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Mindf*ck

Whistleblower explains how Cambridge Analytica helped fuel U.S. 'Insurgency'

This interview originally aired on Fresh Air with Terry Gross on October 8. Excerpts are printed below, but you can listen to the full interview at <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1043>.

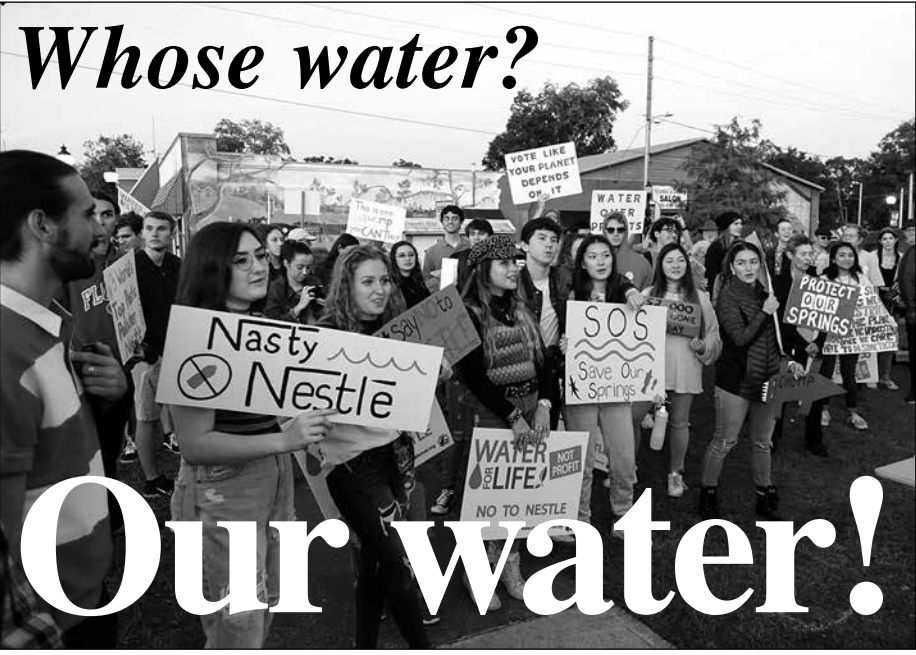
When Christopher Wylie first began working for the British behavioral research company SCL Group, the company used data drawn from a number of sources as a means of potentially altering outcomes for its, sometimes military, clients.

But over time, Wylie's mission—and that of the company—expanded. Conservative strategist Steve Bannon, who later worked in President Trump's White House, became involved with the SCL subsidiary Cambridge Analytica. Wylie, who served as Cambridge Analytica's research director for a year and a half, watched as his group began to use data from Facebook and other online sources to target users for disinformation campaigns.

"They targeted people who were more prone to conspiratorial thinking," Wylie says. "They used that data, and they used social media more broadly, to first identify

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Whose water?

Our water!

Emma Turner, Isaac Augspurg, Anton Kernohan and others protest against the Nestle water bottling company in High Springs on Nov. 1. Photo by Jim Tatum.

Nestlé withdrawals are absurd

by Jim Tatum

The evening of Nov. 1, Our Santa Fe River, Inc., Suwannee St. Johns Group Sierra Club and Climate Action Gator, organized and deployed a passionate protest against Nestlé water bottling company.

The reason for this protest was because Seven Springs Water Company wants to renew a pumping permit near Ginnie Springs to sell water to Nestle to bottle and ship out of the area.

The permit allows 1,152,000 gallons per day from two wells very near Ginnie Spring and the Santa Fe River. This river is already flowing about 30 percent less than

in previous years because of over-pumping, and the State of Florida is spending millions on restoration. Allowing additional withdrawals is irrational and absurd and will surely make a negative impact and slow the restoration process.

The permit **has not yet been issued**. You can help by going the Suwannee River Water Management District link on the website of oursantaferiver.org and entering comments. This board will make a decision on the permit in the coming months so you still have time to comment. They will read what you write and consider it.

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United protest greets Donald Trump, Jr.

by Ashley Nguyen, Coordinator
Alachua County Labor Coalition

On Oct. 10, hundreds of University of Florida students, staff, faculty, and local residents gathered in Turlington Plaza, fueled by anger and ready to drown out voices of hate.

The University's ACCENT Speakers Bureau, an organization tasked with bringing speakers to campus using student fees, had paid Donald Trump Jr. and Kimberly Guilfoyle \$50,000 for their appearance in the University Auditorium. Students and members of the community were outraged that student fees were used to fund, what was essentially, a political campaign stop for the Donald Trump 2020 presidential run.

UF has allowed a facile "free speech" argument to overpower the actual stakes of this issue: Which speakers will UF endorse, support, and protect? We have seen, from Ben Shapiro to Richard Spencer, that the University will sidestep student concerns about safety in order to accommodate people who present racism, classism, and hatred in a charitable light.

The protest would not have been possible



Labor Coalition Coordinator Ashley Nguyen was among the leaders of the rally protesting the speech of Donald Trump Jr at the University of Florida led by No-Nazis at UF, the Labor Coalition, and Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA) at UF. Photo courtesy of the Labor Coalition.

without the essential coalitional work of No Nazis at UF, the Alachua County Labor Coalition, Young Democratic Socialists of America at UF, and other various members and groups in the community.

Collectively, these groups have demanded several actions from the university as a result of the Donald Trump Jr. debacle, including the defunding and

disbanding of ACCENT, resignations from both Kent Fuchs and Michael Murphy, UF Student Government President, for enabling right-wing threats on campus, and protection of marginalized student groups from the hatred and violence of the Donald Trump administration and right-wing agitators without any increase in police presence. 🐾

From the publisher ...

The countdown

In less than a year, in all likelihood, votes will have been counted in the 2020 Presidential election. The road there is not clear, in fact it is uncharted. But the calendar pages will turn, and we will be there.

Last month the Iguana's headline was "Impeach," as we went to the printer just days after Nancy Pelosi set the process into motion. As predicted, it has taken over the news cycle, an easy story to fixate on while other events in the country and world are moved to back pages or just deleted. Investigations continue, hearings are held and testimonies are given (or not), denials and accusations are made, and speculations abound.

Widely published journalist Arun Gupta said the following in a Facebook post a while ago, prior to Pelosi launching the impeachment hearings:

"This brings us to impeachment. 'But the Senate won't impeach.' No shit. That's not the point. The point is to have the legal authority to uncover all of Trump's illicit activities. What will result is a torrent of scandals. And yes Trump will create more crises and get more extreme to distract. He will also become more and more unhinged, but that is the strategy.

"The more chaos and the more unhinged he becomes, the more likely he will trigger a recession and create chaos that will make it difficult for him to win, or even steal, the election. Plus, Senate Republicans will be forced to defend the criminality. Yeah, they will vote against impeachment, but the more Democrats dig up scandals, the more they put the GOP in a no-win situation. They either go against Trump and risk the wrath of his base or defend him and risk the disgust of independents. Impeachment will make it more likely the Senate can be flipped in 2020."

This must be the long-term goal; yes, the impeachment hearings are the glittery object that captures the media, but our work as citizens, for those that have the stomach and can make the time for it, is to work to elect better people, to push for better legislation, to work on local issues and endeavors that appeal to you and do what you can to make the world a better place.

What the 2020 election holds for us we know will include voter suppression and domestic and foreign meddling. We may very well be seeing what is left of our democracy slip further into an authoritarian state, as many citizens here in the U.S. seem so hypnotized by all their media options that civic responsibilities seem an outmoded quaint thing of the past. (And all these damn right-wing judges being appointed!) But in reality there is an upsurge in union organizing, and if you see the Warren and Sanders campaigns as running on near parallel tracks going in the same direction, and all the youth and energy especially in the Sanders campaign, there is reason for hope. And around the world there are many uprisings against government repression, income disparity, and neoliberal policies, which stiff the poor and aid the rich. We could use at the least some awareness here that what we have now is not what we need to be stuck with forever.

