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Student Power

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Major victory for Divest UF

by Aggie Agreros

On Thursday, March 28, UF student organizers, including myself, learned that our fight to hold the university up to its stated ideals had made an extraordinary breakthrough.

In a meeting between Divest UF, a loose collective of students, faculty, alumni, and community members organizing to financially disentangle UF from toxic industries, and the University of Florida Investment Corporation (UFICO), the University agreed to dramatically change their investment strategy by passing an ESG Policy to which they will hold their fund managers accountable.

This monumental decision provides the framework for making UF’s investments socially and environmentally responsible. Such a move is the first step toward divesting UF’s endowment from fossil fuels, private prisons, and other human rights violations.

“While we applaud UFICO and the University of Florida for this major step we need more transparency and accountability on these investments” said JoJo Sacks, Divest UF organizer and UF senior. “We need to know how and when UF will end their active investments and contracts with passive investment managers who do not meet our Environment, Social, and Corporate Governance Policy.”

This news broke during the middle of Divest UF Heat Week,

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Boot the Braids

by Coalition of Immokalee Workers

On March 19, the University of Florida Student Government escalated student pressure on Wendy’s—and on UF President Kent Fuchs—voting unanimously to call on the UF administration to cut the university’s contract with Wendy’s until the fast-food giant joins the Fair Food Program. The vote came just days

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Photo from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW).

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Positive reflections on recent city election

by Molly Mencken

Note: A number of people expressed surprise at the Iguana for not endorsing Lauren Poe and Adrian Hayes-Santos in this past election, candidates we had strongly endorsed previously. This piece gives a good reflection of the value of challenging incumbents as a way of making them better and bringing issues to the fore.

Movement organizers are reluctant to hinge hopes on election campaigns at the state and national level, where party politics interfere with justice and equity work. But the 2019 Gainesville Mayor's race shows how a local low-budget grassroots leverage campaign can move mountains against a popular establishment Democratic incumbent.

Jenn Powell's upstart progressive campaign ran against sitting Mayor Lauren Poe, who outraised her moneywise more than three to one. She used her campaign to raise issues unlike any City candidate in recent memory, and Poe and his Commission supporters responded wisely by moving forward on or publicly affirming many left progressive issues. Poe won (63%) against a field with Ms. Powell (18%), Republican Jennifer Reid (15%), and libertarian-capitalist Marlon Bruce (4%). The more assertively progressive Adrian Hayes-Santos openly campaigned alongside the mayor in his smaller District 4 race and won handily against anti-GNV Rise candidate Robert Mounts (74%/26%).

Before this election cycle began, the majority of commissioners and the mayor either didn't discuss or were publicly opposed to pressuring the University of Florida on shifting its main campus from Duke Energy's corporate shareholder non-renewable energy production to our publicly owned renewables-based utility. This was in opposition to their own citizen Utility Advisory Board (UAB) and research by local environmentalists like the now inactive Gainesville Loves Mountains. Jenn Powell was the first City candidate in history to make this a key point of her campaign, as well as raising discussion of a Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) program used in more than a hundred other cities to help wealthy colleges and universities share their prosperity with municipal government. The mayor conceded to work on the UF/GRU contract more vigorously near the end of the campaign. The Gainesville Sun cited this as a primary reason for endorsing his re-election.

Affordable housing also saw radical gains in traction with Mayor Poe under election pressure. Renters' rights was championed explicitly by his fellow Commissioner and supporter Adrian Hayes-Santos, who wrote a white paper on the topic and worked with the Alachua County Labor Coalition (ACLC) on a vanguard renters' rights policy including energy efficiency, anti-discrimination provisions, and landlord licensing. Powell endorsed the ACLC proposal early on, and Gainesville's mayor finally endorsed it in some form, after running on the affordable housing issue in his last two campaigns without measurable results.

In fact, all of the candidates in the Mayor's race were compelled to endorse renters' rights, something that would likely not have happened in an uncontested race. During a Gainesville Chapter National Organization for Women candidate forum, all four mayor's candidates even supported placing morning-after pills for women on public property in bathrooms or vending locations.

Ms. Powell campaigned on class issues that are shaping our

national political conversations. She pushed heavily on a United Way study showing that 50 percent of our community's employed residents, people who actually have jobs, live paycheck to paycheck and are rent and food burdened.

She attacked the mayor for making campaign promises that never turned to policies, and for holding fundraisers in the downtown Seagle Building penthouse hosted by wealthy property owners.

His campaign responded by pointing to Ms. Powell's in-kind donation from a small local business for yard signs as a kind of corporate contribution. This amateur mistake by Ms. Powell can't account for her wide margin loss, but it supported critics' claims that she still had a lot to learn, even after running for office in 2017.

For immigrant rights, it took ten months, and this election challenge from the progressive left, for Mayor Poe to finally apologize and acknowledge that the City needed to look into the Gainesville Police Department's policy on reporting immigrant victims of domestic violence to ICE. Likewise, the Commission's quick turnaround on waiting a year to end prison slavery, while also an attempt to keep up with Alachua County's vote on the matter, was leveraged heavily by the Powell campaign. She promised it would be the first motion she made if elected, and the Commission soon reversed its waiting period stance to an immediate abolition.

See *ELECTION*, p. 20

Department of Fan Mail

Yes, this issue of the Iguana went to the printer April 1, but the letter to our advertisers that follows is quite real (at least we assume it is), and we're reprinting it for the over-the-top, humorous assumptions (still waiting on that big check from UF)* and the writer's misinformed sincerity. At least four *Iguana* advertisers received it, but none were deterred from their continued support.

January 25, 2019

Dear Owner/CEO,

I just saw a copy of "The Gainesville Iguana" issue for January/February, 2019 in which you advertise. I can't tell you how shocked and appalled I am that an American college would publish such a TOTALLY biased socialist/communist paper and that you would endorse such a publication. Have you even bothered to read it except to be sure that your business advertisement was displayed? If you haven't, I suggest you do so and re-evaluate your participation in such a despicable endeavor that tears at the very fabric of America. Our valuable young people are being brainwashed throughout their educational lives with this kind of propaganda and if we stand aside and LET it happen by not speaking up and allowing it to continue, the downfall of our country is not far behind. If you continue to support this outrageous publication, then you are just as guilty as they are in promoting the communist agenda to destroy OUR America from within.

Yes, this is "free speech" and you can support it or not, but just think long and hard about it and be aware of what you are supporting.

Sara Moore
Sara Moore
Starke, FL

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From the publisher ...

Community

by Joe Courter

Community: this word is in my mind a lot. We humans are social beings, and how we relate to one another impacts ourselves (our internal experiences) and the others in our shared world. The Google dictionary says this:

1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
2. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

If you are lucky (and I am), you get to live in and become part of a community that gives you validation and purpose. Through the circumstance of becoming, in 40 plus years of living here, an active participant in this place we call Alachua County, I know lots of history and a lot of people. I have become active various communities within the broader general community.



Joe Courter

There is the community of people who love nature and work to protect it. There's the community of people who love music, either as musicians, as people who love going out to hear music, or as the people who make music events happen. There are the people who involve themselves in the work of local government, who join boards, who run for office, or who watchdog those in power. There are social justice organizers who work to give voice and power to those who need it, doing the work of obtaining rights, benefits and liberties for those who need and deserve them. These are by no means exclusionary groups, in fact almost everyone I know active in one of these categories also inhabits others as well.

There can be dangers with thriving communities, in that they become so focused on the path they are on, that they become blind to the existence of others who are not sharing in that positive community feeling and, in fact, may resent or even suffer because of the dominant communities' actions. We have a great example of this in Gainesville regarding gentrification and rapid development changing the character of neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are also communities, tied together by their being "in the same place," such as Porters Quarters or Pleasant Street. Previous *Iguanas* documented the impact on well-meaning home owner Lee Malis (see Vol. 32, Issue 11/12 and Vol. 33, Issue 1/2), when the city allowed an apartment project to be plopped in his backyard without any care for his quality of life or the value of his investment. That was but one example of GNV Rise and the "Department of Doing," but citizens mobilized and fought back, forming an ad hoc community of common interest, and were definitely heard at the City Commission meeting.

