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Anti-Fascism FAQ

by Gainesville Anti-Fascist Committee

What do you mean by “anti-fascism”?

Political opposition to the violent, nationalistic ideology known as fascism. Fascism, which first appeared in Italy during WWI, emerges during times of economic and political crisis within capitalist economies. Fascist ideology and practice concentrates the worst aspects of society: sexism, racism, obedience to authority, worship of leader figures, violent scapegoating of “others” labelled “outside” of

the dominant culture or national identity (immigrants, ethnic minorities, queer and trans folks, people with disabilities).

War-making – whether carried out mostly internally, as in Chile under Pinochet and Spain under Franco, or mostly externally, as in Mussolini’s Italy and Hitler’s Germany – is the ultimate goal of fascist states. As the Nazis demonstrated, the logical end of fascist war-making is genocide.

Historically, grassroots movements have been mobilized by anti-fascist groups to

counter the violence inherent in fascist recruitment. Anti-fascist organizing isn’t contingent on the kind of massive fascist movement-building we see in the U.S. right now. In fact, organizing ‘after’ fascism has rapidly gained

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Civic Media Center to hold 24th anniversary dinner, speakers

Matheson Museum, Friday, Oct. 20

The Civic Media Center will mark the start of its 24th year with an anniversary dinner at the Matheson Museum on Friday evening, Oct. 20. It is a happy return to the Matheson where the CMC has held a number of successful “SpringBoard” fundraisers in years past.

The dinner features varied food from area restaurants, and great raffle and silent auction items. As an incentive to expand CMC’s collection, donations of current (within the last 5 years) and relevant books will be given a free raffle ticket per book.

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UF denies most vulnerable workers pay during hurricane

ACLC: UF made poor decision to pay some employees and not others

By an anonymous OPS employee at UF

Following the turmoil of Hurricane Irma, I returned to my position as an OPS (temporary or “other personnel services”) employee at the University of Florida to discover that I would not be compensated for the three days of work missed due to the school’s closure.

According to UF’s Human Resources website, OPS employees would not be granted administrative leave due to a natural disaster, while employees classified as TEAMS (technical, executive, administrative and managerial support) or USPS (university support personnel system) would be granted the benefit.

I submitted my timesheet as instructed, omitting the days when the office was closed, and realized that my paycheck would be nearly \$250 short due to this lack of compensation. Since my paychecks are hardly enough to cover my finances on a regular basis, being denied several days of pay will have significant repercussions for me in the coming weeks. I will have difficulty paying regularly scheduled bills and will struggle to meet basic needs. For example, I will have to monitor my grocery bill extremely closely and pay only the minimum payment due on my credit cards.

I’ve been advised to apply for public assistance such as disaster unemployment assistance (DUA) and FEMA. While services like these are essential, they do not offer a long-term solution. I was also informed of the Aid-a-Gator program that offers assistance to UF employees impacted by Hurricane Irma. I plan to apply for help from both of these

resources. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the University of Florida to provide all employees with administrative leave, especially in the face of a natural disaster.

According to its website, UF HR’s strategic commitment plan includes “a fair and competitive compensation strategy” that seeks to “modernize UF’s leave program to be more responsive to faculty and staff needs.” Providing compensation for time missed due to a natural disaster should certainly be a priority, regardless of job classification.

(<http://hr.ufl.edu/strategic-commitment/>)

Denying wages to vulnerable workers in the face of adversity reflects poorly on the University of Florida, a recently named top-ten public university. Basic benefits like paid leave are paramount; without them, many employees feel disparaged.

A member of the Alachua County Labor Coalition wrote to Jodi Gentry, Vice President for Human Resources, and shared these grievances on my behalf. Since workers classified as OPS are considered “at will,” maintaining anonymity is essential to avoid retaliation. The suggestion to HR was simple: pay all affected employees for hurricane days.

As expected, Ms. Gentry recommended applying for assistance through the Aid-a-Gator program. In response, the ACLC asserted that UF has made a poor decision in paying some employees while encouraging others to simply apply for charity, particularly since UF’s OPS workers tend to be some of UF’s most economically vulnerable employees. She ensured the ACLC

that employees who contacted her would not face retaliation, yet she did not guarantee that employees who contacted her would receive the compensation. Thus, she did not offer a viable solution. Additionally, her insistence on speaking directly with vulnerable workers reeks of union suppression; a lone worker will take compromises that a group could refuse. Plus, I would not feel comfortable accepting a benefit that all workers couldn’t get.

In another comment, Ms. Gentry inadvertently pointed out the prevalence of denying administrative leave to university employees statewide. She stated that OPS hourly employees are paid only for hours worked and that this practice is “consistent and long-standing throughout the State University System (at UF and the other universities such as FSU, UCF, FAU, UNF, UWF, and FIU). As a result, none of these universities provided administrative leave to OPS hourly employees during the hurricane closings.” In an attempt to absolve UF of responsibility, Ms. Gentry highlighted the unfair treatment of all hourly workers under the State University System.

The university certainly budgeted the salaries and wages for all UF employees. You have to wonder: will the money be discreetly absorbed back into the university? Where will it go? Allocating those funds to employees would be feasible, reasonable, and appropriate.

Despite the tepid remarks from the Human Resources Department at UF, the Labor Coalition intends to press this case in the public sphere and urges UF to pay the affected employees for hurricane days. ☘

From the publisher ...

Making sense, finding purpose

Freaking out a little bit? Yeah, me too.

World events, local events, it seems to be a blur of crises, of things that seem to be so important and dominate our news, only to be displaced by another. From jaw-droppingly bizarre to downright frightening, it is like a psychological whack-a-mole, only instead of being able to whack the little heads, they are everything from snarling beasts to yapping dogs, seizing our attention then popping out of sight, magically obscured by the next creature, the next crisis of the day.

So much of what gets our attention and disturbs our tranquility actually is quite remote from us, and is straight from the bins of the fear-monger shop. That some guy, a guy with lots of money and thus far, no revealed ideology, would decide the best thing for him to do is purchase an arsenal of weaponry and open fire on a concert crowd, shows (again) that we have sickos among us, but that does not directly affect us. Disturbing and horrible, yes, but unless you knew someone there, no impact other than empathy. It is like all the suffering and killing done in wars, and conflicts around the world. We are still here in our town, we can go about our business.

Direct contrast to that was the hurricane. That was and is profound and very real. Seeing it tracking toward us, seeing the shifting probabilities, and then finally having it slowly and relentlessly roll over us, seriously and rightly getting our attention. Trees down, power out, roads closed, flooding, debris everywhere – that was a shared experience. Even the gasoline shortage was a lesson in how fragile our infrastructure is, and that actually was only a category one (or less) storm when it got to us here in Alachua County.

And then there is the harvest of horrors in Washington as a result of, frankly, a political system that has been hijacked due to vast corporate power dumbing down and distracting the electorate, feeding us meaningless nonsense, gerrymandering our voting districts, maintaining a bloated military/industrial complex eating over half or gross national product, and worse still, the valuing of ideology and “winning” (meaning you make the other guy lose), over practical solutions like universal single payer healthcare that are in use all over the world.

Just like tracking a hurricane, we see it coming and feel powerless to stop it. Undoing transgender protections and hard fought rights for the LGBT community. Threats of nuclear war. increasing efforts to outlaw abortion. The deportations of immigrants expanding, the reversing DACA and splitting up of families, environmental standards being shredded or done away with. And now, alarmingly and manifesting right here in our town, a platform provided to an out and out racist and neo-nazi, and we are told to just ignore it?

What is coming at us is not a hurricane. It is a well organized attack on our lives by a small group of extremely rich and well connected elites. We let them into power through our lack of vigilance and their mastery of controlling our perceptions. They continue only as long as we let them. How we turn it around will hinge hugely on the 2018 and 2020 elections, yes, but also on organizing as the opportunities present themselves. Like what we saw with the massive charter school that wanted to muscle into our town – they saw a lot of opposition growing, and chose to go elsewhere. Organizing is work, but organizing works!

It’s all about paying attention, choosing reliable information sources, organizing or supporting organizations, and defeating hopelessness by finding a sense of purpose. Martyrdom not required, but in a democracy, participation is. ☘



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Gainesville Pride Days events for October 13-22



Friday, Oct. 13, 6pm Community Awards Dinner

The Annual Spirit of Pride Community Awards Dinner will officially kick off the Pride Days festivities at 6pm at the Sweetwater Branch Inn, 625 E University Ave. The featured speaker will be Diana Moreno, Assistant Director of UF Multicultural and Diversity Affairs and the Emcee will be Pegeen Hanrahan. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased at the Pride Community Center. Don't miss out on the opportunity to find out who will receive the 2017 Spirit of Pride Awards and participate in the return of our fabulous silent auction featuring an all-inclusive trip to Cuba for two.

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Sunday, Oct. 15, 11am Trinity MCC Pride Service

Start your Pride Week off in a spiritual space where you are celebrated and embraced at Trinity MCC, located at 11604 SW Archer Road, Gainesville. For more information e-mail :info@mccgainesville.org

Sunday, Oct. 15, 3-7pm Florida Queer History: A Pride Extravaganza

Join UF's Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at First Magnitude Brewing Company to celebrate the stories and works of the LGBTQ+ community. There will be:

- 1) a photo exhibition highlighting some of the narratives collected while conducting research at the Equality March for Unity and Pride in Washington, D.C. in collaboration with UF's Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research,
- 2) a local resource fair showcasing local organizations working with the LGBTQ+ community, and
- 3) performances by bands featuring LGBTQ+ artists.

This event is free and open to the public, and wristbands will be available for purchase with proceeds going toward the continued efforts of the Florida Queer History project. First Magnitude Brewing Company is at 1220 SE Veitch St, Gainesville.

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7-8:30 pm "Conversion Therapy": Why this discredited practice endures and what we can do about it

The Human Rights Council of North Central Florida invites you to hear from a "conversion therapy" survivor, psychologists, mental health therapists, and faith leaders to learn more about this damaging practice that seeks to "convert" or "repair" LGBTQ youth. This event will take place at the Pride Center, 3131 NW 13th St., Gainesville.

