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The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama (what some people call the "lynching memorial") is dedicated to the legacy of enslaved black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence. It was completed recently and opened to the public on April 26. For more information see <https://museumandmemorial.eji.org>

by Robert Karl Hutchinson

"Monumental" is a superlative that we bandy about carelessly. I've looked at hundreds of monuments and a few of them are truly great – the Vietnam Memorial and Lincoln Memorial in D.C., the Statue

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of Liberty in New York harbor, and the Malaya Zemlya Memorial in Novorossiysk commemorating Russian martyrs of WWII.

What makes these monuments "monumental" is not their size – but rather their ability to convey their purpose at any scale. They must first attract us from a distance with a promise to show or explain something we've never seen or understood before.

As we approach (and the approach has been incorporated into the design), the monument provides more and

more information, until we are finally overwhelmed by the factual, poetic, and moral purpose of the monumental creation. Using this basic definition, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama, is one of the world's great monuments.

Referred to by some as the "lynching memorial," the concept seems simple – display a list of all the known racial lynching victims in the US arranged by county.

I'm not going to recount how they do this, or describe the accompanying sculpture, poetry, or displays of information, because my words and even my pictures (or anybody's pictures) cannot do the experience justice. Photos and reviews of the monument which opened in April 2018 are on-line, but I urge you to make the pilgrimage to Montgomery to visit this sacred site in person.

As you tour Montgomery, you will observe a city that is deep in the throes of examining its past and re-making its future. Everywhere are signs of its history as a slave market, as a cradle of the Confederacy, and as a crucible in the civil rights movement. You'll also see fully integrated public spaces, lots of inter-racial parties and couples,

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On May 1, dozens of people from a variety of progressive groups marched from University Avenue and 13th Street to the Bo Diddley Plaza, where they joined others to celebrate International Workers' Day, also known as May Day. Over two dozen tables and speakers represented prisoners' rights, workers' rights, women's liberation, environmental justice and immigrants' rights. Protesters also filled UF's Admissions office demanding that the county, city and university stop using prison slave labor contracts. See related story on page 2. Photo by Jenny Brown. 🐢

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May Day celebration includes prison labor demands

by Panagioti Tsolkas

Activists in Gainesville have been celebrating May Day as an international workers’ holiday for much of the last 20 years with marches and rallies downtown highlighting various labor struggles and social movements. City officials even formalized the date on their calendar in 2017 by officially declaring May first as Immigrants’ Rights Day.

This year, grassroots organizers from local prisoners rights and prison abolition organizations highlighted the issue of prison slavery in our community. Gainesville’s Parks, Rec and Cultural Affairs, for example, gives the Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC) over \$172,000 for the slave labor. The County and University of Florida also use prison slave labor as a way to cut costs and undermine living wage ordinances.

Other state agencies active in the area also use prison slaves, including the Department of Transportation, which allocated over \$19 million dollars to prison slave labor statewide last year.

The City’s decision to declare support for immigrant workers in our community last May Day was bold and a powerful statement of solidarity. This same solidarity was also extend to other vulnerable work-



Members of the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee joined with members from the Campaign to Fight Toxic Prisons to march on Tigert Hall on the UF campus on May 1. They called on the UF administration to sever its contracts with the Florida Department of Corrections. Photo by Panagioti Tsolkas.

ers among us. With this in mind, organizers with the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC, which is part of the IWW union) and the Campaign to Fight Toxic Prisons (FTP) decide to kick off the May Day march with a spontaneous slight detour to Tigert Hall on campus, which houses the UF Office of Admissions.

Armed with drums, banners, bullhorns and stacks of leaflets, IWOC and FTP members marched through the doors and up all three stories of the building calling on the administration to sever its ties to racists slave contracts it has with FDOC.

Last year, The Fine Print reported that UF’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) used prison slaves in at least six farm sites it maintains for research purposes, including locations in Alachua’s neighboring counties, near Live Oak and Citra.

FDOC claims that their prison labor contracts provide rehabilitative opportunities. Comments from IFAS’s overseers is less convincing. In response to inquiries about the prison labor, Greg Kimmons of an IFAS-affiliate located in Jay, FL stated “I was just looking for a way to get free labor.”

Over 130 years after the first May Day, and 150 years after emancipation, the U.S. still retains millions of slaves, sanctioned by the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, justified as punishment for criminal convictions.

While mass incarceration has turned slavery in to a multi-racial affair, the racist implications are impossible to ignore. Black people make up about 16 percent of Florida’s population, but 32 percent of the state prisoners. 🐞

From the publisher ...

The art of dealing with Trump

In writing this I am well aware of the variety of people who will be reading it. We print 4,500 copies, and they are mailed to about 350 subscribers (thank you for the support!), and the rest can be picked up in all kinds of places: restaurants, coffee-shops, bars, boxes on campus and in the community, the Downtown Farmer’s Market (you can say hi there), hotels, libraries.

When I was in college last century (1969-73 to be more precise), I remember finding Ramparts magazine in the library. It was newsprint, not like Time, Life, and other glossy magazines I was used to. And it had coverage I did not see elsewhere. But that coverage rang truer to me than what I saw elsewhere about the Viet Nam War, a primary concern at that time for me, and other social issues as well.



Joe Courter

Fast forward to now. What is this paper to you? In this era when “fake news” is a term bandied about freely, do folks think the articles in here are fake, made up? I sure hope not.

I write from the perspective of a person who was a student the same time and age as the students killed at Kent State and Jackson State in 1970. I have been a passionate watcher and follower of world events ever since. Writing this makes me want to try to share a perspective equally understandable to fellow travelers from the ’60s, to the current generation of students who have only known a nation at war, and been whipsawed from one of the most decent, well spoken presidents to the rather horrid human who lurks in the White House now.

Folks, things are not going well. When we had high hopes for change under Obama, he told us change could not happen fast, that the nation was like a big ship that could not turn sharply. The trouble is, carrying the ship analogy, the ocean of reality is not level, and the changes under Trump can be much more rapid. Tearing down is easier than building up. Diplomacy and cooperating take time and effort. Tossing out agreements and military posturing is easy, but where do you end up? We may soon find out.

We humans have created a myriad of problems which have no obvious solution. Our inventiveness, with motivations from both good intentions and greed, have built systems and grown capacities so large, they have momentum of their own. We have created ideologies and belief systems clung to and defended beyond rationality. We are beings who universally love music and laughter, social beings who need each other, yet we can fall prey to groupthink which creates fear and hatred, a huge problem now with mass media and deceptive propaganda.

But awareness is growing that this is not the way it has to be. Women are speaking out against male supremacy. Bernie Sander’s campaign opened people’s eyes to rearranging economic priorities. Youth are awakening to their collective power. Teachers, who shape the future by educating our children, are standing up and demanding their due. The internet is a tool that can work in our favor just as much as hold us back. Like any tool, it is all in how we use it. We need to deal with the new reality we all face.

The pain in watching the flailing of the buffoon this nation installed as President is to say, at the very least, disconcerting, as is the possibility of war and harder times ahead. But if and when those transpire, we still will have the community we are in, and the opportunity to organize together, connect with one another, and try to do some good with the time we are sharing on the planet. Don’t let the bastards grind you down.

P.S. The radio series “This American Life” featured a program dealing with well-funded right-wing campus organizing, which is quite relevant to our community in order to understand it and not allow it to fester. We did well dealing with “alt right” idiot Richard Spencer, but he represents just one aspect of their campaign to move us backward. You can find the podcast at: www.thisamericanlife.org/645/my-effing-first-amendment. 🐞

Editors’ picks: News that didn’t fit

🐞 **How Clintonites Are Manufacturing Faux Progressive Congressional Campaigns** by Eric Draitser

This long piece details how candidates for real progressive change are being pre-empted by faux progressives with loyalties to and backing from the mainstream.

