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The ‘Say YES to Second Chances’ campaign needs you!

Get Voting Restoration Amendment on 2018 ballot



Volunteers from both Putnam and Alachua counties gather on June 13 at Hammock Hall in Palatka at the Putnam County Say YES to Second Chances group meeting to brainstorm ideas. From left to right, Betsy Freeman, Julie Thaler, Fran Rossano, Margaret Ellington, Pat Brady, Jessica Arnold, and Brenda Bivins. Photo courtesy of Heidi Harris.

By Heidi Harris

The Say YES to Second Chances initiative has entered the home stretch for inclusion on the 2018 ballot, and Floridians from all walks of life are mobilizing in support. Almost 800,000 signed petitions are required, proportionately represented statewide. The 3rd Congressional District, which includes Alachua County, must submit a total of

28,808 petitions. We have a good start, and the momentum is building as residents of Gainesville, Hawthorne, Palatka, Interlachen, Alachua and other communities are joining together to gather signatures.

One of our newest volunteers, Beverly from Hawthorne, has single-handedly collected over 250 signed petitions within a five day stretch. Jess and Christine, a dynamic husband and wife team in Gainesville, have gathered over 2,700. There are hundreds of volunteers, working in small teams or individually, gathering signatures at events of all sizes, in faith groups, in the work place, among family gatherings, and in multiple public places throughout their neighborhoods and townships. The human toll of

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Noam Chomsky:

On Trump and the State of the Union

This interview appeared in the July 5 edition of The New York Times, breaking a decades-long mainstream media blackout of Noam Chomsky. See more at nytimes.com.

Over the past few months, as the disturbing prospect of a Trump administration became a disturbing reality, I decided to reach out to Noam Chomsky, the philosopher whose writing, speaking and activ-

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Bernie Sanders at the Peoples Summit

This is the conclusion of a speech Sen. Bernie Sanders gave at the Peoples Summit in early June. This is from a transcript by Democracy Now!, which was posted on July 3 along with the video of the entire speech. See more at democracynow.org.

... I also know something about American history. And I know that 150 years ago in this country, working people had no rights. They were treated like animals. They were forced to work 12, 14 hours a day. Children of 10, 11 years of age were working in factories and losing their fingers. Kids were working in fields. And workers 150 years ago stood up, under tremendous—with tremendous opposition against them. And they said to their bosses—they said, “We are not animals. We’re not beasts of burden. We are human beings. We’re going to form trade unions.” And I thank the American trade union movement for all they have done. And my pledge to you is we will pass legislation making it easier for workers to form unions.

And when we think about American history, we think about a hundred years ago, 120 years ago, when African Americans, under the most outrageous conditions, stood up and fought for dignity. And we will never know—never know—how many were beaten, how many were lynched, how many were jailed in the fight for basic human dignity. But we do know that over the years millions of people, black and white and everybody else, stood together and said that we will end the scourge of racism in this country.

And many of the children don’t know this, but a hundred years ago today, women in America did not have the right to vote, did not have the right to do the jobs, to get the education they wanted to have—a hundred years ago, no time at all. But

women stood up. They went on hunger strikes. They went to jail. And they said, “Women in America”—and they stood with their male allies. They said, “Women in America will not continue to be second-class citizens.”

And 20 years ago, 25 years ago, no time at all, people who were gay, who were public with their sexuality, were humiliated, were beaten. But the gay community, and their straight allies, against incredible pressure, stood up and said that in the United States of America, people will have the right to love whomever they want, regardless of their gender.

Now, I’ve given you that brief overview of American history to make this simple point: Now is not the time to throw your hands up and say, “I’m giving up. I’m in despair. I’m burnt out.”

I want you to think about the incredibly brave heroes and heroines in our history, against unbelievably daunting odds, who risked their lives for social justice, for economic justice, for racial justice.

Now, the fight that we are engaged in now is a tough one. No question about it. We are taking on an extremely powerful billionaire class whose greed has destroyed the middle class of this country, whose greed says that it is not enough that the top 1 percent today owns almost as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent. Not enough! They want it all. And what we are saying today: We are going to stand up to that greed, to that recklessness, and tell the billionaire class that this nation belongs to all of us, this democracy belongs to all of us. And when we stand together, when we stand together and not allow demagogues to divide us up by the color of our skin or the country we came from or our sexual orientation or our gender, when we stand together, there is nothing that will stop us! Thank you all very much! 🐶

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From the publisher ...

What to pay attention to

“Eight hours for work, eight hours for rest and eight hours for what you will.”

--This was the slogan of the *Eight-Hour Day* movement in May of 1886.

Now personally I think that 8 hours for work is a few hours per day longer than optimal, but we were then coming from a system of 10 and 12 hours (or more), so it was a great step in the right direction. What I want to focus on here is the “what you will” part, and the vast array of options open to us in the here-and-now of 2017. And within that, moving beyond the social and familial responsibilities to the stuff we choose to put in our heads, and what we do with our non-sleep, non-work time.



Joe Courter

The choices we have now are literally mind-boggling. Technology has given us the tools to see and hear almost anything that has ever been produced for human consumption. Music, movies, documentaries, cute and adorable animals, practical jokes, science, religion, games, porn, cartoons, car crashes, satellite weather, even satellite and street views of our homes. Whatever you will. It is so seductive, and it is endless.

So what’s it done to us? I am sure there are many and varied studies, and this is not one. But I do think the lack of a common narrative in our collective lives has led us to this mess we are in where so many people are so lacking in a sense of community and so alienated from politics, that many people have chosen to simply tune out, or to just assemble a world view around a simple slogan or belief system, find a comforting tribe to join and say, that’s good enough.

The trouble is, the door has been opened to a gang of people who have a very well organized agenda, and a powerful belief system that they are convinced is correct. Beginning in the ’70s and ’80s, the wealthy elites of this country found a willing partner with evangelical Christians, and the combination of newly created right-wing/libertarian think-tanks, the blossoming of right-wing talk radio and television ministries, and the expansion of cable television gave them the tools to challenge the growing tide of social justice, human rights, and science-based environmental policies. Capitalizing on the fact that the elected leaders on the Left tend toward compromise, the Right has smashed the union movement to a shadow of itself and rewritten the rules of high finance to allow even more wealth to flow to the top. (See Editors’ Picks on page 24 for a longer piece on “Mike Pence as the Messiah.”)

The Right has been playing the long game. Knowing the Democratic base tends to vote less in non-presidential years, they put huge effort to win in 2010 (a census year), and in doing so were able to redraw voting districts to favor themselves. We are halfway through 2017, and the 2018 elections must start the momentum of change. Then in 2020, hopefully, the gerrymandering done in 2010 can be reversed.

So, back to “what you will.” More like “what we will.” We will need to step up our civic responsibility, understand that elections have consequences, and understand how the electoral system works.

Locally there are numerous ways to get involved. The Say YES to Second Chances effort to get restoration of voting rights. Alachua County Labor Coalition regarding raising the minimum wage and the establishment of a Medicare For All single payer system. The successor to the Bernie campaign: AC Rev, also Florida Women’s March and Indivisible. League of Women Voters. Sierra Club and other science-based organizations. I know each of you have varied responsibilities, and for some, “what you will” time is mighty scant. No guilt here, you have one life and you are entitled to live it fully. But know these are critical times we live in, worth paying attention to, and to be ready pitch in as you can. 🐶

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News from the Civic Media Center

There have been big changes in the world of media since the CMC opened its doors in 1993. The internet was brand new then, and people needed places (i.e., the CMC) to access it. Now it is pervasive, and devices to use it are common. The internet also has a vast, VAST storehouse of documentary and regular film, music and spoken word recordings. In fact, the CMC’s VHS and audio cassette collections are now in storage, whereas they were central to the collection before.

Books they've got, yes; thousands lining the walls; a stunning collection augmented by the large donation of his personal library by Florida author and folklorist Stetson Kennedy.

So here in 2017, what is the CMC's role in the community? This has not changed: a vital community space for meetings, discussions, and organizing. A place for music and art that is not a bar or museum. A counter-cultural place where marginalized people can find acceptance and thrive. And WGOT is in the process of moving their studios into the CMC building.

BIG NEWS: The CMC has been taken under the wing of another local 501(c)3 non-profit while reapplying for theirs. Those of you who can donate, may send tax deductible checks to the CMC at 433 S. Main St. Gainesville, FL 32601. Make checks out to NUBA, earmarked for the CMC. (NUBA is Neighborhoods United for a Better Alachua, a 501(c)3 organization which shares similar goals to the CMC.)

Community support is another vital constant, especially true in the summer. Visit www.civicmediacenter.org to learn more. 🐸



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Civic Media Center Event Highlights

Every Wed Farmers Market, 4-7pm
Every Thu Weekly Volunteer Meeting,
5:30-6:30pm

The CMC presents a pot luck and film “I Am Not Your Negro” at 7pm on Monday, July 17, on the life and impact James Baldwin.

GUT Fest will happen over three nights, July 21-23, with many performers from across the country. 6-9 each night

Voice Hoist and Algae kick off their nat’l tour 9:30 pm, on Wednesday, July 26.

Volunteers are needed for staffing and tech support, especially help with our website.



Florida Organic Growers/UF IFAS to host free workshops

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Monday, July 24, 1– 4:30 pm

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- High tunnel structures
- Soil fertility and crop nutrient management
- Disease and pest management
- Economic considerations
- Organic certification and USDA cost share program

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Organic Tomato Grafting and High Tunnel Production

Thursday, July 27, 9 – 12 pm,

Frog Song Organics Farm
Location: Frog Song Organics, 4317 NE US Hwy 301,
Hawthorne, FL 32640

- Why graft? - An overview of vegetable grafting
- Tomato grafting techniques and hands-on practice
- Integrated use of grafting in organic tomato production
- Results from an on-farm research trial of organic production of grafted specialty tomatoes in a high tunnel system
- Grafting challenges and economic feasibility

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For more information, please call Tyler at Florida Organic Growers at 352-377-6345 ext. 123.

Democratic Socialists of America come to Central Florida

by Central Florida DSA

Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) is the largest socialist organization in the US. It is an educational organization, not a political party, with more than 22,000 members nationwide and over 120 local groups, one in nearly every state in the U.S.

Members are activists committed to democracy as not simply one of our political values but as a means of restructuring our society to make it more free, participatory, and humane.

DSA does not have a blueprint for the perfect society; it has not determined the minutiae of exactly how society will function. Instead, democratic socialists believe that as more people participate in creating democracy and as more democratic changes take place, the possibilities for a fully participatory society will reveal themselves.

Democratic Socialists believe that both the economy and society should be run democratically to meet human needs, not to make profits for a few.