Saturday, Oct. 21, noon Join or watch the Pride Parade

Gainesville Pride Day kicks off with the Annual Pride Parade which begins at 7th

Street and West University Avenue, and proceeds east on University Avenue to South 1st Street. Note that the assembly area for the parade is different this year – please check <http://gainesvillepride.org/2017-parade/> for details.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 1-9pm Celebrate PRIDE at the Festival

Don't miss the annual Pride Festival in downtown Gainesville's Bo Diddley Plaza and on the surrounding streets. The Festival,, co-sponsored by the City of Gainesville's Department of Cultural Affairs, will have dozens of local musical acts and over one hundred vendors. A "Kids Space" will also be available. The event is free and open to the public.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 9:15 & 11:15pm Gay Pride Sunday Services

The United Church of Gainesville at 1624 NW 5th Ave. dedicates this special Sunday each year to celebrate our diverse community. Those gathered will worship at Pride-themed services at 9:15 and 11:15 am., led by Associate Minister Talia Raymond. Following the 11:15 service will be a potluck brunch in the Fellowship Hall that all are welcome to attend. A special Pride seminar, "Legal Implications Related to the Gender Spectrum," will take place at at 10:15, led by Adriane Isenberg, P.A.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 10:30am Annual Pride Brunch

Come celebrate at Emiliano's Café to bring the 2017 Pride Celebration to a savory and delicious conclusion. The event is co-hosted by Gainesville Community Alliance and PCCNCF. The cost is \$23.50 per person, which includes tax and gratuity..Tickets are limited and must be purchased by Oct 16. Tickets are available from GCA and PCCNCF.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 4pm PRIDE Rocks!

Join singers Q the Sound, Nolan Hines, Blake Matchett, and Tony Canty in a concert celebrating pride. Performing favorite hits of today and yesterday including Broadway, classical, pop, R&B and soul. There is a suggested donation of \$20, or pay what you can. The event is at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville at 4225 NW 34th St. 🐾

Top 10 companies to boycott that sell Trump family products

The goal of the #GrabYourWallet boycott is to motivate companies to stop doing business with members of the Trump family so we can return as customers as quickly as possible.

The top 10 companies #GrabYourWallet suggests that consumers boycott are: Macy's, Bed Bath & Beyond, LL Bean, Bloomingdale's, Zappos, Amazon and Whole Foods, Hudson's Bay, TJ Maxx, Lord & Taylor, and Dillard's.

Contact information for these companies is available at <https://grabyourwallet.org>, along with a listing of specific Trump-related items the stores carry.

In addition to not shopping at these companies, you can:

1. **Send an email to customer service.** Email is better than a phone call because emails can easily be forwarded to management.
2. **Send an email to the company's PR team.** Remember, the "p" in PR stands for public and you're the public, so make yourself heard.
3. **Fill out the company's third party feedback form.** Retail experts advise that the customer feedback that retailers receive from third party data collectors is influential over their decisions.
4. **Call the companies on the list.** Start with the companies with which you have a connection as a customer and move on from there. Don't worry that you're being confrontational by calling them, as long as you keep your tone respectful.

5. **Use social media to address the companies on the list:** Twitter, Facebook and Instagram are the most popular ways to reach out.

6. **Share the #GrabYourWallet list with your family and friends.**

Sample of what to say:

"Hi. I'm a customer of (Store Name). Unfortunately, I can no longer do business with your company because it does business with the Trump family. If your company were to no longer do business with the Trump family, I would enthusiastically return as a customer. Please communicate my feedback to management." 🐾

Editors' picks: News that didn't fit



🐾 **The Daily Don on Facebook**
<https://www.facebook.com/TheDailyDon/>
"The Daily Don" is an ongoing art project in which each day of the Trump administration is being documented from the Inauguration to the next election. Prints are available upon request.

🐾 **Ibram Kendi, One of the Nation's Leading Scholars of Racism, Says Education and Love Are Not the Answer** by Lonnae O'Neal

<https://theundefeated.com/features/ibram-kendi-leading-scholar-of-racism-says-education-and-love-are-not-the-answer/>

Founder of new anti-racism center at American University sees impact of policy, culture on black athletes.

🐾 **NFL Owners and Executives Who Protested Donald Trump Are the Biggest Hypocrites Yet** by Shaun King
<https://theintercept.com/2017/09/25/colin-kaepernick-nfl-national-anthem-protest-donald-trump/>

Trump paid more (negative) attention to NFL players kneeling during the national anthem than he did to the 3.5 million Americans in Puerto Rico suffering from hurricane damage. Trump, says King, learned his disdain for protesting players from team executives.

🐾 **Vulture Capitalists Circle Above Puerto Rico Prey** by Bill Moyers
<http://billmoyers.com/story/vulture-capitalists-circle-puerto-rico-prey/>

As people in Puerto Rico are dying and President Trump lashes out at San Juan's mayor, Moyers talks with social anthropologist Yarimar Bonilla about the challenges Puerto Ricans face in the wake of the storm.

🐾 **Tomgram: Noam Chomsky and David Barsamian, A World in Peril** by Tom Engelhardt
http://www.tomdispatch.com/post/176333/tomgram%3A_noam_chomsky_and_david_barsamian%2C_a_world_in_peril/

Chomsky's new book "Global Discontents: Conversations on the Rising Threats to Democracy" offers a selection of his interviews.

🐾 **NRA-Backed Gun Laws & the state Legislature**
<http://www.npr.org/podcasts/381444908/fresh-air>

October 5, 2017 -- The Power of the NRA (and how Florida is primary in their strategy)

🐾 **Richard Spencer speech costing the University of Florida \$500K** by Christal Hayes
<https://www.rawstory.com/2017/10/richard-spencer-speech-costing-the-university-of-florida-500k/>

White nationalist Richard Spencer rented an on-campus venue for a speech later this month and UF is not happy about it. 🐾

🐾 **"It Was an Insult": Rep. Nydia Velázquez on Trump's Visit to Puerto Rico, Attacks on San Juan Mayor**
https://www.democracynow.org/2017/10/5/it_was_an_insult_rep_nydia

Democracy Now! is available online in watchable, listen-only, and transcript forms <democracynow.org>, and well as on WGOT multiple times a day, Monday-Friday. This is a transcript of an interview with Puerto Rican born NY congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, broadcast on Oct. 5. About Trump's behavior she says, "I don't know if it's racism or ignorance." 🐾

No to phosphate mining in our fragile aquifer

by Carol Mosley

Four families with vast tracts of land are intent on mining phosphate on more than 10,000 acres in Bradford and Union counties. This could be the most important decision these two small counties will make in a generation and may have consequences many generations forward.

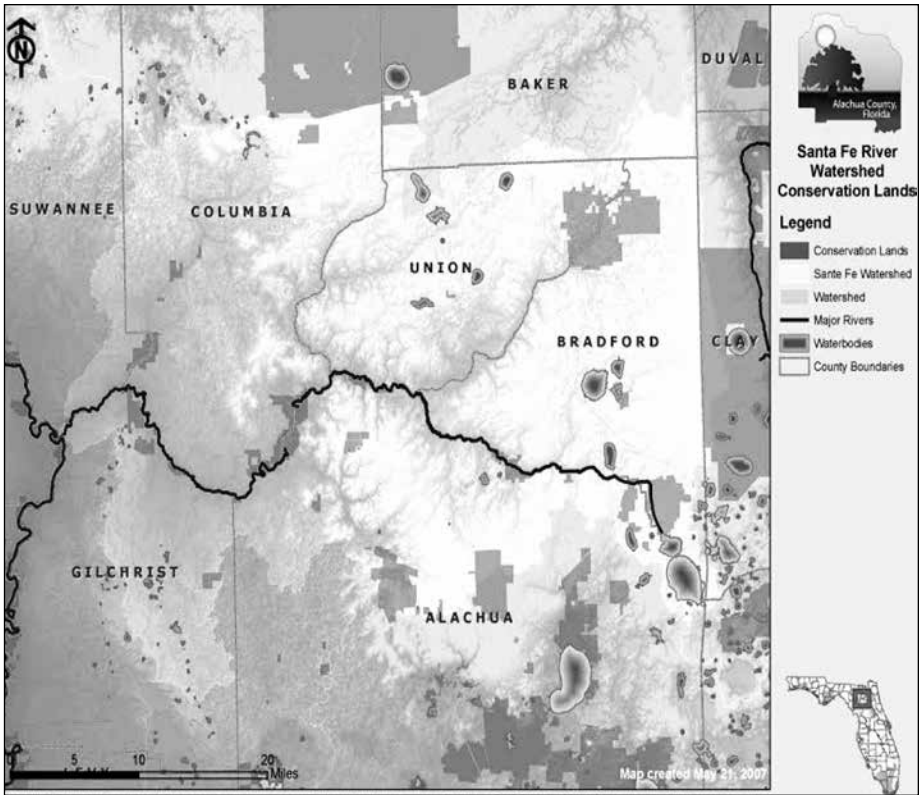
The proposed acreage straddles the New River, which runs between the two counties and feeds into the Santa Fe river, bringing the interests of Alachua county directly into the fold. Thousands of acres in the proposed area consist of wetlands, the filters that assure the water quality and tamper the flow of our rivers and streams, and recharge our fragile aquifer.

For nearly two years now, an ad hoc group of local Citizens Against Phosphate Mining has been collaborating with Our Santa Fe River and the Suwannee St. Johns chapter of the Sierra Club to bring public awareness of the concerns, rally folks to commission meetings, and conduct research to uncover the “true costs” to our lives and our natural environment. Nearly every city and township in the surrounding areas, from Waldo to Lawtey, has signed a letter or Resolution of Concern or Opposition.

Unfortunately, mining is generally classified as an activity of agriculture. As the two counties work to update their Land Development Regulations (LDR), HPSII has done everything they can to block any actions the local governments take to design a future for the benefit of all their citizens.

Though they promised to work with the Bradford CC and NOT rush to submit a permit application, HPS did exactly that once the public requested a moratorium. That action shut down citizen dialogue with our BCC, putting them under a quasi judicial gag order. HPS lawyers threatened to sue Union County after they enacted their moratorium and have attempted other legal action to prevent Union from adopting their updated LDR.

In fact, these attempts at twisting county arms are for “pre-approval” of what they will ultimately submit, since they have not yet even obtained the required permits from the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) or the other agencies. And, the counties have



not been provided with Economic or Environmental Impact Statements.