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2018/04/27/how-clintonites-are-manufacturing-faux-progressive-congressional-campaigns/>

🐞 **Trump is no longer the worst person in government** by George Will

This is the first, and probably the last, time that “Editors’ Picks” will recommend an opinion by arch-conservative George Will. But not only does Will make valid points about our groveling and immoral VP, he uses a fun vocabulary to make his points: toadyism, lickspittle, hosannas, unctuousness, mobocratic.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/trump-is-no-longer-the-worst-person-in-government/2018/05/09/10e59eba-52f1-11e8-a551-5b648abe29ef_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.b1d87b5e2766

🐞 **I Didn’t Want to Watch “Dear White People” Because I Lived It** by Jamilah King

King explains why this Netflix series (the second season was released on May 4) seemed to “hit a little too close to home.”

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2018/05/i-didnt-want-to-watch-dear-white-people-because-i-lived-it/> 🐞

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and you'll gain a sense that the Equal Justice Initiative and its partners have taken on the toughest of customers, yet they are succeeding in re-framing the culture of this most southern of cities.

There are many things that make the Peace and Justice Monument remarkable as an artistic experience and (along with its nearby museum) truly exceptional as a work of ongoing scholarship. But its most brilliant concept is that each county where a lynching has been documented may lay claim to an exact replica of its metal slab engraved with the names of local lynching victims.

Alachua County's slab is laid out along with 800 others for us to request when we are ready. Someday, the pieces of this single monument, like the ripples from a stone in

a pond, will have spread themselves across a large portion of the country. The Equal Justice Initiative has yet to publish its criteria for transferring ownership, but it will be some sort of "truth and reconciliation" process that must satisfy them, but more importantly, satisfy us.

Already in Alachua County, local historians have identified 43 lynching victims, which is more than twice what the Equal Justice Initiative discovered in their own search – currently there are 18 listed on their panel who were murdered from 1893 to 1926.

But besides the work of documenting our history of fatal terror that was aided and abetted by civic, political, law enforcement, and judicial leaders, we must also address the impacts of the disenfranchisement for which this terror was the point of the spear.

Our educational institutions were (and are) unequal. Employment was restricted, credit was withheld, housing was segregated, medical help was substandard, veteran's benefits were denied black GIs, and many other injustices were commonplace. These are some of the truths that we must remember in ways that cannot be forgotten.

Reconciliation has three parts.

The first is acceptance of the facts as best they can be determined. This is the work of historians, amateur and professional, to help us know our past. We have suppressed much of our history – I can say this as somebody privileged to get an exceptionally fine and expensive education. Yet in my recent visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, not five minutes would go by when I wasn't confronted with evidence that much of what I knew had been purposefully and systematically bleached.

The second step in reconciliation is Who's Who. This is painful but necessary. We know there were members of the KKK during the racial terror who were elected officials and community leaders, and there are others who profited from the prisoner leasing system and other institutions of the Jim Crowe era.

We know there were churches that preached hatred, and elections that were rigged, property that was stolen, and crimes that went unpunished. We are in a time when the worst of the atrocities of the Jim Crowe era are still fresh enough to be remembered by someone, yet far enough away that we can have perspective.

But these are not just ripples in a pond that will gradually dissipate on their own – they are overwhelming tidal waves of injustice that must end now so that they cannot continue reverberating through additional generations.

The third step in reconciliation is to fix what we can, and then to consciously decide to forgive the rest. This will take sacrifice and courage and generosity – but we are capable of it, and we will be so much better for undertaking this effort. In Alachua County, the work has begun. We have the capacity to repair and reconcile – whatever our community decides that will be.

If we focus on peace and justice locally, our memorial will be to finally know ourselves and to be proud of what we have overcome together.

Robert Hutchinson is an Alachua County Commissioner

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There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that Democracy means that 'My ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'

- Isaac Asimov
"A Cult of Ignorance,"
Newsweek
January 1980

Fight continues for UF OPS workers

by Alachua County Labor Coalition

The Alachua County Labor Coalition (ACLC) has worked with the UF Faculty Senate, United Faculty of Florida Chapter at UF, Graduate Assistants United, UF Student Government, and members of the community to demand support, dignity of work and equitable working conditions for UF's OPS workers. OPS are UF's so-called "temporary" staff, even though many of them have labored at UF for years. These workers lack any job security and receive no benefits: no sick leave, not even contributions to their Social Security accounts.

The campaign started in September 2017, after OPS workers were left with nearly a week without pay, due to Hurricane Irma. All UF workers except the over 15,000 OPS employees were paid for these and other school closures.

Since September, the ACLC has had important discussions on OPS workers, including the over 1,000 people who signed their petition, current OPS worker statements in the white paper "Part-Time Poverty, Hourly OPS Workers at UF,"

the editorial Boards of the Gainesville Sun and The Alligator, and an online video highlighting OPS worker distress and featuring concerned City and County Commissioners as well as other members of the community.

The UF Faculty Senate and Student Government have spoken out, together with voices in the region, to ringingly endorse the end of OPS abuses.

UF has long acknowledged its responsibility to be accountable to the entire Gainesville community, as demonstrated most recently by UF's stated concerns regarding racial and economic inequality in the community. Now it is time for UF to recognize the role that its employment practices play in fostering this inequality.

Now is the time for UF to act in support of OPS workers, in unity with the support from the rest of the UF community. The ACLC will continue working locally and with UF's Board, the state legislature, even the new Governor, until this issue is addressed and UF's OPS workers are treated with the dignity and equity that they deserve. 🐢



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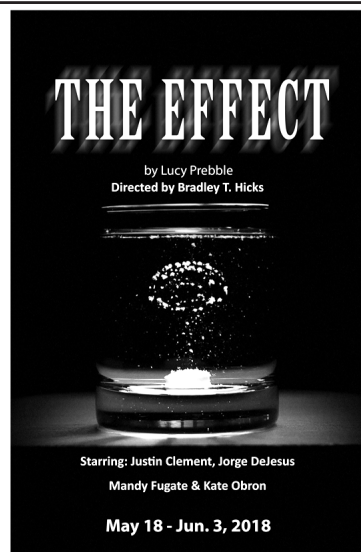
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435 South Main is operated by volunteers

and is currently open to the public during the Artwalk on the last Friday of each month, and summer operating hours are every Thursday and Friday. Hours of operation will expand as new entrepreneurs and volunteers come on board. To participate, contact Casey (904-716-0526) for kitchen and café-related inquiries or Sarah (352-562-5138) for retail, event and class inquiries. Visit the Facebook page 435 South Main for events and opportunities. 🐾

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Elections 2018

by Joe Courter

Yay Gainesville! Gigi Simmons was able to prevail in the run-off against Charles Goston on May 1. Her and Gail Johnson's swearing in on May 17, at the Thelma Bolton Center, will be a powerful and happy event. More on that in the July/August Iguana.

Beyond that, here is a thumbnail view of what's coming up in the primaries on August 28 for our region:

U.S. Senate: Incumbent Bill Nelson will have some challengers in the primary, but the main event is November.

Florida Governor: We like Andrew Gillum in the primary. Gwen Graham and Philip Levine are also in the running.

U.S. Rep. District 3: Defeating Yoho is much desired. Dushyant Gosai, Yvonne Hinson Hayes, and Tom Wells are in the primary as challengers. All three would be vast improvements in what will be a tough race thanks to gerrymandering; hopefully, unity will reign after the primary. Wells has been a candidate against Yoho previously and has been showing great improvement on the stump.

State Senate District 8: Kayser Enncking and Olysha Magruder are Democrats running to unseat Keith Perry. Both women are strong candidates, with the former a doctor and the latter a teacher. We like Olysha a lot, definitely the more progressive; Kayser meanwhile has a ton more money, but again, high hopes for unity in November to defeat Perry.

State Rep. District 21: Unseating Chuck Clemons is the goal here. As of now, there are two democrats in the primary, Jason Haeseler and Amol Jethwani. Amol is very active with College Democrats and has a fired up youthful core of workers and progressive vision. Once again, a hope for unity after the primary.