In a capitalist system, working people will always fall short of justice when it comes to wages, since the basic logic of the system dictates that a small group of owners appropriates the wealth generated by a company, which then reluctantly hands over a small portion of that wealth to the workers who created it.

Under capitalism, ownership of resources resides with the few, who create laws that allow for the abuse of those resources without consequence. Under democratic socialism, ownership of resources resides with the people, and the people determine both how the resources are to be allocated and used, as well as what the consequences should be for abuses.

Workers should not have to check their democratic rights every time they enter the workplace. That which touches all should be governed by all.

Institutional policy should be developed and written by the people and groups affected by those institutions. Privatization of any service removes it from public accountability. All work should be valued and compensated on an equal basis, including all of the work currently done by women without compensation.

An all-embracing moral vision based on the premise that an injustice to one is an injustice to all.

DSA is working locally to develop multiracial coalitions and campaigns to challenge neoliberal, pro-corporate policies.

We encourage you to join us in Gainesville at the next General Meeting of Central FL

DSA, always open to the public. Meetings are held in the Alachua County Downtown Library, on the fourth Monday of every month, from 6:45-8:15 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there! #Solidarity 🐸

What you need to know about the Alachua County Solar Cooperative

(deadline to join is July 28)

by Alachua County Solar Cooperative

1. Alachua County residents may install roof-top solar power now, at much lower rates and with the assistance of professional staff, by joining the Alachua County Solar Cooperative (www.flsun.org/alachua).

2. This Cooperative is being hosted by the League of Women Voters, Alachua County (LWVAC). The Cooperative is organized and administered by Florida Solar United Neighborhoods (FL SUN), a partnership of the Florida League of Women Voters and the non-profit, 501(c) (3) Community Power Network.

3. Cooperative members benefit from lower prices (up to 20 percent discount) obtained through group negotiation and purchasing. They also benefit from FL SUN staff being available to answer questions and provide guidance.

4. Joining the Co-Op is quick, easy, and free. Any Alachua County resident may do so at www.flsun.org/alachua. Each applicant’s home site is reviewed by FL SUN staff for suitability. If a site looks possibly or likely suitable for roof-top solar, that member’s name and contact information is forwarded on to the Cooperative’s independent contractor, Gainesville-based Power Production Management (PPM).

5. PPM will then schedule an on-site

evaluation with each individual member. Upon evaluation, PPM will present a contract offer to the member, who may, but is not obligated to, sign that contract and install solar. That contract will include the terms and prices that the Solar Cooperative has negotiated with PPM.

6. Applications for Cooperative membership are being accepted through July 28, 2017. Any Alachua County resident may apply to be a member on the Cooperative’s website: www.flsun.org/alachua. The Cooperative will be closed and no more applications accepted after that date.

7. We are holding two more public information sessions if you have more questions. The first will be held on July 11 at the Bob Graham Center on the UF campus. The second session will be held on July 19 at the Millhopper Library.

8. LWVAC is hosting this cooperative as part of a state-wide effort being led by the Florida League of Women Voters. We are being assisted in public outreach by a local steering committee and local partners; have had the professional guidance of FL SUN staff in holding public meetings and organizing a solar contract review committee to choose our contractor; and will be working with that contractor, PPM, to make Gainesville’s rooftop solar #1 in Florida, the “Sunshine State.” 🐸



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Foisting blame for cyber-hacking on Russia

Exclusive: Cyber-criminal efforts to hack into U.S. government databases are epidemic, but this ugly reality is now being exploited to foist blame on Russia and fuel the New Cold War hysteria, reports Gareth Porter. This article was originally published on July 2 by Consortium News. Read more at consortiumnews.com.

By Gareth Porter

Recent hearings by the Senate and House Intelligence Committees reflected the rising tide of Russian-election-hacking hysteria and contributed further to it. Both Democrats and Republicans on the two committees appeared to share the alarmist assumptions about Russian hacking, and the officials who testified did nothing to discourage the politicians.

On June 21, Samuel Liles, acting director of the Intelligence and Analysis Office’s Cyber Division at the Department of Homeland Security, and Jeanette Manfra, acting deputy under secretary for cyber-security and communications, provided the main story line for the day in testimony before the Senate committee — that efforts to hack into election databases had been found in 21 states.

Former DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson and FBI counter-intelligence chief Bill Priestap also endorsed the narrative of Russian government responsibility for the intrusions on voter registration databases.

But none of those who testified offered any evidence to support this suspicion nor were they pushed to do so. And beneath the seemingly unanimous embrace of that narrative lies a very different story.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has a record of spreading false stories about alleged Russian hacking into U.S. infrastructure, such as the tale of a Russian intrusion into the Burlington, Vermont electrical utility in December 2016 that DHS later admitted was untrue. There was another bogus DHS story about Russia hacking into a Springfield, Illinois water pump in November 2011.

So, there’s a pattern here. Plus, investigators, assessing the notion that Russia hacked into state electoral databases, rejected that suspicion as false months ago. Last September, Assistant Secretary of DHS for Cybersecurity Andy Ozment and state officials explained that the intrusions were not carried out by

Russian intelligence but by criminal hackers seeking personal information to sell on the Internet.

Both Ozment and state officials responsible for the state databases revealed that those databases have been the object of attempted intrusions for years. The FBI provided information to at least one state official indicating that the culprits in the hacking of the state’s voter registration database were cyber-criminals.

Illinois is the one state where hackers succeeded in breaking into a voter registration database last summer. The crucial fact about the Illinois hacking, however, was that the hackers extracted personal information on roughly 90,000 registered voters, and that none of the information was expunged or altered.

The Actions of Cybercriminals

That was an obvious clue to the motive behind the hack. Assistant DHS Secretary Ozment testified before the House Subcommittee on Information Technology on Sept. 28 that the apparent interest of the hackers in copying the data suggested that the hacking was “possibly for the purpose of selling personal information.”

Ozment’s testimony provides the only credible motive for the large number of states found to have experienced what the intelligence community has called “scanning and probing” of computers to gain access to their electoral databases: the personal information involved — even e-mail addresses — is commercially valuable to the cybercriminal underworld.

That same testimony also explains why so many more states reported evidence of attempts to hack their electoral databases last summer and fall. After hackers had gone after the Illinois and Arizona databases, Ozment said, DHS had provided assistance to many states in detecting attempts to hack their voter registration and other databases.

“Any time you more carefully monitor a system you’re going to see more bad guys poking and prodding at it,” he observed, “because they’re always poking and prodding.”

State election officials have confirmed Ozment’s observation. Ken Menzel, the general counsel for the Illinois Secretary of State, told this writer, “What’s new about what happened last year is not that

someone tried to get into our system but that they finally succeeded in getting in.” Menzel said hackers “have been trying constantly to get into it since 2006.”

And it’s not just state voter registration databases that cybercriminals are after, according to Menzel. “Every governmental data base — driver’s licenses, health care, you name it — has people trying to get into it,” he said.

Arizona Secretary of State Michele Reagan told Mother Jones that her I.T. specialists had detected 193,000 distinct attempts to get into the state’s website in September 2016 alone and 11,000 appeared to be trying to “do harm.”

Reagan further revealed that she had learned from the FBI that hackers had gotten a user name and password for their electoral database, and that it was being sold on the “dark web” — an encrypted network used by cyber criminals to buy and sell their wares. In fact, she said, the FBI told her that the probe of Arizona’s database was the work of a “known hacker” who had been closely monitored “frequently.”

James Comey’s Role

The sequence of events indicates that the main person behind the narrative of Russian hacking state election databases from the beginning was former FBI Director James Comey. In testimony to the House Judiciary Committee on Sept. 28, Comey suggested that the Russian government was behind efforts to penetrate voter databases, but never said so directly.

Comey told the committee that FBI Counterintelligence was working to “understand just what mischief Russia is up to with regard to our elections.” Then he referred to “a variety of scanning activities” and “attempted intrusions” into election-related computers “beyond what we knew about in July and August,” encouraging the inference that it had been done by Russian agents.

The media then suddenly found unnamed sources ready to accuse Russia of hacking election data even while admitting that they lacked evidence. The day after Comey’s testimony ABC headlined, “Russia Hacking Targeted Nearly Half of States’ Voter Registration Systems, Successfully Infiltrating 4.” The story itself revealed, however, that it was merely a suspicion held by “knowledgeable” sources.

Similarly, NBC News headline announced, “Russians Hacked Two U.S. Voter Databases, Officials Say.” But those who actually read the story closely learned that in fact none of the unnamed sources it cited were actually attributing the hacking to the Russians.

It didn’t take long for Democrats to turn the Comey teaser — and these anonymously sourced stories with misleading headlines about Russian database hacking — into an established fact. A few days later, the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Adam Schiff declared that there was “no doubt” Russia was behind the hacks on state electoral databases.

On Oct. 7, DHS and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence issued a joint statement that they were “not in a position to attribute this activity to the Russian government.” But only a few weeks later, DHS participated with FBI in issuing a “Joint Analysis Report” on “Russian malicious cyber activity” that did not refer directly to scanning and spearphishing aimed of state electoral databases but attributed all hacks related to the election to “actors likely associated with RIS [Russian Intelligence Services].”

Suspect Claims

But that claim of a “likely” link between the hackers and Russia was not only speculative but highly suspect. The authors of the DHS-ODNI report claimed the link was “supported by technical indicators from the U.S. intelligence community, DHS, FBI, the private sector and other entities.” They cited a list of hundreds of I.P. addresses and other such “indicators” used by hackers they called “Grizzly Steppe” who were supposedly linked to Russian intelligence.

But as I reported last January, the staff of Dragos Security, whose CEO Rob Lee, had been the architect of a U.S. government system for defense against cyber attack, pointed out that the vast majority of those indicators would certainly have produced “false positives.”

Then, on Jan. 6 came the “intelligence community assessment” — produced by selected analysts from CIA, FBI and National Security Agency and devoted almost entirely to the hacking of e-mail of the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton’s campaign chairman John Podesta. But it included a statement that “Russian intelligence obtained and maintained access to elements of multiple state or local election boards.” Still, no evidence was evinced on this alleged link between the hackers and Russian intelligence.

Over the following months, the narrative of hacked voter registration databases receded into the background as the drumbeat of media accounts about contacts between figures associated with the Trump campaign and Russians built to a crescendo, albeit without any actual evidence of collusion regarding the e-mail disclosures.

But a June 5 story brought the voter-data story back into the headlines. The story, published by The Intercept, accepted at face value an NSA report dated May 5, 2017, that asserted Russia’s military intelligence agency, the GRU, had carried out a spear-phishing attack on a U.S. company providing election-related software and had sent e-mails with a malware-carrying word document to 122 addresses believed to be local government organizations.