We know that letters in opposition have been submitted by experts in ecology and biology. They express concerns about depletion and contamination of water wells; release of cancer causing radioactive radon; damage to the New River and Santa Fe River; and loss of habitat for endangered species as well as for hunting and fishing.

And, concerned residents have submitted letters and voiced opposition, stating the reasons above as well as noise, light, and dust from the proposed 20 hour per day operation and the possibility of sinkholes in our karst geology as more water is pumped from the aquifer. These citizen concerns have merit, since fines were imposed on the families for drilling multiple wells without a permit and an order was given to cease and desist wetlands destruction.

And, there is very much more that we need to know. We need to know if a mining permit, under the current LDR, would “grandfather” other unforeseen activities. If the experimental process does not work at an industrial scale, can HPS automatically substitute a different process? If the company goes bankrupt, as is often the case with phosphate mining, can the property and permits be transferred to another entity (say, Mosaic)? Can other minerals be mined, such as radioactive uranium or rare earth elements?

There are many unanswered questions.

The vested interest of the citizens is their personal quality of life and the health of future generations. These families may be shareholders, but we citizens are ALL stakeholders. What's at stake for us is depletion and contamination of our rivers, streams and precious aquifer. It is the local citizenry who will have to live with the consequences of whatever decision is ultimately made and it will be up to the citizens to intervene and say, «No phosphate mining in north central Florida.» So here's what you can do:

- * Attend county commission meetings when items are on the agenda
- * Write letters/emails to the editor of your paper, to commissioners, and to the DEP at miningandmitigation@dep.state.fl.us
- * Share your expertise in geology, hydrology, biology, chemistry ...
- * Make a donation to our partner organizations to help us hire experts to give technical testimony, cover printing and mailing costs, and distribute signs and banners:

<http://ssjsierra.org/bradford-union-county-phosphate-mine-2017/>
<https://oursantaferiver.org/>

<http://www.bridgesacrossborders.org>

For more information call Carol at (352) 485-2524. 🐾

Rewild Soul: For those who know there’s more: Get out of your office chair, connect with yourself in the woods

By Brielle Elise,
Transformative Coach of Rewild Soul.

As some of us spend our 9-to-5’s sitting and typing our souls (and butts) away, there is, for some, a little voice inside that quietly whispers, “There’s more to this life, isn’t there?” While there are some who feel truly satisfied with how they’re spending their days, there are a few souls out there who, consciously or not, feel a sense of painful complacency accentuated by at least a tiny spark of curiosity or longing for what more there could be.

We feel this as we endlessly dance our thumbs down our phone screens, scrolling through facebook and Instagram feeds, searching for ... What exactly? Maybe inspiration, hope, joy, something to laugh at. But what are we *really* searching for? Honestly, probably distraction from the pain of the mundane life.

But perhaps what we’re truly looking for is fulfillment, meaningful connection to others, and maybe even more so, real connection to ourselves.

We, Amber and Brielle (two business-savvy, backpack-wearing, trail-walking women on a mission), believe that there’s nothing wrong with this feeling. Actually, we believe it’s a very good sign – a sign of life on seemingly barren land.

But what do we do when we realize that we’re unfulfilled in our lives, yet we feel unclear about what we *do* want? Or on the opposite end of the spectrum, what do we do when we know what we want, but we feel stuck with how to get there? It’s our deep understanding of these questions and the spark of life behind them that inspired us to create Rewild Soul.

Rewild Soul is our Gainesville-born not-for-profit organization that we formed to fan that spark of desire for life. Our mission is to change lives by introducing professionals to self-discovery through empowering wilderness experience. We do this by bringing groups of strangers (new friends) into the wilderness for fun multi-day hiking and canoeing adventures and guiding them through meaningful self-connecting and group-connecting processes along the journey. This might look like a guided group conversation

around a campfire, or solo journal prompts near a waterfall; processes in settings that help our participants experience the authentic and fulfilling connection that we search for in facebook news feeds.

Along the way, we also teach people the basics of backcountry camping, like how to sleep, eat, and (yes, you guessed it) poop, in the woods with confidence and glory.

Rewild Soul is our response to that little voice inside that desperately asks, “There is more to life, isn’t there!?”

“Yes, there is,” we say! And we believe that we can only find that “more to life” when we care about ourselves enough to make the time in our lives to self-connect, and ask ourselves rich and meaningful questions.

Our Rewild Soul wilderness adventures, and the introspective processes that distinguish them, help our participants get clear about what truly matters to them and have fun while doing it because, yes, self-discovery is fun, especially in the woods.

We are proud to say that so far a variety of people, of different ages (as young as 22 and as young as 64), of different backgrounds, and with different life scenarios have come on our trips. Some join us to get out of their office chairs

and have fun in the woods, others come to get clarity and inspiration for their lives, and some come just to learn the basics of backcountry hiking without much interest in self-reflection.

Whatever the case, our post-trip surveys show that through the power of authenticity in wild spaces, our trip participants return home feeling connected to themselves, others, and nature; and inspired to bring the self-trust and inspiration that they accessed on the trip into their lives.

Our next trip, “Rewild Your Voice,” leaves Gainesville on Nov. 9 for Providence Canyon, Georgia. The focus of this 3.5-day hiking trip is to experience the sweet freedom of courageous self-expression. Processes will include group conversations, journal prompts, and singing and yelling our voices free in the canyons.

We’re accepting just 8 people on this trip, and registration lasts until October 26.

We believe that self-connection is available from right you’re we’re at in this moment - the office chair, the couch, or coffee shop. It all starts with a little spark of curiosity, and a choice to make ourselves important enough to inquire... what do I *really* want?

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CSUSA withdraws proposal for charter school

By Sue Legg
Education Advocacy Chair
Florida League of Women Voter

There’s a war going on, and the ammunition is fake news. Take for example, the charge that educators resist change. Recent history tells a different story. After WWII, everyone was expected to go to high school; most did not before. When I was in high school, the space race put pressure on schools to teach more mathematics. My grandchildren are now taking math courses in middle school that I took in high school. Schools are changing, but not all of it is good.

In Florida, most people believe that public schools do the best job of preparing students for the diverse and complicated world in which they will live. School reform policy, however, assumes that consumer based competition with charter and private schools will make schools even better. In fact, competition in the private consumer sector does make many choices e.g. there are 13 types of cheerios and 189 TV channels most of which none of us has eaten or watched.

Businesses find ways to cut corners and shift costs. Sometimes a pound of coffee has only 12 ounces. While some charters find innovative ways to help kids, most replicate what already exists; it is less expensive. District schools are asked to do more with less, and they have reached a tipping point.

At least fourteen districts, including Alachua, have joined together to sue the State over HB 7069, the education bill passed in last legislative session. The conflict, however, is about more than money. It’s also about local control, equity and quality.

Local control is about who decides how our local taxes are spent. Here’s the problem.

Florida’s constitution gives the authority to levy taxes for schools to the elected school boards. A majority in the legislature, however, wants to control all funding even though it only supplies half of what is needed. Local property taxes provide the rest. The legislature now requires districts to share their property tax revenue with privately owned charter

school buildings. It makes it impossible for districts to maintain their own facilities, and charters must cut corners as well. No sector, public, charter or private, can provide quality facilities.

A for-profit charter management company, CSUSA, submitted a draft proposal to build a mega charter school for 1145 children in Gainesville. The company would build and own the school, but our tax dollars pay for this school. This school would benefit no one.

A group of us formed a coalition to support public education. We launched September Public School Awareness Month and sponsored forums, lectures, and films to alert our community to what is at stake for each of us. The local PTA Council and the League of Women Voters formed a PACT. We called it Parents-AgainstCorporateTakeovers. A couple of savvy political strategists from Everblue helped us launch a campaign against CSUSA. Something happened. They did not submit a formal proposal. Perhaps they felt unwelcome. ☘

From CMC, p.1

At this event we will be honoring one of our community’s great Movement elders, Carol Thomas, who as a result of arrests and intimidation for integration organizing was branded “the most dangerous woman in Gainesville” in the 1960s. In addition, the Penrod Award will be presented to Candi Churchill for her labor organizing work for United Faculty of Florida.

The Matheson is located at 516 E. University Ave. with lots of parking adjoining the museum and across the street at the Kirby Smith building. Doors will open at 6:15, and dinner will begin at 6:30. The CMC is asking \$25-50 per person. Advance tickets (or donations) can be made through PayPal on the CMC website, or at the door.

As a reminder, the CMC currently can accept tax-deductible donations made out to NUBA (Neighborhood United for a Better Alachua) but earmarked for the CMC, until our own 501(c)3 status is approved. We intend to keep the program lively and moving, and we will be done at approximately 9:30. We know from the past our varied supporters always enjoy being in each other’s company.

Being recognized at the CMC anniversary event will be Carol Thomas, a woman who was at the forefront of early desegregation efforts in Gainesville. Carol moved to Gainesville in 1960, but she had already developed an activist, progressive attitude from participating in anti-McCarthy demonstrations at Wayne State University near Detroit as a youth in the 1950s. Later in the ’50s, she moved to Nashville and was involved in protests against the White Citizen Council’s marches against desegregation. When she got to Gainesville, the segregation here, the substandard housing, and the abuse of black people at the jail moved her to be a community activist. She joined the NAACP, Gainesville Women for Equal Rights, and was a member of the community Bi-racial Committee, and also worked at voter registration and education efforts.

She was harassed for having integrated organizing. Carol was basically run out of town in 1969, after being threatened with charges of criminal aiding and abetting, and with that, the threat they would take her children away from her.

She left her mark on many people here, and then, once resettled in Louisville, continued her work as a community organizer around housing issues, working with the Legal Aid Society and the National Tenants Organization. While there, she formed tenant unions, changing the housing codes and helping create statewide adopted reforms based around the rights and responsibilities of tenant and landlords.

In 2000, she came back to Alachua County, and remained active with many organizations and issues in the City of Alachua and in Gainesville. Among them, ten years ago, she was a co-founder of Neighbors United for a Better Alachua, a group which the CMC has come under the wing of to be our 501(c)3 sponsor while we work to reinstate our own 501(c)3 status. Carol’s address to us will be a wake-up call to understand our history and the changed context of the events of today.