The pages in this issue are filled with examples of resistance and fight back. There are organizers and activists doing what needs to be done as best they can, goodhearted people, young and old, mostly out of the headlines, defending and educating, standing up to the powerful, and fighting the good fight. There's a brave whistleblower, there are young people and senior citizens. There are tributes to two great folks who we lost last month, but fear not, there's an awakening, and recent elections have had positive results. We are many, they are few. Do what you can; apathy and hopelessness are the real enemy. And the countdown is on. 🐾



Joe Courter

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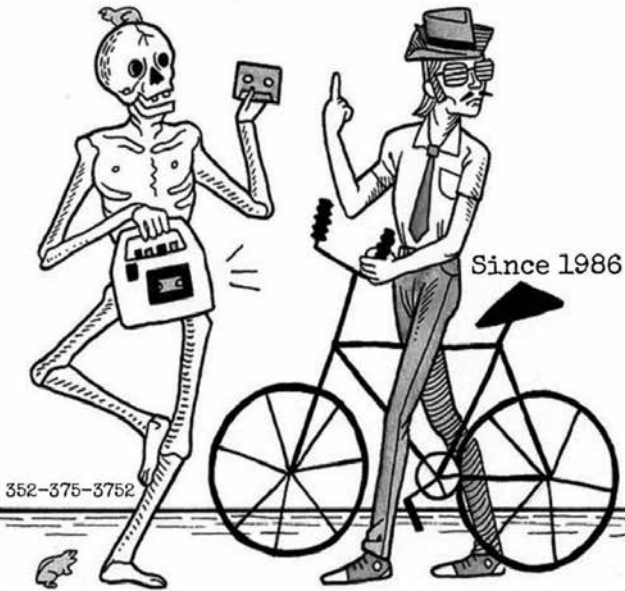
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HOW WE WIN:

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Where: Gainesville Quaker Meetinghouse
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Addressing the current U.S. political turbulence, George Lakey draws lessons for today from a century of successful direct action campaigns by civic groups, women, labor, civil rights, LGBTQ, immigrants, environmentalists, religious groups, and students. In addition to strategy and tactics Lakey reveals best practices for fostering cooperative, inclusive leadership, and unity with diversity.

Explore: what makes nonviolent direct action campaigns relevant now; how to do direct action campaigning during this polarized, crisis time in the U.S.; how to build stronger campaigns; and how to build a movement of movements that can deliver really big changes.

Expect: experiential activities; small group work; a big-picture, affirmation of your own power.

Lakey, author of *How We Win: A Guide to Nonviolent Direct Action Campaigning*, has led over 1,500 workshops on five continents. Lakey has been active in direct action campaigns for six decades. First arrested in the civil rights movement, in 2018 he was arrested campaigning for Power Local Green Jobs. In between he gave leadership to campaigns on neighborhood, state, and national levels, working in cross-race, cross-class coalitions and the LGBTQ movement. Lakey has worked with labor unions, Mohawks, high school students, environmentalists, and the Puerto Rican independence movement. He taught conflict studies at universities and authored ten books on how to bring about change. He is a columnist for the online publication *WagingNonviolence.org*

This workshop is free and open to the public. Advance registration is required. Space is limited to 40 attendees. Register on Eventbrite at <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1034>.

Other stops on Lakey's Florida tour

Nov. 19, Tues., 11am. Tampa, Call-in radio show, hosted by Rob Lorei, WMNF. Listen online at wmnf.org.

Nov. 19, Tues., 6pm-9:30pm, St. Petersburg, How We Win Workshop at the Friends Meetinghouse, 130 19th Ave (Old Southeast). Contact Susan Wade at 727-821-5048 or swade3231@gmail.com.

Nov. 21, Thurs., 5:30-9pm, Orlando, How We Win Workshop at the Quaker Meetinghouse, 316 E Marks St. Contact: Stephanie Preston-Hughes, peace@orlandoquakers.org, or (407) 476-4369. Register on Eventbrite.

Nov. 24, Sun., 1-4:30pm, Tallahassee, How We Win Workshop at the Friends Meetinghouse. Contact: Doug Hahn, doughahahn63301@aol.com.

Operation Green Light

"It is unconscionable that we don't make punishments proportional to the ability to pay"

by Joe Courter

Robert Hutchinson posted this excerpt on Facebook on Oct. 16:

"Florida's standard punishment for a wide variety of infractions is suspension of the driver's license. In Alachua County, there are 20,000 current driver's license suspensions, affecting roughly 15 percent of the driving age population. Infractions include vandalism and graffiti, failure to pay parking tickets, missing childcare payments, sexting, alcohol or tobacco possession by a minor, and many other non-driving offenses. Possession of marijuana or other drugs carries a mandatory one-year revocation.

"Driver's license suspensions disproportionately impact lower income people. The majority of suspensions are the result of not paying a fine of \$50-500. These suspensions would probably go away if the fines were proportional to income or wealth of the perpetrator (as in some countries), but legislators and commissioners continually find ways to punish the poor.

"In a nation where income inequality is increasing, it is unconscionable that we don't make punishments proportional to the ability to pay."

This set off a spirited set of comments, including a number of people who had suffered under this policy and also a number of people who had no idea this was happening.

Those at the Florida Department of Revenue can use the excuse that they are simply enforcing the laws the legislature made, but that does not solve anything, because if they are aware these laws affect people negatively they should speak up. And of course there are definite negative aspects to losing one's license. Major things like keeping one's job, putting food on the table, paying rent and utility bills, paying child support. Some, no doubt, keep driving out of necessity and risk further fines if caught.

Elections matter, it is the state legislature that put these rules into effect. Some of the clerks of the court around the state have been working to help people avoid fees and penalties from collection agencies. Called "Operation Green Light," the most recent one was in October with another planned for Feb. 21. For more information, see <https://www.flclerks.com/page/greenlight>. More details next issue.

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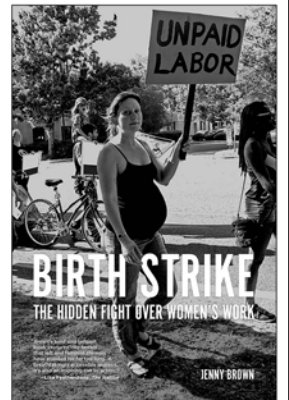
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Ajamu Mutima (1952-2019), rest in power



by Linda Altman

Ajamu Mutima, 67, died on October 13, 2019 in Neptune Beach, Florida. Ajamu was born on Aug. 21, 1952 in Daytona Beach to Stimon L. Meeks and Ruth Butler Meeks.

He graduated among the top students at Daytona Beach's Mainland High School, and due to his excellent academic record, he was nationally sought after by many colleges and universities. He subsequently signed with the University of Florida Basketball Team and was one of the first Black players to play on the team.

Sure, he could play basketball but his love for the humanities and arts was always an undercurrent. Ajamu fell in love with poetry when he was 8 years old and

published his first poem when he was 10.

When asked what influenced his poetry, he said: "The deeper you go within yourself, the more you can understand and connect with others. My poems are words from my soul. The poems become songs and they find a place where the need and the fit converge into one thought, one harmony, and they are at peace."

In 1980, Ajamu founded The Acrosstown Repertory Theatre (ART) as a grassroots community theater in the old Star Garage. This was a part of a consortium called the Neighborhood Arts Coalition, which included the Laverne Porter dancers. Ajamu agreed to share the nascent theater with another troupe called Theaterworks – at first alternating productions, then merging – and The Acrosstown Repertory Theatre was born. From the beginning, ART was dedicated to cross-cultural theater, producing classic, avant-garde, and sometimes original material. The theatre is still operating today.

All along the way, Ajamu was continually honing his musical skills and soon became recognized for the healing nature of his music. His songs were powerful and touched the hearts of so many. In 1990, he was asked to work with UF Shands Arts and Medicine Program in Gainesville, FL as a musical therapist and resident artist. For the past 18 years, he has been a resident artist with Art with a Heart at the Wolfson's Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. While there, he touched the lives of more than 6,000 children.

In 1994, he became intricately involved with The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens annual Arts4All Florida program

(formerly VSA Festival), a statewide organization that provides opportunities in the arts for individuals with disabilities. Over the course of four days, nearly 1,800 children, 700 teachers and chaperones, and 1,200 volunteers filled the Museum to engage in art viewing in the galleries, movement, music, and art-making activities throughout the Museum. Ajamu's room was a favorite spot filled with music and children.

Ajamu was at home playing and performing for celebrities like Civil Rights Activist, Stetson Kennedy and English primatologist and anthropologist, Jane Goodall. One song was all it took for Ngala Wildlife Preserve in Naples to hire him to be a featured artist. This exclusive preserve hosts meetings and dinners among roaming exotic animals for banking and financial CEOs. Ajamu was one of their most requested performers.