But the highly classified NSA report made no reference to any evidence supporting such an attribution. The absence of any hint of signals intelligence supporting its conclusion makes it clear that the NSA report was based on nothing more than the same kind of inconclusive “indicators” that had been used to establish the original narrative of Russians hacking electoral databases.

A Checkered History

So, the history of the U.S. government’s claim that Russian intelligence hacked into election databases reveals it to be a clear case of politically motivated analysis by the DHS and the Intelligence Community. Not only was the claim based on nothing more than inherently inconclusive technical indicators but no credible motive for Russian intelligence wanting personal information on registered voters was ever suggested.

Russian intelligence certainly has an interest in acquiring intelligence related to the likely outcome of American elections, but it would make no sense for Russia’s spies to acquire personal voting information about 90,000 registered voters in Illinois.

When FBI Counter-intelligence chief Priestap was asked at the June 21 hearing how Moscow might use such personal data, his tortured effort at an explanation clearly indicated that he was totally unprepared to answer the question.

“They took the data to understand what it consisted of,” said Priestap, “so they can affect better understanding and plan accordingly in regards to possibly impacting future election by knowing what is there and studying it.”

In contrast to that befuddled non-explanation, there is highly credible evidence that the FBI was well aware that the actual hackers in the cases of both Illinois and Arizona were motivated by the hope of personal gain.

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Gainesville marches in solidarity with national Equality March for Unity and Pride

by Madison Rubert

Hundreds of LGBTQ supporters adorned in rainbow face paint and flags paraded the streets of Downtown Gainesville to march in solidarity with the Equality March for Unity and Pride in Washington D.C.

At 1:30 p.m. on June 11, local LGBTQ supporters gathered at Depot Park before the Gainesville Area Equality March for Unity and Pride, a 10-minute walk through S. Main St. towards Bo Diddley Plaza hosted by the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida.

The PCCNF’s main objective is to provide resource and organizational and legal connections to members of the LGBT community, Shirley Rodriguez, secretary of the PCCNCF said.

It hosts movie nights, fundraisers and other group activities to create a safe space for the most marginalized members of the community, she said.

“We are definitely a really important resource to have,” Rodriguez said. “I think the Pulse massacre last year was a reminder of how necessary it is to have clear spaces specifically for queer people to be with people like them.”

The march was held a day after the one-year anniversary of the Orlando Pulse night club shooting to commemorate the lives of the 49 victims, she said.



Photo by Ben Anderson.

“[The Pulse shooting] was really heart wrenching for a lot of us in the community,” Rodriguez, 27, said. “All of their lives were really meaning. It hurts to see that they were taken away so quickly.”

About 300 marchers slowly filled the Bo Diddley Plaza by 2:20 p.m., where 14 speakers including local social activists such as Faye Williams, Ellie Gaustria and Gainesville City Commissioner Helen Warren spoke to supporters. LGBT advocacy groups such as Trans Affairs, Tran-Quility and Indivisible Gainesville also attended the event.

“We wanted to make sure that the majority of speakers were centering the voices of the most marginalized groups in our community,” Rodriguez said.

Warren encouraged the audience become politically engaged to protect the rights of LGBTQ and minority groups,

“We have kind of gotten away from the principle of our self-endowed rights to vote by expecting government and leaders to take care of the needs of the community,” Warren said. “The government, really, can only do certain things such as providing the foundation, but the whole rest of the community is dependent on people being engaged in the process to make sure people aren’t being oppressed.”

Several speakers addressed violence against the trans community. Many crimes against the trans community go unnoticed, Rodriguez said.

“It’s not only the Pulse victims that we lost, we have already lost 12 trans people this year that have been murdered through hate crimes,” Rodriguez said.

The city of Gainesville has historically been leader in advocating for transgendered rights, Warren said. “We are at the leading edge of supporting civil rights protections for all regardless of race and sex.”

UF junior Ellie Gaustria identifies as an indigenous trans-woman of color and has been a volunteer for the PCCNCF for three years. She was contacted by Terry Fleming to speak because it was important to him to have a diverse group of speakers.

“Because some of the most marginalized people in our community are trans-women of color, it was important that we had that representation and had that voice,” Gaustria said. “So I immediately said yes.”

The PCCNF was expecting counter protests from pro-confederacy groups, Rodriguez said. “We were ready for it, but it didn’t happen.”

Rodriguez attributes the large turn-out to a tumultuous national climate. “Right now people realize how easily our lives can be taken away ... a lot of people are willing to step up and help the LGBT community.”

Warren said it is essential to continue the fight towards inclusion of all genders, races and sexualities. “It may not be solved in this generation, but we have to continue the conversation.” 🐾

The story of Grow Gainesville

Or, how to start a local food security and community resilience movement

by Faith C. Carr



First gather a few people around a table, get them a pitcher of beer. Then ask the question, “How can we get more people growing their own food?” Meet up with a small local “prepper” group. Toss in a random bunch of social activists who want to eat clean healthy food - and a local food movement is begun.

Create a list of things required for community resilience: give it a catchy name. Build a website, create a Facebook group, and collaborate with that MeetUp group.

And you have - Grow Gainesville. From the beginning meeting each other out in the real world was the key to actually making it work. Getting people off line – at least once a month in the same place at the same time. No matter what, someone would be there.

That’s how the 3rd Monday Meeting began, February 2012, in the parking lot of Highlands Presbyterian Church. Ideas were tossed around, plans were made, along with a Barter Market every 3rd Saturday. Adding Extra Special Workshops as the interest grew. Affiliating with every local food production group, organization, and outlet to create a network of information, assistance, and connectivity without competing for members or money.

Just Health Care’s Response to the Republican Health Care Plan

by Chad Hood and Marilyn Eisenberg, Alachua County Labor Coalition members

Here is a summary of the damage that would come from the Republican “Repeal and Replace” AHCA bill:

Increase in the number of uninsured. Over 23 million people will lose health insurance due to cuts in Medicaid and subsidized plans.

No protection from out-of-pocket expenses. Annual limits on co-pays, premiums, and other costs abolished. No tax credits for out-of-pocket expenses.

Pre-existing conditions no longer protected. States can opt-out of the previous requirement to cover pre-existing conditions, and they can also get waivers to charge older patients as much as they want.

Loss of essential medical coverage. States can opt out of the requirement to provide the 10 essential health benefits established by the Affordable Care Act.

Penalty for not having insurance. No individual mandate; instead if you go without insurance then enroll, you pay a 30 percent penalty that profits the insurance company. Previously those who chose not to buy insurance paid a tax penalty that went into the fund for everyone.

Medicaid expansion essentially ended. Replaced with a capped, per-person amount that will not come close to covering costs.

Federal payments to Planned Parenthood blocked for one year.

What are we going to do about it?

Demonstrations against Ted Yoho and others. It’s unlikely that we will be able to change Ted Yoho’s mind, but we can at least publicly shame him for the tens of thousands of people who will die as a result of his vote.

Join with others in Florida to get more co-sponsors for HR-676. There are a record number 112 co-sponsors in the House. We are outreaching to other legislative districts in Florida to get more co-sponsors.

Spread the word about single-payer Medicare for All. Two public presentations are scheduled for June – one through the Democratic Party and the other through ACLC.

Collect stories for a health care speak-out in late summer or Fall. NWL (National Women’s Liberation) is interested in co-sponsoring and helping collect stories. We are working on modifications to a simplified version of our former survey.

Countless encounters in Yoho’s office, Town Halls, demonstrations, letters and phone

calls, have not gotten our Congressional representative to yield on his toxic support for the Republican Health Care bill. 🐾

July events to support Medicare for all

The Alachua County Labor Coalition is spear-heading an effort that might get the Congressman’s attention better. This is, namely, a series of demonstrations against his largest local donors. We will have our first on Saturday morning on July 29. The groups Indivisible and Women’s March will be supporting this effort as well. More details to follow. Save the date! Make your signs!

In addition, we are celebrating Medicare’s Birthday Party this year on the evening of Saturday, July 22. How much do you value Medicare? Come celebrate your present coverage (which is under attack in our present government), your parents’ coverage, and what is, or should be, coverage coming up for you. We can no longer take our Medicare or Medicaid for granted.

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Prisoners and solidarity groups call for National Day of Action Against Prison Slavery

By Gainesville IWW and Fight Toxic Prisons

Last year prisoners from around the country participated in the Sept. 9 National Prisoner Strike, the first of its size and scope in U.S. history. The wave of prisoner labor strikes and other resistance actions on and around that day were led by organized groups of prisoners such as the Free Alabama Movement, the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee, or IWOC, of the Industrial Workers of the World labor union (IWW), as well as a large number of unaffiliated prisoners.

The strike was supported on the outside by the IWW, Fight Toxic Prisons (FTP), Anarchist Black Cross chapters and other grassroots groups. Numerous rallies and demonstrations were held at prisons around the country. In Florida, the Gainesville

branch of the IWW, FTP, the Green Party and others held a demonstration at the gates of the Coleman Federal Corrections Complex near Wildwood in support.

Although there were a variety of demands, depending on the conditions at each facility, most centered around prison labor conditions. Demands included compensation for uncompensated forced labor, higher wages for a range of different types of low-pay work, and improvements in safety and other job conditions. These demands were summed up by the slogan stenciled on many banners and signs: “End Prison Slavery!”

On August 19, there is a call for another prisoner-led show of resistance supported by folks on the outside as well. A coalition of organizations are calling for a “Millions for Prisoners Human Rights March” on Washington, D.C., to be accompanied by actions inside and outside of prisons throughout the United States. The principal demand of this march and the associated actions is the full and final abolition of slavery in the United States, by way of removing the “except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted” clause from the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Other demands include Congressional action to curb or eliminate prison labor exploitation, price gouging on goods and services for prisoners and their families, the private, for-profit incarceration industry, including immigration detention facilities; police impunity for the murder of people of color and general over-policing of communities of color, and the ICE detention system’s quotas.

If you can’t make it to Washington D.C., join Gainesville IWW, FTP, and others for a demonstration on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 1-4pm at Franklin Correctional Institution in Carrabelle, Florida. This demonstration is called to show support and solidarity for the Millions for Prisoners March, as well for prisoners inside Franklin and other Florida institutions who are organizing to fight back against prison slavery and other forms of abuse. Meet at the Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St. in Gainesville) at 9:45a.m. to carpool and caravan up to FCI, about 3 hours away in the Panhandle.

For more information, please check out Fight Toxic Prisons on Facebook, or visit the following web pages:

<http://www.iamweubuntu.com/millions-for-prisoners-human-rights.html>

<https://incarceratedworkers.org/campaigns/a19-millions-prisoners-march-and-strike> 🐞

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Come join us in this evening, to learn how it might be possible to expand Medicare to all of us by hearing fiery and articulate Congressional candidate, Tim Canova from South Florida, who will help us host this event. If Ted Yoho agrees to join us, we will have a rousing debate you will not want to miss.