As mentioned earlier, the John A. Penrod Award for Peace and Justice will be awarded at the dinner. The award was established to honor local activists in memory of John A. (Jack) Penrod. The award is coordinated jointly by the Alachua County Labor Coalition, Veterans for Peace, and the United Faculty of Florida.

Prior to his career as a Professor at the University of Florida, Jack volunteered and fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade against fascism in the late 1930s Spanish Civil War. Jack was active in all three sponsoring organization (as well as the CMC) and was a co-founder of the faculty union. It is one of their union members that is honored in the award this time, Candi Churchill.

Since first embracing activism and organizing in the mid 1990s as a UF student, she has been a solid worker both in feminist organizing with National Organization for Women and National Women’s Liberation, as well as Graduate Students United and now United Faculty of Florida. This is in addition to marriage to her partner Andrew Reynolds (they met through GAU) and raising their son Max.

That these fine organizations choose the Civic Media Center dinner for this award presentation is an honor in itself. It is the linkage of so many good organizations and their members that keep this great little blue dot of progressivism that we all share so vital. The CMC hopes you can make it, and if not, a donation to the CMC is encouraged to launch them into their 24th year. ☘

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We have some opportunities behind the scenes that may lead to a Wild Iris 2.0 and we hope to bring you good news in the next couple of months. If being part of the Wild Iris legacy is something you want to do, we're open to having conversations with potential buyers as well – just reach out to us.

We are holding the image of the phoenix tightly in our hearts right now and while we cannot continue to exist as we are, with your support in these last months, we may yet rise from the fire.

Struggling to keep our doors open has left us with a considerable amount of debt and we will be selling all inventory and fixtures to close out these accounts. If what we have stood for over the last 25 years has served you, we ask that you come by – tell us your stories, give us your hugs, and help buy out the inventory on our shelves. Please think ahead about holiday shopping – we'll still be available for special orders through December and our entire store will be deeply discounted to move out current inventory.

If you don't need books or aren't close by but would like to help us close the doors to this chapter in good financial health, we'd be honored to take your donation.

If our behind the scenes plans have any hope of re-inventing the Iris, we must first submit to the fire so that like the phoenix we can rise from the ashes stronger and more beautiful. Again, we have loved being a part of your lives and we thank you for trusting us to do this valuable work as long as we have been able to.

We're still in this feminist fight and we'll meet you on the front lines.

With deepest gratitude and solidarity,

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The Year of the Gator

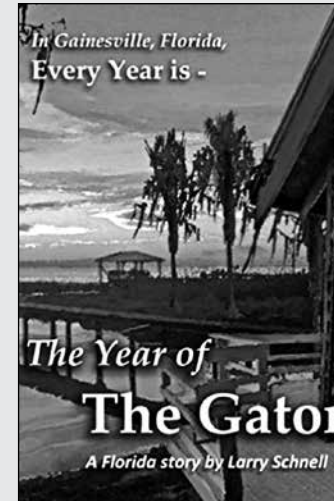
Hey all you old Gainesville hands. Who remembers Chambergate and the fight against the Cement Plant?

Well former Gainesville Sun and Florida Times Union reporter Larry Schnell does, and he put them and other juicy memories into an entertaining novel, *The Year of the Gator*.

The novel reads like Carl Hiassen, but set in Gainesville and with many characters who strikingly resemble actual people we all know who played roles in that period. UF plays an important part in the book, and it opens with a scene in the Alachua County Jail. It is a "satiric tale as the author unmask the forces in the game of economic development."

The book is new and available at Wild Iris Books, which is open Fridays from 1-5pm and Saturdays from 1-6pm. See their Facebook page for upcoming expanded hours.

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	2-3 pm Stripped		2-2:30 pm This Way Out
	3-4 pm Hippie Sessions		2:30-3 pm (wildcard)
	8-10 pm Jazzville		3-4 pm Health & Fitness
	10-11 pm Heartbeatrue Radio		4-5 pm Alternative Radio
	11-12 am Red Pony Music Hour		5-6 pm Rad Radio
Thu	12-1 am Sweet Retreat		6-7 pm Sweet Retreat
	1-3 am Cramela Mix Show		7-8 pm Last One In
	3-4 am Writer's Voice		8-9 pm Stripped
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15 "Walking Over Medicine" wild herb talk, Working Food Community Center (219 NW 10th Ave), 9:30 am, \$10 (sliding). **Sunday Assembly** w/ Gvl activist Dan Harmeling: SFC Downtown (530 W. Univ. Ave), 11 am, 3rd Sundays - see sagainesville.weebly.com.

Fla Queer History Extravaganza w/ fair, music, more: 1st Magnitude (1220 SE Veitch St), 3-7 pm.

Frogsong Organics potluck & farm tour, 2-5 pm; see pg 19.

GUTS & others at Atlantic.

22 Pride Brunch, Emiliano's Café, 10:30 am; see pg 4. **FOL Book Sale** continues, noon-6 pm.

Author Gene Cowell speaks at downtown library, 2:30 pm.

Pride ROCKS! music show, UUG (4225 NW 34th St), 4-7 pm.

The High Nooners - Michael Claytor & friends perform classic cowboy songs: Heartwood Soundstage, 2 pm (also 10/21)-see pg 10.

29 The Fest - last day. **"Black ART on Main Street"** exhibit at M.A.M.A.'s Club (435 N. Main St), 5-10 pm, \$3-5.

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1969: Internet begun w/ data link between UCLA & Stanford.

5 Malpaso Dance Company (Cuba), Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

16 "Leading Health Care Change" talk, UF Pugh Hall Ocora (296 Buckman Dr), 6 pm.

Grow Gvl 3rd Mon meeting, Working Food Comm. Ctr (219 NW 10th Ave), 6 pm.

Pride (British comedy-drama on lesbians & gays coming out to support major miners' strike in 1984), Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm.

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

Weekly Candle-holding Witness for the undocumented, BD Downtown Plaza, every Monday, 7:30-8 pm.

23 FOL Book Sale continues, noon-6 pm.

ACA/Obamacare sign-ups w/ navigator at CMC (433 S. Main St), 2-6 pm Mondays; see pg 16.

Democratic Socialists of America meet, downtown library, 6:45 pm.

Thirteenth (race/prison/law doc) presented by Humanist Society of Gvl, CMC, 7 pm.

1998: Dr. Barnett Slepian murdered by "pro-life" sniper.

30 Gainesville For All meets at Eastside High School (1201 SE 43rd St), 6:30 pm.

The Stanford Experiment at CMC, 7 pm - see pg 17.

Kinky Boots, Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm (also Tuesday).



1969: US Supreme Court orders school desegregation for real.

6 GCAT meets - see 10/16. **Documentary TBA**, CMC, 7 pm.

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

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

Anti-war signholding remains on hiatus through October.

1917: Thelonious Monk born.

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

"The Gulf: Making of an American Sea" talk, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm.

Budget & Debt Mgmt workshop, CMC, 6-8:30 pm.

Discussion of Experiences of War talk on Primo Levi's *The Reawakening*, downtown library, 6:30 pm.

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

Nobuntu, Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm.

Neil deGrasse Tyson speaks at Jacksonville's Florida Theater, 7:30 pm.

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

County Commission meets - see 10/10.

An Outrage documentary & panel led by Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn on lynching in US: Matheson Museum (513 E. Univ Ave), 6 pm (free, but eventbrite.com pre-registration required).

"Prediction of Pres. Trump" UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm.

1648: Treaty of Westphalia ends 30 Years' War.

1945: United Nations formed.

31 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.

HALLOWEEN

7 School Board - see 10/17. **Housing Policy Panel**, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm.

14 AJJ (Andrew Jackson Jihad), The Wooly, 8 pm.

1889: Jawaharlal Nehru born.

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

Dismantling Racism group, Em. Mennonite Mtg House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 2nd & 4th Weds, 7-8:30 pm.

Kal Penn at Phillips Ctr, 8 pm.

Defiance, CMC, 8 pm.

1884: Eleanor Roosevelt born.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY **18 Actual Civic Media Center** 24th anniversary: founded 10/18/1993.

Humanists meet, UUG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

"Conversion Therapy" panel featuring "conversion" survivor, counselors, pastors; Pride Center (3131 NW 13th St), 7 pm; pg 4.

Bite Marks & Curlys at Boca Backyard, 10 pm.

25 FOL Book Sale 10¢ day, noon-6 pm.

"Queer in the Capital" - Oral History report back from DC Pride march, UF Ustler Hall, 1-3 pm.

Dismantling Racism - see 10/11.

"Why Gridlock Rules Washington & How We Can Solve the Crisis" talk by former Fla Reps Patrick Murphy (D) & David Jolly (R), UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm.



1881: Pablo Ruiz Picasso born.

Nov 1 Vets for Peace meet, 7 pm; call 352-375-2563 for directions.

IGUANA Deadline for Nov-Dec issue is Nov 1; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

8 "Liberating Learning? Desegregating Alachua County Schools" exhibit opens at Matheson Museum, 11 am; see pg 15. **Dismantling Racism** - see 10/11

15 "Why I Love Kurt Vonnegut" - Paul Ortiz, Humanist mtg, UUG, 6:30 pm.

12 CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

Living Wage Campaign meets, 901 NW 8th Ave, 5:30 pm; pg 2.

Randy Wells campaign kickoff, Cypress & Grove, 5:30-7:30 pm.

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

Larry Stephenson Band, Actors Warehouse (619 NE 1st St), 6 pm; see pg 10.

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

19 No Nazis at UF protest, Phillips Ctr, 1 pm - see pg 1. "No Nazis at UF" on Facebook.

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

Fracking, phosphate mining, oil spills talk & films, 1st Magnitude, 5:30 pm; see pg 6.

The War of the Worlds, (play based on 1938 Orson Welles broadcast), Fine Arts Bldg, SF College (3000 NW 83rd St), 7:30 pm (also 20th & 21st).

David Beede, Janet Rucker, Mark Billman at Heartwood Soundstage (619 S. Main St), 7 pm.

26 Blues Open Mic, Satchel's (1800 NW 23rd Ave), 6-9 pm. **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas** in concert, Thomas Ctr, 7 pm.

Wax Wings & others at Boxcar, Depot Park, 8 pm.

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

2 Atlantic City Boys in Jewel Box Concert at Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 6 pm, \$20 (\$30 VIP).

Sierra Club meets, UUG, 7 pm.