Another aspect of communities is shared responsibility, that everyone gets along with the same basic rules and practices. This not only makes things function more easily, but, in the aspect of my four favorite words in the U.S. Constitution, "Promote the General Welfare," it is key. Public education uplifts everyone and is an investment in the future. The contrast of our broken for-profit healthcare system with the vastly superior single payer systems in Europe is undeniable. There, the whole society pays in, "sharing common interests and goals." In this perverse nation, where "rugged individualism" and the glorification of self-interest overpower desires for community uplift and cooperation, the proof can be seen in so many ways: poverty, underemployment, healthcare-related bankruptcies – all the while corporate CEOs rake in more than a human can possibly spend.

So the essence of community spirit is empathy, caring and even a bit of sacrifice for others. This is not the path on which Trump and his ilk are taking us. Their path is greed. And they rise to defend their chosen path by fear-mongering, by raising the specter of some confiscatory authoritarian nightmare. And our media does not help: see the video clip in the Editors' Picks (page 9) on the Green New Deal. The mischaracterization of Democratic Socialism, framing it without explaining it, does not help in advancing to a better society. And of course this is not new.

The struggle continues ... ☘

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Youth Climate Strike: Why me and why now?

by Lauren Cohen

Students from around the country and the world participated in a Youth Climate Strike on March 15. Here in Gainesville, the strike took place in the form of a demonstration downtown in front of City Hall.

The strike was inspired by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg, who started striking regularly from classes in an effort to raise awareness and demand reductions in greenhouse-gas emissions.

As a young activist (I am a 15-year-old high school freshman), I was attracted to the significance of this world-wide event. Having been involved in other events in the past and maintaining a strong moral understanding that we all have responsibility for the future of our world, I believed that participating in the Youth Climate Strike was not only important, but necessary.

Participation changed to something else when my friend, Feliquan Charlemagne, who is the state organizer for the National Youth Climate Strike, asked me to organize the event here in Gainesville. I knew it would be a challenge, but, as committed as I was to the cause, there was never any thought of saying no. As a student living in Gainesville and one who can understand the fundamentals of science, I understand the impact of climate action or lack-thereof for our future and future generations.

I believe it is critical that people are made aware of what we are doing to our planet, and how our decisions affect us today and how they will translate into the future. By choosing to be apathetic and not care for our planet, we should expect the worst effects of climate change on not only our lives but our children's. We must also acknowledge that marginalized communities, especially black, low income, and disabled, are all disproportionately affected by climate change. To stay quiet about this is to become complacent.

So, with the help of a coalition of several other students at the high school and college level, I set out to organize the Gainesville Youth Climate Strike. We invited speakers who were going to offer valuable information about how to effectively change the way we treat our world.

Finally, after much frantic planning, the day of the Youth Climate Strike was here, and the results were incredible.

Approximately 200 people came out to raise their voices and demand that our legislatures take substantial actions against climate change. While most of them were young, we had people of all ages. Our speakers included 13-year-old Alachua County resident Isaac Augspurg. Isaac is one of eight young Floridians suing the state over climate change in a lawsuit filed by the nonprofit group, Our Children's Trust.

Other speakers included Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe, Gainesville City Commissioners David Arreola and Harvey Ward, Sunrise Movement Fellow Marcella Mulholland, environmental consultant Jim McFarlane and environmental author Cynthia Barnett, who, with her son in attendance, talked about the importance of mothers protecting the planet for the future of their children.

We marched around downtown Gainesville with signs in our hands and passion in our hearts, as we chanted things like "What do we do when our planet is under attack? Stand up, fight back!"

and "Listen to our warning! Stop Global Warming!" at passersby.

So, what does it mean to have this one day around the world when the youth rise up to express their outrage and concern about the way we are treating our planet?

With our futures at stake, we call for legislative action to combat climate change and its detrimental effects on our communities.

We striked for the Green New Deal, for a fair and just transition to a 100 percent renewable economy, and for ending the creation of additional fossil fuel infrastructure.

We believe the climate crisis should be declared a national emergency because we are running out of time.

People from Australia to Luxembourg to Gainesville have come together to demand action and we do not plan to stop until we see action. This is not the end. This is simply the beginning. 🌱

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Florida legislative update: Bills to watch

*by Jeremiah Tattersall, Florida AFL-CIO - North Central
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This is an incomplete list of bills to watch this legislative session. Contact Senator Perry at 352-264-4040 to make your opinion on these bills heard.

- **Anti-Collective Bargaining - HB 13 by Williamson** limits the ability for public sector unions to represent their members by curtailing the activities union officials can engage in.
- **Workers' Compensation - SB 1636 by Perry / HB 1399 by Byrd** drastically hurts workers who have been injured on the job. In 2003 the legislature radically altered Florida's workers' comp system by slashing benefits and capping attorney fees in an attempt to restrict the working class' access to the courts. The Florida Supreme Court ruled that this cap on fees was unconstitutional and this bill attempts to graze the already low bar of unconstitutionality.
- **Preemption of Conditions of Employment - SB 432 by Gruters / HB 847 by Rommel** bans local ordinances or regulations related to "conditions of employment." Big business is pushing this in response to other states passing fair scheduling laws giving workers more consistent schedules. This bill can potentially preempt local wage theft ordinances, living wage ordinances, and human rights ordinances.
- **Reigning in Abuse of Other Personal Services (OPS) Workers - HB 825 by Watson** automatically moves OPS workers to non temporary status after one year of employment, denying OPS workers of any benefits including contributions to their social security, even after being employed by the state for years, or decades.
- **Abolishing the Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC) - SJR 362 by Brandes / HJR 249 by Drake** is one of the few bills that has bipartisan support. The CRC is empowered by Florida's Constitution to meet every twenty years to discuss changes to the constitution with the ability to place proposed amendments directly on the ballot for voter consideration. The CRC is composed almost entirely of untouchable political appointees with incredible power.
- **Attorney Fees and Costs - SB 1140 by Hutson / HB 829 by Sabatini** - The Florida Legislature has been taking power away from local governments through preemption, and many have serious constitutional issues that have to be settled by the courts. These bills create an assumption that any preemption passed by the Legislature is constitutional and force municipalities to pay all legal costs anytime someone challenges the preemption, regardless of who wins the case. This bill forces local governments to cease consideration of local ordinance anytime someone threatens to sue.
- **Voting Rights Restoration SB 7086 / HB 7089 by Grant** would institute a poll tax for the constitutional amendment that returned the right to vote for most felons in Florida. This bill requires previously incarcerated people to pay all of their fees associated with their sentence before they register to vote.
- **K-12 Education-School Choice - SB 7070 / HB 7075** is an education "train bill" with many negative aspects. The bill continues temporary unfair bonus schemes to compensate teachers, and involves a massive expansion of available vouchers, further eroding our traditional public schools and shifting millions from our public system into the private, for-profit system.
- **School Safety and Security - SB 7030 / HB 7093 by Sullivan** is a massive legislative package that implements recommendations from last session's Parkland School Safety Commission, which includes arming teachers. Although there are many good recommendations from the Commission, armed teachers is not one of them.
- **Expansion of the "Bully Voucher" - SB 1410 by Diaz** expands the Hope Scholarship program, which allows children believed to be bullied to transfer to a private or charter school at the public's expense. The program is less than a year old, and this bill removes investigative actions and documentation that verify bullying incidents, while expanding transportation vouchers and elimination responsibility to ensure students are doing well in their new school.
- **Forced Local Funding for Charter Schools - SB 1028 by Hutson** forces Alachua County and other school boards to share revenue from taxes with charter schools. Currently, charter schools get a higher percentage of PECO (construction dollars) funds, arguing that they can't pass referenda for increased tax revenue. This change allows them to, and increases inequities.
- **Federal Immigration Enforcement - SB 168 by Gruters, SB 170 by Bean / HB 527 by Byrd** is attempting to obstruct the power and authority of local governments to protect the civil rights of their communities; this bill forces local governments and officials to cooperate with federal immigration authorities at a level that is not mandated or funded by the federal government; would authorize the Attorney General to sue local governments and officials who do not comply, and could force public sector employees to conduct immigration activities and reporting for which they are not trained or compensated. This isn't just an attack on immigrant communities, this is another attack on local control, that could have negative impacts on local budgets and public sector workers everywhere. Florida has no "sanctuary cities." This is a divisive messaging bill designed to marginalize an already marginalized community.
- **Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (fracking ban) SB 314 by Montford / SB 146 by Stewart / HB 239 by Fitzenhagen.** This is the good ban on fracking while PCB/SB 7064 by Agriculture / HB 7029 by Raschein is a fake fracking ban.
- **Elimination of Certificate of Need SB 1712 by Harrell / HB 21 by Fitzenhagen** cancels the requirement for new hospitals to show a need before they are built. This is supposed to lower cost by increasing competition but studies have shown larger hospitals are safer for many procedures. Instead of dealing with the rising medical costs

by expanding access to healthcare and regulating insurance companies the Legislature is attempting to erode the quality of care provided by larger, safety-net hospitals like Shands.