Alachua Co. District 2: Democratic Primary is a race between two really nice people on the Democratic side—Randy Wells and Marihelen Wheeler—in a race to succeed Lee Pinkoson; either will be a vast improvement, though Marihelen is more the activist and strong advocate. Interesting, the Republican brand is so toxic, a very well-funded conservative opponent named Scott Costello awaits the winner in November, running as a NPA (no party affiliation). No reason to believe the Wheeler and Wells teams won't unify, but Republican and Chamber of Commerce big money may muddy this up for November.

Alachua County District 4: Re-elect Ken Cornell. No opponent at this time.

School Board District 1: We'd like Tina Certain to defeat incumbent April Griffin.

School Board District 3 and 5: Keep Gunnar Paulson and Rob Hyatt. They may have challengers arise, but there is no reason to unseat them.

Other candidates can still jump in or opt out through mid June, but this looks like what the Aug. 28 ballot will look like. 🐾

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While in L.A., Gordon worked as a writer and musician and continued his activism. On periodic visits to Gainesville, he would often play benefits for the *Iguana* or Civic Media Center.

“Back in the day Jane Yii and I were the ones on call to play the rallies, and I was often asked to organize benefits. The last thing I did before leaving, at Scott Camil’s request, was to organize as big a benefit as I could for the Vets for Peace, so we got the Great Southern Music Hall. A few days later Bush started the first Gulf War,” Gordon said.

Titled “Start Making Sense, The Ballad of Gary Gordon,” the show will feature original songs and some storytelling about Gordon’s political, activist and musician life here and in L.A. “But it’s really about the songs, and that’s really about the lyrics,” he said.

His influences include Dylan, Prine, Ochs, Bromberg, “and everyone I grew up hearing.”

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Mine fight escalates

by Kate Ellison



On March 28, Citizens Against Phosphate Mining filed a Notice of Violations of Federal Law with FDP, the Army Corp of Engineers, USEPA and seven other agencies or offices. This is a detailed and meticulously researched documentation of wells drilled in the wrong place and wetlands drained for the wrong reasons. Agencies have not stopped this unpermitted activity in some specific areas of Union and Bradford counties. Permits are required for well-drilling, and this step was simply skipped. Landowners can build roads and ditches through logging areas, but their idea seems to be eliminating wetlands prior to establishing a baseline for the planned mine. That way, the regulations, especially for reclamation, will be less stringent than if it were a wetland area.

This Notice was filed in Federal Court, and addressed to the local water management districts, the Florida DEP and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, as well as the US EPA, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army Corps, and other federal agencies. They are accused of failing to enforce federal law in oversight of the large landowners who formed HPS II, LLC to do strip-mining for phosphate in Bradford and Union counties.

In land adjacent to the FDP-protected Fern Pond property, HPS II has engaged in clearing, dredging, and filling in historical wetlands systems. This clearing allowed catastrophic fires to devastate the land, fires that could not previously have occurred were the wetlands intact.

In another tract, unpermitted monitoring wells were installed, including one on neighboring property, destroying their septic tank. These wells were left unlocked. State permitting was approved after they were caught, but three of the wells were left out of the filing. Army Corps approval was not pursued, in violation of the law.

Piecemealing, the incremental permitting of small parts of a much larger project, is not legal. It avoids the appropriate federal oversight and public scrutiny of a mining project spanning two counties, with wide-ranging impacts to the aquifer and rivers. HPS has been engaged in piecemealing, according to this filing.

Habitat for federally listed species is being destroyed, or will be destroyed. The oval pigtoe mussel, once plentiful throughout the region, resides now in the New River and few other places. The red cockaded woodpecker and the bald eagle once populated the Fern Pond area, and they have been gone since the draining and fire. These species, and numerous others, depend on a healthy New River and adjoining watershed.

The proposed HPS II mine will require federal permits and a supplement to the Area Wide Environmental Impact Statement (AEIS) for phosphate mining. Impacts to our area are not included in previous studies of phosphate mining on the regional Floridan Aquifer System underlying most of our state.

The CAPM notice of violations letter and attachments can be downloaded from: <https://reinerslaw.sharefile.com/d-55beea14ba4e4585a>. It was prepared by David P. Reiner II of Reiner & Reiner, P.A. a Miami law firm. If remedies are not provided within 60 days, it will become a lawsuit in federal court, either Atlanta or Washington DC.

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Laurence W. Britt wrote about the common signs of fascism in April 2003, after researching seven fascist regimes. Those were Adolf Hitler’s Nazi Germany, Benito Mussolini’s Italy, Francisco Franco’s Spain, Anontio de Oliveira Salazar’s Portugal, George Papadopoulos’s Greece, Augusto Pinochet’s Chile, and Mohamed Suharto’s Indonesia. These signs resonate(d) with the political and economic direction of the United States under Bush/Cheney (more so now). Get involved in reversing this anti-democratic direction while you still can! 🐾

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WGOT prepares to go live from CMC studio

Event: Yard Sale
Where: Daily Green backyard,
436 SE 2nd
When: Saturday, May 19, 8am-noon

Event: Volunteer/Board Meeting
Where: Third House Books & Coffee,
113 N. Main
When: Sunday, June 3, 3 pm

By Fred Sowder
WGOT Station Manager

It’s certainly been an exciting 2018 for your community radio station.

After starting the year by celebrating ten years of broadcasting, we’ve continued making strides on our studio in the back of the Civic Media Center. After a few beta tests, we had our first live broadcast from the space in early May, and look forward to more as we adjust our program schedule to handle more live and local programs.

We continue to strive toward serving our three goals of providing progressive

news-talk programming to the Gainesville airwaves; playing a wide variety of independent, local, and other eclectic music while serving in the role of our de facto college radio station (hey, students!); and sharing a variety of Spanish language news and Latin music from across the Americas.

We can only continue this mission with your help. As things wrap up with our studio crowdfunding campaign (search WGOT on gofundme.org), the radio station is just a broadcast console away from having a truly professional studio right in the heart of Downtown Gainesville’s SOMA district.

We have many sustaining fundraising opportunities to be announced soon, so keep it tuned to 100.1FM or watch this space for future updates. For example, your local business could be a sponsor of programming on WGOT for as little as \$50 per month.

Finally, with our broadcast antenna just across I-75 from Santa Fe College, we know that reception of our signal, particularly Downtown and in the southeastern part of

Gainesville, is often problematic. To that end, we plan on embarking in the final stage of WGOT’s major transition, which is to resume our online streaming activity. We hope to raise enough financial support to cover this endeavor by the end of the year.

Streaming royalty rates are expensive and there are many technical hurdles we need to overcome to make this a reality. This is certainly something with which sustaining donors and volunteers can be a huge help.

A couple of station events are coming up that could use your support. First, on the morning of Saturday, May 19, we’re having a WGOT yard sale in the backyard area of Daily Green, 436 SE 2nd St., right around the corner from the CMC, from 8am until noon. Then, on Sunday, June 3, it’s our monthly volunteer and board meeting at Third House Books & Coffee, 113 N. Main St., at 3pm.

This radio station belongs to the community and can only continue with your participation and support.

Thank you. ☺

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FOG continues Food Justice Study Group

Topic: Food Sovereignty
Where: Civic Media Center
When: Thursday, May 31, 6:30-7:30pm

Every other month, the Florida Organic Growers discuss a book or documentary that has been selected to generate a conversation about how our contemporary food system can help us better understand the complex issues of race, class, gender, both our collective and individual histories, and how we might envision and achieve a more sustainable, socially-just society.

The Food Justice Study Group will next meet May 31, from 6:30 to 7:30pm at the Civic Media Center located at 433 S. Main St. All are welcome.


The discussion will be on food sovereignty and participantns will compare decentralized, localized food systems with those designed from a more top-down, centralized structure.