Again, save the date and keep your eyes peeled for more details. Bring your stories and your outrage. If you want to help us organize or get more details, call the Alachua County Labor Coalition at 375-2832 or email us at info@laborcoalition.org.

For those of us here for the hot Gainesville summer, the summer has just gotten a little hotter. Let’s get a mob at both events! Show that you care. 🐞

Reality check: Republicans are not simpletons

by David M. Roos
former Democratic Party of Virginia staffer
and Florida Atlantic University student

OK, America, let me explain a few things before this impeachment euphoria gets too out of hand.

No, Republicans are not simpletons who can’t see Trump is a freakish caricature of a president. They don’t care about Trump. If he hangs by his own petard, so be it. Or, if he is pushed off the impeachment cliff, it matters not to them. He is a useful idiot who will help them replace two or three more Supreme Court justices, one of their four sacred goals.

First, the GOP wants to move the Supreme Court to be permanently conservative, something they can easily accomplish in the next four years.

Then, the GOP wants to gut every New Deal and Great Society social program, which means killing Medicaid, privatizing Social Security, and weakening Medicare.

Their third goal is to enact regressive taxes that make corporate taxes even more avoidable and remove any tax that doesn’t redistribute wealth to the wealthy.

Finally, their fourth goal is to decimate the regulatory power of the Federal government, including its control over public lands, healthcare, education, labor law, unions, postal services, civil rights, and voting protections. Basically, their dream of shrinking the Federal government is within their grasp.

So, Trump twisting in the wind is just a party favor for them as they tear down the temple. Imagine the GOP torching the Capitol, then barricading all roads to stop firemen from getting close enough to fight the fires. They need Trump in office long enough to get their bills signed and when the inevitable happens, they get Pence, a smoother, smarter vandal than Trump.

So, stop begging Republicans to interrupt their orgy of right-wing looting and pillaging. They aren’t listening to you or any of your protests! The only thing that can stop them is the 2018 midterm elections! And even then, they have gerrymandered to the point that only a complete electoral shift and Democratic Party tsunami to the polls will change the outcome. They don’t think Trump is endangering America. He is their boy while they “save” America by destroying the Federal Government.

When more than half the registered voters thought email servers, Russian fake-news plants, Bernie bros, Clinton fatigue, and sheer apathy were worth staying home for,

we elected Trump. He isn’t the problem. An unchecked, feckless GOP is the problem!

Unless 2018 gives the Senate to the Dems and erodes the GOP death grip on the House, you can kiss America goodbye and stop calling our nation the Leader of the Free World.

And for all you third-party supporters who say the two-party system is a failure, hope you enjoy a one-party system. Why? Because America is just 18 months away from finding out what that’s like....unless you begin the work of getting out the vote. 🐞

Thoughts from a local radio-head

By Joe Courter

I grew up with radio and it still is a huge part of my life. Fred Sowder is a real hero to me for his commitment to WGOT.

WGOT.org has a grid of their programming, which we have printed in prior issues. As I live on the Eastside, and frankly like most people, unless you live near the transmitter out near Santa Fe College NW, my car radio is my link. In years to come, streaming and a bigger range will be available. My top seven:

1. David Barsamian’s Alternative Radio. Timely and important speakers and to me essential listening. It used to be on our Public Radio station, but was dropped because it wasn’t “balanced.” No it isn’t, it is the counter-balance to corporate media! Fridays at 7pm, Saturdays at 4pm, Sundays at 1pm.

2. Amy Goodman’s Democracy Now. A great daily hour of news, including 10 to 15 minutes of headlines followed by interviews, available Mondays thru Fridays 8am, 1pm, and 4pm.

3. Counterpoise Radio. a timely lecture or discussion culled from the wealth of speakers available on the internet. Aired every Friday at 7am, 2pm and 5pm.

4. Stripped and Stripped Music, a two hour block hosted by Fred Sowder, with talk in the first hour and music in the second, aired Wednesdays at 5-7pm, and Saturdays from 9-11pm.

5. Afropop World-wide, also used to be on our public radio. Great mix of music and analysis, quite insightful. Aired Tuesdays at 3 and 6pm, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm.

6. And yes Music. There is a wide variety of music on WGOT, but acoustic music is my favorite so these are mine. First is locally produced by HR Gertner: the Red Pony Music Hour on Fridays at 3 and 6pm, and then Sundays at noon and 5pm.

7. Heartbeat True Radio. I hear new stuff all the time on both this and HR’s show. Thursdays at 3pm, Sundays at 2pm.

View the entire grid at WGOT.org, listen when you can, and, most importantly, support them. Punch in 100.1 on your car radio and see what is there. Come to a benefit at First Magnitude on Sunday August 20, or to the volunteer meeting Sunday, July 23 at the Depot Park Boxcar. 🐞

Sponsorship keeps community radio vibrant

By Fred Sowder
WGOT Financial Director

Perhaps you listen weekday mornings to the latest news of the day from Amy Goodman on Democracy Now! Or maybe you catch the jazz selections Sunday mornings on Jazzville, or the darkwave industrial sounds of Shadows at midnight on Saturdays. Or, it could be another of the dozens of locally produced and nationally syndicated Pacifica Radio Network shows we air each week.

100.1 FM WGOT-LP is your community radio station, and we can continue to thrive with your help and that of local businesses. Our studio crowdfunding campaign is ongoing; details can be found on the WGOT Facebook page. A donation of any size will get us that much closer to providing you live programming originating from the Civic Media Center studios under construction.

In recent weeks, we’ve had several businesses come on board as sponsors of programming on WGOT. For as little as \$100 per month (or in some cases even less), you can get your on-air announcement to the progressive community of Gainesville. Send us a Facebook message or email us at underwriting@wgot.org for more info.

Most important is our reliance on volunteers. People like you greatly help our cause by hosting their own programs, providing technical support, or helping with marketing and social media. Join us at our next volunteer meeting on Sunday, July 23 at 1pm at the outdoor Boxcar space at Depot Park. Grassroots independent media is now more important than ever, and we hope we can count on your support. Thank you. 🐞



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Radio Notes: Find schedules for WUFT and WGOT, our local non-corporate stations, at www.wuft.org and wgot.org respectively. WGOT is now a full-time over-the-air broadcast at 100.1 FM. More info on local independent radio on pg 11.

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

LISTEN TO AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY RADIO!

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

16 Sunday Assembly - Dr. R. Dalton on eclipse & cosmos: SFC Downtown (530 W. Univ. Ave), 11 am, 3rd Sundays - see sagainesville.weebly.com.

Whale Feral music every Sunday in July: 1st Magnitude (1220 S. Veitch St), 5:30-9 pm.



1790: Congress declares new capital in Washinton, DC.
1945: US tests first A-bomb.

23 WGOT board/volunteers/ public meeting: Boxcar, Depot Park, 1 pm.

Much Ado About Nothing final performance, Acrosstown Rep (619 SE. Main St), 2 pm; see pg 7.

Me & Jezebel final performance, Actors Warehouse (619 NE 1st St), 3 pm - see pg 19.

30 Forever Plaid final performance, The Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 7 pm.

1935: Penguin Books publishes first paperback.



6 HIROSHIMA DAY

13 Sunday Assembly - see 7/16.

Howard Bishop School Potluck & Supply Giveaway sponsored by Indivisible, 8/12-13 - see indivisiblegnv.org

Indoor Flea Market, The Wooly (12 N. Main St), 1-5 pm.

20 WGOT Benefit at 1st Magnitude, 2 pm; see pg 18.

27 1776: Geo. Washington loses battle of Brooklyn Hts.

3 Labor Daze Fest - see pg 24.

17 "Welcoming Immigrants" panel, Parkview Baptist Church (3403 NW 13th St), 7 pm.

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

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

I Am Not Your Negro: James Baldwin documentary & potluck presented by Humanist Society, Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm.

24 Organic Veggies Workshop - 1-4:30 pm; see pg 4.

Democratic Socialists of America meet, dntn library, 6:45 pm - see pg 5.

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

1783: Simon Bolivar born.
1897: Amelia Earhart born.



31 Documentary TBA at CMC, 7 pm.

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

1965: Joanne K. Rowling born.

7 GCAT meets - see 7/17.

1942: Garrison Keillor born. FULL MOON

14 Silkscreening workshop all week at SAW (18 SE 5th Ave) - call 352-234-6729.

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

CMC documentary tba, 7 pm.

21 CMC documentary tba; 7 pm.
Gvl Food Security Group - see 7/17. **ECLIPSE? WHAT ECLIPSE?**

28 1963: >250,000 march on Washington with MLK.

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

Anti-war signholding on hiatus through September.

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

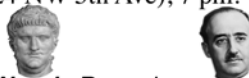


1979: Skylab falls to Earth. **WORLD POPULATION DAY**

18 Gvl Pink Pistols meet at CMC, 6 pm.

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.



64: Nero's Rome burns (no fiddling occurs).
1936: Gen. Franco launches Spanish Civil War.

25 County Commission meets - see 7/11.

Coffee w/ a Cop! GPD outreach, Starbucks (201 SE 1st St), 9-11 am.



1978: Louise Brown, first "test-tube baby", born.

Aug 1 School Board - see 7/18.



1819: Herman Melville born.
1942: Jerry Garcia born.

8 County Commission meets - see 7/11.

Just Health Care meets, 2nd Weds, ACLC office, 6 pm.

15 School Board - see 7/18.

PFLAG meets: see 7/18.

1945: Korean independence.
1948: Indian independence.

22 County Commission meets - see 7/11.

1972: Demonstrators disrupt Republican Miami Beach convention; 100s arrested.

29 1920: Charlie Parker born.

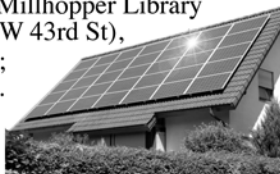
12 "Naborhood" Coffee Talk concert series, Artisans Way (5910 Hampton St, Melrose), Wednesdays, 11 am-2 pm.

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.

Masune, Shara, & others at The Atlantic, doors 9 pm.

19 Solar Co-op talk, Millhopper Library (3145 NW 43rd St), 6:45 pm; see pg 5.



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

26 Voice Hoist/Algae Guck Tour Kickoff, w/ Mildew, EW: CMC, 9 pm.

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

2 Old Lesbians Organizing For Change national gathering in Tampa, 2nd-6th; info at oloc.org (see May-June Iguana, pg 10).

1776: Declaration of Independence official signing ceremony.

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1974: Richard Nixon resigns. **NAGASAKI DAY**

16 Humanist meeting (open to all): "Humanistic Judaism"; Unitarian Fellowship of G'ville (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

23

1970: Cesar Chavez launches largest farmworker strike in US history.