- **Property Development SB 1730 by Lee / HB7103 by Fischer** preempts many affordable housing initiatives that community activists are currently working on in the Alachua County area.
- **Fetal Heartbeat SB 792 by Baxley / HB 235 by Hill** would make it illegal for women to have abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected. This happens typically 6 weeks after conception when many women are still unaware they are pregnant.

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Protect sex workers, respect voluntary sex work

by Sam Bam

Social media has replaced the diary, the bulletin board, the alt weeklies. It has given us the ability to broadcast to the world. We've all heard the warnings about sharing too much, but not many discuss what happens when the government chooses to censor you, to erase your online existence.

Currently the government is censoring sex workers on the internet. The Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA) and Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (FOSTA) were passed nearly unanimously last year, despite First Amendment concerns. The bills claim to be an attempt to fight

sex trafficking by limiting advertising opportunities for sex workers and further criminalizes safety protocols used by many workers. The bills ignore research and policies or respected worldwide organizations such as Amnesty International and refuse to recognize a difference between sex work (voluntary) and human trafficking (coerced). What these bills do accomplish is setting legal precedent for extreme censorship of the free press. What these bill do not do is help trafficking victims.

SESTA/FOSTA has forever changed the internet. Today it's sex workers and their ability to advertise and communicate

between each other for professional and safety purposes – and also Tumblr artists (porn ban was a result of SESTA/FOSTA), Skype users (nudity and discussing sexual acts are no longer allowed), Facebook users (the mere mention of homosexuality has gotten users banned recently), credit card users (although legal to place an advertisement for yourself, many advertising sites are no longer accepting credit card payments, which means many people aren't able to get new clients), journalists reporting on the subject of sex work having their work taken down, and countless other online communities.

Mass government censorship is here and it's time to fight back. Not just for sex workers, but for your own right to freely communicate with the world.

We live in a world where money talks, so the fact that none of these billion dollar corporations are fighting these laws should be worrisome. The reason why is because these laws change Section 230 of The Communications Act, now allowing the government, state by state, to sue any internet service provider (ISP) or platform that is accused of users using their services for human trafficking, to sue the ISPs themselves in civil court (no criminal charges, burden of proof is on the plaintiff).

If you don't obey these laws you risk 50 lawsuits brought against you by an entity with unlimited funds and power. SESTA/FOSTA sets legal precedent that WILL be used to punish dissenters of subjects outside of the sex industry in the coming years. It has already been used to punish marginalized communities outside the scope of sex work and that should terrify all of us.

I have purposely avoided discussing the merits of sex work. I have grown accustomed to society thinking less of me because of my chosen profession, and long ago realized that the only way to get people advocating for sex workers is to remind them what is happening to us will happen to them in the future. My community accepted our fate as the canary in the coal mine the day SESTA/FOSTA was passed. Friends of mine are dead due to the restrictions SESTA/FOSTA placed on them. There's a body count that will continue to grow, due to mental anguish and/or the inability to pay bills, until we actively decide to ban together.



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Ways to help:

1. Stop conflating sex work with sex trafficking. This hurts victims.
2. Call your senators and representatives and voice your dissent. Call your local politicians. Literally tell everyone you can. These laws were passed with little review or press for a reason.
3. Reach out to sex worker organizations such as SWOP-USA and ask how you can help. Or go to sex worker events, ESPECIALLY if you are not a worker (your presence will lessen the likelihood of a worker being outed)
4. Brush up on sex worker history (did you know Stonewall was started by two black trans sex workers?). It will help humanize us.
5. Educate yourself on the differences between sex work and sex trafficking by reading sex worker authored sources. We hate all forms of human trafficking and have good ideas on how to fight it.
6. Listen to sex workers. 🐾

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Editors' picks: News that didn't fit

🐾 **As Mueller Finds No Collusion, Did Press Overhype Russiagate? Glenn Greenwald vs. David Cay Johnston**

A discussion with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists who followed the probes into Russia's meddling in the 2016 election.

https://www.democracynow.org/2019/3/25/as_mueller_finds_no_collusion_did

🐾 **"How to Hide an Empire:" Daniel Immerwahr on the History of the Greater United States**

An excellent episode from Democracy Now! on USA foreign land holding and their history. You will learn a lot.

https://www.democracynow.org/2019/3/5/how_to_hide_an_empire_daniel

🐾 **Why You Still Don't Understand the Green New Deal**

Political news coverage tends to focus on strategy over substance, and that's making it less likely that the public will agree on big policy ideas when we need them the most.

<https://portside.org/video/2019-03-15/why-you-still-dont-understand-green-new-deal> 🐾

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Gainesville May Day 2019: Celebrating the working class



by the Gainesville chapter of Industrial Workers of the World

What: May Day Celebration March and Teach-In

When: Wednesday, May 1, 5pm (March) and 6pm (Teach-In)

Where: Civic Media Center and Alachua County Public Library

For 132 years — since 1887, one year following the 1886 Haymarket Affair in Chicago and the Bay View Massacre in Milwaukee, when twelve striking workers were martyred in the struggle for the 8-hour work day — the 1st of May has been a day set aside to celebrate the struggles and contributions of working people.

On International Workers' Day, or May Day, people all over the world take to the streets in struggle for workers' rights and in celebration of the working class. Following in the footsteps of those brave people who took to the streets and risked their lives for the 8-hour workday, the fight still goes on — for a living wage, for safe workplaces free of discrimination, for the right to organize.

The Gainesville branch of the Industrial Workers of the World would like to invite everyone to join us on Wednesday, May 1, in celebration of International Workers' Day.

We'll be assembling at the Civic Media Center at 433 South Main St. at 5pm and marching to the headquarters branch of the Alachua County Public Library to hold a "teach-in" event with info tables and speakers from various groups and organizations active in the fight for workers' rights in Gainesville. The teach-in will begin at 6pm in library Meeting Room A, upstairs.

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or check out <http://www.alachuacounty.us/crisis>

If you or a loved one are having thoughts of suicide, call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Hipp Cinema's upcoming films

No Shade

Adele Oni stars as Jade, a successful freelance photographer who is hopelessly in love with her best friend of 10 years, bar manager Danny. She discovers through several challenging encounters both personally and professionally that the one thing keeping them from happy ever after is her inherent beauty - her complexion and skin tone. Her shade. (104 min.)

Showtime: Thursday, April 25 at 7:30pm.

The River and the Wall

The River and the Wall follows five friends on an immersive adventure through the unknown wilds of the Texas borderlands as they travel 1200 miles from El Paso to the Gulf of Mexico on horses, mountain bikes, and canoes.

Conservation filmmaker Ben Masters realizes the urgency of documenting the last remaining wilderness in Texas as the threat of new border wall construction looms ahead. Masters recruits NatGeo Explorer Filipe DeAndrade, ornithologist Heather Mackey, river guide Austin Alvarado, and conservationist Jay Kleberg to join him on the two-and-a-half-month journey down 1,200 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Showtimes: Friday, May 3 at 8:30pm, Saturday, May 4 at 6pm, Sunday, May 5 at 3:30pm, Thursday, May 9 at 8:30pm, Friday, May 10 at 6pm, Saturday, May 11 at 3pm & 8pm, Sunday, May 12 at 3pm.

General Magic

This documentary, rated 100 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, details the visionary work of General Magic, a barely known tech company from the 1990s. It uncovers a Silicon Valley company who designed a smartphone-type device, complete with emojis, that was years ahead of its time. The film features interviews and archival footage of past employees, now hugely successful names in their own right, and spotlights a timeline of technological innovation and analyzes how timing is paramount. (90 min.)