For a period of time, Ajamu worked with Hospice of NE Florida. He played in 600 individual rooms for terminally ill people. He was later commissioned to write a theme song for the organization.

Ajamu became very well known as a performing artist, poet, musician and storyteller. His performances have been described as "healing" and "spiritual" ... "transcending the barriers of race, gender, age and class."

His poetic songs were uniquely interwoven expressing a love of life while addressing cultural and environmental issues. His stories "Palm Tree" and "Healing Hands" have been told internationally by many storytellers.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Butler Meeks, his sisters Cheryl and Antoniette Meeks, his brother Alphonso Meeks, his three children Malcolm Meeks, Adio Faucher and Kamaria Faucher, and his longtime partner, Linda Altman.

A gathering Celebrating Life and Love will be held in honor of Ajamu at Karpeles Manuscript Library and Museum, 101 1st Street in Jacksonville on November 30 from 1-3pm. Please share this announcement with friends who may have known Ajamu and invite them to this gathering.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Art with a Heart in Health Care, 841 Prudential Drive, Suite 150, Jacksonville, Florida 32207; more information at www.artwithaheart.info

Whitey Markle, Florida conservation icon, dies

The following obituary appeared in the Gainesville Sun on Nov. 5.

by Cindy Swirko

Whitey Markle, who described himself as a proud Florida Cracker and whose heritage was reflected in his music and his environmental activism, died Monday night in Gainesville from an illness. He was 75.

Markle was a longtime president of the Suwannee-St. Johns Sierra Club whose efforts ranged from a night airboat curfew on Alachua County lakes to advocacy for protection of waterways in the region and the state. He lived in Citra.

Whitey Markle & the Swamprooters, his band, played what he called swampgrass music — a melange of bluegrass, folk and country.

"Whitey was a multi-dimensional guy. He had a master's degree and worked at the University (of Florida) but he had the gift of understanding and talking to people at all levels of the environmental movement in Florida — he didn't lecture, he talked," friend Della McMillan wrote in an email. "He was also a gifted musician. He was also a great humanitarian to rural people who often had no idea where to go when environmental issues struck their land and their livelihoods."

Born Richard Markle in north Jacksonville, he grew up on Cedar Bay Road amid 5,000 acres of woodland and tidal salt marsh, according to his biography on the band's website

Markle attended Florida State University and St. Johns River Junior College in Palatka before joining the U.S. Army Reserve, serving six years in the 292nd Lighter Amphibious Transportation Co. in Palatka and becoming a staff sergeant.

Meanwhile, he completed a federal apprenticeship at Naval Air Station in Jacksonville and became a journeyman aircraft machinist.

Over the years Markle taught industrial arts at FSU and building trades at Alyce D. McPherson School in Ocala.

In 1982, Markle began working at the University of Florida, where he earned a master's degree in urban and regional planning. He taught metals, welding and wood in architecture programs. He retired in 2007.



Photo courtesy of the Gainesville Sun

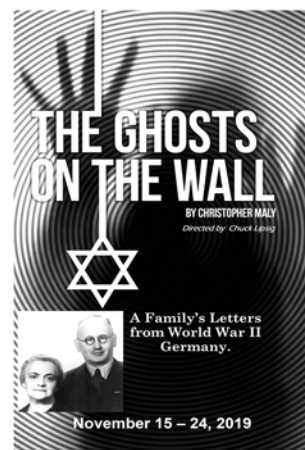
He became chairman of the Suwannee/St. Johns Sierra Club and a charter board member of the Silver Springs Alliance. His greatest environment-related accomplishment was the successful campaign as co-chair of Quiet Lakes of Alachua County in 2010 that limited airboat operation on all Alachua County waters from 7am to 7pm.

"To say that Whitey was a character would be a strong understatement. There are a million stories you can glean from a thousand people," friend Bob Palmer said in an email. "Whitey was a passionate

defender of quiet lakes, flowing streams and pristine springs. A force behind the county's airboat ban (he sang a song in his testimony to the commission), a fighter for a free-flowing Ocklawaha (River), a stalwart in springs fights."

Friends said Markle loved fishing, particularly cast-netting for mullet in the Gulf of Mexico.

Markle is survived by his partner, Harriet Jones; daughter Carrie Markle Thomas and three grandchildren.



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Voter registration as resistance to criminalization: Updates on defending Amendment 4

by Panagioti Tsolkas

Local organizers with the Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC) invite you to volunteer in an effort to find and register newly eligible voters in Alachua and surrounding counties. Training and volunteer orientation occurs Monday through Friday, 2 - 3pm at the FLIC office in the Seagle Building, 4th Floor, 408 West University Ave.

It has been said before that if voting changed anything it would be illegal. Although the sources of that quote has been disputed (was it Emma Goldman? Mark Twain? Some meme-making troll?) the sentiment is understood and it became popularized for a reason. People are skeptical about the government, on most all sides of the political spectrum (yes there are more than two sides!) But the concept of voting being illegal is not just hyperbole or anarchists rhetoric.

Voting it is still illegal for millions of people in the United States, simply because they are criminalized based largely on their economic status in the world. Undocumented immigrants, victims of the drug war, and generally, people on the receiving end of a centuries-long process attempting to implement and maintain white supremacy. There is an ongoing effort to keep these people away from the ballot box, despite all of its flaws, with a pretty clear intention of securing their exclusion from political engagement.

Voting is rarely regarded as the sharpest tool in the box of social change strategy. But even the most cynical activists among us should be able to admit that voting rights campaigns have played a major role in many pivotal, defining moments of struggles for social, economic and environmental justice in this country.

One of those moments has undeniably been unfolding over the last year as an amendment to the Florida Constitution passed by ballot initiative, known as Amendment 4 on the November 2018 ballot, restored voting rights to an estimated million-and-a-half people.

Now the challenge of finding and registering these newly eligible voters has begun. People continue to register to vote with little or no guidance from



FLIC organizer Danielle Chanzas doing voter registration outreach at the downtown Gainesville Rosa Parks bus station on Halloween. Photo courtesy of FLIC.

state officials. Rather than encouraging previously disenfranchised people to register, the current governor has assisted in sowing doubt and confusion.

For the first time in a century, the majority of criminalized people in the hotly contested political terrain of this state, who have seen the worst of the system, will have an ability to weigh in on races from president and congressional representatives all the way down to the sheriffs, state attorneys and local judges who may have arrested, prosecuted or sentenced them.

The constitutional amendment wasn't perfect, most notably in its exempting of people based on the nature of their charges (rather than accepting that the labels of people's criminal convictions shouldn't define who they are or what they may become) and its use of a "second chances" arguments that implies anyone should be disenfranchised in the first place (as opposed to other countries, such as Canada, which views voting as a fundamental right rather than a privilege, leaving ballot access intact even for current prisoners.)

That said, Amendment 4 was one of the single largest instances of voter

enfranchisement in the U.S. since the Reconstruction era of the 1870s, women's suffrage in 1919, and the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In the case of Reconstruction, felony disenfranchisement laws were implemented by public officials who made no secret of their racist goals. In Florida, during an 1868 debate, one lawmaker linked felony disenfranchisement to preventing the state from becoming "n-----ized."

To be certain, registering these million-plus voters across FL is not the end of the movement, but it is a major stepping off point for future organizing that can more effectively include the voices of criminalized people. It could finally bring an end to the tough-on-crime politics that has torn families apart for generations, trapping entire communities into poverty and desperation.

As can be expected in Florida's current political climate, the Governor and State Legislature have tried their best to undermine the effort to re-enfranchise these long-suppressed votes. In the 2019 legislative session, Republican politicians attempted to add language that would limit registration based on additional

charges as well as the completion of outstanding financial obligations—that is, fines, fees, and restitution arising from someone's sentence.

Ultimately, new legislation known as SB 7066 passed including the requirement of fines and fees, becoming effective July 1, 2019. Several non-profit organizations promptly responded with a federal lawsuit which likened the requirement to a poll tax aimed at limiting voter participation, specifically impacting people of color who are disproportionately criminalized.

So far, the federal judge, Robert Hinkle, has issued a preliminary ruling in favor of re-enfranchisement, and against the State's voter suppression effort, which he called an "administrative nightmare."

For now, relief is limited to 17 of the individual plaintiffs. But the court affirmed—for everyone—the constitutional principle that the right to vote cannot depend on a person's wealth. The court also ruled that the State must create a clear and fair process through which Florida's other impacted voters can demonstrate an inability to pay outstanding financial obligations and vote.