The key text to be looked at is Peter Kropotkin’s *Field, Factories and Workshops: Or Industry Combined with Agriculture and Brain Work with Manual Work*. A free, online version of the book can be found at <https://archive.org/details/cu31924032409710>. A key anarchist text, the book advocates food production on a cooperative, local level.

Supplementing Kropotkin’s work will be discussions on the Green Revolution, the post-World War II kibbutzim movement in Israel, the Zapatista struggle in Chiapas (Mexico), the international Via Campesina movement, and here in the U.S., the history and ideas behind collective Black land ownership in the 1960s and 1970s. Online versions of other readings will be to FOG’s Facebook page.

As always, FOG welcomes all points of view in our discussions and also encourages attendees to share their own experiences as producers, consumers, citizens, students, and educators.

Questions? Suggestions? Please contact David Vaina, FOG’s Education & Outreach Director at 352.377.6345 (ext. 130). ☺



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Civic Media Center Events

Every Thu: Volunteer Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
Zine Committee Meeting 6:30pm
Poetry Jam 8pm

Every Sat: Meditation 9am

Wed. May 16: Communication Skills Workshop: Empathy over Habit: Rising Above Ineffective Communication Style 6pm

Fri. May 18: Open Jam & Art Show 8pm-2am

Sat. May 19: May Free Store 2-5pm

Mon. May 21: Movie Monday: “I AM” 7pm

Tues. May 22: IWOC meeting 6pm

Wed. May 23: Reproductive Justice Workshop 6:30-8:30pm

Sat. May 26: Connect The Dots Live Show: Benefit for IWOC featuring bands Co-Pilots, Sports Reference, Articles. Doors 9pm, Music 10pm

Mon. May 28: Memorial day Movie: “Why We Fight” 7pm

Tues. May 29: Queer Movie Night Presenting “Rent” + Vegan Potluck 6pm

Fri. June 1: Open Jam & Art Show (OJAS) 8pm-2am

Mon. June 4: Movie Monday: “The Central Park Five” 7pm

Tues. June 5: Solutionary Species Vegan Teach-in 6:30-8:30pm

Weds. June 6: Communication Skills Workshop 6pm

Fri. June 9: Connect The Dots Live Show featuring the touring bands Darkhearts (Miami) and Ikigai (Miami). Doors 9pm, music 10pm

Mon. June 11: Movie Monday: “Poverty Inc.” 7pm

Tues. June 12: IWOC meeting 6pm

Fri. June 15: OJAS & Connect The Dots Live Show. Featuring bands Paco Lipps (St Aug) Shark Anatomy, and Jane Eyre (Daytona Beach). OJAS 8pm and bands 10pm

Sat. June 16: Sustaining Wellness Workshop 2-4pm

Mon. June 18: Movie Monday “Targeting Iran” 7pm

Tues. June 19: Nicaragua film and discussion 7pm

Wed. June 20: Communication Skills Workshop 6pm

Fri. June 22: Connect The Dots Live Show featuring Surrounders (Pensacola), Teen Divorce (Jax), and Just Neighbors. Doors 9pm, music 10pm

Tues. June 26: IWOC meeting 6pm

Fri. June 29: ARTWALK and Live Music. Prints for sale by Sara Amatniek 7pm

Live Show featuring bands Spoon Dogs (Orl), Rocko English (Orl), All Just Drowning (Jax), Honeypocket (Tampa), Bubble Boys (Orl) 10pm

Sat. June 30: Poor People’s Campaign Workshop

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



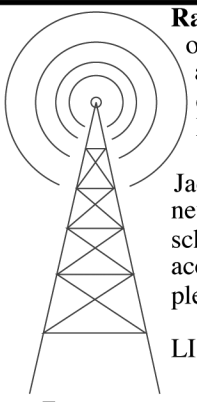
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Radio Notes: Find schedules for WUFT and WGOT, our local non-corporate stations, at www.'s wuft.org and wgot.org respectively. WGOT is now a full-time over-the-air broadcast at 100.1 FM. More info on local independent radio on pg 10.

Jacksonville's public station WJCT at 89.9 has varied news programming as well during the day - check their schedule. In addition, there's music ranging from acoustic to electronic, jazz and blues, in an eclectic and pleasant mix in the evenings and night.

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

20 Sunday Assembly - "A Black Power Feminist Remembers Dr. King" (Zoharah Simmons): SFC Downtown (530 W. Univ. Ave), 11 am, 3rd Suns: see sagainesville.weebly.com.
Enneagram Creative Workshop, Phillips Ctr, noon, free.
Pulitzer Prize winner Jack E. Davis reception, Matheson Mus. (513 E. Univ Ave), 2 pm; free.
Food Not Bombs feeds everyone every Sunday, Lynch Park (S. Main St. & SW 5th Ave), 4 pm; see pg 7.
Burn Job, Phillips Ctr, 7 pm; free.

27 Memorial Mile - see it, feel it, think about it.



3 Frozen dance recital, Phillips Ctr (UF, 3201 Hull Rd), 4 pm; \$15.

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.

1989: Tiananmen Sq. crackdown.

10 Pop-up Flea Market at the Boxcar, Depot Park (200 SE Depot Ave), 1 pm.



17 Donna Waller at Sunday Assembly - see 5/20.

IGUANA Deadline for July-Aug issue is June 26th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 352-378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

FATHER'S DAY

24 1633: Roman Inquisition releases Galileo.

Monday Lunes

21 Grow G'ville 3rd Monday Meetup, Working Food Community Ctr (219 NW 10th Ave), 7 pm, free.

I AM (thoughtful documentary on modern times), Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm.

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

1927: C. Lindbergh flies over Atlantic. 1932: A. Earhardt flies over Atlantic.

28 Blue Star Museums: Fla Mus. of Natural History free to active duty military & families Mem Day through Labor Day: floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/blue-star-museums/. Butterfly Forest & Bats exhibits free to veterans on Memorial Day.
Why We Fight, CMC, 7 pm.
Democratic Socialists of America meet, downtown library, 6:45 pm.
Memorial Mile takedown begins shortly before sunset.

MEMORIAL DAY

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

1919: US women get the vote.

11 Women's March meets, United Church of Gvl, 6:30 pm.

Poverty, Inc., CMC documentary film night, 7 pm.

1880: Jeannette Rankin born.

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

Targeting Iran, CMC documentary film, 7 pm.

1983: Dr. Sally Ride 1st US woman in space.

25 1962: Supreme Court ends forced school prayer.



Tuesday Martes

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

Anti-war signholding, 4:30-5:30 pm: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Archer Rd & SW 34th St; 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, University Ave & W 13th St.

Just Health Care meets, ACLC (901 NW 8th Ave), 6 pm.

PFLAG meets, 3rd Tuesdays, United Church (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm. **NAKBA DAY**

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

IWOC meeting, CMC, 6 pm.

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

Voter Forum - Dem candidates for Fla House Dist. 21, downtown library, 6:30 pm.

29 Renters' Rights meeting, Em. Menno Church (1256 NW 18th Ave), 6 pm.

Rent is Queer Movie Night show, w/ vegan potluck: CMC, 6 pm. **FULL MOON**

5 Voting Rights Restoration talk, Sr Rec Ctr (5701 NW 34th Blvd), 10 am.

School Board - see 5/15.

Gvl Citizens Against Death Penalty meets, Mennonite Meeting House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 1st Tuesdays, 6 pm.

Lauren Groff's Florida stories book launch, Cade Museum (904 S. Main St), 6 pm.

Solutionary Species Vegan Teach-In, CMC, 6:30 pm.

12 County Commission - see 5/22.

1/2¢ Sales Tax for Schools talk, Sr Rec Ctr, 10 am.

IWOC meets, CMC, 6 pm.

19 Children's Trust Tax Initiative talk, Sr Rec Ctr (5701 NW 34th Blvd), 10 am.

PFLAG meets - see 5/15.