Open Poets, CMC, 8 pm.

9 "Re-wild Your Voice" trip to Georgia: see pg 7.

CMC Volunteers & Poets. **Sierra Club** meets, UUG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm.

Grace Pettis (Pierce's daughter, from Austin), Heartwood Soundstage, 7:30 pm.

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13 "Out of the Whirlwind" - impact of Irma on Marion County panel, Golden Corral (2111 SW St Rd 200), 11:30 am.

Woofstock benefit for Alachua County Humane Society, Barn at Rembert Farms (13014 NW 174th Ave, Alachua), 6-10 pm.

Spirit of Pride Awards Dinner, Sweetwater Branch Inn, 6 pm.

"Freaky Friday Dinner", The Wooly (20 N. Main St), 6 pm.

Nancy Luca Band, Chiappini's (326 St. Rd. 26, Melrose), 7 pm.

Marbin, Electric Kif at Heartwood Soundstage, 8 pm; see pg 10.

Gramfest (Gram Parsons tribute) countertrifies Free Friday concert series at Bo Diddle Downtown Plaza, 8 pm; pg 15.

The Legend of Georgia McBride opens at Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 8 pm.

20 CMC 24th Anniversary celebration honoring Carol Thomas, Matheson Museum, 7 pm; see pg 1.

Rocky Horror Show opens at Acrosstown, 8 pm (runs through 11/5), \$20 (\$15 students/seniors/military/vets); pg 8.

UF World Music Ensembles wrap up Free Fridays concert series, BD Downtown Plaza, 8 pm; see pg 15.

"Tom Petty: Celebrating the Life of a Hometown Hero", Heartwood Soundstage (619 S. Main St), 2 pm - see pg 10.

Art & Music Jam, CMC, 8 pm-2 am.

27 The Fest - see pg 24. **Starry Night** - astronomy fest at Fla Museum of Natural History (3215 Hull Rd), 6-10 pm; free.

G'ville Downtown Artwalk 7-10 pm; see pg 14 and artwalkgainesville.com.

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

The Currys w/ Matthew Fowler, Heartwood Soundstage, 8 pm.

3 "Sip & Create" fundraiser, art class/wine & cheese party, M.A.M.A.'s Club, 7 pm, \$30.

Cross Currents India-jazz concert, Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm.

UF Writers' Festival, Ustler Hall, 8 pm.

Idylwild, Heartwood, 8 pm; see pg 10.

Art & Music Jam, CMC, 8 pm-2 am.

10 Downtown Blues Concert kicks off Gvl Art Festival, Bo Diddle Plaza, 7-10 pm.

Jesse Smith, Heartwood, 8 pm.

1969: Sesame Street debuts on PBS.



14 UF Football vs Texas A&M, 7 pm.

NAMI Walk, Depot Park (200 SE Depot Rd), 8:30 am.

"Finding Fountain of Youth" - Fla water history exhibit opens, Matheson Mus. (513 E. Univ Ave), 11 am; pg 15.

Anti-fascism sign making for anticipated neo-Nazi event on 10/19: CMC, 1-4 pm.

Siembra Farm tour (2023 SE 23rd Ave), 2-5 pm; see pg 19.

21 FOL Book Sale opens: endless bargains (pls bring boxes), 430 N. Main St, 9 am-6 pm.

Kanapaha Plant Sale, orchid show: KBG, 4700 SW 58th Dr, 9 am-5 pm, free admission (no pets).

Lubee Bat Festival, 1309 NW 192nd Ave, 10 am-5 pm; see pg 16.

Pride Parade noon-1 pm; **Pride Fest** (music, vendors, kids' stuff, more), BD downtown plaza, 1-9 pm; see pg 4.

Champions Way author Mike McIntire on politics of football, downtown library, 2:30 pm; see pg 14.

Charity Rock/Scissors/Paper tournament, 1st Magnitude, 6 pm.

Morris Dees speaks at Hilton (1714 SW 34th St), 6:30 pm; see pg 11.

The New 76ers, Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE Cty Rd 234), 7:30 pm

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28 The Fest continues. **Cicada Rhythm** at Heartwood Soundstage (619 S. Main St), 7 pm.



1886: Statue of Liberty dedicated. Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

4 "SesquiSENSATIONAL: 150 Years of Matheson History", Matheson Museum, 5:30 pm, \$250.

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

Triple Cross Band, Heartwood Soundstage, 8 pm.

FULL MOON

11 Downtown Art Festival opens (240 artists, 4 stages), Gvl City Hall & vicinity, 10 am-5 pm (also Sunday).

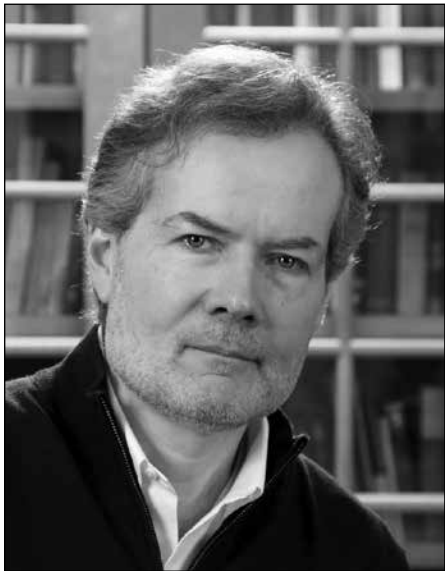
Nonviolent Communication workshop, United Church of Gvl (1624 NW 5th Ave), 2-5 pm, \$5-15.



ARMISTICE [VETERANS] DAY

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New York Times investigative reporter and author Mike McIntire to speak on FSU sports' scandals



Alachua County Library District welcomes New York Times investigative reporter and author Mike McIntire on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m. to Headquarters Library, 401 E. University Avenue. McIntire will talk about his

book, *Champions Way: Football, Florida and the Lost Soul of College Sports*.

In his book, McIntire painstakingly lays out a damning case that Florida State University (FSU) and its sports program permitted sexual assaults and academic fraud as the price for producing championship football teams.

McIntire effectively weaves together emails, police reports, court transcripts and interviews with whistle-blowers and victims to show a pattern in how Seminole stakeholders handled scandals.

He delves deep into events to show negligence by campus and local police, grade manipulation and deceit by FSU administrators, and shadowy mess cleaning by attorneys and boosters in order to keep star players on the field. While FSU is the primary example, problems at other programs are reported as well; as McIntire convincingly argues that these transgressions are not limited to FSU, but are widespread.

McIntire summarizes the history of col-

lege sports and the social and economic culture of football in American universities. The financial aspects may be a revelation to those not familiar, and further inform discussion of the future direction of college sports. Should college football players be paid? Are they really student athletes? As scandals continue to rock the NCAA, most recently in college basketball, these questions grow even more important to answer. McIntire examines the causes and offers hope to those who would reform college sports.

For additional information, visit the Library District's eBranch at www.aclib.us or call (352) 334-3900.

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Fall happenings at the Matheson History Museum



Carol Thomas holds a picket sign she used when demonstrating on Gainesville sidewalks. In addition to being recognized at the Matheson fundraiser on Nov. 4, she will be honored at the CMC anniversary event on Oct. 20 for her decades of efforts working for justice and civil rights in Gainesville. (See page 9.) Photo by Nick Wisby, WUFT News.

The Matheson History Museum is bringing two new exhibits to Gainesville: "Finding the Fountain of Youth" and "Liberating Learning?" Both will be located in the main museum building at 513 East University Avenue.

"Finding the Fountain of Youth: Discovering Florida's Magical Waters" opens Oct. 14 in the Mary Ann Cofrin Exhibit Hall.

This exhibit is based on Rick Kilby's award-winning book. The former traveling exhibit was created by the Florida Museum of Natural History and was donated to the Matheson by author Ricky Kilby. The exhibit examines how the legend of Ponce de Leon's quest for restorative waters shaped the Sunshine State's image as a land of fantasy, rejuvenation and magical spring-fed waters.

"Liberating Learning? The Story of Desegregation in Alachua County Schools" opens Nov. 8 in the Main Exhibit Hall.

This new and original exhibition will explore the history of desegregation in Alachua County.

The public is also invited to these upcoming events and programs:

- Grand Opening of the Matheson Library and Archives and the Mary Ann Cofrin Exhibit Hall on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11am-4pm. This is a free event.
- A rare treat – all four buildings in the museum complex will be open to the public, including the Tison Tool Barn and the 1867 Matheson House.
- An Outrage documentary viewing and panel discussion with UF African American Studies lecturer Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn and filmmakers Hannah Ayers and Lance Warren on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 6pm. This is a free event, although pre-registration via Eventbrite is required. This moving documentary on the history of lynching in the American South premiered at the National Museum of American History earlier this year.

• A fundraiser/gala, SesquiSENSATIONAL: 150 Years of Matheson History, will be on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 5:30pm-9:30pm. The cost is \$250 and tickets are available via the museum's website, www.mathesonmuseum.org. The 1867 Matheson House turns 150 years old this year, and this fundraiser gala will celebrate its storied past and honor five families whose ancestors were in Alachua County 150 years ago and have made a significant contribution to our community's history: the Chestnuts, Hailes, Harns, Thomases, and Tom Fay, posthumously. Proceeds from the evening will go towards the continued care of the 1867 Matheson House and its furnishings and artifacts.

For more information please visit the Matheson Museum website at www.mathesonmuseum.org or follow them on Facebook.



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Affordable Care Act open enrollment, Nov. 1-Dec. 15

by Ronnie Lovler

Editor's note: There is a grassroots effort to get more people signed up for Obamacare, stimulated by the cruel efforts of the Trump administration to undercut it. They have shortened the sign-up period by over 50 percent, from three months to six weeks. They have slashed the budget for publicizing the sign up period by 90 percent. They eliminated sign-up on Sundays from midnight to noon, and as they are threatening to cut subsidies for low income subscribers, insurance companies are raising rates to cover their bottom line.

Here's a link for more background: <<http://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/post/obamacare-rates-increase-45-percent-2018#stream/0>>

The Open Enrollment period for those interested in retaining or obtaining insurance through the federal government's Affordable Care Act will be only six weeks long for 2018 enrollments.

Consumers can sign up for health insur-

ance during the Open Enrollment period from Nov. 1 through Dec. 15. Coverage for 2018 will begin Jan. 1 and run through the calendar year.