The court also indicated that it is the federal court's role to ensure that this financial obligation requirement does not violate the U.S. Constitution, despite efforts by state officials to force the issue into state court.

To learn about upcoming elections, you

visit the webpage of your local County Supervisor of Elections, and County Clerks of Courts may be resources to find out some information about outstanding financial obligations.

If you or someone you know is impacted by SB7066, they can also contact

advocates like the Florida NAACP (info@FLNAACP.com) or the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (vote@naacpldf.org).

If you want to find out more about volunteering on voter registration in North/Central Florida, contact local FLIC organizers at: (954) 980-0130 🐾

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by Sarah Cool

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On April 4, 2018, the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., seven Catholic Plowshares activists entered the Kings Bay Trident Nuclear Submarine Naval Base in St. Marys, Georgia, the largest nuclear submarine base in the world.

They split up into three teams and proceeded to occupy the administration building entrance and the D5 missile monument, and to penetrate two fences around the nuclear weapons storage bunkers.

The activists symbolically disarmed the nuclear weapons at the base by hammering on various objects, spray-painting slogans, and hanging crime scene tape and banners. The defendants prayerfully poured their blood to make sacred that which has been desecrated, and delivered an indictment to the U.S. government for war crimes, acting out their Christian faith following Isaiah 2:4 - "beat your swords into plowshares".

The activists at the nuclear weapons storage bunkers were Elizabeth McAlister (widow of Plowshares Movement cofounder Philip Berrigan), Jonah House, Baltimore; Jesuit Father Stephen Kelly, Bay Area, California; and Carmen Trotta, New York Catholic Worker.

At the Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic Administration building were Clare Grady, Ithaca Catholic Worker; and Martha Hennessy (granddaughter of Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day), New York Catholic Worker.



Photo by Bill Jacobson, Buffalo, NY

At the Trident D5 missile monuments were Catholic Worker members Mark Colville, New Haven, Connecticut; and Patrick O'Neill, Garner, North Carolina.

The Kings Bay Plowshares 7 were arrested and charged with conspiracy, trespass, and destruction and depredation of property felonies. They defended their actions with the U.S. Religious Freedom Restoration Act (most famously used by Hobby Lobby claiming religious reasons to deny coverage for contraceptives under the Affordable Health Care Act). The unprecedented defense was denied in August.

These seven activists have put the Trident nuclear missiles and submarines, as well as the institutions that support them, on trial. For the past 18 months, three have been imprisoned at the Glynn County Detention Center in Brunswick.

The other four have been held on home

curfew while being mandated to wear ankle monitors. Court proceedings, public actions, local peace vigils, solidarity walks and fasts during this time have helped to keep Georgia's Trident base in the news and spread awareness and concern among folks near and far.

On October 24, the Southern District Court of Georgia in Brunswick found all seven guilty on four charges. They face sentences of up to 25 years in federal prison. The Plowshares Movement advocates active resistance to nuclear weapons and war. Its first action was in 1980 at the GE nuclear weapons factory in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The Kings Bay event brings the number of actions to more than 100 internationally.

Each Trident submarine carries the explosive power equivalent to 1,825 Hiroshima bombs: 27 megatons of TNT,

or seven pounds of explosives for every human on our planet. Each submarine could potentially kill 200 million to 300 million people, with accompanying ecological catastrophes. The U.S. has 14 Trident submarines, six based at Kings Bay, making Georgia the third largest nuclear weapons state in the world.

"Nuclear weapons are not just deadly when they are launched," said defendant Clare Grady. "They kill every day by their mining, refining, testing, and dumping on indigenous land. They are used like that cocked gun. Even when you never pull that trigger you are using that gun. And, to be clear, that is the enforcement mechanism for all those systems that Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King identifies in the triplets of white supremacy, and global capitalism, and global domination.... I'll call it the biggest bully stick. It's connected to every form of state-sponsored violence down to the police. Be clear that that's the connection."

Liz McAlister said, "I want to witness to justice and peace and I want that to be a gift to my offspring, but also to all our offspring. They deserve to grow up in a world where they can breathe and drink water and enjoy sunlight and not work with the constant poisoning of the world that we are engaging in with these weapons."

Petition signatures, donation options, and other ways to support the KBP7 can be found at www.kingsbayplowshares7.org; Nuclear Watch South offers related news and information at www.nonukesyall.org. Peace Vigils at Kings Bay Naval Base are planned from 2-5 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month - please email kingsbayplowshoares@gmail.com for more details.

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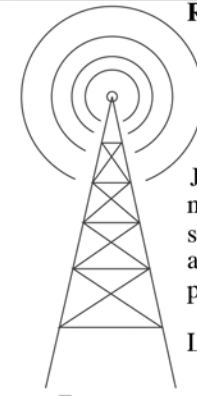
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17 CMCommunity Gardening, every Sunday at 8 am. Next-Gen Climate Workshop, CMC, 10 am-4 pm. Sunday Assembly: Gary Steele, "Gypsy Family Circus of 1933" - SFC Downtown (530 W Univ Ave), 11 am, 3rd Suns: see pg 4 & sagainesville.weebly.com. Gvl History Celebration w/ food, music, canoeing, more: Powers Park (5910 SE Hawthorne Rd, south end of Newnan's Lake/Pithlachocco), noon-5 pm. Sirens & Strings fall showcase at C&G (1001 NW 4th St), 4 pm. NAACP Annual Banquet, Wyndham Gardens, 6 pm, \$60. 8-Track Musical final night, Star Ctr Theatre (11 NE 23rd Ave), 8 pm.

24 A Hastiness of Cooks author Cynthia Bertelsen at downtown library, 2:30 pm.

Dec 1 GramFest (tribute to music of Gram Parsons), Heartwood Soundstage (619 S Main St), 5 pm. WORLD AIDS DAY

8 GLAM Craft Show, 1st Mag (1220 SE Veitch St), 10 am. "Ask a Scientist: Hot Topics" - Fla Mus, 1-4 pm. Apes of the State (PA) & others, CMC, 8-11 pm. Agnostic Front & Asshole Parade, The Atlantic, 8 pm.

15 Operation Catnip spay/neuter clinic, 7:30 am - see ocgainesville.org.

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

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18 Witness for Immigrant Justice and Sanctuary, NW 23rd Ave & 43rd St, 5-6 pm, every Mon. Grow Gvl 3rd Mon meet-up, Working Food (219 NW 10th Ave), 6 pm. Gvl Citizens for Active Transportation meets at CIED (530 E. Univ Ave), 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 pm.

Hipp Jazz Series with David Havens; continues every Monday through December 9; 7 pm, \$5: thehipp.org. Talk about Death w/ Dennis Shuman, CMC, 7 pm. Weekly Candle-holding Witness for the undocumented, BD Downtown Plaza, every Monday, 7:30-8 pm. Witch at Hipp Unplugged, 11/18-19, 7:30 pm, \$10.

25 Democratic Socialists of America meet 4th Mondays at downtown library (401 E Univ Ave), 6-7:30 pm. Citizens' Climate Lobby meets at Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 4th Mons, 6:30 pm.

21954: Senate censures J. McCarthy.

9 Fla Free Speech Forum: "Ranked Choice Voting", Wyndham Gardens Conf Ctr (2900 SW 13th St), 11:30 am: floridafreespeechforum.org. Central Labor Council Annual Spaghetti Holiday Dinner, Sr Ctr (5701 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice meets, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 2nd Mondays, 6 pm. Women's March meets 2nd Mondays, United Church of Gainesville, 6:30 pm.

16 CMC - no regular daytime hours until Jan 6th. Grow Gvl - see 11/18.

23 1979: Soviets occupy Kabul.

30 1928: Bo Diddley born.

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

Alachua County Commission meets, 2nd & 4th Tues, 11:30 am & 5 pm, Cty Admin Bldg (12 SE 1st St).

CMC Free Grocery Store every Tuesday, 433 S. Main St, 2:30 pm.

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee meets 2nd & 4th Weds, CMC, 6 pm. FULL MOON

19 School Board meets, 620 E. Univ Ave, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6 pm.

Alachua Cty Labor Coalition meets, Em.Menno, 6 pm.

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

26 Alachua County Comm; see 11/12. NAACP Environment & Climate Justice Committee, W. Johnson Ctr (321 NW 10th St), 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 pm. IWOC - see 11/12.