Nicaragua film & discussion, CMC, 7 pm. **JUNETEENTH**

26 New Federal Tax Law talk, Sr Rec Ctr, 10 am. **IWOC** meets, CMC, 6 pm.

Wednesday Miercoles

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

Downtown Farmers' Market every Wed, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. University Ave), 4-7 pm; **Edible Plant Project**, 2nd Weds.

Communication workshop, CMC, 6 pm.

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

Don David Band every Weds at Sandy's Place (5001 NW 34th St).

23 Reproductive Justice for the incarcerated workshop sponsored by Fight Toxic Prisons and Planned Parenthood, CMC, 6:30-8:30 pm.
1900: Sgt William H. Carney 1st black to win Medal of Honor.

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

30 The Bikinis preview performance at Hipp, 7 pm; runs through 6/24.

This Is War previews at Across-town Rep (619 S. Main St), 8 pm; runs through 6/10; see pg 16.

1381: English peasants revolt. **1539: Hernando de Soto** lands at Tampa Bay.

6 "Now, You Talk" communication workshops 1st & 3rd Weds at CMC, 6 pm.

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

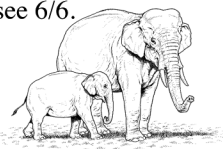
Summer movie series starts at Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), to run through August - 7 pm, free.

1944: Allied troops invade France.

13 Smog of the Sea film & panel at 1st Magnitude (1220 SE Veitch St), 6:30 pm, free.

1971: NY Times publishes 1st of Ellsberg Pentagon Papers.

20 Communications Workshop - see 6/6.



27 1880: Helen Keller born.

Thursday Jueves

17 Swearing-in of new Gvl Commissioners, Boltin Ctr (516 NE 2nd Ave), noon.

CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

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

Suicide Awareness/Prevention Town Hall, Freedom Community Ctr, Kanapaha Veterans Memorial Park (7400 SW 41st Pl), 5:30 pm.

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

Golpe de Estado art/learning project at Thomas Ctr (302 NE 6th Ave), 6-9 pm.

Zines meeting every Thurs, Civic Media Center, 6:30 pm.

24 Bats & Brew at Fla Mus. of Natural History, 7 pm; \$35 gen. public - pre-register by 5/21.

Working - The Musical previews at SFC (3000 NW 83rd St), 7:30 pm, runs through 6/2; \$9-15 - see pg 17.

1607: English settle Jamestown.

31 FDOC Visitation Cut Hearing in Tallahassee: carpools from CMC, early.

Hebron report by Cody O'Rourke, Em. Mennonite Church, 7 pm.

Putney Swope opens Black Films Matter last-Thurs series at Hippodrome (25 SE 2nd Pl), 7:30 pm.

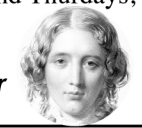
7 CMC Volunteers & Poets. **Frog Drinks** hosts Florida Springs Institute, 1st Mag, 6-9 pm.

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

1965: Supreme Court legalizes contraception.

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

1811: Harriet Beecher (Stowe) born.



21 Citizen Mycology week-end conference, 21st-23rd: search Facebook.com for Florida Academic Lichen And Fungi Enthusiasts League for more info.

SUMMER SOLSTICE

28 CMC Volunteers & Poets. **FULL MOON**

Friday Viernes

18 Progressive Democrats meet-&-greet, Hipp, 6:30 pm; minimum suggested donation \$25.

Jackson Browne Tribute rocks BD Plaza Free Friday concert, 8 pm; pg 14.

The Effect opens, Actors' Warehouse (619 NE 1st St), 8 pm; runs through 6/3; \$20 (\$15: students, seniors); pg 4.

OJAS: Open Jam & Art Show, 1st & 3rd Fridays, CMC, 8-11:40 pm.

Captive Eddies, Heartwood, 8 pm.

Lindsey Mills returns to Gvl, performs at Atlantic.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

25 Downtown Artwalk, 7-10 pm - see pg 17 and artwalk.gainesville.com.

Fla Folk Festival opens, Stephen Foster Park, White Springs, 7 pm - thru 5/27.

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

Big Band show swings Bo Diddley Plaza Free Friday concert, 8 pm; pg 14.

Memorial Mile setup begins 10:30 pm - see pg 24.

TOWEL DAY

June 1 Playwrights Forum, 1st Magnitude Brewing Co. (1220 SE Veitch St), 8 pm.

Little Jake & The Soul Searchers shake up Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free.

Open Jam & Art Show, 1st & 3rd Fridays, CMC, 8 pm 'til late.

Coathangers, Oof, at High Dive.

HURRICANE SEASON OPENS

8 Give Springs A Break starts: see floridaspringsinstitute.org.

21 Blue azurizes Free Fridays concert series, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E Univ Ave), 8 pm; see pg 14.

1967: Israel attacks USS Liberty.

15 Gvl Playreaders, Acrosstown Rep (619 S. Main St), 7 pm.

The Shakedown vibrates Free Fridays concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

OJAS, 8-10 pm, then **Connect The Dots** w/ Surrounder, Teen Divorce, Just Neighbors, CMC, 10 pm-late.

22 Fast Lane accelerates Free Fridays concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm; see pg 14.

29 Downtown Artwalk, 7-10 pm; 5 bands at CMC; see pg 17 & artwalk.gainesville.com.

Savants of Soul edify BD Plaza for Free Friday concert, 8 pm.

Gatorbone Band, Heartwood, 8 pm.

Saturday Sabado



19 Master Gardener & Plant Sale plants, workshops, advice; UF/IFAS Extn (2800 NE 39th Ave), 8 am.

Fla Dem Progressive Caucus opens, UF Reitz Union, 8:30 am.

Community Meditation, CMC, 9-10 am every Saturday.

Ocala Nat'l Forest Spring Hop: Fla Springs Inst outing: Salt Springs (13851 Hwy 19N, Ft. McCoy), 10 am; \$20 + \$11.50 park fees.

Lubee Bat Conservancy open house (1309 NW 192 Ave), 11 am-3 pm, \$5.

Free Store, CMC, 2-5 pm.

Bruises and Brews Gvl Roller Rebels benefit, 1st Magnitude, 3-7 pm, \$5-25.

Local Food Awards Dinner, Working Food (219 NW 10th Ave), 5:30 pm, \$65.

26 Memorial Mile - see pg 24.

Dragonfly Walk, Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE Cty Rd 234), 9 am.

All Africa Day - speakers, food, entertainment: Montecocha Community (19024 NE 21st St), 10 am.

Connect The Dots IWOC benefit with Co-Pilots, Articles, more: CMC, 9 pm.

2 Indivisible Gainesville meets 1st Sats, downtown library, 10 am.

Gvl Roller Rebels vs Tragic City (Pensacola), MLK Ctr (1028 NE 14 St), 6 pm.

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

9 Walk with a Doc, Depot Park, 9-10 am.

Wilderness 1st Aid course, Sat & Sun; info: soloflorida.com.

Girls Rock Camp performance showcase, High Dive, 2-4 pm.

Connect The Dots w/ Darkhearts and Ikigai (both from Miami), CMC, 9 pm.

16 Gary Gordon in concert at the Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 7:30 pm, \$10 - see pg 8.

BLOOMSDAY

23 Gvl Roller Rebels vs Vice City Rollers (Miami), MLK Ctr (1028 NE 14th Ave), 6 pm.

1868: Luther Sholes patents 1st US typewriter.

30 Poor People's Campaign workshop, CMC.

Annie Guthrie at Heartwood Soundstage (619 S Main St), 8 pm.

Sanders Response to Trump's Decision on Iran Nuclear Deal

WASHINGTON, May 8 – Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) delivered a video response to President Donald Trump's announcement Tuesday that he will pull the United States out of the Iran nuclear agreement. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlzKuBpybMU> to see a video of the speech. The transcript is below.

