing I'd ever seen. We also had a Democrat who made a fool of himself and gave away confidential briefing information that he shouldn't have. I wanted to talk about the hole in my community's heart, and it was a gay hate crime. "Oh this isn't about the gay community." Nonsense.

This is a crime against the gay community. This is not a terrorist attack against America. This was a gay bar on Latin night. If it's a terror attack, it's a hate crime, too. Nobody wanted to hear it. I kept talking about the politicians who are trying to talk about anything but the gay community. They don't want to pass non-discrimination protections, to do anything to assist the LGBTQ community. But then this horrible hate crime happens, they can't even bother to say the word "gay." No. You don't get a pass from me on that.

There's been a tremendous amount of education, of discussions. There's been a lot of change of heart. The national election is horrible. It's unfortunate for the gay community that we now have a person who does not support any American ideals. I'm encouraged that the majority of Americans did not agree with that line of thinking. A lot of my friends supported alternative candidates saying there's no difference. There's a huge difference between intolerance and hatred, and acceptance and moving us forward. They didn't see it. After the election I heard from a lot of kids who had been traumatized, and they were re-traumatized. They were really

afraid. But a lot of good things happened. Our Democratic senator, Bill Nelson, managed to get [that] they don't have to pay taxes on the stipend, the gift from One Fund. Hospital bills were forgiven by Orlando Health. This community continues to care for these victims in a way that's just remarkable and inspiring. It's been a hard six months, and it's not even near being over. But we'll get through this together.

**H: I've had people say, our new president supports the LGBT community, he held up a flag, "LGBT for Trump." Do you have any feelings about people who think that legitimizes his stance toward the LGBT community?**

**S:** He picked one of the most anti-gay governors in America as his running mate. That speaks a lot more than holding a flag. The guy that I beat to get this seat—they asked him to ride in the Pride parade. I need you to support LGBTQ equality ordinances, and public accommodation housing, employment, I could give [a] damn whether you ride in a Corvette in my Pride parade. Sometimes, it's too much optics, and not enough substance. That's our fault.

**H: Do you have memories from when you were younger, going out to a gay club, where it was an incredible moment for you as an LGBTQ person?**

**S:** That's the thing a lot of straight people don't understand. They can't relate to bars being our safe place. For them, there's so many other safe places: their place of employment—they can talk about their lives, their partners, their husbands or wives—and they're safe there. When the

straight guy talks about his life it's charming. When I talk about my life it's flaunting.

They don't get that we should feel safe where we are. And bars were, and still are, in a way, our safe place.

A lot of these younger Latinx kids, their parents were from very traditional Hispanic, Catholic backgrounds, and they didn't accept their kids, some of them didn't. Some didn't even know their kids were gay—this is how a lot of these young people came out to their parents. When you're in a mass shooting, you don't think, my parents don't know that I'm gay. So there was a whole 'nother layer there. But for me, the first time I went in a gay bar. I went with a friend's daughter, cause I used to hang out with kind of older people, and they played the song, "You Dropped the Bomb on Me"—I'm totally dating myself now—[laughter] and then she kissed me. And that was it. I felt like the top of my head exploded. So yeah, that was my first kiss, and it was in a gay bar, Southern Nights right down the road.

Search for "Patricia Sheehan" at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu> for the full transcript of this interview.

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# March to fight for science and its role in our society

by Marcella J. Mulholland

"I would not agree that [CO<sub>2</sub>] is a primary contributor to the global warming that we see," Environmental Protection Agency director Scott Pruitt said in an interview with CNBC on March 9. A mere three weeks into his term as Donald Trump's EPA cabinet appointee, Pruitt displayed an alarming level of ignorance about the field which he is supposed to lead.

Unfortunately, Pruitt's behavior is not uncommon in Washington. Over the past decade we have seen politicians attack science on all fronts. From funding cuts to gag orders to blatant denial our scientific community is plagued by a political body that largely ignores empirical evidence when it is inconvenient for their party affiliation or campaign donations.

In Florida this is particularly troublesome because our unique geographic vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise calls for decisive and informed environmental leadership. Yet, Governor Rick Scott banned the use of the terms "climate change" and "global warming" in several government agencies, including Florida's Department of Environmental Protection. Senator Marco Rubio has repeatedly spread climate skepticism. And, Gainesville's Congressman Ted Yoho responded to a town hall climate question by making a sarcastic joke about the weather.

The politicization of science and the partisanship of climate action is a disgrace to our academia and the United States' role on the global stage as a leading country for innovation, research and development.