Ichetucknee Alliance meets, Fla Spgs Inst (23695 W Hwy 27, High Springs), 6:30 pm. Bela Fleck & Flecktones, Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm, \$10-55.

3 School Bd mtg cancelled. Alachua Cty Labor Coalition People's Holiday Potluck, Working Food (219 NW 10th Ave), 6-8 pm; see pg 11.

Gvl Citizens Against Death Penalty meets, Mennonite Meeting House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 1st Tuesdays, 6 pm. Beautiful - Carole King Musical, Phillips Ctr, 7:30, \$20-70.

10 1898: Spanish-American War ends. HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Keep up with the CMC at F'book & Instagram for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future.

17 School Board resumes 1st/3rd Tuesday meetings, 6 pm; see sbac.edu.

24 1951: Libya independent. 31 NAACP/E/C Justice Committee - see 11/26.

13 Free confidential walk-in HIV testing at Alachua County Health Dept, 224 SE 24th St, 9 am-3 pm, M-F.

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

Dismantling Racism meets, Em. Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 2nd & 4th Weds, 7 pm.

20 "Women on Front Lines: Lebanon Today" talk, UF Ustler Hall Atrium, 12:50 pm.

Humanist Society of Gvl meets, UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

Interfaith Dialogue, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 W 18th Ave), 1st & 3rd Weds, 7 pm.

The Stronger, Black C Art Gallery (201 SE 2nd Pl), 11/20-21, 7 pm.

Transgender Day of Remembrance, Depot Park (874 SE 4th St), 7 pm.

Debate Watch Party, Cypress & Grove, 8 pm - see pg 16.

27 Improv Comedy Night, The Hipp, 7:30 pm, \$5.

Civic Media Center will not have daytime hours 11/25-30 for holiday break. Regularly scheduled evening events to continue.

4 1st Wednesday Open Mic Nite, Satchel's Pizza.

Cinema Verde fundraiser, Sweetberries (505 NW 13th St), 6-10 pm.

Vets for Peace meets 1st Wednesdays, 7 pm - call 352-375-2563 for directions.

Rebecca Vincent & Kim LeCouteur, Thomas Ctr, 7 pm.

11 Improv Comedy Night, The Hipp, 7:30 pm, \$5.

Cherish the Ladies, Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm, \$10-45.

18 "Magic of Nutcracker" Dance Alive dress rehearsal, Phillips Ctr, \$50. IGUANA Deadline for Jan-Feb issue is 1/7; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 352-378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

25 SATURNALIA XMAS Jan 1 1804: Haiti declares independence.

14 Job Fair for county schools - Springhill MB Church (120 SE Williston Rd), 4-6 pm.

CMC Volunteers meet every Thurs, 433 S. Main St, 5:30 pm.

Racial Injustice talk, Room 100, UF Smathers Library, 5:30 pm.

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

Science on Tap: Sinkholes talk at 1st Magnitude Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St), 6:30 pm.

Humanist Families of Gvl meets, One Love Café (4989 NW 40th Pl), 6:30 pm.

Open Poetry every Thursday at CMC (433 S. Main St), 9 pm.

Disasters in Paradise book launch, Matheson Mus (513 E. Univ Ave), 7 pm.

True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality, Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 8 pm, free.

21 Ibram X. Kendi, author of How to Be an Anti-racist, speaks: dntn library (401 E. Univ Ave) 12:30 pm; Phillips Ctr (3201 Hull Rd) 5:30 pm - see pg 9.

28 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. THANKSGIVING

5 Sierra Club meets 1st Thurs, LifeSouth (4309 NW Newberry Rd), potluck & awards, 7 pm.

The Conch storytelling ("Sports"), Lightnin' Salvage, 7 pm.

Exit Santa opens at Acrosstown (619 S Main St), 8 pm; thru 12/15.

Fla Modern Architecture (1945-75) talk, Matheson Mus (513 E Univ Ave), 6 pm, free.

12 Humanist Families of Gvl meets, One Love Café (4989 NW 40th Pl), 6:30 pm. 1963: Kenya independent. FULL MOON

19 1940: Phil Ochs born. 1998: Bill Clinton impeached.

26 BOXING DAY KWANZAA BEGINS 2 Sierra Club - see 12/5.

15 Local Water: Wild Places film at Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE Cty Rd 234), 6 pm; \$10 requested.

CMC Bluegrass & Old-Time Jam, CMC, 6-9+ pm: come to listen, come to play!

Downtown Blues Concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 7-11 pm, free.

Threethes Benefit Concert for/at Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 8 pm, \$10.

The Ghosts on the Wall opens at Actors' Warehouse (619 NE 1st St), 8? pm; runs through 11/24; see pg 6.

22 Build the Wall play at CMC: Fri, 6 & 10 pm; Sat, 12:30 & 4:30 pm.

"Trashformations" art show, Fla Mus, (3215 Hull Rd), 6-8 pm.

Scrooge in Rouge opens at Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 8 pm; runs through Dec 22 (pay-what-you-can previews 11/20-21).

Bria Skonberg horn & vocal jazz at Phillips Ctr, 7-10:30 pm, \$10-50.

29 Thanksgiving Wildlife Tours, Carson Springs Wildlife Conservation Foundation (8528 E. Cty Rd 225; carsonspringswildlife.org), 10 am-3 pm, \$8-25.

Black Friday ArtWalk, 1st Mag, 4 pm. Gay Movie Night (You Should Meet My Son), Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), last Fridays, 7:30 pm.

6 Global Youth Climate Strike, Gvl City Hall, noon-5 pm. "Democracy in Africa" talk, rm 404, UF Grinter Hall, 3:30 pm.

Reel Rock 14, Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE Cty Rd 234), 6-9 pm. Gvl Holiday Artwalk, 7 pm - see pg 17 & artwalkgainesville.com.

Frozen Jr last performance, Star Ctr Theatre (11 NE 23rd Ave), 7 pm.

13 Full Moon Holiday Market - Curia on the Drag (2029 NW 6th St), 5-9 pm.

Holiday Mingle, Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE Cty Rd 234), 6-9 pm.

2000: Al Gore concedes election. GEMINID METEOR SHOWERS

20 CMC Bluegrass & Old-Time Jam, CMC, 6-9+ pm: come to listen, come to play! Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

27 1822: Louis Pasteur born. 3 A Film by Craven Frankel opens, Acrosstown Rep, 8 pm; thru 1/5.

16 Community Meditation, CMC, 9-10 am every Saturday; Yoga class 10 am every Saturday.

Downtown Art Festival, from City Hall to Hipp, 10 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

Bernie 2020 meet-up, Library Partnership (912 NE 16th Ave), 11 am-1 pm.

Free Store at CMC, 2-5 pm.

Kings Bay Plowshares 7 support demo, Trident Sub Base (St Mary's, GA), 3rd Saturdays, 2 pm; see kingsbayplowshares7.org & pg 10.

River Phoenix Ctr for Peacebuilding fundraiser, Gvl Woman's Club (2809 W Univ Ave), 6:30-11:30 pm, \$75.

23 Little Orange Creek Nature Day (24115 SE Hawthorne Rd), 8 am-2 pm.

George Lakey presents workshop on nonviolent organizing, Quaker Mtg House (702 NW 38th St), 9 am-12:30 pm; see pg 4.

Miscast Cabaret, GFAA Gallery (1314 S Main St), 6 & 9 pm, \$15-50.

30 UF Football vs FSU, time tba. Ajamu Mutima Celebration of Life, Karpeles Manuscript Library & Museum (101 W. 14th St, Jacksonville), 1-3 pm - see pg 6.

A Christmas Carol opens at Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 8 pm; runs through Dec 22.

7 Craft Festival, Exactech Arena (O'Dome), 10 am-5 pm. Hiroya Tsulamoto, Heartwood (619 S Main St), 8 pm.

Scott Camil on Winter Warrior, Third House (113 N. Main St), 6 pm; pg 16. Veg for Life vegan potluck, UUFG, \$2+ veg dish for 6, 1st Sats, 6:30 pm.

14 Ana Varela annual holiday open house, featuring ceramics, paintings, crafts & music: 508 SE Tusawilla Rd, Micanopy (follow yellow signs), 10 am-5 pm.

Author Gary Gordon on Chief Mican's Revenge, dntn library, 2:45 pm. Roy Bookbinder & Paco in concert, Heartwood (619 S Main St), 8 pm.