President Trump's speech today was the latest in a series of reckless decisions that move our country closer to conflict. By reimposing nuclear sanctions on Iran and withdrawing from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, otherwise known as the Iran Nuclear Agreement, President Trump has put our nation on a dangerous path.

We should understand that the JCPOA is not just an agreement between the United States and Iran, but one negotiated alongside other members of the international community including the United Kingdom, France, and Germany, along with China and Russia. The United Nations Security Council also endorsed it.

Trump's decision isolates the United States from our most

important European allies who all continue to support the agreement and have consistently said that it is in their own national security interests to see it upheld.

With today's announcement, President Trump has also ignored the public statements of his own national security officials like Joint Chiefs Chairman Dunford and Defense Secretary Mattis, both of whom have repeatedly said that staying in the agreement is in the national security interests of the United States.

This agreement is supported by an overwhelming consensus of national security experts around the world. And, I would note, that includes in Israel. Last month, 26 former top-ranking Israeli military and security officials signed a letter urging the United States to maintain the agreement, stating unequivocally that the deal is working and that a U.S. decision to pull out would undermine not just U.S. security, but Israel's security as well.

These Israeli security leaders wrote, "The consensus among military and intelligence agencies around the world — including Israel's own defense community — is that the pact is working... Israel's security interests would be served best if the United States chooses to remain in the agreement, and work with its allies and other parties to the agreement on further diplomatic actions to address other aspects of Iranian policy in the Middle East."

Withdrawing from the agreement could not only free Iran from the limits placed on its nuclear program, it would seriously harm America's ability to negotiate future nonproliferation agreements, such as one with North Korea. Why would any country in the world sign such an agreement with the United States, and make the difficult concessions, if they thought that a reckless president might simply discard that agreement a few years later?

If we are genuinely concerned with Iran's behavior in the region,

as I am, this is the worst possible course. It will make addressing all of these other problems harder. Unfortunately, I heard no strategy from Trump today, just the usual bluster.

But bluster and Iran-bashing will not get us to a better future. Ultimately, we must seek a better relationship with the Iranian people and a more constructive role for Iran in the region. Trump's bellicose rhetoric today makes achieving those goals more difficult. It will strengthen the regime's hardliners, who are much more comfortable dealing with a hostile America than with a reasonable, peace-seeking one. After 17 years of war in Afghanistan and 15 years of war in Iraq, the American people do not want to be engaged in never-ending wars in the Middle East.

I am deeply concerned that that is exactly where President Trump is taking us with regard to Iran. And for anyone who tries to dismiss those concerns, I would remind you that his newly installed National Security Adviser John Bolton wrote an article a few years ago entitled "To Stop Iran's Bomb, Bomb Iran." Now Donald Trump seems to be creating his own excuse for doing exactly that.

Importantly, I would remind my fellow Americans that the road to the Iraq war did not simply begin in 2003. It was laid down brick by brick over a number of years, with policy decisions that might have seemed relatively small at the time, but that ultimately led us to the worst foreign policy blunder in the modern history of our country.

The Iraq war had enormous unintended consequences that we are still dealing with today, and will be for many years to come. Indeed, one of those unintended consequences was the empowering of Iran in the Middle East.

It is folly to imagine that, having unleashed these problems through the misuse of military force, we can solve them in the same way. Real American leadership, and real American power, is not shown by our ability to blow things up, but by our ability to bring parties together, to forge international consensus around shared problems, and then to mobilize that consensus to address those problems.

That is what this agreement did.

Unfortunately, today President Trump put us on a very different, more dangerous path. 🐢



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1 Little Jake & The Soul Searchers *(R&B, Soul)*

8 21 Blue with Longineu Parsons & Ted Shumate *(Blues)*

15 The Shakedown *(Blues, Rock)*

22 Fast Lane *(Funk, Soul, R&B)*

29 Savants of Soul *(Soul, Rock, Indie)*

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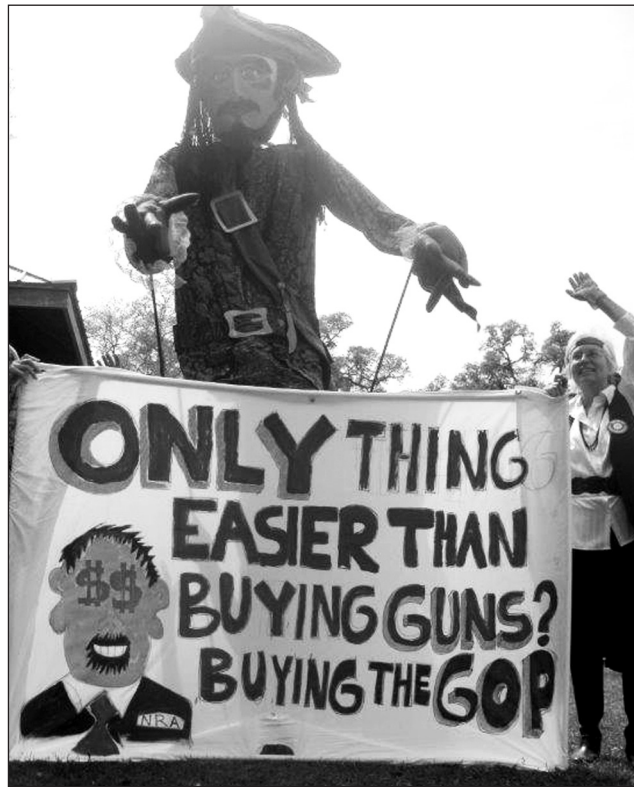
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Check website for showtimes - 619 S. Main Street - 352-448-4849



Give Yoho the heave ho

Festival goers had a fun time at the "Heave Ho Yoho Must Go" festival at Heritage Park in Melrose on Saturday, April 21. Candidates' speeches provided information; food vendors, a dunk tank (with Trump impersonator), a kazoo-infused parade, live music, and a pirate costume contest provided entertainment. The message was clear: Tea Party Congressman Ted Yoho and Republican State Senator Keith Perry must be voted out. Big thanks to Lee Malis and the other volunteers who made it happen. Photo by Joe Courter. 🐊

THIS IS WAR

By Hannah Moscovitch
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Many prints were sold during the first sale at April's ArtWalk, but more remain priced to sell at \$3, \$5 and \$10 for small, medium and large prints. There are a couple dozen larger matted prints for \$30.

During her life, Ms. Amatniek's works were displayed around the NYC area and in Egypt, Israel and India. The prints have been in storage since her death in Gainesville at her daughter Kathy Sarachild's home, but are now available to art lovers.

Sales of the prints will benefit both the Civic Media Center

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History and the people who make it: David Thurston

David Thurston [T], DC-area gay rights activist, was interviewed by Robert Baez [B] in June, 2017.

This is the 48th in a series of transcript excerpts from the UF Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

T: I was one of the principal arts organizers for the No Justice No Pride initiative, which is an ad-hoc collective of local queer and trans organizers and folks of color, people from the Movement for Black Lives, who came together to challenge Capital Pride’s collusion with nefarious corporations and institutions that are harmful to more marginalized sections of the LGBTQ community, and to other oppressed communities that should be our natural allies in challenging the agenda of the unmentionable president we have ...

B: Equality March and Capital Pride, are those two separate things?

T: They’re very distinct. We went to two board meetings of Capital Pride, and we were like, why don’t we do what they did in L.A. and cancel Pride and call it a protest, and just make the Equality March Pride?

Instead the Equality March was relegated to nine in the morning on Sunday, which probably depressed turnout. I couldn’t make it out because I had a bunch of things on my plate. The Equality March at least attempted to reflect the diversity of the LGBTQ community, Capital Pride really did not. It attempted to impose upon more marginalized sections of our community, an agenda defined by an upper-middle-class, white, cisgender, gay elite.

We went to Capital Pride board meetings — almost all white: one or two women, one trans woman, two Black people — this city was once called “Chocolate City.”