Navigators from Suwannee River Area Health Education Center (SRAHEC) will be available at different locations throughout North Central Florida to assist consumers. SRAHEC is the only organization with certified navigators operating in north central Florida this year.

Consumers who already have coverage are urged to make appointments with a navigator to review their options with the 2018 plans that will become available Nov. 1 rather than simply doing an automatic rollover with their current plans.

Those new to the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace will be able to review plans to see if there is one that fits their needs and their budget.

Senior Bilingual Navigator Ronnie Lovler, who provides service in Gainesville, Putnam County and to those in the Spanish speaking community in the area, will

be available Mondays beginning Oct. 23 at the Civic Media Center (CMC) from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Consumers can make appointments with Lovler by calling 386-292-2947, emailing her at rlowler@srahec.org, or stopping by the CMC on Mondays.

The CMC is located at 433 S. Main Street in downtown Gainesville.

SRAHEC will also host two larger enrollment events at Santa Fe's downtown CIED Center at 530 W. University Ave. on Nov. 4 and Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Those living outside the Gainesville area can call 386-462-1551 x108 or e-mail navigator@srahec.org to find their local navigator. Please include your name, phone number and the county you live in on all voicemails and e-mails.

SRAHEC provides navigator assistance service in Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Lafayette, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Sumter, Suwannee, and Union counties. 🐾

Dismiss the myth, superstitions at Bat Fest 2017



Lubee Bat Conservancy is excited to welcome everyone to their 13th Annual Florida Bat Festival to be held Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10am to 5pm. Our Flying Giants are ready to dispel the myths and superstitions surrounding these gentle animals.

Admission is \$5 for children ages 5-12 (kids 4 and under free) and \$8 per adult. The beer garden at Bat Fest is \$25 on-line/\$28 at gate (includes festival entry).

The festival is an opportunity for guests to view the world's largest bats, tour the conservancy grounds and enjoy the great outdoors. This event features activities, games, educational exhibits, and a raffle prize drawing featuring a Walt Disney World Parks Package. The Kids Zone area features numerous Bounce Houses provided by SpaceWalk of Gainesville.

New offerings this year include a scavenger hunt to find all 13 bat superstition posters, interactive native bat displays and an opportunity to learn how to ID bats through their echolocation calls, Human Foosball, and an expanded Beer Garden featuring brews from First Magnitude Brewing Company, Swamp Head Brewery, Blackadder Brewing Company, Cypress and Grove Brewing, High Springs Brewing Company, Infinite AleWorks, and home brews from the Hogtown Brewers.

Sponsors for this year's festival include Blackadder Brewing Company, The Law Office of Alba & Yochim P.A., SunState Federal Credit Union, Parks of Gainesville, High Springs Orchard & Bakery, Gator Domino's, Florida Credit Union, West End Animal Hospital, Gator Paint & Decorat-

ing, Patricia Shipman DMD, Yelp, We-Fooz Human Foosball, WUFT, Beth Shrigley, and Mary Smith.

The festival will be held on the beautiful grounds of the conservancy, located at 1309 N.W. 192nd Avenue in Gainesville.

For more information check out our website at www.lubee.org. General Admission & Beer Garden Tickets are on sale at flbatfestival.ticketleap.com/13th-annual-florida-bat-festival/ 🐾

“One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.”
-Plato

A bit of Iguana history: looking back 30 years

You are reading the Iguana right now. For some it is a well established practice, for some it is a new or occasional experience.

Here's some background on the Iguana:

The Gainesville Iguana was first published in October of 1986. During that period the political situation in Central America was very hot, with a proxy war against Nicaragua's Sandinista government being waged by the Reagan administration. Local political organizing against US policy in Nicaragua was at a high level, as was the anti-apartheid movement and the campaign for UF to divest its holdings in South Africa. Local churches were providing sanctuary for refugees fleeing violence in the homelands of Guatemala and El Salvador, the ongoing battle for abortion rights and woman's rights in general, the protest of the Trident missile system, health care issues, and the like.

Beginning as a three or four sheet newsletter, the Iguana was mostly available by mail to activists, with a circulation growing from an initial 250 to 600-700. By 1989, which saw massive feminist protest to defend abortion rights, we had switched to a booklet size. Then we went to newsprint in 1990, just in time to cover the rise of racist skinheads and UF's short-lived White Student Union (we helped expose its connection to the local KKK) and to help nurture opposition to the Gulf War. Because newsprint is cheaper, we are now able to print 5,000 copies, with about 700 mailed to subscribers, the rest made available in racks or in stores around town. Please subscribe--you'll receive it promptly and you'll help us pay the bills for printing.

You may have noticed that we don't pretend to be objective. We don't even believe that the 'objective' mainstream media is objective at all. They choose to cover certain stories (O.J., Princess Di) and not others (corporate welfare, the Detroit newspaper strike). They tend to focus on problems we have as a society as a few people's individual character flaws or bad choices. For example, if you don't have health insurance, you just made a bad choice (even though 40 million Americans don't have health insurance.) They pretend they're being "objective" and "reasonable" but they're really hiding their agenda. Their assignment is to report things that support the policies of their corporate owners, their advertisers, and that support the politicians who support them. If they convince us our problems are our fault, we won't look for a national solution that would cut into their corporate profits, like national health care or full employment.

We have an agenda, too, but ours is out on the table. We think the reader can decide if they agree or disagree. We are very much pro-worker, feminist, pro-Black Liberation, pro-peace, pro-environment, pro-human rights. The editors and writers are active in movements against exploitation, corporate greed, racism, sexism, prisons, and discrimination. We stand proudly on the left, and encourage people to know their history and the role the left has played in the struggle for worker rights, civil rights, woman's rights and democracy.

We publish the Iguana because we strongly believe in getting stories out of organizations struggling on the cutting edge of making positive change. We want to see those changes.


The money to make this paper comes from donations, subscriptions and advertising. All labor is donated in production of the Iguana. The money goes to printing and the postage.

One thing that sets the Iguana apart from most papers is our strong belief in people involved with an issue directly presenting their own

story in our pages. We figure they know their issue best. This philosophy is based on our own experience as organizers and activists. Many times we worked hard at crafting a press release to state our position for a demonstration, rally or event, only to have the reporter or editors totally botch the story--misinterpret, misconstrue, or mutilate our position to fit their story and take on a situation. We feel an organization involved in an issue or struggle can be trusted, and that the whole issue of 'objectivity' is a smokescreen for dilution and packaging of a controversial issues to fit the editors' goals and opinions. Likewise we also print transcripts of speakers or public debate, not just pick and choose a sound bite or two, so you get a better picture of what was said.

If you support what we're doing, tell our advertisers you appreciate their support of us. If you know a place that ought to have the Iguana available, let us know. And communicate your events or ideas to us--tell us what your group is doing so we can spread the word: 352-378-5655. Articles from back issues from 1996 through today are archived on our website at www.gainesvilleiguana.org.

The above was published in Sept 1997 and only slightly updated. 🐸



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Every Thu	Poetry Jam, 8pm
Sat, Oct 14	Anti fascist sign making with National Womens Liberation & Dream Defenders, 1-4pm
Mon, Oct 16	Movie "Pride" for LGBTQ pride month, 7pm
Tue, Oct 17	Budget and Debt Management presentation by Rebecca from World Financial Group-Gainesville, 6-8:30pm
Fri, Oct 20	CMC 24th anniversary dinner honoring Carol Thomas and Penrod award presentation at the Matheson, 6:30pm, \$25-\$50 donation
Fri, Oct 20	Open Art Jam, a music and art happening, first and third Fridays, 8pm-2am
Sat, Oct 21	Musical fundraiser for Puerto Rico, 7pm
Mon, Oct 23	Movie "13th" hosted by Humanist Society, 7pm
Fri-Sun, Oct 27-29	Fest (see back cover)
Mon, Oct 30	Movie "The Stanford Experiment," 7pm
Fri, Nov 3	Open Art Jam, a music and art happening, first and third Fridays, 8pm-2am

Please support the CMC however you can: volunteering, memberships, donations, ideas, and attendance at our events. Grassroots support keeps us going.

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popular support can leave the opposition less equipped or unable to deal with the increased threat, as proven in 1930s Germany and Italy.

Why are we hearing so much about anti-fascism right now?

Donald Trump’s campaign coincided with an intense upsurge in far right wing organizing. Since his election, this trend continues. The U.S. is not alone in this. Far-right nationalist, xenophobic political parties and movements are gaining popular support and power in many countries. From the so-called “Alt Right” here, to the UKIP party of Britain, to Le Pen’s National Front in France and the Golden Dawn in Greece, a wave of thinly disguised neo-Nazism is rising.

There is also a surge in white supremacist violence. Across the country, ideologically motivated racists are committing violence against people they consider “enemies.” From the bus stop murder of a Black military officer in Maryland⁽¹⁾, to the murder of 2 men in Portland who defended Muslim women from a white supremacist⁽²⁾, to the automobile attack in Charlottesville, wannabe-Nazis are killing us in the streets. The Tampa neo-Nazi terror cell exposed when one would-be bomber turned on his co-conspirators and murdered two of them shows the depths that some in this new wave of organized fascism have already sunk to.⁽³⁾

This is the natural result of allowing a platform for fascists to promote their murderous beliefs. Contrary to the current mode of far-right propaganda in corporate media, organizing for community self-defense against white supremacist violence is not “the same as” murderous fascist attacks.

What is “ANTIFA”?

Some anti-fascist groups use “black bloc” tactics, in which activists wear black clothing and cover their faces to avoid fascist and/or government retaliation. This is due to the historical tendency of law enforcement to allow racist/fascist political violence while suppressing the civil rights of anti-fascists.

These tactics were developed by activists in Europe who fought an earlier wave of fascist mass movements in the 1980s. They were part of a large, loosely-connected anti-fascist movement in a number of European countries that used the name “Anti-fascist Action” and the

acronym “ANTIFA” to show solidarity with folks in other nations. The first syllables of “anti-fascist” are shared by several European languages.

Street militants organized under the ANTIFA banner were only one part of the larger grassroots anti-racist movement that pushed back that wave of violent, xenophobic ultra-nationalism. Since then, some anti-fascists in North America have adopted European-style ANTIFA tactics for the same practical reasons, especially when going out to directly confront violent fascists in the street. Many unmasked activists have been harassed or attacked after being identified by fascist groups and/or law enforcement.