21 Free Store at CMC, 2-5 pm. Vets for Peace Winter Solstice Concert, UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm; see pg 24. WINTER SOLSTICE

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4 Camellia Show, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 1-5 pm. 11 Scott Camil on Winter Warrior, CMC, 2-4 pm - see pg 16.

Do you know women who deserve tribute in the Celebrate Women 2020 magazine?



by Pam Smith

There are hundreds of women in Gainesville and the rest of Alachua County who have worked tirelessly over the past 60 years to make the world a better place.

Some did it so quietly that the rest of us hardly knew that they were making big differences. Others thought and wrote powerful pieces that changed the way we thought in a split second. Still others created businesses, created organizations, tilled the ground, organized voters, advocated for the people who were less powerful, tended to the ones who needed hope and guidance, and in general used their one life to move humanity closer to “justice for all.”

CelebrateWomen2020 plans to bring attention to these women. We want to

shine a light on them. We are publishing a commemorative magazine in February with thousands of copies to be distributed in businesses, schools, and organizations.

In this magazine, we plan to have Tribute ads to honor our local women sheros. We want pages and pages of these tributes. We especially want to honor the local women who were active in the Civil Rights movement of the '50s and '60s, and the women in the Women's Liberation movement in the '60s and '70s, and the huge number of organizations that grew out of these two. Gainesville was at the forefront in the nation of all of this.

2020 is the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. Can you imagine all the votes in these past 100 years that have made a difference?

In addition to the magazine, we will host a parade on March 21 to honor voting and bring light to the issues that are facing us today, host a rally at Bo Diddley after the parade, publish a calendar of events happening during March that honor women, and bring back Gainesville's own Byllye Avery as a keynote speaker in mid March. Byllye is the founder of the Black Women's Health Initiative and earned a MacArthur Genius Award as a result. She's a speaker you'll not want to miss.

To pay for this (the parade is almost \$8,000 for insurance, police, etc), we are soliciting businesses to put ads in the commemorative magazine, and we're reaching out to sponsors who can underwrite various components, keeping the Tribute ads affordable. They range from \$100 for a ¼ page ad that can include a small picture and 75 words, to \$225 for a ½ page with up to 120 words and a large picture. We envision friends going together to buy a space for their particular shero or group of sheros.

If you know of a woman activist or some activist organization founded by women that you think should be recognized but you can't personally fund the Tribute, please email us and we'll try to find a funder.

Email us at celebratewomen2020@gmail.com or (Facebook) message us at CelebrateWomen2020 Who do you want to have commemorated? 🐜

And the good news is ...

Why Virginia's election results mean the Equal Rights Amendment could finally pass

by Molly Olmstead

This is an edited version of an article that ran in the November 6 issue of *Slate.com*. For the complete article, see <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1035>.

Democrats swept the election in Virginia, flipping the state Senate and House of Delegates and giving the state a fully Democratic-controlled government for the first time since 1993. The results quickly led to renewed conversation about a somewhat unexpected legislative goal: the Equal Rights Amendment.

What is the ERA?

The Equal Rights Amendment, first proposed in 1923, would explicitly ban discrimination on the basis of sex and guarantee equality for women in the U.S. Constitution. It reads, in part: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

While there are certainly protections for women's rights, many of them are federal laws (such as the Civil Rights Act, Title IX) passed by Congress, which could be undone by the passage of other laws or undercut by Supreme Court rulings. The 14th Amendment, which promises all citizens “equal protection of the laws,” is thought to include gender under current Supreme Court precedent, but some (notably the late Justice Antonin Scalia) have argued that its framers did not intend for it to include gender in its protections. A specific gender equality amendment would answer that question.

Proponents of the ERA contend that it would guarantee that states have to intervene in matters of gender-based violence and harassment, ensure protections for pregnant women and mothers, and guarantee equal pay.

Opponents commonly make two arguments. One is that ratifying the ERA is unnecessary because the country already has protections for women. The other is that more rigid language in the Constitution would erode privileges women have. In the early years, working-class activists worried that labor protections for women could be eliminated. In the 1970s, Phyllis Schlafly argued that the amendment would mean women would have to sign up for the draft or would no longer be allowed access to single-sex bathrooms. The current version of the argument is less rooted in the family values of white, religious, suburban housewives, but it uses a similar line of reasoning: The ERA could threaten assistance programs for women and mothers and accommodations for pregnant women.

Why didn't the ERA pass already?

The suffragist Alice Paul wrote the ERA off the success of the women's suffrage movement, but it failed to garner support from other activist groups, who were concerned about issues of race and class as well. The amendment died without making headway in Congress.

The movement was revived in the 1970s. The amendment passed in Congress in 1972, and 35 states swiftly ratified it. But Schlafly and her conservative Christian anti-feminist movement lobbied against it, stoking fears about the loss of traditional

family values. Some conservative legislators balked, and the ERA fell three states short of ratification.

There have been repeated attempts at the state and federal level to reignite the campaign for the ERA, but it never picked up the momentum it needed—until (perhaps) recently.

Some part of the current sociopolitical climate—President Donald Trump's election, the #MeToo movement, the erosion of abortion rights and a conservative Supreme Court—has brought the issue to the fore and energized Democrats to push for women's rights. In 2017, Nevada ratified the amendment. Illinois followed in 2018, leaving the movement one state short of the 38 needed.

What's Virginia's role in this?

Virginia was not one of the states that quickly ratified the amendment. But Virginia's politics have changed in the past decade, culminating in Tuesday's victories by Democrats. Meanwhile, advocates in the state have been pushing for ERA legislation. It seems likely that a Democratic-controlled state Legislature will approve the amendment. That would bring the total number of ratifying states to 38—the crucial number needed to officially amend the Constitution.

What's the catch?

Crossing that threshold would no longer mean automatic ratification. There are two major hurdles. One: The deadline set for approval has passed. Two: Some states have withdrawn their approval.

Neither issue is straightforward. ERA supporters argue that Congress could extend or overrule the 1982 deadline. (Some efforts to do this have previously failed.) Some supporters have also challenged the idea that there can even be a deadline for ratifying an amendment, a question that could be settled in court.

It's also unclear what happens with the five states (Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska, Tennessee, and South Dakota) that ratified the ERA in the 1970s but later withdrew their support. The Constitution doesn't address the scenario, so it's unknown whether withdrawing ratification is allowed.

According to one leading voice in the ERA push, each case would likely be evaluated separately to see if the decision stands. 🐜

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Winter Warrior, graphic book, documents extraordinary life of Scott Camil

by Joe Courter

The new book Winter Warrior uses the words of Scott Camil as he tells of his youth, and the path that took him to Viet Nam, and then upon his return, into the anti-war movement as a leader so effective that government agents shot him in an attempted drug sting, as an effort to neutralize him in J. Edgar Hoover's words. His words are illustrated by graphic artist Eve Gilbert whose simple drawings are augmented by speech bubbles enhancing her illustrations of Camil's words.

The book is a powerful true story of a man whose life has more dramatic turns than most. This is what happens when a person of high principle and a strong independent spirit has the nerve to embrace whole heartedly a mission, but then, finding that mission was based on lies, turns against it with the same passion and commitment. Camil's first mission was as a Marine in Viet Nam, and the horrors and deadly realities of that are brutally recounted in Camil's words and Gilbert's drawings.

Following two tours in Viet Nam, and wounded twice, Camil came back to Florida and started taking classes in Miami and then at the University of Florida in Gainesville. At UF Camil heard about an event called the Winter Soldier Investigation, where Viet Nam vets were asked to come to Detroit and tell about their experiences. In Detroit, he met other vets who were questioning the war and he confronted questions from interviewers that changed his perspective.

This change in consciousness launched him into organizing with Viet Nam Veterans Against the War. What followed were highly-publicized protests such as vets throwing their medals away, multi-state organizing, government surveillance, and bogus arrests and trials (he and compatriots were found not guilty every time). VVAW's protests at the national political conventions in Miami resulted in the

celebrated Gainesville 8 conspiracy trial. The jury acquitted them after only four hours of deliberation.

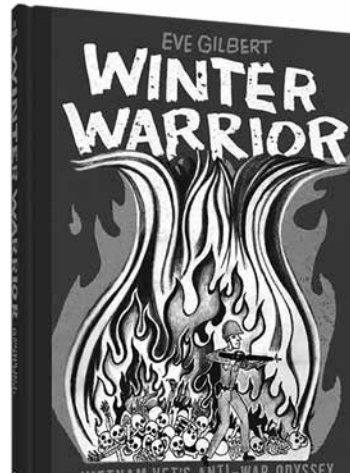
After failing to imprison Camil that way, federal agents set him up in an attempted drug sting and shot him. But he survived that, too, and was released after the bogus court case that followed.