I grew up in D.C., it was mostly Black. My parents bought a house in Dupont Circle before the neighborhood gentrified, for thirty thousand dollars. The other couple that bought the house, for a hundred thousand dollars for the upper floor five years later, that’s how I went to Columbia, that’s how my brother went to Brown. This city has gotten so astronomically expensive, and upper-middle-class, upwardly mobile white gay men are part of the gentrification.

Black and Brown people are being displaced and replaced with businesses that label themselves as queer friendly. I’m

all for space for everyone to be out and proud, but we have to build real solidarity based on an understanding of the commonality of our different oppressions and the intersectionality of those things.

I was one of two local organizers for the National Equality March, we brought two-to-three hundred thousand people into the streets of D.C., right after Obama’s election.

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That was a turning point in moving the debate on marriage equality and saying, we’re going to fight and win at a federal level—full equality.

But there are different ways of talking about marriage equality. There is a viewpoint native to upwardly mobile white gay people, like, “We’re just like you, let us have equality so we can inherit all our rights and I can get the hundred thousand dollars my partner makes, and we can have Fortune 500 jobs.”

Marriage equality is valuable for undocumented immigrants, it’s valuable for low-income Black people, it’s valuable for all kinds of people.

You can struggle for liberation, or you can say, “We want formal equality under the law under capitalism,” which is a very narrow viewpoint. Black people have long had formal equality under capitalism, but racism persists. The injustices of the criminal injustice system, the racism of policing, employment, indoctrinated things about self-hatred, about looking Black and Blackness, are deeply rooted in a white supremacist society, and the LGBTQ movement can’t be blind to other forms of op-

pression deeply linked to our own.

We live in a system based on preserving the power of a tiny elite that reaps enormous profits at the expense of the vast majority. It does that by dividing and conquering, and keeping people from seeing the potential to fight together for a different kind of society. There is more than enough wealth to make sure everyone is fed, housed, and clothed, but that doesn’t happen.

Trump promises to make America great again, bring jobs back. It’s a sham.

There’s a serious political crisis in our country, and this is a pivotal moment. Bernie Sanders gave a speech in Chicago and he was like, “This shows that if the Democrats in this country had a spine, or if we broke with the Democrats and built something else, we could actually challenge Trump.”

You can’t challenge right-wing populism with neo-liberal bullshit. Obama did some progressive stuff under pressure from activists, but it was a thin veneer of liberalism that existed where incredible war crimes were still going on, deportations escalated. Obama deported more people than Bush. The Trump machine benefits in a lot of ways from the things that Obama did around immigration.

It’s really important at this moment to build relationships of trust, understanding between activists, to build power, to build communities of resistance, and that’s what I’ve been part of doing in this city since the election. We had tremendous protests on J20.

The day of the inauguration, we had direct action at all these checkpoints on the parade route. People couldn’t get through, because there were Black Lives Matter lockdown, Future is Feminist lockdown, we blockaded the parade route. We had a huge permitted march of five-to-ten thousand people. It was overshadowed by the Women’s March the next day, that got all the liberals’ attention.

But that day of action in some ways set the stage for what we did yesterday, because in that action we had folks for Black Lives Matter showing up for racial justice. Groups in the city that hadn’t previously worked together or trusted each other, worked together on J20, and have continued to collaborate. Since then, we have a formation called Resist This! hosting spokes-councils once a month, where

people from different activist groups come together, share our strategies, break down into clusters. We try to build power in the most horizontal way, minimize hierarchy and maximize de-centralization of discussion and energy.

B: You mentioned neoliberalism, can you speak on that and how that may be eroding these movements?

T: The neoliberal assault on the social safety net and on the labor movement began in the late ’70s, under the economic crisis under Carter. Then, it accelerated massively under Reagan, it was continued by Bush, Clinton. The economy grew so jobs were produced and people were more happy, but Clinton ripped apart the welfare state. Neoliberal politics have dominated both parties for almost twenty-five years in this country. Neoliberalism is a funny word because in this country liberalism means to the left of the right, but [neo-]liberalism refers to classical economics where it’s like bring back raw free trade, unfettered globalization, let corporations do whatever they want. It’s a host of things.

B: I see it in many social movements, where people think they’re making [a] difference, but it’s really just scratching the surface and they’re not truly understanding what’s going on. I see it in the academic institution, where people are, again, capitalizing off of ideas that may be harmful. Do you see that happening?

T: Neoliberalism, and its ascendancy over the last three decades, put forward the notion that there is no alternative to the unfettered market. It leads to a poverty of ideas about how to challenge things. When the debate about healthcare comes up, it’s like, how do we best give people insurance?

I don’t need health insurance, I need healthcare. I live on the manic-depressive spectrum, and that’s why I took the street art name Bypo, and my platform name is Bypophoenix, a play on the term bipolar. I depend on a number of medications to remain stable, and I luckily get Medicaid so I get some coverage. But, if I go out of state I have to worry about my coverage being there.

It’s so dysfunctional. We spend more on healthcare in this country than anyone in the world and we have less access to healthcare than most people in the world. Almost every other industrialized country has nationalized healthcare. It’s

just the poverty of ideas. I identify as both a Marxist and an anarchist, but I think there’s a lot of different kinds of capitalism.

There’s social democracy where you establish some controls over corporate power and you establish a basic social safety net, and you nationalize certain industries central to the economy. There’s a range of ways in which countries under capitalism can function, and we have lived for the last generation with the notion that the only way to produce jobs is to give tax cuts to businesses and rich people so they’ll invest in jobs. It doesn’t work.

Rich people, if you give them tax cuts, will just hoard their money. If you give me a tax cut, I’ll probably go buy something nice, or for a drink, or to eat. If you put money in the hands of working-class people, like raise the minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour like Bernie Sanders talked about, that produces real economic stimulus and growth. These very narrow-minded economic viewpoints blind us to the alternatives to capitalism that can be created in the face of the vicissitudes of capital society.

B: Did you participate in the marches ... happening yesterday with No Justice No Pride? What was going on?

T: I was the arts organizer, so my main role was to get all the banners displayed and get all that out to everybody. Then, I was moving between blockades and supporting everyone’s blockades.

B: What were you blockading?

T: We took on three major targets: the first one was the police contingent in the parade, which we thought was an affront to especially Black and Brown communities in D.C., but also Queer and Trans folk of Color in D.C. who don’t view the police positively.

I have been threatened with imminent death by police in a state of a mental health crisis. I was manic once and I had a police officer come up to me and say, “Drop that now or I’ll shoot,” and it was a can of spray paint. If I hadn’t dropped that and gone into like, complacent Negro mode, I could have been shot.

I was threatened with rape by a guard in a D.C. prison. They were like, “If you don’t shut up, we have a guy who knows what to do with girls like you.” That’s what they said to me in jail. I remember it viscerally, even though I was manic at the time. It’s crazy. These are the things that

happen to you when you’re Black.

Personally, I wouldn’t have a problem with LGBTQ police officers in plain clothes and in a parade saying, “Hey, we’re with you,” but when they put on their uniforms and march as a contingent, it conveys an adherence to the dominant narrative of police are here to protect and serve this community.

That resonates with upper-middle-class white gays, who would probably call the cops on me if I was putting up a tag in their neighborhood, or if they saw a Latino guy running. There’s a class chasm between the white gay elite, who often benefit off the exploitation of other queer folk, like gay bars and clubs populated by attractive, young, hip-looking—and it’s so dysfunctional. If you don’t look the right way you won’t get the job.

There’s this allure of, oh, we’re all one family, and you go out to drinks with your manager. But it’s exploitation, it’s capitalism. I would prefer local businesses who actually employ and serve local people.

Search for “David Thurston” at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu> for the recording of this interview.

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Peace Poetry Contest winners share poems at public reading

This is the ninth year that Gainesville Veterans for Peace has organized the Peace Poetry Contest in Alachua County, where all students, grades K–12, were encouraged to submit one original poem focusing on their interpretation of “peace.”