30 1983: Guion Bluford first African-American in space.

13 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.

"Sharing Hope" panel on mental illness in black community, United Church (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm.

The Currys, Heartwood, 7 pm.

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



1793: Charlotte Corday assassinates Jean Paul Marat.

20 Wild Shiners, Satchel's, 6:30 pm.

The Secret She Kept movie (PG) on mental illness in black family, United Church, 7 pm.

Both Sides Now Joni Mitchell tribute: Jewelbox Concert, Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 7 pm.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

1940: Leon Trotsky assassinated.

27 Organic Farming Workshop, Frog Song, 9 am-noon; see pg 4.

Performance Art Night for Nat'l Minority Mental Health Month at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church (120 NE Williston Rd), 6:30 pm.

GUTS, Chelsea Carnes, & Boy-friend Material at Hardback.

3 Open Poets, CMC, 8 pm.

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

10 CMC Volunteers & Poets.

1937: Electric guitar patented.

17 Voluntary Poets at CMC.

1969: Woodstock festival closes.

24 CMC Volunteers & Poets.

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

31 Volunteers & Poets at CMC. **1984** play opens at Hipp.

14 Art Attack - stuff for sale at High Dive, 6 pm.

The Time Machine, Creative B Movies series w/ panel discussion: Florida Museum of Natural History (3215 Hull Rd), 7 pm.

The Delta Troubadors in Free Friday concert series at Bo Diddley Downtown Plaza, 8 pm; see pg 14.

Much Ado About Nothing, Acrosstown Repertory Theatre, runs thru July 23rd; see pg 7.

1789: Parisians storm Bastille prison.



21 GUTFest 3-day performance art festival opens at CMC, multiple venues, 6 pm; see pg 15 and gutfestgnv.wlxsite.com/2017.

Time After Time, Fla Museum, 7 pm.

Wax Wings rock Bo Diddley Plaza, Free Fridays concert, 8 pm; see pg 14.

A Tea with Zora and Marjorie based on 1942 meeting of famous Fla authors, Matheson Museum (513 E. Univ Ave), 7 pm, \$10.

28 Deadline for Solar Co-op - see pg 5.

Back to the Future, Fla Mus, 7 pm.

G'ville Downtown Artwalk 7-10 pm; see page 2 and artwalkgainesville.com.

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

Bridget Kelly sings the blues at Bo Diddley Plaza, Free Fridays concert, 8 pm; see pg 14.

Thin Skins at Loosey's, doors 9 pm.

4 The Irie Ones reggaefy Bo Diddley Plaza, Free Fridays concert, 8 pm; see pg 14.

11 WGOT Spins the Boxcar - radio DJs live in person, Depot Park (200 SE Depot Rd), 6 pm.

Savants of Soul serenade Bo Diddley Plaza Free Friday show, 8 pm.

18 Captive Eddies, Bo Diddley Plaza Free Friday, 8 pm, free.

25 Endless Summer Street Festival, 599 SE 1st St, 6 pm.

Art Walk Downtown every last Friday, starting 7 pm.

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

The Shambles shamble through Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free; see pg 14.

Sept 1 Heavy Petty/Hedges rock BD Plaza, 8 pm.
Trailer Park Elegy opens at ART.

15 Nationwide Trump/Pence protests - see refusefascism.org.

Kanapaha Gardens Kids' Day, 11-5.

Art & ALS panel, Harn Mus, 3 pm.

Girls Rock Camp Showcase, High Dive (210 SW 2nd Ave), 5 pm, \$10-20.

Driveaway at Depot Park (200 SE Depot Dr), 7-9 pm; free.

Endless Pools farewell show w/ GUTS - Heartwood Soundstage (619 S. Main St), 7 pm - don't miss it!

22 Urban Nature Tour w/ Pete Monte, Depot Park, 9 am.

3rd Annual Unity in the Community - free dinners, school supplies, entertainment hosted by Jay Foxx: Bo Diddley Plaza, 4-10 pm.

Medicare Birthday Party w/ Tim Canova, Alachua County Labor Coalition (901 NW 8th Ave), 5 pm; pg 9.

So not wasted fundraiser for The Repurpose Project - music, games, more: 1st Magnitude, 6-10 pm, \$lide; pg 2.

Gypsy Star, Depot Park, 7 pm.

29 Uncle Mosie plays folk & danceable-to Americana at Depot Park, 7 pm; free.

5 Wild Iris Free Store at CMC (433 S. Main St), 2-6 pm.

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

12 Cypress and Grove Brewing Company grand opening (1001 NW 4th St), times tba on Facebook.

World Elephant Day benefit - music, art, raffles: 1st Magnitude, 4-10 pm. **PERSEID METEOR SHOWERS**

19 Prisoner Action: meet at CMC, 9:45 am - see pg 10.

3rd Anniversary Celebration at 1st Magnitude: see pg 18.

DJ Donna All-Request '80s at The Atlantic, doors 9 pm.

26 Urban Nature Tour - see 7/22.

Susan B. Anthony Luncheon, Best Western (4200 NW 97th Blvd), 11 am, \$25 - see fosba.com & pg 18.

Women Politicking Politely - talk on '60s-'70s feminism, Matheson Mus. (513 E. Univ. Ave), 2 pm, free.

Everything You Need by Gvl playwright Sarah Bewley, Harn Mus, 3 pm.

Swamp City Sirens vs Thunder City Sirens, MLK Ctr (1028 NE 14th St), doors 6 pm - see pg 5.

2 Veg For Life vegan potluck, UUGF, see 8/5.

Florida just passed its second anti-science law this month

by Matt Higgins

This was originally published on June 28 by Occupy.com. Learn more at www.occupy.com.

Florida’s governor signed a law Monday night undermining accepted scientific theories about climate change, evolution and vaccination. The measure continues a trend in Florida and other conservative states where lawmakers are seeking to quash fact-and reason-based scientific consensus.

“It sows the seeds of doubt of what science is,” Brandon Haught, a Florida high school science teacher and the communications director of Florida Citizens for Science, told Occupy.com.

H.B. 989, the “instructional materials” bill that Gov. Rick Scott signed this week, follows a separate bill, S.B. 436, known as the “religious liberty” law, which also passed the Florida State Legislature and received Scott’s approval earlier this month. The

religious liberty law prohibits school officials from punishing students whose coursework contains “religious expressions.”

The sponsor of that bill, Florida State Sen. Dennis Baxley, is the former president of the Christian Coalition of Florida, a conservative political organization that seeks to “educate and mobilize Christians for effective political action.”

Baxley contends the bill is designed to protect students’ religious beliefs, but critics fear it may enable teachers or students to deny evolution or climate change on the basis of religion.

“The threat is, if a school goes along with this, a teacher might be pressured and would confuse students,” Haught said.

The similarly patterned “instructional materials” law, which also goes into effect July 1, was shaped by the Florida Citizens Alliance Group, a conservative organization based in Naples, Fla. That district is represented by Rep. Byron Donalds, a sponsor of the bill.

In the group’s 11-page report outlining its objections to current state textbooks and curricula, it called a video about climate change “political indoctrination” and objected that the biblical account of the world’s creation wasn’t formally included in the lessons. Rep. Donalds did not respond to a request for an interview on the subject.

The instructional materials law allows any resident of a school district – not limited to parents – to petition the local school board for a hearing before a hearing officer whose qualifications aren’t listed in the law, other than being “qualified,” “unbiased” and independent of the district school board. But school boards retain

the authority to determine their school textbooks, which must conform to Florida educational standards – a contradiction that left many feeling confused and uncertain about the future of the law.

Teachers like Haught fear they could be pressured by principals to teach both evolution and creationism in science class, or fear losing their jobs. Tenure for Florida school teachers was eliminated in 2011.

Disputing accepted scientific consensus has already led to public health crises and environmental degradation.

In June 2016, Miami school officials discovered an eight-year-old student was suffering symptoms of measles. Later tests confirmed the diagnosis. The child had not been vaccinated and had come into contact with up to 100 people.

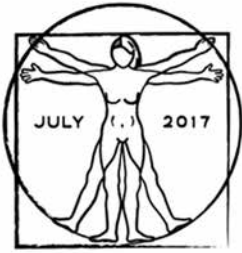
Like the new mandates handed down by Scott Pruitt at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Gov. Scott has reportedly instructed employees of Florida’s Department of Environmental Protection to avoid using the term climate change.

In response to Scott’s long-standing refusal to accept the scientific consensus on global warming, 10 scientists from universities across the state signed a letter to the governor in 2014 stating that climate change “is already affecting the American people in far-reaching ways. This includes more frequent and/or intense extreme weather events, more acidic oceans, and rising sea levels.”

The letter stated “unambiguous evidence” that these changes are due to the burning of fossil fuels and widespread deforestation. Rising sea levels already threaten coastal communities like Miami with increased flooding, increased salt water intrusion into the drinking water supply, and damage to the agriculture and marine industries.

But Florida is hardly alone in its enactment of anti-science legislation. In 2008, Louisiana passed the euphemistically named Louisiana Science Act, which allows “alternative materials” to be taught in science classes.

In 2012, Tennessee passed a similar law. And earlier this year, the Idaho House and Senate education committees temporarily eliminated standards that referenced human activity as the cause of climate change, but those changes could become permanent after being revisited by the legislature in 2018.



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Gainesville Underground Theatre Festival will assemble 32 performances and a community panel over the weekend of July 21-23.

Performances will be held at The Civic Media Center, M.A.M.A.’s Club, Black C Art Gallery, The Atlantic, High Dive and the Boxcar at Depot Park.

All programming is free and open to the public, thanks to a sponsorship from the UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere with support from the Rothman Endowment.

Director Matt Bratko said GUTFest artists are encouraged to risk it all.

“There exists in Gainesville too few opportunities to come together as a community to passionately share what we care about, what we see reflected in the world around us, what unites us and what divides us. GUTFest exists to fill that hole: to give emergent performance artists of all disciplines the space to create risky, diverse art. The art created at GUTFest will both pose and answer invaluable questions of what it means to exist in this time, in this city, in this culture,” Bratko said.

Nearly all genres of performative art will be featured at GUTFest.

Local artist Natasha Home will build a sound sculpture installation to accompany her vocal performance.

Carly Shooster will perform a stand-up act carved from her own experiences as a young woman in Gainesville.

Sally B. Dash will host a revue of classy and sassy burlesque antics.

Several artists will travel to Gainesville from across the country, including New York surrealist country musician Dougie Poole, Phoenix’s Kolezanka and Akin Yai of Paris.

Sunday’s programming will include a community panel to discuss Gainesville’s role as an emergent arts center.