It is up to us as citizens to demand that science play a definitive role in our society's decision-making process. ☞

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Watch a movie on Climate Change (Recommend: *Merchants of Doubt*)

### Join a local activist group:

Citizens' Climate Lobby: [gainesville@citizensclimatelobby.org](mailto:gainesville@citizensclimatelobby.org)

### Contact your Representatives:

Congressman Ted Yoho: 352-505-0838, Senator Marco Rubio: 202-224-3041, Senator Bill Nelson: 407-872-7161

### March for Science:

Join Gainesville's March for Science on April 22 at 11am  
<https://www.facebook.com/March4ScienceGNV/> ☞

## March for Science Gainesville Satellite March

Earth Day, **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** of 2017, the Gainesville Community will be showing their support for the Global Movement, fighting for science and its role in our government.

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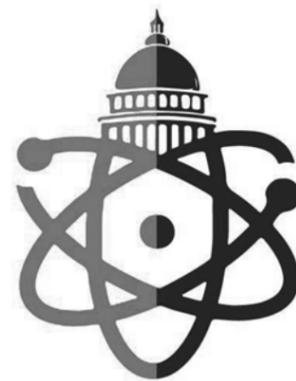
- Fact-Based Policy being passed into Law
- The recognition of Government Research, its societal/economic role, and funding.
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- Climate Change and its Subsequent Repercussions
- Education Reform and inclusivity of STEM Programs
- Environmental Policy and Reform

We have also started a non-profit campaign to raise money for all the march expenses. Then all remaining proceeds will be donated to our local **American Cancer Society**. To see more details and help achieve our goals, please visit: [www.gofundme.com/March4ScienceGNV](http://www.gofundme.com/March4ScienceGNV)

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## Join League of Women Voters Alachua Solar Cooperative

by Wes Wheeler

The League of Women Voters – Alachua, in partnership with FL Sun, has a brand-new web page (you are among the first ones to see this!) that explains the Alachua County Solar Co-op.

If you've ever wanted to go solar and you live in Alachua County, this is an opportunity to use group buying power to get a discounted price for solar panels. The link is: <http://www.flsun.org/alachua/>

I encourage you to sign up for the cooperative. You can do so directly from that web page and it's easy to do. As the page notes, signing up is not a binding commitment. This simply expresses your interest in installing solar power at your home or residence and your willingness to participate in building our own Alachua solar cooperative!

Please check out the web page and save these dates:

**April 20**, "Solar Social," a League of Women Voters social at Swamp Head Brewery, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**April 30**, "Solar Sunday," a solar cooperative information meeting at the Alachua County Library District Headquarters in Downtown Gainesville, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

**May 21**, "Solar Sunday," a solar cooperative information meeting at the Alachua County Library Branch of the Alachua County Library District, also 3 to 4:30 p.m. ☞

## Women's March on Florida -Gainesville Chapter going strong

by Women's March on Florida

The Women's March on Florida, Gainesville Chapter is organizing for upcoming challenges to protect our civil liberties. During their first few months, they have created a sustainable grassroots organization with a foundation to support resistance efforts and to ensure that the voice of progressive Americans who care about our environment, civil rights and equality are heard.

WMFL is committed to supporting the causes you care about. Join the 400 volunteers as they work collaboratively with the local government officials and other grassroots organizations. Get involved by coming to one of their events, email them at [womensmarchflgnv@gmail.com](mailto:womensmarchflgnv@gmail.com), and participate and like them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wmflgnv>.

### Upcoming Women's March Gainesville Events

See our complete list of upcoming events at [www.hearourvoicegnv.org/calendar](http://www.hearourvoicegnv.org/calendar)

**April 17** at 6:30: Economic Justice Action Group Meeting. Alachua County Labor Coalition, 901 NW 8th Ave., Suite A1

**April 22** at 11: March for Science. March begins at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium

**April 27** at 6:30pm Action Group & Volunteers Leadership mtg. ☞

### WMFL successes include:

- Stopped repeal of ACA
- Supporting bus riders for the upcoming People's Climate change March on Washington DC
- Created Action Groups to support progressive efforts in the areas of: criminal justice, economic justice, education, environmental protection, gun control, healthcare reform, immigration reform, LGBTQIA justice and reproductive rights.
- Partnered with M.A.M.A.'s Club and other local organizations to sponsor the Loretta Ross Reproductive Justice events
- Supported Equal Pay for Women through statewide rallies
- Moved forward w/ statewide plan for Voter Restoration Petition
- Provided expert hands-on training to volunteers in the areas of: outreach and public engagement, strategic plans, creating mission and vision statements, non-violent communications and effective public speaking
- Helped publicize and staff Ted Yoho's first local town hall event with Indivisible Chapter of Gainesville
- Celebrated International Women's Day and supported National Women's Liberation's Women's Day strike ☞