The utility of black bloc tactics and the courage of many who don the “uniform” of ANTIFA cannot be denied.

In Charlottesville, militant anti-fascists protected the pacifist clergy who tried to hold the high ground in the park, and escorted them out when white-supremacist thugs attacked. Black-clad ANTIFA militants were the only group acting in defense of activists hiding from fascists in a church.⁽⁴⁾

Many anti-fascists use methods of mutual aid and direct action to curb violence in their communities, rather than trusting state agents to protect marginalized people. In Charlottesville, law enforcement’s choices gave violent fascists opportunities to beat, mace, pepper-spray, and even shoot at people.⁽⁵⁾

Anti-fascists seek de-escalation whenever possible to try to avoid violence. A diversity of tactics are employed by various groups. These include education, networking, mutual aid and protests – aimed at fighting fascism on all fronts.

Nonetheless, thanks to what we see as a P.R. coup by the far right, over the last two years “antifa” has become a catch-all term for all anti-fascist activists, whether they subscribe to stereotypical ANTIFA politics, tactics, and strategy or not. Even “objective” NPR repeats the refrain: “‘antifa,’ or ‘anti-fascists,’” for all who publicly oppose fascism.

Please do not fall for this bait-and-switch: one can be an anti-fascist without identifying as ANTIFA. Resisting fascism is much more than just showing up dressed in black in the street and being prepared to defend oneself.

Trump, the Alt Right and others denounce and lump together all those organizing

against fascism. They falsely brand anti-fascists as “terrorists.”

Please stop and think carefully when you hear this nonsense trotted out. Is being willing to fend off murderous Nazi thugs with a stick, if forced to do so, really the same thing as openly calling for genocidal extermination of Jews, Muslims, and other minorities, and acting on that call by stabbing, shooting, bombing, and mowing people down with cars?

Basic critical examination takes this false equivalence apart. Please don’t buy into it. Please question and challenge others who do so.

If you consider yourself on the political left, remember your history: leftists of various stripes were among the very first to be rounded up, tortured, and exterminated in the Nazis’ concentration camps.

The new vogue of fascists, the suit-and-tie Nazis of the Alt Right, have already gotten some of their people into high level positions of state power (Bannon, Gorka, Miller, and Kobach, among others). They think they’re winning. Their organizations are steadily recruiting. Their propaganda is more mainstream with every news cycle.

Despite this, the vast majority of Americans and even the vast majority of enthusiastic Trump supporters find actual neo-Nazism abhorrent. Let’s hold onto that baseline of traditional American anti-fascism and build up from there.

What Can We Do to Stop Fascism?

Organize. Speak out publicly and privately. Write, teach, demonstrate, and prepare for political and physical community self-defense. We see the tragic history of failure to recognize and beat back the fascist movements responsible for WWII as a warning.

We look to positive examples from successful, popular anti-fascist movements, such as the Anti-Nazi League of Britain during the 1970s and 80s, and the ongoing Not In Our Town campaign here in the U.S., as proof that fascism will only be stopped by collective community organizing. We listen to the voices who tell the truth from deep in the trenches: voices such as Life After Hate, ex-Nazis and former fascists who actively work to counter-recruit and deprogram white working class people who’ve been drawn into fascist networks.

The tendencies that add up to fascism are built into our civilization and must

always be struggled against. Over the last few years, fascists have crawled out from under their rocks, and thanks to coddling from the Trump administration, they think they’re enjoying their day in the sun.

They are busy working for even more mainstream acceptance, to build a mass movement. They are happy to pontificate about “free speech,” moan about their “rights” being violated, and portray themselves as victims when communities successfully defend themselves from violent fascist agitation by disrupting or preventing events like the failed “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, or the even more pathetic “Free Speech” rally in Boston.

These whines and moans are supremely ironic tactics, given that fascists’ clear, publicly stated goals are to deprive the vast majority of their fellow human beings of basic rights and liberties, if not of life itself.⁽⁶⁾

To stop their rise and drive fascists back under those metaphorical social and political rocks, we need a massive, broad, community-based movement that will confront them and challenge their ideas, narratives, and public manifestations. We must do so politically and ideologically, and also confront them directly.

Our study of history teaches us very clearly that not one actual fascist mass movement was ever defeated by being ignored into submission. Do not fall for self-defeating rhetoric about “not giving them attention” or “not giving them your energy.”

Please learn the actual history of actual fascism: these ideologies are an existential threat to all of us. This struggle is life

and death. The least we can do is show up in public and be physically present to confront them, if we are able.

Beyond that, truly beating back the current fascist tide requires challenging the parts of our government and our society that foster their ideas and do the fascists’ work for them, sometimes better than their wildest dreams.

Anti-fascist work encourages communities to examine how fascist elements are embedded within government institutions and practices. Day-to-day oppression and violence such as the police murder and brutalizing of Black people that is protested by Black Lives Matter, or the violent anti-immigrant oppression embodied in the family and community-crushing activities of ICE, too often goes unnoticed and un-challenged except by those directly effected by such oppressive policies and practices.

This oppression is woven into the fabric of our country’s history. It is well-documented that the Nazis studied the United States’ Westward expansion, its ideology of “manifest destiny,” and its tactics and strategies against indigenous nations to build their plan for their own genocidal land-based empire. One way to reckon with our history is by stopping the new growth of fascism in its tracks.

For all of these reasons we say that anti-fascism is for everyone – it requires no special skills or knowledge, and isn’t limited to any one political identity. We think “anti-fascist” should be the default position of every human being who

believes in true freedom, liberty, and self-determination for all.

Gainesville Anti-fascists call on all who oppose racism, fascism, and oppression to stand in solidarity on Oct. 19. ¡No pasarán!⁽⁷⁾

Join the anti-fascist mobilization on Oct. 19: <https://www.facebook.com/events/782907461882899/>

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/antifascistgainesville/>

Footnotes:

⁽¹⁾<http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/22/us/university-of-maryland-stabbing/index.html>

⁽²⁾<http://beta.latimes.com/nation/nationnow/la-na-portland-stabbing-20170527-story.html>

⁽³⁾<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/did-roommate-killings-uncover-alleged-neo-nazi-group-plot/>

⁽⁴⁾https://www.democracynow.org/2017/8/14/cornel_west_rev_toni_blackmon_clergy

⁽⁵⁾<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/25/us/charlottesville-protest-police.html>

⁽⁶⁾ A selection of snake-tongued spewings by Spencer: https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Richard_Bertrand_Spencer

⁽⁷⁾ Anti-fascist slogan from Spain in 1936, deployed at the Battle of Cable Street in London the same year, and used by anti-fascists in many contexts ever since: https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/No_Pasaran 🇪🇸

Support community agriculture

These and other farms are participating in farmers markets and supplying local restaurants.

Get in touch with your local growers on these dates and see where some of your food comes from.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Siembra Farm Tour and Volunteer Orientation, 4-7pm, 2023 SE 23rd Avenue, Gainesville

Sunday, Oct. 15

Frog Song Organics Community Pot Luck and Tour, 2pm, 4317 NE Hwy. 301, Hawthorne

Saturday, Nov. 18

Swallowtail Farm Festival; Tours, Food and Drink, Live music, Noon-10pm, 17603 NW 276th Lane, Alachua 🇺🇸

Discussion board forums

Many liberal activists become members of online communities where they can discuss current political, social, and environmental issues. In addition, in some forums the discussions often center on strategies for achieving progressive goals. Following is a list of discussion board forums recommended by www.progressive-sites.net:

- Democratic Underground
- Democratic Hub
- Reddit: Progressive
- Liberal Forum
- Topix Democratic Forum
- Thom Hartmann Message Boards
- Dispatches From the Culture Wars 🇺🇸

History and the people who make it: Vanessa Carlo-Miranda

Vanessa Carlo-Miranda [C], UF graduate & co-founder of La Casita, was interviewed by Genesis Lara [L] in October, 2013.

This is the 43rd in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

C: I was born in Puerto Rico and I had a great childhood. My older sister came to study in the States, then I came to the University of Florida, and my younger sister went to FIU. We were very privileged, that we went to a school where they expected women to go to college.

In the beginning, I was like every other freshman. You're trying to figure things out. Back then you don't register online. You had to stand in line and you had a Scantron, and hope that by the time your turn came, the class was still available. And if it wasn't you have to find out what the next choice and get up at five o'clock in the morning and be first in line.

I was probably prepared to not stress too much for a couple of reasons. One, I had family nearby, and they would pick me up and I would get home-cooked meals and do laundry. That was a huge factor for me. The other thing is you start meeting people of your own culture and there's this immediate gravitation. This group of Latino students, we became like a family to each other; we would cook together, we would have big dinners, and we became our little support network. We were all studying different things. There were engineers and architects—I think I was the only liberal arts person—and everybody had their own world, but we knew we could come home to a group of people that could help out.

L: Outside of your group of friends, was there a strong student Latino community here?

C: No. When I first came to the University of Florida, there was probably about fifteen hundred or less Latino students. We started working with the recruitment office. By the time I left, the numbers had close to doubled.

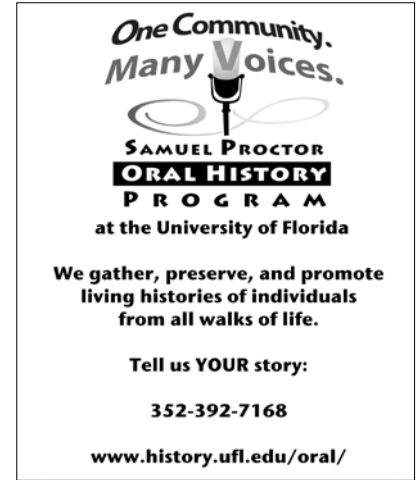
L: Why did you become involved with helping recruit Latino students to UF?

C: I had a roommate, Livia Rodriguez, a graduate student. Livia had this very clear notion about the fact that, in the state of Florida, there was a huge Latino population, but one of the best schools the state had to offer

didn't mirror the population of the state. As a public institution, that was troubling.

L: Did you face any difficulties because you were Latina at UF?