After a few years break, Camil took on the U.S.'s later interventions. The book recounts his trips to Central America in the 80's, which led him to found the Gainesville chapter of Veterans for Peace. He also went to Palestine (Camil is Jewish) and back to Viet Nam.

It is a bit odd to have such powerful experiences portrayed in cartoon illustrations, but somehow it works and makes for a gripping read. Check out Camil's video interview with the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program here: <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1033>.

One oddity is that Camil is not listed as the book's author, Eve Gilbert is. Fantagraphics Books is the publisher, and while Camil's contract with Gilbert stated he would be listed as author, she did not share that with the publisher, so his name was left off the cover, at least in this first edition.

This powerful book is available locally at Third House Books, where Camil will discuss it on Saturday, December 7th at 6pm. And Winter Warrior can be purchased at the Veterans for Peace Winter Solstice Concert Saturday December 21 at the Unitarian Fellowship. ☘



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- THURSDAYS: Volunteer Meeting @5:30-6:30pm
- THURSDAYS: Poetry Jam @8pm
- SATURDAYS: Community Meditation @9-10am
- SATURDAYS: Free Yoga @10-11am
- SUNDAYS: CMC Gardening Day @8-11am

November:

- FRI NOV 15: Bluegrass & Oldtime Jam @6-9pm
Squadd Social Dream Defenders @9pm
- SAT NOV 16: Free store @2-5pm, drop offs @12:30pm
- SUN NOV 17: Next Gen Climate Committee Organizing work shop @10-4pm
- MON NOV 18: Talk about Death with Dennis Shuman @7pm
- SAT NOV 23: Play: "Building the Wall," @6 & 10pm
- SUN NOV 24: Play: "Building the Wall," @12:30 & 4:30pm
- NOV 25 - 30: CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK

December:

- FRI DEC 8: Music show with Apes of the State (PA), others @8-11pm
- DEC 16-JAN 4: CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK
- FRI DEC 20: Bluegrass and Old Time Jam @6-9pm (or later)
- SAT DEC 21: Free store 2-5pm, drop offs @12:30

January:

- SAT JAN 11: Scott Camil book presentation "Winter Warrior," @2-4pm
- FRI JAN 17 WGOT benefit show at the Atlantic @9pm

ALSO, visit our table at the Downtown Arts Festival Nov. 16 and 17 (and get raffle tix to help pay for the booth) and at the Vets for Peace Winter Solstice Concert Dec. 21 at the UUFG.

And, of course, year end 501(c)3 donations are more than welcome!

Check Instagram and Facebook for more details and other as yet unscheduled events. The CMC website is under reconstruction - Facebook is the best place to keep up with new events added after this list was made.

Please support the CMC however you can:

- volunteering & ideas
- donations
- memberships
- attendance at our events

Grassroots support keeps us going!

To get weekly announcement email, contact: coordinators@civicmediacenter.org and request to be added to the list.


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Passion ran high at the rally as upwards of 200 people came out to tell Nestle to leave our water alone. Emphasis was on youth as three of our great speakers were of high school and college age. They included:

Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua Board of County Commissioner. A longtime clean water advocate from this region of Florida.

Isaac Augspurg, a 14-year-old student plaintiff in the Climate Action lawsuit against the State of Florida. Isaac's Grandfather is a Founder of Our Santa Fe River.

Mike Roth, President of Our Santa Fe River, an organization that organized to stop four water bottling permits in 2006 and successfully stopped all of them with this community involvement.

Emma Turner, a leader of the Young Leaders for Wild Florida, who have been taking up the charge to speak out against land and water use harm in our area.

Anton Kernohan, a youth climate and environmental justice activist who is the lead organizer for the various Youth Climate Strikes here in Gainesville, Vice President of Climate Action Gator at UF, and Outreach Director of North FL for Youth Climate Strike.

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, a Founding Board Member of Our Santa Fe River, Vice Chair of Suwannee St. John' Sierra Club, riparian property owner and who has dedicated a great deal of her personal time in giving our culturally valued spring-fed Santa Fe River the protection it needs to survive.

Our Santa Fe River and SAFEBOR fight for Ginnie Springs

by Hannah Bunkin

On Nov. 1, a bustling crowd gathered in High Springs. The occasion? To make our position clear: we reject Nestlé as it prepares to privatize our water. Over 9,000 comments have been submitted to the SR-WMD to review as it considers renewing Seven Springs Water Co.'s permit to withdraw 1.152 million gallons of water per day from Ginnie Springs.

Crucially, Nestlé is one among many threats to our watershed to naturally exist, flourish, regenerate, and evolve. These activities also threaten the rights of the residents of Alachua County to a healthy, flourishing Santa Fe River and the right to pure, clean, unpolluted water.

However, as of now, we cannot enforce those rights because they are not recognized under our current legal system. If we want to stand in solidarity with the communities most vulnerable to government neglect and corporate extractivism, we should look to several tribes who have instituted Rights of Nature laws in their tribal constitutions: the Ho-Chunk Nation in 2016, the Ponca Nation in 2018, the White Earth Band of the Chippewa Nation in 2018, and the Yurok Tribe in September of this year.

Communities in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Colorado and New Hampshire have adopted Rights of Nature ordinances and laws.

We can build upon these past victories by amending the Alachua County Charter to recognize the Rights of the Santa Fe River. In order to do this, we need 18,000 signatures by February 21 to put the Bill of Rights on the ballot next November, and we need all the help we can get.

If you haven't yet, please sign the petition (available at safebor.org) or pick up a stack of blank petitions from the Alachua County Labor Coalition's office. Pass them out to your friends, coworkers, family, and neighbors. Bring them to picnics and pot-lucks, to festivals and art shows, to book clubs and drag shows.

And if you can commit to ten hours a week or 150 signatures a week, we'll hire you to join our team and support you in becoming an effective ambassador for the Santa Fe River. Email safeborAC@gmail.com for more information on those opportunities or with any questions you may have.

Editors' picks: News that didn't fit

✦ *Anything written by Chauncey DeVega, who writes erudite and insightful political commentary, and conducts interviews with experts and authors who put our present political crises into context with chilling historical parallels:*
See: https://www.salon.com/writer/chauncey_de_vega and/or chaunceydevega.com

✦ **Chile and Bolivia Reports Expose Western Media's Rank Hypocrisy** by Lucas Koerner, FAIR
The Western corporate media has been ignoring Chile's anti-neoliberal rebellion, where soldiers have been sent to kill, maim and torture their own people.
See: <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1037>

✦ **Colorado Has One of the Highest Voter Turnouts in the Country. Here's How They Did It** by Amy Goodman & Jena Griswold, DemocracyNow.org
It's efficient, it's cheaper, and every registered voter receives a mail-in ballot. There's a dropbox or polling place on all public university campuses and tribal lands at tribal leadership's request.
See: <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1040>

✦ **Four climate scientists on how to take on climate change today** by Terri Hansen, Yes!
Are we doomed? Actually, there is some hope, but it won't be easy.
See: <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1029>

✦ **Free college for all? U.S. House members advance sweeping effort to lower higher ed costs** by Allison Stevens, Florida Phoenix
A U.S. House committee passed legislation that supporters hailed as a "down payment" on a long-sought liberal goal: free college education for all.
See: <https://tinyurl.com/iguana1038>

✦ **Nestlé wants Florida's drinking water for free, leaving us high and dry | Opinion** by Carl Hiaasen, Miami Herald
The agreement would be bad for the Santa Fe and also the fragile Floridan aquifer, which supplies drinking water to millions of people. But for Seven Springs the deal is sweet: free water, which it then sells to Nestlé, the world's largest bottler.
<https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1042>

✦ **'Too Many Lives Were Ruined': Bernie Sanders Releases Plan for Federal Legalization of Marijuana** by Eoin Higgins, staff writer, Common Dreams
"We will legalize marijuana and vacate and expunge past marijuana convictions."
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Florida is a wealthy state. We have the 17th largest economy on the planet. Floridians want public education from pre-K to grad school to be the best for our children and our state's future. We should have a world-class, well-funded public education system yet we:

- started the 2019-2020 school year with more than 3,500 teacher vacancies. More than **300,000 students** are without a full-time, certified teacher in the classroom.
- rank 46th in the nation in teacher pay — more than **\$12,000 behind the national average**—and 43rd in per-student expenditures.
- have nearly 50,000 education staff professionals who earn a wage below the national poverty level for a family of four.
- spend **half the national average** on funding per full-time university student.
- university and college workers **live below the poverty level** and do not have basic rights or benefits (particularly staff, graduate workers and part-time "adjunct" faculty). Graduate employees at UF, for example, have to "pay to work," giving back thousands of dollars in meager wages as fees while they teach, run labs and conduct research.