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTdyb-RWNKo>


Showtimes: Saturday, May 11 at 6pm, Sunday, May 12 at 1pm & 6pm, Thursday, May 16 at 6pm, Friday, May 17 at 6pm, Saturday, May 18 at 3pm & 8pm, Sunday, May 19 at 3pm

Meeting Gorbachev

Werner Herzog's candid conversations with the former Soviet head of state form the backbone of this illuminating documentary about one of the defining figures of the 20th century. More respected abroad than he is at home (where many continue to blame him for the 1991 break-up of the Soviet Union), Gorbachev speaks like a man with nothing to lose, and Herzog applies his own unique perspective and inimitable narration to a deep archive of footage.

Showtime: ONE NIGHT ONLY! Friday, May 24 at 8pm

The Hipp Cinema is located at the Hippodrome Theatre at 25 SE 2nd Place in Gainesville. Learn more at www.thehipp.org.



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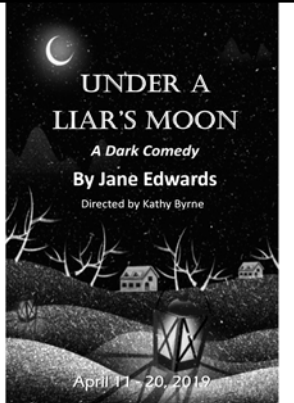
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By Jane Edwards

A blizzard is blowing and charming Willy has cabin fever. His pregnant wife, their daughter who's interested only in make-up, their Grandpa who thinks he's an alien, and their marooned neighbor become victims of Willy's boredom. As soon as the blizzard passes, Willy plans to abandon his family, and because he finally tells the truth he believes his actions are justified. Then he learns the truth.

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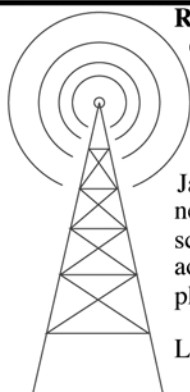
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April-May



Radio Notes: Find schedules for WUFT and WGOT, our local non-corporate stations, at www.wuft.org and wgot.org respectively. WGOT is now a full-time over-the-air broadcast at 100.1 FM. More info on local independent radio on pg 19.

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.

LISTEN TO AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY RADIO!

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

7 Plant Sale by Env. Hort. Grad Students Ass'n, UF Greenhouses (2475 Memorial Rd), 9 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

Spring Arts Festival concludes, 1-5 pm.

Zora's Roots: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston screening, downtown library room B, 2 pm.

Zines meeting every Sunday, Civic Media Center, 3 pm.

1909: Matthew Henson & Robert Peary 1st men to reach North Pole.

14 Earth Day celebration, Depot Park (874 SE 4th St), hosted by We Are Neutral: music, vendors, food; noon-7 pm; pg 7.

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.

21 Sunday Assembly, Freddie Johnson on conservation burial: "What's a Body to Do?" - SFC Downtown (530 W. Univ. Ave), 11 am, 3rd Suns: see pg 11 & sagainesville.weebly.com.

Sundays at AQ Jones - talks on local history, politics, culture, at AQ Jones Museum (1013 NW 13th Ave), 3rd Suns, 3 pm: rsvp 352-334-2010.

1816: Charlotte Brontë born.



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28 GLAM Craft Show, Cypress & Grove Brewing Co. (1001 NW 4th St), 10 am.

5th Avenue Arts Festival concludes, noon-5 pm.

FOL Book Sale, noon-6 pm.

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8 Fla Free Speech Forum: Brechner Award winners, Wyndham Garden Conference Ctr (2900 SW 13th St), 11:30 am.

Witness for Immigrant Justice and Sanctuary, NW 23rd Ave & 43rd St, 5-6 pm, every Monday.

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice meets 2nd Mondays, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 6 pm.

Medicaid Expansion talk, Marion Cty Library (2720 E Silver Spgs Blvd), 6 pm.

Women's March meets 2nd Mondays, United Church of Gainesville, 6:30 pm.

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

Connect the Dots live show w/ Sutphin, Wargo, Flowan, and Cheap Plastic: CMC, 9 pm.

Articles, Dogear at Hardback, 10 pm.

15 Grow Gvl 3rd Mon meet-up, Working Food Community Center (219 NW 10th Ave), 6 pm.

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

Lindy Lou, Juror Number 2 presented by Gvl Coalition Against Death Penalty, CMC, 7 pm.

22 Men & Gender symposium, UF Pugh Hall 302, 11:45 am-1:40 pm, free.

Connect the Dots show w/ Ultra Deluxe (NYC), Grace Vonderkuhn (DE), Cooper, Mystery Expert, CMC, 9 pm.

EARTH DAY



29 FOL Book Sale, noon-6 pm. **Sofar Gvl Music Show**, mystery location (check sofarsounds.com/gainesville for info), 8 pm.

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

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

Veterans Support Group, UF HealthStreet (2401 Archer Rd), 11 am-noon, Tuesdays, free.

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

Alachua County Labor Coalition meets, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 6 pm.

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

Songwriters at Satchel's, 6 pm.

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee meets, CMC, 6 pm.

Mellow Soul Tuesdays begin, CMC, 8 pm-midnight.

16 Quit Tobacco, free 2-hour session, Alachua library, 5:30-7:30 pm; pg 7.

NAACP Environment & Climate Justice Committee, Wilh. Johnson Ctr, 5:30 pm.

School Board - see 4/2.

"Science: Unsilenced" panel on censorship of science, UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm.

PFLAG meets 3rd Tuesdays, United Church of Gvl (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm.

23 County Commish - see 4/9.

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee letter-writing campaign, CMC, 6-8 pm.

Alachua County Labor Coalition meets 4th Tuesdays, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 12th Ave), 6 pm.

Fla Springs Inst Earth Day celebration, Great Outdoors restaurant (65 N Main St, High Springs), 5-8 pm.

30 FOL Book Sale 1/2 price day, noon-6 pm.

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Thursday Jueves

4 Worlds of Ursula LeGuin, film
presentation at UF Library East,
room 100, 3:30-6:30 pm.

CMC Volunteers meet every
Thursday, 5:30 pm.

Sierra Club topic: "What's In
Your Water" - LifeSouth (4039
Newberry Rd), 7 pm.

The Conch storytelling (true story,
5 minutes, no notes) at Lightnin'
Salvage, 7 pm.

Open Poetry every Thursday at
CMC, 9 pm.

11 Stonewall Democrats meet,
Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th
St), 2nd Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm.

"#SCOTUS" talk, UF Pugh Hall,
6 pm, free.

"Civil War Places" talk by author
Matt Gallman, Matheson Museum
(513 E Univ Ave), 6 pm, free.

HuDost in concert, Hipp, 6:30 pm.

Storytelling by UF College of
Journalism & community members
at The Woolly, 8 pm.

Under A Liar's Moon opens at
Actors' Warehouse, 8 pm; runs thru
4/20, \$20 (\$10 Thursdays); pg 11.

Stella Splendens at Hardback Café
(920 NW 2nd St), 10 pm. [Note:
now bottle club (awaiting new
alcohol license), byob, pay door
charge.]

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

25 Macramé workshop at
AUK Market at Curia on
the Drag (2029 NW 6th St), 6 pm,
\$30 (includes all materials).

Swamp Records Music Showcase
- multiple bands, Heartwood (619
S. Main St), 6-11 pm.

"Sea Turtles & Red Tide" talk,
1st Magnitude Brewing Co.
(1220 SE Veitch St), 6:30 pm.

1990: Hubble Space Telescope
deployed.

2 The Conch storytelling
("Transitions" - true story, 5
minutes, no notes) at Lightnin'
Salvage, 7 pm.

Sierra Club - see 4/4.

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Great" von Anhalt-Zerbst** born.
NATIONAL DAY OF REASON

Friday Viernes

5 Florida Museum Plant Sale,
3215 Hull Rd, 10 am-5 pm
Fri-Sat, 1-5 pm Sun.

Zora Neale Hurston showcase &
reception, UF Smathers Library 100,
5-8 pm.

1st Friday Social, Working Food
Comm. Ctr (219 NW 10th Ave), 5-7 pm.

CMC Springboard fundraiser with
Sandra Parks on "Stetson Kennedy:
More than a Klanbuster", Working
Food, 7 pm, \$20 suggested donation.