C: I can't think of specific things. I definitely felt more so as a woman, and then a woman of color, that this was a man's world. There were definitely black brown issues. The African American community didn't quite understand what was happening with the Latino community, the Latino



community was very conservative and they didn't care to negotiate or work with the African American community. That didn't help. Student affairs would show me all these things happening for African American students, and there was little to nothing about Latino students. There weren't any opportunities for us, other than the ones we created for ourselves.

L: I think the Cuban American Students Association started in the [19]80s, and Hispanic Student Association started around that time, too—

C: They definitely had a place on campus and they used to get funded and they would welcome Latino students. But they were extremely conservative. So when we got involved in trying to get La Casita, they were like, how far are you going to go? And we're like, however far we need to. They're like, oh no, we're not going to march or do sit-ins or any of that stuff. If you look at the mission of La Casita, you're not going to find words like advocacy or social justice in there. We never in a million years would have been able to get the support of H.S.A. if we started talking in those terms. If we were going to get support from Latino students—and they didn't even want to be called Latino or Hispan-

ic—that we had to change the tone. So as far as it was cultural, people would back us up. The minute we started talking about advocacy, they want nothing to do with it.

L: In what ways do we need advocacy?

C: Working with the recruitment office and the student affairs office you start listening about how Latino students in high schools get canceled out, and they don't take the right courses, so then they don't have the credits to come to college. Then you start hearing about the students that do come in, but then they end up leaving. Why is that? When you started realizing the patterns, you couldn't help but say there's something wrong here.

L: Do you think that Latino students today still face those issues?

C: Now I've spent a lot of time in education, and we have a lot of challenges. The Pew Hispanic Center has been tracking graduation rates – four-year college, two-year college, and post-graduate statistics. Things have improved, but they were so bad that the improvements are just small steps.

L: Were there any other student organizations that you were a part of?

C: Yeah. We created UEPA, Union de Estudiantes Puertorriquenos Activos. I used to tell them, please, can we just come up with a short name? Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures, mouthful. Union de Estudiantes Puertorriquenos Activos, mouthful. We want to [be] politically correct so we always got these big names. But we wanted UEPA and so that's how we ended up.

L: What motivated you all to start that group?

C: Culture, right? It's what makes you feel comfortable, this is where I came from. I learned more about Puerto Rico and Puerto Rican culture since I left the island. I learned more about American history and politics when I was in school in Puerto Rico than I did about Puerto Rican culture and history and politics.

There are so many different types of Latinos in the U.S, that if we're going to speak about one culture, we've got to educate ourselves. What does it mean to be Latino in the United States, who are the different Latinos in the United States, and what are the issues affecting the Latino? A professor at the Center for Latin American Studies did a seminar on Latinos in the U.S. We flocked to her class. A visiting professor from California did a whole class on Chicano studies, the Zoot Suit Riots, and

all these things that as a Puerto Rican in the island I never heard of.

One of the things that we wanted to see happen as part of this process of creating La Casita was a program of Latino Studies. We had a great Center for Latin American Studies, but there was no Latino Studies and there is a big difference between those two. We were trying to push for that but it never got off the ground. There are lots of great Latino Studies programs out there and it's really valuable.

L: Why was it important that you had this space at La Casita?

C: As we were getting involved and more students were coming, we find out that this building was going to be vacated and that the administration had not figured out what to do with it. We put proposals together to say, this is what we want this place to be. But we had to work hard at defining the concept. There was an Institute of Black Culture, so we would borrow from that, but we were trying to figure out, what does it mean to us and what do we want it to be?

We wanted this to be a home away from home for Latino students. There's always been this notion that Latino students don't go to college because they don't want to be far away from family. If you're serious about attracting Latino students, you need to offer a place that's going to be their home away from home and that's going to be a key retention issue. The opportunity was there, and we fought really hard for it.

It was about a year-long process—probably got started in [19]92, [19]93. It was very political: four people sitting together, hashing this out, putting it on paper. There was a Hispanic Faculty Association and

the president, Fernando Fagundo, who was a civil engineer—he's like, we'll support you. We had support and guidance from faculty members and Latino administrators, and that was helpful.

The university never in a million years would do this on their own. This had to come from a pressure point. We started internal and external advocacy. I was on the external advocacy part. Livia and some other students started building relationships with students from the Institute of Black Culture, with Student Government, Women's Center, different places. They started creating coalitions and telling them, look, we really want your support on this.

On my end, we sent letters and calls to Tallahassee, Washington D.C, to national civil rights organizations like the National Puerto Rican Coalition and the National Council of La Raza, L.U.L.A.C. We just wrote the world and we said, look, we're fighting for this and we want you to support us. And they did! They started writing letters to the president. So we did our homework to package it together. I met with people in Tallahassee and explained to them why funding was important.

We worked really hard on creating the illusion that we had lots of people fighting for this, when in reality, it was a small group. We were very passionate, and we had this fire in our belly and we knew that we needed this and this would be important. Everybody else just saw that level of energy and it scared them a little bit. They knew that the Institute of Black Culture came about through sit-ins and protests, and they were wanting to distance themselves from that.

We would have these clandestine meetings where we would ask, hey, who's on board,

who's not, what are we willing to do, what are we not willing to do, how many can we can get on board? We quickly realized there was no support here to do anything other than go to a few meetings, stand up and say, yes, we are in support of this, and maybe write a few letters. So we had to work hard on the outside pressure point.

The President of the university at the time, Dr. John Lombardi, was bilingual, he loved Latin American culture, and I believe that that also played a role. But we had to make lots and lots of connections to make that happen.

Looking at it twenty years later, I don't think I would have ever dreamed everything you guys have done here. We knew that it would be something that would be here for a long time, but to see what every generation of student has done with this place and how much you guys have been taking it to the next level ... The first time I heard the words, my home away from home, I mean my eyes were like—well, that's what we said, right?

Editors' note: Both La Casita and the Institute for Black Culture were torn down by UF in August 2017; new offices for both organizations have been promised, but the buildings are gone.

Search for “Vanessa Carlo-Miranda” at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu> for the full transcript of this interview (not online at this writing).

The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program needs the public's help to sustain and build upon its research, teaching, and service missions: even small donations can make a big difference in SPOHP's ability to gather, preserve, and promote history for future generations. 🐢

Iguana Directory

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

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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.civicmediacenter.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 Burial, Inc. promotes natural burial practices in cemeteries that conserve land and reunite people with the environment. 352-372-1095, act.davidp@gmail.com

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 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 respite 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)

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 ufhumanistoncampus@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, nwl1@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.

Repurpose Project, a nonprofit junk shop and community center, diverts useful resources froj the landfill, redirects these items to the public for art and educaton, inspires creativity, and helps us all rethink what we throw away. Lets all help protect t he planet and buy used. Open to the public. Tues-Sat: 10am–6pm. www.repurposeproject.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

Rural Women's Health Project is a local health education oregonization developing materials promoting health justice for migrant and rural women. Robin or Fran 352-372-1095

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

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.hearourvoice-gnv.org; m.facebook.com/wmflgnv/www.facebook.com/groups/wmflgnv/; Instagram.com/womensmarchgnv/; Twitter.com/WMFL_Gnv/ and/ or email mw@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 🐊

Come Fest with the CMC October 27 - 28



Once again Gainesville's Fest will be on the last weekend of October, with over 300 bands at over a dozen venues all over downtown Gainesville.

And in pursuit of the good times that that many bands provide comes the other part of the equation that makes the Fest what it is—people from all over the country (and world) who spend the money to come here. A wide variety of people, and they seek their favorite bands, discover new bands, seek out old friends, and find new ones, too.

This is the sixteenth year for the Fest, and Gainesville No Idea Records pulls it off by harnessing the power of volunteers, hundreds of them, to assist at the many venues, or in the case of the Bo Diddley Plaza, create a venue with fencing, gates, tents, a stage, and sound set up, all of which appear 24 hours before the show and are gone less than 24 hours after the last notes are played.

The Civic Media Center has a unique role as an acoustic venue, not the loud rock that predominates the Fest, but mostly acoustic acts or, in some cases, bands or performers from electric bands playing acoustic, usually high energy but acoustic.

On Friday, eight performers or bands, and on Saturday, 14 performers or bands will be performing at the CMC. Walk up admissions are \$10 per day, and that is a freakin' bargain.

CMC gets great, fun-loving crowds, travelers from far and wide who prefer what the CMC offers, and ... here's the pitch, come on out, you Gainesville people who want to take advantage of what we have to offer. These are well-established performers, sequential 30-minute sets; if someone isn't your cup of tea, go hang out in the courtyard, and then come back in for the next. 🐸

Below is the schedule; if you go to the website <www.thefestfl.com> and find the CMC listing and click on each performers name, you can see a video of them in action. That goes for all performers at the Fest at all the venues. Check it out. This is a well-

organized operation that No Idea does, and the CMC is very glad to be part of it.

Did I say food and drink will also be available on site? Uh yup, I just did. Come Fest with us! Oct. 27 and 28. And who knows, we may do something Sunday, too. 🐸

Fest performers at the CMC

October 27

6:30 PM
6:50 PM - 7:20 PM
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM
8:10 PM - 8:40 PM
8:50 PM - 9:20 PM
9:30 PM - 10:00 PM
10:10 PM - 10:40 PM
10:50 PM - 11:20 PM
11:30 PM - 12:00 AM

DOORS
MYSTERY BAND
FOREST POOKY
WINDED
SINCERE ENGINEER
SKATING POLLY(ACOUSTIC)
CUMULUS(ACOUSTIC)
LAUREN DENITZIO
OFF WITH THEIR HEADS(ACOUSTIC)

October 28

2:10 PM - 2:40 PM
2:50 PM - 3:20 PM
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
4:10 PM - 4:40 PM
4:50 PM - 5:20 PM
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
6:10 PM - 6:40 PM
6:50 PM - 7:20 PM
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM
8:10 PM - 8:40 PM
8:50 PM - 9:20 PM
9:30 PM - 10:00 PM
10:10 PM - 10:40 PM
10:50 PM - 11:20 PM

HALF MY HOME
YOTAM BEN HORIN(USELESS ID)
SETH ANDERSON
JARED HART
SPORTS.(ACOUSTIC)
WESTERN SETTINGS(ACOUSTIC)
STEVEO AND THE CRIPPLING ADDICTIONS
JOE MCMAHON
COFFEE PROJECT
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