## Iguana Directory

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*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.*

**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 campaigns for Medicare for All and a living wage. Contact: <http://laborcoalition.org/>, [info@laborcoalition.org](mailto:info@laborcoalition.org), 352-375-2832, PO Box 12051, 901 NW 8th Ave., Suite A1, Gainesville, 32604

**Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs (ACORN) Clinic** is a not-for-profit (501C3) organization that provides low-cost, high-quality medical and dental care, and social services for

people with and without health insurance. The clinic primarily serves residents of Alachua, Bradford and Union Counties. The Clinic fulfills its mission with the help of a broad-based core of volunteer physicians, nurses, dentists, hygienists, pharmacists and counselors. Located at 23320 N. State Rd 235 Brooker, Florida 32622 352-485-1133

**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)** is a on-profit research organization working to stimulate conservation action to save

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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), [celgainesville@gmail.com](mailto:celgainesville@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), 433 S Main St., Gainesville, 32601

**The Coalition for Racial Justice** [gnv4all@gmail.com](mailto:gnv4all@gmail.com)

**The Coalition of Hispanics Integrating Spanish Speakers through Advocacy and Service (CHISPAS)** Student-run group at UF. [chispasuf@gmail.com](mailto:chispasuf@gmail.com)

**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](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 auditorium of the Gainesville Police Headquarters on NW 6th St. & 8th Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, [alachuadems.org](http://alachuadems.org)

**Dream Defenders** The Gainesville chapter seeks to create real, positive change in our community by organizing a new generation of creatively skilled young leaders who strategically confront institutions of oppression through building collective power, raising the consciousness of all people, and operating with the genuine desire for "justice and equality for all." We are bulding the world we wish to see. [www.facebook.com/UFdreamDefenders/](http://www.facebook.com/UFdreamDefenders/)

**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](http://gnewburn@famm.org). 352-682-2542

**Final Friends** helps families learn how to accomplish legal home funeral care as an alternative to employing a commercial funeral home. We are an independent group of volunteers who provide free education, guidance and support to any individual or family who prefers to care for their own deceased loved ones prior to burial or cremation. [www.finalfriends.org](http://www.finalfriends.org), [final.friends.org@gmail.com](mailto:final.friends.org@gmail.com), 352-374-4478

**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. [gainesvillelovesmountains@gmail.com](mailto:gainesvillelovesmountains@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 Peer Respite** is a non-profit, non-clinical mental health community providing sanctuary and support to those who are exper-

riencing overwhelming emotional distress. Peer Support Warmline is available 6pm-6am, and we will be open for wellness activities, support groups and brief overnight respite stays. Call the Warmline at 352-559-4559 for support or online at [gainesvillerespite.org](http://gainesvillerespite.org)

**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)

**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](mailto: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](http://barupa@atlantic.net) or 352-372-4825

**Humanist Society of Gainesville** meets at 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); [gainesville-humanists@gmail.com](mailto:gainesville-humanists@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 (IWW)** Gainesville General Membership Branch Union for all workers, regardless of industry, trade, job, or employment status. Meets 1st Sunday of the month at 6 pm at CMC. Contact: [gainesvilleiww@gmail.com](mailto:gainesvilleiww@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)

**League of Women Voters of Alachua County** Nonpartisan grassroots political group of women and men which has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of government and impact public policies (fairness in districting, voting and elections, e.g.) through citizen education and advocacy. <http://www.lwvalachua.org/> [info@lwv-alachua.org](mailto:info@lwv-alachua.org)<<mailto:info@lwv-alachua.org>>

**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)

**National Women's Liberation** is a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. 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)

**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 public. [ncfawis@gmail.com](mailto:ncfawis@gmail.com) or [www.ncfawis.org](http://www.ncfawis.org)

**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 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)

**Quaker Meetinghouse** Quakers have a 350-year tradition of working peacefully for social justice. Silent, unprogrammed worship Sundays at 11, followed by potluck. Visitors welcome. 702 NW 38th St. Facebook/GainesvilleQuakers for events or request Meetinghouse space at [www.GainesvilleQuakers.org](http://www.GainesvilleQuakers.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

**Samuel Proctor Oral History Program** focuses on story-telling, social justice research, social movement studies, oral history workshops. <http://oral.history.ufl.edu>

**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 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 College Democrats (UFCD)** meets Tuesdays at 6:30 in Little Hall 121. 407-580-4543, [Facebook.com/UFcollegedems](https://www.facebook.com/UFcollegedems)

**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** A progressive grassroots organization that strives to combat social justice issues on campus; core values are transparency, democratic process, value of each member's input, and ability of any member to assume a leadership role. Meetings at 6:30 pm Tuesdays on campus, [ufradstudentalliance@gmail.com](mailto:ufradstudentalliance@gmail.com).