Steel Magnolias opens at Star Center
Theater (11 NE 23rd Ave), runs
through 4/7; 7:30 pm.

**Disco For Good: For the
Elephants**, CMC, 10 pm.

**12 Gators Against Human
Trafficking International
Food Festival**, CMC, 4 pm.

Clothing Swap at Repurpose Project
(1920 NW 23rd Ave), 7 pm; see pg 4.

Pulp-produced music show, Heart-
wood Soundstage (619 S Main), 8 pm.

Spring Plant Sale, UF Wilmot Bot.
Gardens (1427 Gale Lemerand Dr), 11
am-5 pm Fri, 9 am-1 pm Sat.

19 Journalist Douglas Brinkley,
"American Moonshot: JFK &
the Space Race", UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm.

Repurposed Art Show, Repurpose
Project (1920 NW 23rd Ave), 6-9 pm;
see pg 4.

Lavender Graduation celebration, by
UF LGBTQ Affairs, Reitz Union
Arredondo Room, 6:30 pm.

Little Shop of Horrors opens at Star
Ctr Theater, runs thru 5/5; 8 pm.

FULL MOON

26 5th Ave Arts Festival reception,
A. Quinn Jones Auditorium
(1108 NW 7th Ave), 6 pm.

Jenny Brown Birth Strike book
release party sponsored by Nat'l
Women's Liberation, CMC, 7:30 pm;
see pg 24.

Gvl Artwalk, 7 pm - see pg 10 &
artwalkgainesville.com.

The Nether opens at Acrosstown Rep;
runs through 5/12: 8 pm Fris & Sats, 2
pm Suns.

3 Gamble Rogers Fest in St Aug,
3rd-5th.

Birth Strike book talk & signing with
Jenny Brown, Third House Books
(113 N. Main St), 6 pm.

Free Friday Concerts return to Bo
Diddley Plaza (111 E Univ Ave), 8 pm.
Whether here or anywhere:
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Saturday Sabado

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

50th SFC Spring Arts Festival opens,
NE 1st St, 9 am-5:30 pm.

Yoga class 1st/3rd Sats, CMC, 10 am.

Swallowtail Farm Springfest, music
& workshops: noon-10 pm.

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

Journey of the Whooping Crane film
at The Woolly, 7-10 pm.

Sloan Wainwright w/ Glen Roethel,
Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 County Rd
234), 7:30 pm, \$20.

Tomboi, GUTS: Hardback, 10 pm.

Connect the Dots show, CMC, 10 pm.

13 IWW 101 organizing work-
shop, CMC, 9 am Sat & Sun.

Interfaith Dialog 2nd & 4th Satur-
days, Em. Mennonite Church (1236
NW 12th Ave), 10 am.

World Elephant Day, 1st Magnitude
(1220 SE Veitch St) 9:30 am.

Gvl150 Legends Concert, Bo Diddley
Plaza, 6-11:30 pm.

Gvl Roller Rebels vs J-Villains, 6 pm;
see pg 19.

20 Native Plant Sale, Morningside
Nature Ctr (3540 E Univ Ave),
w/ music & food: 8:30 am-1:30 pm.

Yoga class, CMC, 10 am.

Free Store at CMC, 2-5 pm.

Earth Day Celebration, Repurpose
Project (1920 NW 23rd Ave), 3-7 pm.

Santana, St. Augustine Amphitheatre,
7:30 pm; see pg 8.

Mellow Soul w/ The Cipher Elite,
CMC, 8 pm.

27 FOL Book Sale opens: great
deals on books, comics, art,
CDs, DVDs, more (pls BYO boxes &
bags): 430 N. Main St, 9 am-6 pm.,
Interfaith Dialog - see 4/13.

5th Avenue Arts Festival opens - art,
music, food, more: 600 NW 5th Ave,
10 am-7 pm.

Tree Fest 2019, Swamphead Brewery
(3650 SW 42nd Ave), noon-11 pm.

Lucy Kaplansky at Heartwood
Soundstage, 8 pm.

Connect the Dots show w/ Baer and
the Lady, Sarah Morrison, CMC, 8 pm.

4 Gvl Indie Flea Pop-up at AUK
Market at Curia on the Drag (2029
NW 6th St), noon-5 pm.

Veg for Life: see 4/6.
STAR WARS DAY:
MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

History and the people who make it: David Horne

David Horne [H], co-founder of the UF Black Student Union, was interviewed by Ryan Morini [M] in November, 2017.

This is the 52nd in a series of transcript excerpts from the UF Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection. Interpolations in {curly brackets} by Iguana.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

M: You were here during the founding of the Black Student Union. What led up to founding it?

H: My colleagues, and I, kept up with what was going on elsewhere in terms of Cornell students trying to get the Cornell administration to accept a Black Studies department, and Columbia, and San Francisco State; combating this tendency to teach all history was basically White history, the history of Western civilization. And that old adage that African history should not be taught because Africa was darkness, and darkness could not be history. We decided that at UF we had enough of a student population to have a Black Student Union. So we just formed one. About ten of us got together to fill out the application to be a student organization.

There were no Black faculty at the time. So we got no help from the faculty per se, although there were faculty members who were sympathetic. When we asked for advice, they were always willing to provide it. Mainly, they were in the social sciences and humanities areas. We had some anthropology teachers, a number in the English department, and history and psychology.

We may have had twenty, twenty-five students. Our numbers always got bigger whenever we were going to have a party. The numbers always got smaller once we were going to do some demonstration or activist activity.

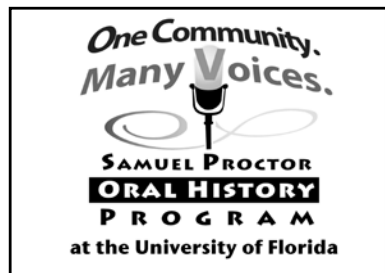
We adopted a moderate activism that we would ask for inclusion of African American faculty and we would ask for access to student facilities like any other student organization.

We would try to change some of what was going on in history and anthropological classes about African American culture.

A number of students, their parents were not interested in them involved in any radical activity. Parents had to sacrifice a lot to pay for sending their students to the

university. We understood the reluctance of parents to allow their students to get involved in stuff that seemed to call negative attention on them by the administration.

Let's let the BSU call the party. When students would show up, and they always would, we'd go ahead and allow regular party for about forty-five minutes to an hour, and then we'd cut the lights on, lock the door, turn the music off. Whatever activity we had planned, we would basically start assigning people, this is when to show up, this is what to do. This is not going to get you in academic trouble. Nobody is going to be kicking you out. We would carefully lay out why we were doing what we doing and what kind of help we needed.



Since we had a captive audience, they listened, and after about an hour of political education, I guess you would call it, then we'd cut the music back on, and let people go back and party. It became a very effective tactic. We got a lot done. We got to lay out we need to not only get more Black faculty, we need to be involved in any discussion that departments have about bringing Black faculty, and letting them make a presentation, and make sure we show up. They cannot show up to an empty audience. And, it worked.

We wanted a Black Studies department just as they had in San Francisco State, Cornell, et cetera.

That did not go too well at first. But being students ourselves, having our own exams and classwork, we were always sympathetic to students saying we can't get involved, we cannot jeopardize our standing at the university, we don't want to have teachers turn against us, we don't want to be in the newspaper. God! If I'm in the newspaper protesting for Black anything my parents are going to yank me out of this place, so I gotta act like I got some common sense.

We were very sympathetic to that but we

were also very insistent that you demand or request our inclusion in the regular affairs of UF, that we had to be present.

As Frederick Douglass said, there is no change, there is no progress without struggle. If you don't make a demand, you're not going to get anything to change. Some of our members were a lot more militant, they wanted to do more than just a protest in front of the administration building. Some of them wanted to break windows, stuff like that, so we always had to temper: we want to actually have something positive at the end of whatever action we take. And not have everyone kicked out or arrested.

We did have a reading group. We very much liked Malcom X, James Baldwin, and Dr. King. We would discuss how those readings can be applied to where we were.

Most of what we did revolved around a core of about eight, ten people. We didn't have a large population of African American students. Plus, we started working with members of the local community, particularly down in Fifth Avenue, trying to make sure we had positive ties so if we suggested a protest or some kind of physical activity, they would join us. And generally, they did.