Local artists and organizers like Davis Hart, director of Gainesville record label Elestial Sound, and Paul Gabbard, local playwright, actor and radio show host, will answer questions about how Gainesville can become a more hospitable place for a growing arts scene and the responsibilities of local artists and organizers to shape a city’s growth.

Gabbard will perform with his Y-Not Theatre company in addition to his appearance as a panelist.

“GUTFest provides an essential need for local artists: connectivity,” he said.

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ism has for more than 50 years provided unparalleled insight and challenges to the American and global political systems. Our conversation, as it appears here, took place as a series of email exchanges over the past two months. Although Professor Chomsky was extremely busy, because of our past intellectual exchange, he graciously provided time for this interview.

Professor Chomsky is the author of numerous best-selling political works, translated into scores of languages. Among his most recent books are “Hegemony or Survival,” “Failed States,” “Hopes and Prospects,” “Masters of Mankind” and “Who Rules the World?” He has been institute professor emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1976.

— George Yancy

George Yancy: Given our “post-truth” political moment and the growing authoritarianism we are witnessing under President Trump, what public role do you think professional philosophy might play in critically addressing this situation?

Noam Chomsky: We have to be a little cautious about not trying to kill a gnat with an atom bomb. The performances are so utterly absurd regarding the “post-truth” moment that the proper response might best be ridicule. For example, Stephen Colbert’s recent comment is apropos: When the Republican legislature of North Carolina responded to a scientific study predicting a threatening rise in sea level by barring state and local agencies from developing regulations or planning documents to address the problem, Colbert responded: “This is a brilliant solution. If your science gives you a result that you don’t like, pass a law saying the result is illegal. Problem solved.”

Quite generally, that’s how the Trump administration deals with a truly existential threat to survival of organized human life: ban regulations and even research and discussion of environmental threats and race to the precipice as quickly as possible (in the interests of short-term profit and power).

G.Y.: In this regard, I find Trumpism to be a bit suicidal.

N.C.: Of course, ridicule is not enough. It’s necessary to address the concerns and beliefs of those who are taken in by the fraud, or who don’t recognize the nature and significance of the issues for other reasons. If by philosophy we mean reasoned and thoughtful analysis, then it can address the moment, though not by confronting the “alternative facts” but by analyzing and clarifying what is at stake, whatever the issue is. Beyond that, what is needed is action: urgent and dedicated, in the many ways that are open to us.

G.Y.: When I was an undergraduate philosophy student at the University of Pittsburgh, where I was trained in the analytic tradition, it wasn’t clear to me what philosophy meant beyond the clarification of concepts. Yet I have held onto the Marxian position that philosophy can change the world. Any thoughts on the capacity of philosophy to change the world?

N.C.: I am not sure just what Marx had in mind when he wrote that “philosophers have hitherto only interpreted the world in various ways; the point is to change it.” Did he mean that philosophy could change the world, or that philosophers should turn to the higher priority of changing the world? If the former, then he presumably meant philosophy in a broad sense of the term, including analysis of the social order and ideas about why it should be changed, and how. In that broad sense, philosophy can play a role, indeed

an essential role, in changing the world, and philosophers, including in the analytic tradition, have undertaken that effort, in their philosophical work as well as in their activist lives — Bertrand Russell, to mention a prominent example.

G.Y.: Yes. Russell was a philosopher and a public intellectual. In those terms, how do you describe yourself?

N.C.: I don’t really think about it, frankly. I engage in the kinds of work and activities that seem important and challenging to me. Some of it falls within these categories, as usually understood.

G.Y.: There are times when the sheer magnitude of human suffering feels unbearable. As someone who speaks to so much suffering in the world, how do you bear witness to this and yet maintain the strength to go on?

N.C.: Witnessing it is enough to provide the motivation to go on. And nothing is more inspiring to see how poor and suffering people, living under conditions incomparably worse than we endure, continue quietly and unpretentiously with courageous and committed struggle for justice and dignity.

G.Y.: If you had to list two or three forms of political action that are necessary under the Trump regime, what would they be? I ask because our moment feels so incredibly hopeless and repressive.

N.C.: I don’t think things are quite that bleak. Take the success of the Bernie Sanders campaign, the most remarkable feature of the 2016 election. It is, after all, not all that surprising that a billionaire showman with extensive media backing (including the liberal media, entranced by his antics and the advertising revenue it afforded) should win the nomination of the ultra-reactionary Republican Party.

The Sanders campaign, however, broke dramatically with over a century of U.S. political history. Extensive political science research, notably the work of Thomas Ferguson, has shown convincingly that elections are pretty much bought. For example, campaign spending alone is a remarkably good predictor of electoral success, and support of corporate power and private wealth is a virtual prerequisite even for participation in the political arena.

The Sanders campaign showed that a candidate with mildly progressive (basically New Deal) programs could win the nomination, maybe the election, even without the backing of the major funders or any

media support. There’s good reason to suppose that Sanders would have won the nomination had it not been for shenanigans of the Obama-Clinton party managers. He is now the most popular political figure in the country by a large margin.

Activism spawned by the campaign is beginning to make inroads into electoral politics. Under Barack Obama, the Democratic Party pretty much collapsed at the crucial local and state levels, but it can be rebuilt and turned into a progressive force. That would mean reviving the New Deal legacy and moving well beyond, instead of abandoning, the working class and turning into Clintonite New Democrats, which more or less resemble what used to be called moderate Republicans, a category that has largely disappeared with the shift of both parties to the right during the neoliberal period.

Such prospects may not be out of reach, and efforts to attain them can be combined with direct activism right now, urgently needed, to counter the legislative and executive actions of the Republican administration, often concealed behind the bluster of the figure nominally in charge.

There are in fact many ways to combat the Trump project of creating a tiny America, isolated from the world, cowering in fear behind walls while pursuing the Paul Ryan-style domestic policies that represent the most savage wing of the Republican establishment.

G.Y.: What are the weightiest issues facing us?

N.C.: The most important issues to address are the truly existential threats we face: climate change and nuclear war. On the former, the Republican leadership, in splendid isolation from the world, is almost unanimously dedicated to destroying the chances for decent survival; strong words, but no exaggeration. There is a great deal that can be done at the local and state level to counter their malign project.

On nuclear war, actions in Syria and at the Russian border raise very serious threats of confrontation that might trigger war, an unthinkable prospect. Furthermore, Trump’s pursuit of Obama’s programs of modernization of the nuclear forces poses extraordinary dangers. As we have recently learned, the modernized U.S. nuclear force is seriously fraying the slender thread on which survival is suspended. The matter is discussed in detail in a critically important article in Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists in March, which should

have been, and remained, front-page news. The authors, highly respected analysts, observe that the nuclear weapons modernization program has increased “the overall killing power of existing U.S. ballistic missile forces by a factor of roughly three — and it creates exactly what one would expect to see, if a nuclear-armed state were planning to have the capacity to fight and win a nuclear war by disarming enemies with a surprise first strike.”

The significance is clear. It means that in a moment of crisis, of which there are all too many, Russian military planners may conclude that lacking a deterrent, the only hope of survival is a first strike — which means the end for all of us.

G.Y.: Frightening to the born.

N.C.: In these cases, citizen action can reverse highly dangerous programs. It can also press Washington to explore diplomatic options — which are available — instead of the near reflexive resort to force and coercion in other areas, including North Korea and Iran.

G.Y.: But what is it, Noam, as you continue to engage critically a broad range of injustices, that motivates this sense of social justice for you? Are there any religious motivations that frame your social justice work? If not, why not?

N.C.: No religious motivations, and for sound reasons. One can contrive a religious motivation for virtually any choice of action, from commitment to the highest ideals to support for the most horrendous atrocities. In the sacred texts, we can find uplifting calls for peace, justice and mercy, along with the most genocidal passages in the literary canon. Conscience is our guide, whatever trappings we might choose to clothe it in.

G.Y.: Returning to the point about bearing witness to so much suffering, what do you recommend I share with many of my undergraduate students such that they develop the capacity to bear witness to forms of suffering that are worse than we endure? Many of my students are just concerned with graduating and often seem oblivious to world suffering.

N.C.: My suspicion is that those who seem oblivious to suffering, whether it is nearby or in remote corners, are for the most part unaware, perhaps blinded by doctrine and ideology. For them, the answer is to develop a critical attitude toward articles of faith, secular or religious; to encourage their capacity to question, to explore, to view the world from the

standpoint of others. And direct exposure is never very far away, wherever we live — perhaps the homeless person huddling in the cold or asking for a few pennies for food, or all too many more.

G.Y.: I appreciate and second your point about exposure to the suffering of others not being far away. Returning to Trump, I take it that you view him as fundamentally unpredictable. I certainly do. Should we fear a nuclear exchange of any sort in our contemporary moment?

N.C.: I do, and I’m hardly the only person to have such fears. Perhaps the most prominent figure to express such concerns is William Perry, one of the leading contemporary nuclear strategists, with many years of experience at the highest level of war planning. He is reserved and cautious, not given to overstatement. He has come out of semiretirement to declare forcefully and repeatedly that he is terrified both at the extreme and mounting threats and by the failure to be concerned about them. In his words, “Today, the danger of some sort of a nuclear catastrophe is greater than it was during the Cold War, and most people are blissfully unaware of this danger.”


In 1947, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists established its famous Doomsday Clock, estimating how far we are from midnight: termination. In 1947, the analysts set the clock at seven minutes to midnight. In 1953, they moved the hand to two minutes to midnight after the U.S. and U.S.S.R. exploded hydrogen bombs. Since then it has oscillated, never again reaching this danger point. In January, shortly after Trump’s inauguration, the hand was moved to two and a half minutes to midnight, the closest to terminal disaster since 1953. By this time analysts were considering not only the rising threat of nuclear war but also the firm dedication of the Republican organization to accelerate the race to environmental catastrophe.

Perry is right to be terrified. And so should we all be, not least because of the person with his finger on the button and his surreal associates.

G.Y.: Yet despite his unpredictability, Trump has a strong base. What makes for this kind of servile deference?

N.C.: I’m not sure that “servile deference” is the right phrase, for a number of reasons. For example, who is the base? Most are relatively affluent. Three-quarters had incomes above the median. About one-third had in-

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comes of over \$100,000 a year, and thus were in the top 15 percent of personal income, in the top 6 percent of those with only a high school education. They are overwhelmingly white, mostly older, hence from historically more privileged sectors.

As Anthony DiMaggio reports in a careful study of the wealth of information now available, Trump voters tend to be typical Republicans, with “elitist, pro-corporate and reactionary social agendas,” and “an affluent, privileged segment of the country in terms of their income, but one that is relatively less privileged than it was in the past, before the 2008 economic collapse,” hence feeling some economic distress. Median income has dropped almost 10 percent since 2007. That’s apart from the large evangelical segment and putting aside the factors of white supremacy — deeply rooted in the United States — racism and sexism.