Veterans for Peace members believe that peace-making and hope for a peaceful world begin in our community, our homes and our schools. That is why they invited students to participate in the contest this year; a peaceful possibility lies in the younger generations of today who will be leading, transforming and inspiring the world tomorrow.

They want to honor the ideal of peace through the perspectives of young people. Peace is a uniquely human conception and affirms the human spirit. It is especially important to remember that peace is not merely a goal but a human right.


This year Gainesville VFP received 351 poems from all grades, and the poems were judged by a panel of community poets and writers. The winners were asked to read at the Peace Poetry Reading at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville on May 5, and their poems are published in the 2018 *Peace Poetry Contest Book*.

Veterans for Peace would first and foremost like to thank all of the participants in the 2018 Peace Poetry Contest. Without the poetry submissions, there would be no Peace Poetry Contest and none of the dialogue that comes with it.

Parents and teachers also play a large role in the Peace Poetry Contest every year by encouraging their children to participate, sometimes awarding extra credit and providing other incentives. VFP thanks them for helping make the Peace Poetry Contest a success.

The community judges, all poets and writers, were integral to this year’s contest. Thank you to: Rhonda Riley, fiction writer and longtime Gainesville resident; Ann Kennebrew, theatre maker and Executive Director of Ignite Applied Theatre; Barbara Brody, intuitive life coach and storyteller; and Syraj Syed, narrative specialist, educator, public health advocate, and community builder.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville has hosted the Peace Poetry Contest nine years in a row now, and Veterans for Peace is grateful for their support and continued cooperation. Specifically, thank you to UU and VFP member Mary Bahr who helped with the arrangements for the reading, and to Erin Parish who operated the sound equipment for the Reading. 🐞



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*They hate when we break the silence
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*They say we’re reacting off of feeling,
thinking with the heart, not head.
But just because it’s not their lives guns are stealing,
doesn’t mean the kids aren’t dead.*

*It shouldn’t be hard to connect the dots.
Assault Rifles can be purchased just by a stroll to the store.
This can’t be fixed with prayers and thoughts.
We need to ban these weapons of war.*

*They only see the number, not each life.
Each scholar, athlete, daughter, and son ...
it would’ve been harder with a knife.
And yet we’re told to respect the laws of a gun.*

*I have family over in Norway.
They asked if I was scared to get shot.
It was 3 years ago and I said “No way ...”
“... I’m safe in my country!” So I thought.*

*Have you heard about Lori, whose daughter is dead?
She coats herself in Alyssa’s body spray
and lies covered in blankets in Alyssa’s bed
and so far has cried ten pounds away.*

*I’ll show you logic and I’ll put down my tissue.
They think mental illness should be our biggest fear?
Well, mental illness is a global issue.
These mass shootings happen uniquely here.*

*In the middle of class, an alarm sounding
or the jiggling of the knob to the door
leaves everyone’s heart pounding.
Wanting change isn’t something we’ll apologize for.*

*To speak or to remain silent, that’s your choice.
But it’s not the time for self-doubt
Your opinions are valid so use your voice
And soon we’ll all vote them out.*

by Kate Kverneland
Grade 12, Buchholz High School
First Place Winner
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Peace Poetry Contest winners, pictured here, read their poems at a public reading at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville on May 5. The winners’ poems were selected from 351 submitted. Photo by Mary Bahr, Courtesy of Veterans for Peace. 🐞

Peace Scholarship awarded to four Alachua County students

Earlier this year, Veterans for Peace announced the annual Peace Scholarship award, a college scholarship program for Alachua County students. The scholarship competition was open to eligible high school seniors, college students, and adults who need financial support to succeed in college and who have demonstrated a commitment and leadership in activities involving peace and social justice and/or nonviolent social change.

Peace scholarship applicants were asked to provide a brief autobiographical statement and evidence of leadership and/or personal initiative in activities in an organization (including volunteer

or paid work) relating to peace and social justice, conflict resolution and/or nonviolent social change. Applicants were also asked to provide two letters of recommendation. In the end, VFP awarded peace scholarships to four students in the amount of \$750 each. The scholarships were awarded to:

Ryan Robinson, a high school senior at St. Francis Catholic Academy and a member of the National Honors Society and Math Honors Society.

Don Balcita, a Santa Fe College Engineering major and military veteran who plans to pursue a career in renewable energy and financial equality for all.

Taisha Saintil, a University of Florida African American Studies, Criminology and Political Science major who plans to become a social justice attorney.

Jamouri Bryan, a Santa Fe College International Studies and Civic Engagement scholar who plans to become a multicultural affairs counselor in higher education.

To learn more about the VFP Peace Scholarship so you can apply next year, visit vfpgainesville.org. There you will find detailed instructions and the application for the scholarship. If you have specific questions, contact VFP member Paul Ortiz at ortizprof@gmail.com or 831-334-0131. 🐞

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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: Our.Circle.Of.Care@gmail.com. See national Web site to join: http://www.ncpssm.org/

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

National Women’s Liberation is a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. Inequalities between women and men are political problems requiring a collective solution. Founded 1968. Join us: www.womensliberation.org, P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 347-560-4695, nwl@womensliberation.org

NCFAWIS 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 LGBT+ 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

Putnam County Florida Democratic Party, http://www.putnamcountyfloridademocrats.com, check website or call for upcoming meetings, 107 S. Sixth St., Palatka - For information on volunteer activities call Fran Rossano at 352-475-3012

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 organization 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 LGBT+ group open to queer folk of all sorts, including 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 Florica 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/

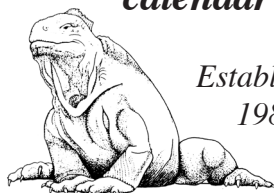
WGOT-LP 100.1 FM Community low-power radio station operating as part of the CMC. info@wgot.org, www.wgot.org

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 wmw@hearourvoicegnv.org. Together we can do anything... Join Us! We Need You. Let’s build this peaceful movement together!

World Socialist Party of the United States (WSP-US) welcomes anyone wanting to know more about Marxian socialism and our efforts to transform the dog-eat-dog–Devil take the hindmost world–created by capitalism into a democratically arranged world society of equality at boston@wspus.org. Upon request the Party will provide membership applications.http://wspus.org 🐢

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Every year on Memorial Day weekend, Gainesville Veterans for Peace displays tombstones to remember American soldiers who have died in the wars in Afghanistan since 2001 and in Iraq since 2003. Photo by Mary Bahr, courtesy of Veterans for Peace. 🇺🇸

Memorial Mile: Veterans display tombstones of fallen service members in Iraq and Afghanistan wars

Veterans for Peace will be displaying more than 6,900 tombstones from dawn on May 26 through dusk on Memorial Day on 8th Avenue just east of 31st Street as part of their Memorial Day Weekend event to remember soldiers who have died in the wars in Afghanistan since 2001 and in Iraq since 2003.

The tombstones will line the street along 8th Avenue just east of 31st Street, where

the Solar System Walk is located. This is the eleventh year VFP has set up the display, and in 2008 they had to cross over to the north side of Eighth Avenue due to the continuing number of deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Veterans for Peace feels that these losses cannot be adequately understood with facts and figures alone. The visual impact of the tombstones conveys their reality.

Each tombstone includes the soldier's name, date of death, age, branch of service, rank and hometown. They will be arranged by date of death and theater of operation.

Veterans for Peace places American flags on tombstones of local service members and on those visited by the public. VFP maintains a Directory at each end of the display, which allows them to help visitors find the loved ones who they have come to visit. Each year, people come to the Memorial Mile to place flowers and other expressions of love at the tombstones. VFP cleans and cares for the tombstones year round and tries to preserve messages that loved ones have written on the tombstones.

In addition, VFP will have posters depicting the costs of war.

Learn more at the Gainesville Veterans for Peace website: <http://www.vfpgainesville.org/> 🇺🇸