Some were FAMU students home for the weekend, some were denizens of Fifth Avenue, some were Santa Fe Community College students. Charles Chestnut was one of the strong, well-respected community leaders that we sought advice from, a community mentor for us. And T.A. Wright, too.

M: Malcom X, Baldwin, Dr. King, some people today, especially White people, try to pit them against each other as if you need to choose one over the other. Were there debates back then?

H: Absolutely. Malcom X seemed to be talking more about in your face, if we want to be respected of men, we have to stand up like men and women, we cannot always seek compromise, we have to sometimes be unbending. We have to be consistent, well read and prepared, ready to follow through and to win.

Dr. King was much more of a pragmatic, church-based leader, who reminded us all of our parents. That generation of folks that said you must learn common sense, to be polite, and efficient in what

you do. We all had very strong respect, not only for Dr. King and the CLC, but for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. We really appreciated what John Lewis and Stokely Carmichael and that group were doing.

So yeah, Malcom X was a great hero to us, but not the only one. And the idea that we should choose one over the other, we did not see it that way at all. We saw both men representing sections of how to respond to the situation that Black folk had to face every day.

We got Stokely Carmichael to come on campus. It was a fairly big attendance, because he was a Southern hero, having been the head of SNCC and being the strategist to create the Lowndes County Freedom Party in Alabama as the first all-Black political party in the area.

The only people you were going to get a chance to vote for would be White folks. Even in Black areas of Alabama and Mississippi and South Carolina where you had 80 to 85 percent of the population being Black, you're still not going to get a chance to elect anybody Black into office. Stokely Carmichael had also been in that Mississippi march at which he and Dr. King would compete in making speeches at every stop. It was great theater. After which he and Charles Hamilton wrote Black Power. So, having Stokely Carmichael there, it was great! There was a lot of student interest, a lot of discussion.

We also tried to bring the Black Theater Movement. Having plays and performances was part of the whole consciousness raising process. We had a Black Theater group, I wouldn't say a Black Theater. We did guerilla theater, and performances in high schools, junior high schools, and some at Santa Fe. The League of Blackness that we had in Gainesville often used theater performances, learning it as they went.

We didn't have anybody at UF from the Black community that was part of the theater department, either as student or faculty. So, yeah, untrained but very enthusiastic theater production. We would write our own scripts. We'd do poetry, and tunes. We did that Day of Absence play, by Doug Turner Ward. The thesis of the play was what would happen if African Americans suddenly disappeared. It was {a} very, very funny presentation.

M: Was there much push back from

White faculty or administrators?

H: Only when we did what was considered very radical stuff. When we started pushing about a Black Studies department, we got some pushback. I got a lot of pushback in the History Department because I was set on the idea that we had to change the way we were teaching American history. Why talk about Reconstruction without talking about Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois's Black Reconstruction?

I got a lot of opposition by two or three history professors. One of them told me to get out of his class. I'd been invited in to talk about how do we bring more Black information into the teaching of American history and I guess he thought I was trying to take over his class. I took my papers, backed away from the lectern, walked out. His name was Dr. McMann {sp?}. I don't remember everybody's name but I remember him. As a teacher now, I can understand: How dare you come and challenge me in my own class? I hadn't come in on my own, he'd invited me. He apparently thought I'd cross{ed} some kind of line, so he politely just told me you need to leave, we've had enough. I don't think I was speaking more than ten minutes. I was supposed to have the whole class. I know I hadn't done anything impolite. At the time I was a graduate student in the African Studies Program that Hunt Davis had helped to start. I was already teaching at Santa Fe, so it was not like I had never been in front of a classroom before.

M: Was there any difference in the campus climates between UF and Santa Fe in terms of what you could and couldn't talk about?

H: No, we were allowed to teach whatever we wanted, however we wanted. I was able to experiment and develop methodologies to get students reading, asking questions, wanting to do field work. When I introduced them to Rosewood they really got interested, because it was so close to Gainesville. One of my assignments as a research assistant for Hunt Davis, working on my master's, was to go to the library and research certain topics. Looking at the history of Black-White relations in Florida I stumbled into that.

Ah, wow, was my main thought. Here was what seemed to be a valiant attempt at setting up a Black township, since there were certain people in Florida saying, no you can't, you're not allowed. Fine! We'll just set up our own township,

develop our own opportunities. That was not allowed. They burned everybody out. That fascinated me. I'd already heard about Black townships in Oklahoma, Boley, for example. I didn't know about the Tulsa case until much later. But this had happened in Florida, right down the street. The Florida legislature eventually decided to pay a form of reparations to the {descendants} of those families harmed in Rosewood. Florida still remain{s} the only state that's done that.

M: Can I ask about, they call it Black Thursday now, the day of the sit-in at the president's office?

H: We had a very intense discussion about whether to go that far. Mr. {Roy} Mitchell had been sent over to try to convince us not to have that kind of public demonstration which might embarrass the school.

We respected that he had to adhere to the administration's point of view. Your job is to basically to keep the Negroes controlled. It's okay for them to have a few meetings and a few parties but not anything else. So we had a very intense discussion about whether to take that next level. To go up to the president's office and block them in, because that's what they had done at Cornell, at San Francisco State. We wanted Florida to be part of that.

Everybody in the BSU was not down for that. They figured — they knew, not just figured, that police would be there and people dragged out and arrested, their pictures ... in the newspaper, and their parents would be coming up the next week to take them out of school because they would have wasted their money.

We had to make sure we had allies on campus and in the community. We had a knockdown drag out over whether to do it, and who was going to do it. And, hey, it worked out. We got a lot of support from a lot of students. It was more than advocating more Black Studies on campus, a Black Studies center. You had other students saying we needed to include other issues of student concern that were not being listened to by the administration. So we ended up having a lot more student allies than we thought.

I got arrested right after the protest. I was gone before the tear gas. Once it got started, more students started showing up for different reasons. They were not all in favor of, or even aware, that we were pushing for a Black Studies program,

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Participants in the 2018 Fight Toxic Prisons Convergence take the streets of Pittsburgh, marching to an office of NRG Energy, a company responsible for dumping coal ash waste at the SCI Fayette prison. Photo by Jordan Mazurek, courtesy of FightToxicPrisons.org.

Fight Toxic Prisons Convergence coming to Gainesville in June

by Panagioti Tsolkas

This June, between June 14-17, Gainesville will be home to the fourth annual national gathering of a growing movement aimed at merging environmental justice and prison abolition into a unified force for shaping the world to come. In previous years, the Fight Toxic Prisons (FTP) Convergence succeeded in drawing several hundred participants from across the country. Previous locations included Washington DC, Texas and Pennsylvania.

The intersections of these two movements can be seen in a variety of ways, from a warming climate intensifying heat behind bars to dangerous levels and rising sea levels threatening coastal prisons with floods to land use issues including prisons being built on or near landfills, mining sites and listed EPA Superfund projects.

FTP's first campaign focused on stopping a \$444 million federal prisons from being built on a former mountaintop removal coal mine site. Today a similar battle is unfolding in North/Central Florida, where a proposed phosphate strip mine is

seeking to operate approximately 10,000 acres of mining surrounding the Lake Butler Medical and Reception Center, also known as RMC. The RMC is already home to ill prisoners. Operating a mine of this type could expose prisoners to increase air and water contamination.

As such, the topic of rural economy's dual dependency on prisons and resource extraction will be among the discussions occurring over the weekend.

This year participants will have a full program of workshops, panels, music, networking and actions focused on ending toxic prison slavery. It will be a chance for Alachua County locals to hear from activists all over the country, including recently released political prisoners Debbie and Michael Africa of the MOVE Organization.

Along with highlighting the voices of former prisoners, the convergence hosts call-ins from current prisoners who want to participate.

The weekend of events will coincide with local plans for celebrating Juneteenth, and build from local victories in cutting City and County ties to FDOC prison slave labor.

Friday of the Convergence weekend will kick off with a collaborative event at the Civic Media Center featuring a variety of musical genres as well as tabling and socializing to welcome visiting activists.