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For the majority of the base, Trump and the more savage wing of the Republican establishment are not far from their standard attitudes, though when we turn to specific policy preferences, more complex questions arise.

A segment of the Trump base comes from the industrial sector that has been cast aside for decades by both parties, often from rural areas where industry and stable jobs have collapsed. Many voted for Obama, believing his message of hope and change, but were quickly disillusioned and have turned in desperation to their bitter class enemy, clinging to the hope that somehow its formal leader will come to their rescue.

Another consideration is the current information system, if one can even use the phrase. For much of the base, the sources of information are Fox News, talk radio and other practitioners of alternative facts. Exposures of Trump’s misdeeds and absurdities that arouse liberal opinion are easily interpreted as attacks by the corrupt elite on the defender of the little man, in fact his cynical enemy.

G.Y.: How does the lack of critical intelligence operate here, that is, the sort that philosopher John Dewey saw as essential for a democratic citizenry?

N.C.: We might ask other questions about critical intelligence. For liberal opinion, the political crime of the century, as it is sometimes called, is Russian interference in American elections. The effects of the crime are undetectable, unlike the massive effects of interference by corporate power and private wealth, not considered a crime but the normal workings of democracy. That’s even putting aside the record of U.S. “interference” in foreign elections, Russia included; the word “interference” in quotes because it is so laughably inadequate, as anyone with the slightest familiarity with recent history must be aware.

G.Y.: That certainly speaks to our nation’s contradictions.

N.C.: Is Russian hacking really more significant than what we have discussed — for example, the Republican campaign to destroy the conditions for organized social existence, in defiance of the entire world? Or to enhance the already dire threat of terminal nuclear war? Or even such real but lesser crimes such as the Republican initiative to deprive tens of millions of health care and to drive helpless people out of nursing homes in order to enrich their actual constituency of corporate power and wealth even further? Or to dismantle the limited regulatory system set up to mitigate the impact of the financial crisis that their favorites are likely to bring about once again? And on, and on.

It’s easy to condemn those we place on the other side of some divide, but more important, commonly, to explore what we take to be nearby. 🐢



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disenfranchisement strikes deeply in the social framework of our communities, and the time is now to address and rectify this gross injustice.

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The Voting Restoration Amendment will automatically restore the voting rights of Floridians with non-violent felony convictions after they have completed all terms of their sentencing, including parole or probation. We are all volunteers committed to getting this on the 2018 ballot. We need your help; please join our efforts!

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The petition can be downloaded from: <https://www.floridiansforafairdemocracy.com/sign-the-petition>

To quickly come up to speed on the situation in Florida and become a more knowledgeable petitioner, take a look at the following: <https://www.brennancenter.org/publication/florida-outlier-denying-voting-rights>

And take a look back at the following three *Iguana* articles on this topic:

“Florida’s Voting Rights Restoration Amendment Raising awareness of the pervasiveness and horrible effects of disenfranchisement,” by Julie Thaler, April 2017

“Update: Voting Rights Restoration Initiative,” by Heidi Harris, May 2017

“Restoration of Civil Rights Project in Florida,” by Ben Silva, Gator Law ACLU, November 2015 🐢

Friends of Susan B. Anthony to celebrate Women’s Equality Day 2017

The Friends of Susan B. Anthony will celebrate Women’s Equality Day with their annual festive luncheon on Saturday, Aug. 26.

This event, which began as an informal birthday party for Susan B. Anthony over forty years ago, is now held in conjunction with the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Each year a local woman is recognized who exemplifies the spirit of Susan B. Anthony. This year, Kathy Kidder will be honored for her contribution to civic education and role as president and membership chair of the League of Women Voters.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Rebecca

Nagy, Director of the Harn Museum of Art. She will be talking about “Commanding Center Stage: Women in American Art Museums Today “ and will explore the progress women have made in being represented in museum collections and assuming directorial positions.

The luncheon will be held at the Best Western Gateway Grand at 11:30 a.m., and will cost \$25 for an adult.

For further information and reservations, please contact June Littler at fosba@fosba.com or at 352-374-8158; or go to www.fosba.com. Reservation deadline is August 22, and no tickets will be sold at the door. Last year’s luncheon was sold out, so please make your reservation early. 🐢

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History and the people who make it: Linda Lee

Linda Lee [L], activist with the National Farmworkers' Association, was interviewed by Brittany Nelson [N] in July, 2013.

This is the 41st in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

L: My name is Linda Deloris Lee at Apopka, Florida. I was born and raised [here]. We grew all kind of animals, ducks, geese, guinea pigs, chicken, hogs, cows—my dad and grandfather—both of them grew animals. Both had vegetables— corn, greens, peas, okra, tomatoes, a lot of different stuff, so we didn't go hungry. There was eight of us, seven girls and one boy. My brother used to hang around with my daddy, doing farm work and a little hunting and stuff in the summer time. And also working on the farm.

My mom and them went to Marianna, Florida, before they came down here, and they were staying in what they called camp, a lot of little bitty small houses in one little area. When the season go down, there is nothing to do. They said some man was bumming off other people. He had a wife and some kids. Mother was saying this particular day he stole a loaf of bread and something for the kids. That night, the KKK came with fires, and sheets, and stuff. They went to burning down the house. Pulled him, pull the wife out and tie her to the stake. Set it on fire and burn her and the baby and all. Burn him, the children, all them.

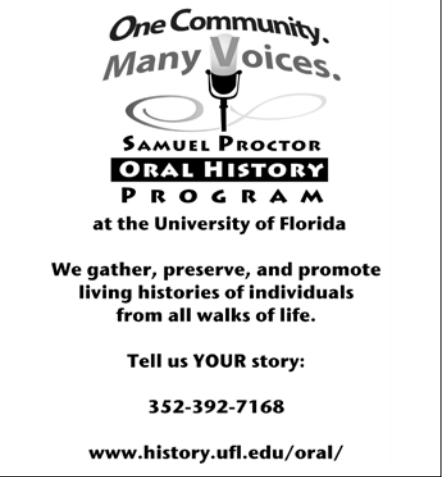
Because it was racist stuff, it wasn't in the paper. They said Papa grabbed whatever little clothes they could grab, and came down the railroad tracks. They started to work in pulp wood. They stayed in the little quarters behind a furniture store. They worked enough to buy the money to get this property here. See where that fence start back that way, all the way to that road, was my father's property. They bought the land for fifty-cent per acre. I got the deeds and everything. After the pulp mill went out of business, they started working on the farm. Papa became the crewleader and all the family, my aunt and my mama, and my brother and all the kids we worked. We hoed chichory, escarole, spinach, kale and stuff like that.

Papa and them use to set turtle lines, [in] the ditches, and catch turtles. After we got old enough to work, when school got out

we were pulling weeds out of corn, and what they call a caladium flower. They pretty but I don't like them.

The flowers was in the summer time, we did that, after we got out of school. Saturday and Sunday we went there packing corn or cutting cabbages or cucumbers or whatever they were doing we jumped in and tried to make a little extra money.

My grandfather drove a truck and he would pick us up, maybe about six, seven



in the morning. We picking by the piece, we start earlier because we've got to cut like twelve thousand, or twenty thousand, whatever, you try to go ahead and get from out the sun. Sometimes you might come up with a muck storm, muck be all up your nose, all in your eyes, all in your ears. You can get cut with a knife when you cutting stuff, and if you go to the doctor they just going to bandage it up and tell you go back to work. We didn't have no running water in the field. Sometimes you go to eat, it would be so dirty and you just had to drink muck water, and eat your food. We did not realize that we were being exposed to DDT, back then in the [19]60s. We can be in a field, like we sitting here, and the tractor come right by. Spray all over you.

They could have at least told us don't come in until later in the day because we are going to spray, or something. They never told us that. They just sprayed with us out in the fields.

N: Has it changed at all?

L: Yes it has. Now they have got their stations in the field, and they got to wear gloves and masks and all. Nobody asked us to wear masks. We wore gloves when we were packing corn because your hand be so sore you can't hardly touch nothing.

You come home. Soak in some aloe water. Put some corn husking lotion on. Next day you back to work with your hands sore and hurting up. Think of doing that for a whole three months.

I worked it from about [19]68 to '88. My grandson was born then and my mom died and things got hairy for me. I started working two jobs.

I worked in the nursing home. I worked in the hospital, because mostly my parents went to getting sick. My grandparents. When my grandmamma got real sick, she was dead in this house. She died in '82. We had to keep feeding her with a tube and all. My grandmamma got sick one Friday. We took her to the doctor. She lived twelve years and two days after the man said she was going to die. We kept feeding her, kept bathing her, kept talking to her. She'll smile at you, but she wouldn't say nary a word. For twelve years. I got sick in [19]80. It start out with appendicitis. I went to work. Joe kept telling me, something wrong with you. Your eyes are turned gray.

N: Your brother?

L: No, a friend. He kept saying your eyes were brown, but now they are turning gray. So I'm going, I feel all right, and I went to sleep on the sofa. I woke up just throwing up and throwing up. He said, we are going to the hospital right now. They kept me because I couldn't keep nothing down. The next day my appendix burst. The doctor said I worked so much, that I didn't feel no pain.

N: Would you say that your exposure to pesticides, or people in your family, has affected their health?

L: Um-hm. From my grandfather to my grandmother, to my dad to my brother. My sisters too. I have seen grandmother and Papa get so they could hardly move. It just hurt my heart to think about it. Then my sister Margie. Jerliene—she another Schaffer. She died. My brother died from black lung disease. Which there is no coal mine that I know of in Florida. He worked it on the farm. When them people told me he had black lung disease, I am going, where did he get that from? Now, we worked down where we can't work no more. I been diagnosed with lupus, and I had implants both in my eyes. I had a gall bladder operation, besides the appendicitis, part of my stomach collapsed on me one time. I have got a kidney. I had the tube in me for periodontitis, because I would not let nobody stick me. So I did that my own self.

Because I had enough nursing stuff. When my grandmamma got sick, my mom made four of us go get nursing skills. She said, my mama ain't going to nobody's nursing home and she didn't.

We did a little training, my sister, Nima, me, and Isabel, because we had to have somebody to not only to see about grandmother, but see about mother too. My mama had been bedridden since I was about sixteen or seventeen years old. She got some kind of sore on her leg and it never got well. I had a dog, and that dog licked that sore, and it actually got well.

N: Would you say that the community in Apopka is a strong one for supporting one another?

L: We need more people pulling together, because not only the farm affected everybody, chemicals and stuff, but they got a water thing down here. And the landfill that's behind it. And [the] Incinerator.

N: For the biomedical waste?

L: Yes. It smells so horrible. Behind Lake Jewell was flat. You go to Lake Jewell now, you see that big old mountain. How did they build that waste stuff up that high? But they did.