**United Faculty of Florida, UF chapter** Run by and for faculty, the University of Florida Chapter of United Faculty of Florida (UFF-UF) represents over 1600 faculty and professionals at UF. UFF's origins lie in efforts by faculty to protect academic freedom, defend civil liberties, and end racial discrimination at UF. [www.UFF-UF.org](http://www.UFF-UF.org), 352-519-4130.

**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, <http://vfp Gainesville.org/>

**WGOT 94.7 LP-FM** Community low-power radio 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 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 at [boston@wspus.org](mailto:boston@wspus.org). Upon request the Party will provide membership applications.<http://wspus.org> 

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

☛ **Why Cops Shoot** by the *Tampa Bay Times*

In 2014, the *Tampa Bay Times* counted every officer-involved shooting in Florida during a six-year period. They learned that at least 827 people were shot by police — one every 2½ days, and a heck of a lot more.

<http://www.tampabay.com/projects/2017/investigations/florida-police-shootings/>

☛ **Donald Trump and the rise of tribal epistemology** by David Roberts

A lengthy report on how “conservatives” and the rest of us live in different informational universes, and the implications of that for what remains of US journalism: [/investigations/florida-police-shootings/](http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/3/22/14762030/donald-trump-tribal-epistemology)

<http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/3/22/14762030/donald-trump-tribal-epistemology>

☛ **Trump, Syria, and Chemical Weapons: What We Know, What We Don't, and the Dangers Ahead** by Phyllis Bennis

Bennis gives a concise explanation of the military escalation against Syria and the recent chemical attack on the village of Khan Sheikhun in Idlib province in Syria that killed more than 75 people.

<http://www.commondreams.org/views/2017/04/06/trump-syria-and-chemical-weapons-what-we-know-what-we-dont-and-dangers-ahead>

☛ **Leftist Hero Noam Chomsky: Trump-Russia Collusion Story is a 'Joke' and 'Not a Major Issue** by Michael Chapman

“It's turning the United States, again, into a laughing stock in the world,” ssid Chomsky.

<http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/michael-w-chapman/leftist-hero-noam-chomsky-trump-russia-collusion-story-joke-and-not-major>

☛ **For Laura Jane Grace, Punk Was a Form of Armor** by Fresh Air

The founder of the band *Against Me!* tells of her transition from male to female, and how it affected her wife and daughter.

<http://www.npr.org/2017/04/04/522581237/for-laura-jane-grace-punk-was-a-form-of-armor> (read)

<http://one.npr.org/?sharedMediaId=522637662:522637668> (listen)

Two long, sort-of sympathetic, insider-based essays on the blithe, desperate young men who fall into the Trump trap:

☛ **On the Milo Bus With the Lost Boys of America's New Right** by Laurie Penny

<https://psmag.com/on-the-milo-bus-with-the-lost-boys-of-americas-new-right-629a77e87986#.wqge6apiy>

## Pierce Pettis to play benefit show for Civic Media Center on April 28

by Joe Courter

For those of you who missed Pierce Pettis's wonderful house concert about a month ago, he is coming back to town to do a “pro bono” benefit show for the Civic Media Center on Friday evening April 28. The location will be next door to the CMC in M.A.M.A.'s Place, a new addition to the block spearheaded by Faye Williams inside the old location of Citizens Co-op at 435 S. Main St. (Pierce is, as usual, on tour and this one night of availability corresponded to Art Walk, which the CMC was already booked for).

Pierce is a veteran singer-songwriter with a great talent for heartfelt songs, great phrasing and a very entertaining presence, and this is a very kind gesture to waive his fee (this is how he makes his living) to help the CMC raise the funds it needs to keep going in these times we are in. It is kind of a reward for the over half dozen times I have set up shows for him in Gainesville over the last 20 years, including the old CMC, the current CMC, the Thomas Center and the Acrostown Repertory theater.

The concert will be at 8pm sharp, but since it is Art Walk night, you can come early and browse the downtown galleries beforehand. There is parking in the lot just south of the building, across the street on Main, or just north at the courthouse lot. Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. More details from Joe at 352-378-5655 or [gainesvilleiguana@cox.net](mailto:gainesvilleiguana@cox.net). ☛



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