Organizers of the event are still welcoming proposals for speakers, panelists and workshops. Send them to FightToxicPrisons@gmail.com

To register for the Convergence, and learn about other FTP efforts around the country, check out: FIGHTTOXICPRISONS.ORG

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a department, and more Black faculty members on campus. It was just a student protest, so they came to join that. When some of them started getting pretty loud, that was when the police came and tear gas and stuff. That wasn't us. From what I was told later, the demonstration just kept increasing in size and people did not seem to be listening to the administration say, y'all need to go home now, this is over, you've made {your} point. When some students wanted to argue with the administrative representatives, things got out of hand. By that time they were just not demanding Black Studies, they had gone on to a larger agenda. But no, we never thought it was being co-opted.

M: I have been told there were tanks on University Avenue at one point.

H: No, I don't remember that. Tanks?! On University Avenue? I don't think so, no.

M: How did the BSU go about recruiting—

H: Nah. We didn't. They just showed up. We had let it be known we were going to do it. We had put it in the student newspaper. We had mentioned in classes, we were going to protest at the president's office, demanding some specific things about Black Studies and Black faculty.

Anybody wanted to support us, hey, you're welcome. So some other people showed up. It looked to be spontaneous to us but apparently some people had planned it. Some people came to be the opposition, to protect the sanctity of the administration building and that kind of thing. We didn't get in any fights, but some people were yelling that no, we shouldn't be there, this is not some Northern university {where} they were used to that kind of stuff.

From what I was told, it was some of these oppositional folk who got loud and that's when the police moved in. The reporting in the aftermath was generally negative. In thinking back, we decided those folk were sent there to stir something up, to make us look bad.

The BSU students that had been involved in demanding more Black access, more Black inclusion, the vast majority of them either got suspended, or kicked out, or their parents came and took them out.

The first response was you must be punished, and we are not going to do what

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you demanded. I was a graduate student so they didn't kick me out. But they kicked out a bunch of other folk.

M: So the undergrads —

H: Yeah, they got punished. I remember telling Mr. Mitchell, you know they {are going to} fire you, don't you? They sent you over here to stop this student action. You didn't stop us. {I} remember him smiling and saying, well, they might, but this won't be the last job I have. I wasn't hired to kiss their behind. I was hired to come and try to make a difference. And, hey, I think I did. I came and talked to y'all. And, once it became clear that you knew what you were doing and you were not interested in vandalism, I tried to stop y'all from doing it, y'all decided y'all were going to do it anyway? Hey, what could I do? If they fire me, they fire me. A very good man.

M: Do you remember the beginnings of the Institute of Black of Culture?

H: I did not attend, that first day. I wasn't at Gainesville at the time. We all smiled at hey, they got something done. Hopefully, the institute would work well and do something decent. The first director, we had been instrumental in getting him hired as a faculty member. So, we thought the institute would be in good hands. He had come to campus and made a very, very good, not just professional, but an entertaining presentation about African American culture and music, and art. We made sure he had a large audience. We were all rewarded, it was a very good presentation. As a group, we had sent in a recommendation that they hire him. I don't know whether they paid any attention, but we definitely did that. We liked to write.

M: What do you remember about the beginnings of the African American Studies Program?

H: It looked good on paper but we were concerned it did not look like it was going to have influence on the curriculum, on changing that Eurocentric viewpoint. Nothing in the master plan seemed like anything more than a meeting place, a vehicle to bring in some speakers, but we didn't see it helping African American students.

M: Do you think the BSU and the students who participated saw the sit-ins as a success?

H: Yes, they did. There had been some sacrifices, a lot of intense discussions and courage on the part of some students to step out and get something done. In the end, yeah, that was the feeling, that we had actually gotten something done. When people got kicked out, that's not what they felt like, but the very next academic year, the president did everything we had asked him to do, just claimed that he had come up with it on his own. He didn't give any credit to the students. But we knew.

Transcript of this interview to be posted at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu> sometime this summer.

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From STUDENT POWER, p. 1

a week of action dedicated to demanding that the university divest from fossil fuels. Actions included a letter drop-off at President Fuchs' office, placing banners around campus, and a viral video outlining UF's history of inaction around social issues and student organizing. Heat Week culminated outside of the Board of Trustees meeting with students and community members rallying in support of fossil fuel divestment.

The group later moved inside to speak at the meeting in front of the Board, President Fuchs and William Reeser, Chief Investment

Officer of UF Investment Corporation. Speakers made the argument for divestment and made clear that while we are grateful for the positive steps being taken, we will continue to hold the university accountable for following through with divestment within an urgent timeframe.

The speeches were concluded with the chairman of the BOT, Mori Hosseini, replying "Thank you for exercising your freedom of speech."

Our demands are not radical. We are simply asking UF administrators to uphold the mission statement they have already committed to advancing. A

mission statement does not mean much if it is not backed up by actions. Our demands are not even unprecedented.

Over one thousand institutions and governmental bodies, including the state of New York, the entire country of Ireland and one hundred and fifty public and private universities across world have realized and acted in accordance with the moral imperative of fossil fuel divestment. The total size of portfolios and endowments affected by the global divestment campaign has reached a staggering \$8 trillion dollars. In other words, divestment campaigns like ours at UF have dealt a multi-trillion dollar blow to the most toxic and dangerous industry on the planet.

Still, UF would be the first in the SEC to divest and with the wide-reaching influence that comes with being a top ten public university, UF's decision paves the path for other universities to follow in its footsteps.

With a successful Heat Week behind us, more momentum than we've ever had, and a growing membership base committed to holding UF accountable, the future looks bright for Divest UF. In a few months alone, our movement has grown from a few core members and some petition signatures, to a force to be reckoned with. The work continues tomorrow.

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From BRAIDS, p. 1

after students, farmworkers and Gainesville community members organized a huge march on President Fuchs' office, demanding action in support of Florida farmworkers' fundamental human rights.

The final resolution paragraphs say it all:

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the CIW's Fair Food Program as the gold standard for enforcing human rights in U.S. agriculture, as well as across global supply chains, due to well-documented evidence and the CIW's widely-recognized credentials.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the UF student body and broader UF community to boycott Wendy's until the fast-food giant joins the Fair Food Program.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED the University of Florida Student Senate urges the UF administration and Aramark to end its business ties with Wendy's until the fast-food company agrees to protect the human rights of farmworkers in its supply chain by joining the CIW's Fair Food Program.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to UF Chispas President Giancarlo Tejeda, Hispanic Student Association President Brenda Villanueva, Student Body President-Elect Michael Murphy, President of the University of Florida W. Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. David Parrott, & Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Director Will Atkins, Assistant Vice President of Business Services Eddie Daniels, Vice President of Business Affairs Curtis Reynolds.

You can find the text of the resolution in its entirety at:

<https://www.sg.ufl.edu/Portals/0/Resources/Senate/Bills/2019/2019-1038 Resolution Urging the University of Florida Administration to Remove Wendy%E2%80%99s from Campus Until it Joins the Fair Food Program.pdf?ver=2019-03-18-100154-717>.

Congratulations go out to the student leaders of the UF Boot the Braids Campaign and CHISPAS UF, who organized tirelessly to spread awareness and build support for the Fair Food Program on and off the Gainesville campus. We also extend thanks to the authors of the resolution, Senators Mauricio Perez and Stephanie Beltran, as well as sponsors Student Body Vice President David Enriquez, Student Body Treasurer-Elect Santiago Gutierrez, the Hispanic Student Association, Chomp the Vote, Senator Matthew Diaz, Senator Maria Espinoza, Senator Rebecca Ragan, Senator Anthony Portugues, Senator Gabbi Hernandez, Senator Lindsay Kaighin, Senator Rhodes Evans, and Senator Nick Meyer!

Even before the UF Student Government passed its resolution, the Gainesville City Council voted unanimously to support a resolution in support of the Wendy's Boycott in light of Wendy's refusal to open its tomato supply chain to the audits and complaint investigation process of the Fair Food Program as McDonald's, Burger King, Subway, Taco Bell and Chipotle agreed to do over a decade ago.

The pressure continues to grow on UF President Kent Fuchs to heed his students' concerns and take action to remove Wendy's from the UF campus until it joins the rest of the fast-food industry leaders in supporting the most widely respected social responsibility in US agriculture today.

Stay tuned for more news from the Boot the Braids front soon! 🐸

From ELECTION, p. 2

The Hayes-Santos campaign was under less pressure from first time candidate Mr. Mounts, who presented as a one-issue candidate on the admittedly crucial topics of neighborhood development and transparency for growth decisions. Mounts failed to make the case that he was more progressive on labor and the environment than Hayes-Santos, whereas in the Mayor's race, Ms. Powell became the first City candidate who promised to take a salary equivalent to the hourly rate for the lowest paid City workers.