Then they had the bird kill and a fish kill. I'm trying to get a lot of more healthcare to come into this area because my daughter has asthma, but my grandchildren—I've got quite a few—they have what they call eczema.

N: Has your daughter even been involved with farming at all?

L: Yes, she has.

When you go down in the field you do some real hard work. Just think about

the sun blazing on you all day. You had to pick up at least twenty-eight pound to thirty pound basket and set it over here. And you got to cut another one and put it on there. Then you got to put in on the truck too, because we had women crews. The only thing the men came to do was to drive the truck to the packing house.

N: About the Farmworkers Association, do you feel like they have made any improvements?

L: Not when I was in the field, but now they are improving. A lot of wash stations in the field. And all the pesticides training and stuff is going on now, which we didn't have. It was mostly African Americans, and that made a lot of them mad and they wouldn't come to the meeting because, only a lot of stuff for the Mexicans and the Guatemalans and all. We didn't have none of that. Nothing was being done. They got tired of it. That's why a lot people cut away from the Farmworkers Association. I try to work with it, and try to bring awareness because the chemicals they using all around us.

N: The quilt project, is that where you got your inspiration, a memorial for that?

L: The memorial's after my sister Margie died. Margie was not sick. She kept saying the doctor said, I'm fat. That's all. That Thursday, she said, let me borrow your car. I told her, I'm going to let Amanda take you, which is my daughter. They came home by 12:30. Call her at 4:00. She didn't answer. I called Net, my daughter, and said go around there, and see if Margie is home. She said mama, she ain't home. I said, Net, break that door in. When the men went in the window he had the phone in his hand. He said, Ms. Linda, she laying on the bed

smiling. I don't know what she is smiling at me for. I started crying. I said, she ain't smiling at you. She's smiling at the Lord. And sure enough when they opened the door, my sister was dead. So I decided to make sure—I promised the Lord—give me the strength to finish this quilt. it's to bring awareness of the chemicals that we have worked so hard in.

And we are forgotten. You go get the food out of the store and eat and, well who picked this corn for me? Who picked this tomato? What they were going through when they were picking this? Because a lot people who have worked in the fields who were actually sick. Had headaches. A lot of pregnant women. A lot of people who were wracked in pain in the field, but yet still they worked to try to make a living.

N: So do you make a quilt for every person that passes?

L: I try to get as many people that I knew in Apopka that lost a loved one, that worked on the farm. But I missed a lot of people because a lot of them had already died. Jip worked at the farm. My uncle worked on the farm. And all his children, Coles, Pop, Erlien and Fredric. One day [Jip's] brother fell dead at the back door. One of the sons died on the front porch. Coles died on the front porch as well. Erlien, she happened to die in the hospital. Jip died in the house. In her bed. Pop was almost dead before we took him to the hospital. The whole family. Worked it on the farm, not only here, but they went to Ohio, to New York, and on down south. They constantly worked on the farm. Every last one of them. My whole family on that side died out.

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Iguana Directory

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

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Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc. Protecting North Central Florida's natural, scenic, historic & recreational resources for over 25 years. ACT is the 2013 national Land Trust Excellence award recipient. 352-373-1078. AlachuaConservationTrust.org

Alachua County Green Party Part of a worldwide movement built out of four interrelated social pillars that support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements.

alachuagreens.weebly.com, alachuagreens@gmail.com, 352-871-1995

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, 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

Amnesty International UF campus chapter of worldwide human rights movement; www.facebook.com/ufamnesty or UFAmnesty@gmail.com.

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

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Central Florida Democratic Socialists of America

A local chapter of Democratic Socialists of America focusing on local social and political activism issues to better our community. General meetings are on the 4th Monday of every month at the Downtown Library in Gainesville in Meeting Room A. centralfldsa@gmail.com, www.fb.com/centralfldsa

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

Civic Media Center Alternative reading room and library of the non-corporate press, and a resource and space for organizing. 352-373-0010, www.civictimediacenter.org, 433 S Main St.,Gainesville, 32601

The Coalition for Racial Justice gnv4all@gmail.com

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

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

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

Democratic Party of Alachua County Meetings held the second Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Gainesville Police Headquarters on NW 6th St. & 8th Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, alachuadems.org

Dream Defenders The Gainesville chapter seeks to create positive change by organizing 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 building the world we wish to see. 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. 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 anyone who prefers to care for their own deceased loved ones prior to burial or cremation. www.finalfriends.org, 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

Florida School of Traditional Midwifery A clearinghouse for information, activities and educational programs. 352-338-0766 www.midwiferyschool.org

Florida Defenders of the Environment works to protect freshwater resources, conserve public lands, and provide quality environmental education since 1969, 352-475-1119, Fladefenders.org

Gainesville Area AIDS Project provides toiletries, household cleaners, hot meals, frozen food at no cost to people living with HIV/AIDS. www.gaaponline.org, info@gaaponline.org, 352-373-4227, Open Tuesdays 10-1 and last Friday of month 5-7.

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to Death Penalty works to abolish the death penalty. Join vigils when Florida has an execution. Meets first Tuesday every month at St. Augustine Church & Catholic Student Center , 1738 W. University Ave, 352-378-1690, www.fadp.org.

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

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

Gainesville Loves Mountains partners with Appalachian allies to end mountaintop removal coal mining and build a prosperous economy/sustainable future. We pursue policies to strengthen our local economy through energy efficiency, clean energy. gainesvillelovesmountains@gmail.com, 352-610-1090, http://gainesvillelovesmountains.wordpress.com/

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

Gainesville Peer Respite A non-profit, non-clinical mental health community providing sanctuary and support to those experiencing emotional distress. Peer Support Warmline is available 6pm-6am, and we offer wellness activities, support groups and brief overnight re-

spite stays. Call the Warmline at 352-559-4559 for support or online at 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

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

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

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

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

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

Humanist Society of Gainesville meets 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 or facebook.com/humanistsocietyofgainesville; 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, alternative: j.bontems@ufl.edu, phone- 561-374-3537

Indivisible Gainesville is one of 5800 local chapters of the national Indivisible movement, working to peacefully and systematically resist the Trump agenda. We are a group of local volunteers fighting against agendas of division, inequality, financial influence in government, and policies that neglect to benefit all American citizens equally. indivisiblegnv.org.

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

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>

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. Contact Alachua County Green Party for info.

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

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

National Lawyers Guild Lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers using the law to advance social justice, support progressive social movements. nlggainesville@gmail.com or 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, P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 347-560-4695, 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 or 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 the world. www.occupygainesville.org and https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville

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

PFLAG (Parents and Families of Lesbians and Gays) meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

Say Yes to Second Chances Florida is a coalition of nonpartisan civic and faith organizations who are working for Florida’s Voting Restoration Amendment to allow people who’ve paid their debt to society to earn back their right to vote. https://www.floridiansforafairdemocracy.com/

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

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

Stand By Our Plan informs the public on critical differences between the Comprehensive Plan and Plum Creek’s proposal, which we do not support. Alachua County’s Comprehensive Plan is the best blueprint for future growth in the county’s unincorporated areas; it protects valuable wetlands,. standbyourplan@gmail.com; http://standbyourplan.org/

Student/Farmworker Alliance A network of youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery

in the fields. On Facebook, search “Gainesville Student/Farmworker Alliance”

Sunday Assembly, a secular congregation which celebrates life, meets the third Sunday of each month at 11 am at 530 W. University Ave. (Santa Fe College campus building in downtown Gainesville). There is a talk, music, sing-alongs, discussion, refreshments and fellowship. See http://SAGainesville.weebly.com/

UF College Democrats (UFCD) meets Tuesdays at 6:30 in Little Hall 121. 407-580-4543, 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

UF Radical Student Alliance A progressive grass-roots 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.

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, 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/.

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 CMC. wgot947@gmail.com, www.wgot.org

Women’s March Gainesville meets on the second Monday of each month: for location and agenda information, please see are on the second Monday of each month, see www.hearourvoicegnv.org; m.facebook.com/wmflgnv/;www.facebook.com/groups/wmflgnv/; Instagram.com/womensmarch-gnv/; Twitter.com/WMFL_Gnv/ and/or email wmw@hearourvoicegnv.org. Together we can do anything... Join Us! We Need You. Let’s build this peaceful movement together!

World Socialist Party of the United States (WSP-US) welcomes anyone wanting to know more about Marxian socialism and our 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. Upon request the Party will provide membership applications.http://wspus.org 🐊

Editors' picks: news that didn't fit

✂ **I Was Trained for the Culture Wars in Home School, Awaiting Someone Like Mike Pence as a Messiah** by Kiernyn Darkwater

What it was like raised in an evangelical conservative environment, aiming to make laws legislating morality and planning for a Christofascist takeover of the US government by outbreeding, outvoting, and outactivating the other side.

<https://www.autostraddle.com/i-was-trained-for-the-culture-wars-in-home-school-awaiting-someone-like-mike-pence-as-a-messiah-367057/amp/>

✂ **Forget fake news - alt-right memes could do more damage to democracy** by Sophia A. McClennen

Right-wing social media dominance, like road-rage-radio rants before it, creates a powerful Republican propaganda machine that journalists, liberals, and progressives barely notice.

www.salon.com/2017/07/08/forget-fake-news-alt-right-memes-could-do-more-damage-to-democracy/

✂ **Spotlighting Cruelty of Trump's Muslim Ban, World Embraces #BannedGrandmas** by Jake Johnson

A viral Instagram account shows who Trump's travel ban is really keeping out, by showing photos of Mamanis (Grandmothers) who are barred from coming to the U.S. for medical treatment or to reunite with their American families to see their new-born grandchildren or their older grandchildren graduate from college.

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2017/07/07/spotlighting-cruelty-trumps-muslim-ban-world-embraces-bannedgrandmas> ✂

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N: The quilt was to honor their memories?

L: Yeah. I put all of them on the quilt. I put my sister on there. They just said her heart stopped. But I'm going, at 62 years old? Just here a week ago—we lost two more people who work on the muck.

We are trying to bring awareness to the world that chemicals do affect people. It might not affect them right then but in a long run it will, all of us. At one point I used to make jewelry, but I stopped because my arthritis slowed me up. I do the quilt thing now, my sewing isn't as good as it used to be. I just pray to the Lord that I can do whatever.

We let the quilt go out to different places to show people the injustice that we having in our area. This is the blue quilt. This is the red.

Search for "Linda Lee" at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu> for the audio podcast of this interview (transcript not online at this writing).

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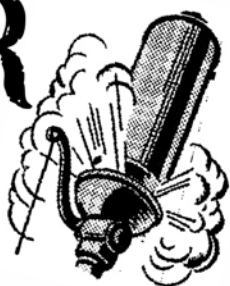
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