Early in the election cycle both Poe and Hayes-Santos reluctantly accepted the resignation of City Manager Anthony Lyons after the GNV Rise controversy. Lyons represented the kind of out-of-touch, pro-developer, and technocratic governance of the City to numerous environmental activists, social justice groups, and marginalized communities. Poe's endorsing commission colleagues also moved forward on things like some of the bus programs and equity policies pushed for by James Lawrence and the surprisingly progressive Gainesville Sun project, Gainesville4All, including a consideration of a free ride program for youth and seniors.

Wisely avoiding conflict with County-wise voters who live in Gainesville, Poe and Hayes-Santos joined their majority in settling with Alachua County on a progressive pro-East Gainesville CRA restructuring that can put \$70 million into struggling communities over the next ten years. The mayor took his newfound pro-County stance even further, taking credit for County conservation programs over two decades, many prior to his office, that took an area 60 percent the size of Gainesville off of portions of the City's sprawl and annexation map.

We must acknowledge that all of the progress on these issues came from movement organizing – renters rights, prison slavery, wage equity, racial justice, conservation, women's rights and local labor union actions. But it is difficult to imagine that the perfect storm of policy making, reversals, and campaign promises would have occurred without a contested mayor's race. Now it's time to keep the pressure on and hold the winners to their promises. Candidates come and go, the movement never stops. 🐸



The Coalition of Immokalee Workers' demonstrated at UF on March 14 at the Fair Food March for Farmworker Justice. Protestors demanded that UF put their principles into action, and stand up for basic dignity and respect for Florida's farmworkers. Photo from Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

From BROWN, p. 24

of Comstock, and recurring elite pleas for women to supply more workers and soldiers. Brown lays bare why U.S. women who want to be mothers, and those who don't, have it far worse here than in Europe. Then she tells us how to change that."

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Jenny Brown is a National Women's Liberation organizer and former editor of *Labor Notes*. She was a leader in the grassroots campaign to have "morning-after pill" contraception available over-the-counter in the U.S. and was a plaintiff in the winning lawsuit. In addition to *Labor Notes*, her work has appeared in *Jacobin*, *Huffington Post*, and *Alternet*, and she is coauthor of the Redstockings book *Women's Liberation and National Health Care: Confronting the Myth of America*. She is the author of *Without Apology: The Abortion Struggle Now*.

And many of you know she has deep Gainesville roots; she was a cofounder and editor of the Gainesville *Iguana* (1986-2009), she's a UF grad, and for decades a mainstay in Gainesville feminist and labor organizing. ✨



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Medicare for All and a living wage. Contact: <http://laborcoalition.org/>, info@laborcoalition.org, 352-375-2832, PO Box 12051, 502 NW 16th Ave., 2B, Gainesville, 32601

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 Brookier, 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 non-profit research organization working to stimulate conservation action to save threatened species of birds in the southeastern U.S., www.arcinst.org

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 builds awareness and lobbies for sensible climate policies, btancig@gmail.com, 352-214-1778

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

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The Coalition for Racial Justice gnv4all@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

Divest Gainesville advocates divesting City financial assets from fossil fuel industries and educating on racial justice and climate change, youngersn@outlook.com

Divest UF is a student-run organization and a loose collective of Gators seeking to divest the university from fossil fuels, the prison industry, and arms & surveillance companies. <http://www.divestuf.org>, Facebook @Divest UF

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 Quarterly magazine founded in 2008 with political, social and arts coverage, thefineprintmag.org

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

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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 6pm first Tuesday every month at Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th 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 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; we offer wellness activities, support groups and brief overnight respite stays. Call the Warmline Support: 352-559-4559, gainesvillerespite.org

Gainesville Roller Rebels - a womens' Flat Track roller derby team needs skaters and volunteer assistance, join@gainesvillrollerrebels.com

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 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)

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; gainesvillehumanists@gmail.com.

Humanists on Campus UF organization provides a community for freethinking, secular humanists. Goals include promoting values of humanism, discussing issues humanists face internationally. We strive to participate in community service and bring a fun, dynamic group to the university! Preferred contact info: emailufhumanistsoncampus@gmail.com

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, projectmanagement@indivisiblegnv.org

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC), branch of IWW, GainesvilleIWOC@gmail.com

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>

Madres Sin Fronteras (Mothers Without Borders) is a local grassroots immigrant-led organization that works to protect the rights of immigrants' families in our community and to ensure that all are treated with dignity and respect. Email: msfgainesville@gmail.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: OurCircle.Of.Care@gmail.com. See national Web site to join: <http://www.ncpsm.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, 352-575-0495, nwl@womensliberation.org

NCF AWIS - an advocacy organization championing the interest of women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors. Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month (except holidays) from 5:30 -7:30pm, 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 world. www.occupygainesville.org and <https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville>

Our Revolution North-Central Florida, inspired by Bernie Sanders, bringing progressive voices into the Democratic party, contact@ourrevncfl.com

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

Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery promotes natural burial practices that conserve land and reunite people with the environment. info@prairiecreekconservationcemetery.org, 352-317-7307

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 from the landfill, redirects these items to the public for art and education, inspires creativity, and helps us all rethink what we throw away. Let's all help protect the planet and buy used. Open to the public. Tues-Sat: 10am-7pm, Sun noon-5. 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"

Students for Justice in Palestine, a cultural and

political organization, sjpuflorida@gmail.com

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

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

UF Pride Student Union LGBT+ group open to queer folk of all sorts, including students, non-students, faculty and staff. www.grove.ufl.edu/~pride

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-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@ws-us.org. Upon request the Party will provide membership applications, <http://wsus.org>.

Zine Committee meets Sundays at 3pm at the CMC to preserve and promote Travis Fristoe Zine Library at the CMC, cmzinecommittee@gmail.com or on Facebook 🐾

Book launch/signing to feature author Jenny Brown

National Women's Liberation, in cooperation with Redstockings, is proud announce the publication of *Birth Strike: The Hidden Fight over Women's Work*.

then at Third House Books on Friday, May 3, for a talk and signing. Books will be available at both events.

It is conventionally believed that a prudish religious bloc is responsible for the protracted fight over reproductive freedom in the U.S. and that politicians only attack abortion and birth control to appeal to those "values voters."

But hidden behind this explanation is a dramatic fight over women's reproductive labor. On one side, elite policymakers want an expanding workforce reared with a minimum of employer spending and a maximum of unpaid women's work. On the other side, women are refusing to produce children at levels desired by economic planners. By some measures our birth rate is the lowest it has ever been.

With little access to childcare, family leave, healthcare, and with insufficient male participation, U.S. women are conducting a spontaneous birth strike.

In other countries, panic over low birth rates has led governments to underwrite childbearing and childrearing with generous universal programs, but in the U.S., women have not yet realized the potential of our bargaining position. When we do, it will

lead to new strategies for winning full access to abortion and birth control, and for improving the difficult working conditions U.S. parents now face when raising children.

There is wide praise for this book:

"Jenny Brown compellingly explains the low U.S. birth rate: those primarily responsible for the labor of bearing and raising children (women) are responding as one should to lousy working conditions — by going on strike! Brown's bold and brilliant book ventures into terrain that left and feminist thinkers have avoided for far too long. A breathtakingly accessible analysis, supported by riveting and intimate testimonials, it's also an inspiring call to action."

—Liza Featherstone, *The Nation*

"*Birth Strike* is a well-researched and wide-ranging analysis of how the public responsibilities of pregnancy and parenting have been privatized to benefit a capitalist for-profit system designed to minimize labor costs to produce wealth for the few. Offers fresh insight into how women's biological power may be harnessed to resist reproductive oppression."

—Loretta J. Ross, author of *Reproductive Justice: An Introduction* and editor of *Radical Reproductive Justice*

"An astute analysis of power relations not only in the sphere of reproduction but also in the worlds of work, immigration, and government policy as they bear on women's ability to control their bodies. She illuminates the historical context of the writings of Marx and Malthus, the crusades

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Author Jenny Brown is coming to Gainesville for two official events, on Friday, April 26, there will be a celebration/book launch party at the Civic Media Center from 7:30 to 9:30pm, and

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