The stakes are very high. We must fight for the future we want to see. We must follow the lead of the uprisings for public schools across the U.S. and force the Tallahassee politicians to represent the people. From West Virginia to Kentucky to LA and Gainesville, people are fed up. We have a 10 year program to turn this all around, but we can't move any agenda without large numbers working together. **Get on the bus! Join the Florida Education Association! Join local education unions: Alachua County Education Association, Graduate Assistants United at UF and the United Faculty of Florida at UF.** (Photo on L from Orange County Teachers Association, March 4 2019)

More info: (352) 377-7635; <https://fundourfuturefl.org/>; Candi.Churchill@floridaea.org

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those people, and then engage those people, and really begin to craft what, in my view, was an insurgency in the United States.”

Wylie adds: “The things that I was building on originally for the defense of our democracies had been completely inverted to really, in my view, attack our democracies.”

In 2014, Wylie resigned from Cambridge Analytica. He later became a whistleblower, exposing the company’s role in President Trump’s presidential campaign and Brexit. He also revealed the company’s links to Russia.

Wylie’s new book, *Mindf*ck*, explains how Cambridge Analytica harvested the information of tens of millions of Facebook users, then used the data to target people susceptible to disinformation, racist thinking and conspiracy theories. Though Cambridge Analytica no longer exists, Wylie warns that the company’s tactics continue to be a threat to democracy. He notes that some of its former employees are currently working on the next Trump campaign.

“One of the reasons I wrote the book is to serve as a warning, particularly to Americans,” he says. “We have a completely unregulated digital landscape. There is almost no oversight. We are placing blind trust in companies like Facebook to do the honorable and decent thing. ... Even if Cambridge Analytica doesn’t exist anymore, what happens when China becomes the next Cambridge Analytica?”

Interview Highlights

On the research Wylie initially did for SCL

I got recruited to join a research team at SCL group which, at the time, was a British military contractor based in London. Most of its clients were various ministries of defense in NATO countries. And what we were looking at is how to use data online to identify people who would be likely targets of different extremist groups. And from that, try to understand and unpack: How would a fairly extreme ideological message spread through different kinds of social networks? And what could we do in order to mitigate its effectiveness? When Steve Bannon got introduced to the company, he realized that a lot of that work could be inverted. And rather than trying to mitigate an extremist insurgency in certain parts of the world, he wanted to essentially catalyze one in the United States.

On Steve Bannon’s role in Cambridge Analytica

He found us in London. He convinced a billionaire [Robert Mercer] to acquire the company, and then he transformed that company into a set of tools that he would be able to use to, in effect, manipulate a certain segment of the American voter population.

When Steve Bannon took over, he wasn’t just concerned about particular elections. He followed this notion of the Breitbart doctrine, which is that politics exists downstream from culture. So don’t just focus on the day-to-day politics. Try to actually make an impact on an enduring change in culture, because politics will just flow from that.

On how SCL and Cambridge Analytica approached personality profiling

Originally, when we were looking at this for defense purposes, we wanted to figure out ... what were the psychological characteristics of those people that would make them more prone and more vulnerable to certain kinds of [extremist] messaging, so that we could engage them beforehand? That was based on a series of studies, many of which came out of the University of Cambridge, that looked at essentially how, particularly with

Facebook data, you can quite accurately predict a person’s personality profile. And from that, if you can understand how a person thinks and feels and engages in the world, and what kinds of biases they have, you can then figure out what’s going to be most effective at engaging them in a particular objective — originally in some kind of counter-extremism or mitigation strategy.

Later, when it became Cambridge Analytica, it essentially became identifying people in the same way that you’d be looking for people who’d be more vulnerable to ISIS messaging — people who were more prone to conspiratorial thinking or paranoid ideation. Effectively, it looks for the same kinds of people. But rather than discouraging them from joining ISIS, it would be to encourage them to join the alt-right.

On how Cambridge Analytica collected data

When the story blew up, one of the things that people often talked about is how it was a hack of Facebook, or some kind of data breach. And what actually happened was that Facebook authorized the applications that Cambridge Analytica ended up using to access the data. The company engaged professors at the University of Cambridge to create an application that then got put onto Facebook where people would go and fill out personality inventories, like surveys about who they are and their attributes. But the way the app worked was that they wouldn’t just harvest the data of the person who responded to that survey, but it would go into their profile and look at all of their friends and harvest all of their friends’ data as well.

So when you had one person fill out a survey, by default they effectively consented by proxy for hundreds of other people, simply because they were Facebook friends with them. So that scaled really quickly. And at the time, the way Facebook worked, they allowed applications to have that feature. They’ve since turned it off, and rightfully so, but at the time, you could acquire a lot of data really quickly.

On why people filled out the surveys that Cambridge Analytica used to harvest data

Different kinds of people have different motivations for filling out surveys. Sometimes you would have a group of people who just would fill it out because they’re bored, and they don’t have anything to do. Or they would just genuinely want to know what is their personality. Or if you had apps that were, “If you were on ‘Game of Thrones,’ who would be your character? Fill out this survey, and find out.” Little do they know that actually it’s taking all of that information and porting it over to an alt-right campaign. But in some cases with certain groups of people that were underrepresented in those samples, they would be paid one dollar, two dollars, around there, to fill out a survey. And people do a lot for a dollar, which is actually quite surprising.

On his decision to resign from Cambridge Analytica

It was a gradual process, sort of like boiling a frog in a way. Things change and you don’t necessarily notice how much things have changed when you’re inside of something. ... But really, one of the things that I remember is seeing videos of people from focus groups and events that Cambridge Analytica was doing who had been targeted and sort of massaged online into believing certain kinds of conspiracies. And just to see like the rage in their eyes — how angry these people were, how they started engaging in highly racialized thinking. ... To see their faces and what that looks like, what a manipulated person looks like, for me, it was really eye-opening. ✨

We got hacked!

You may have noticed that the Iguana’s website, www.gainesvilleiguana.org, has been down for the last few weeks. If you try to visit the site, it redirects you to our Facebook page.

This is because of a malware hack that attacked our entire website, and we’re in the process of recreating it from scratch.

Rest assured, we’ll have it back up and running – new and improved – as quickly as we can!

Thanks for your patience while we sort it out.

Iguana Directory

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

Readers: If there is inaccurate information here, please let us know. If you are connected to an organization listed here, please check and update so others can be accurately informed.

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

Alachua County Green Party Part of a worldwide movement built out of four interrelated social pillars that support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. gainesvillegreens.webs.com, alachuagreen@gmail.com, 352-871-1995

Alachua County Labor Coalition meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaigns for Medicare for All and a living wage. Contact: <http://laborcoalition.org/>, info@laborcoalition.org, 352-375-2832, PO Box 12051, 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 Brooker, Florida 32622 352-485-1133 Note: unfortunately they are closing their medical clinic Oct 31 due to Tallahassee budget cuts. The dental clinic will remain open.

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

American Promise Association A cross-partisan, citizen-powered endeavor to amend the US Constitution to ensure We The People - not big money, corporations, unions, or wealthy special interests - govern the United States of America. To learn more, come visit us at the Downtown Festival and Art Show on Nov. 16 & 17. Community Booth #C35 in front of the Sun Center on SE 2nd Place. americanpromise.net, sandy.WeThePeople@gmail.com

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

Black Graduate Student Organization. aims to build fellowship at UF. bgsoatuf@gmail.com, facebook [ufbgo](https://www.facebook.com/ufbgo)

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

SAMUEL PROCTOR ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

Our regular feature, “History and the people who make it,” will return in the next issue of the Iguana.

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

The Coalition for Racial Justice gnv4all@gmail.com

The Coalition of Hispanics Integrating Spanish Speakers through Advocacy and Service (CHISPAS) Student-run group focusing on immigrant rights and immigrant advocacy. www.chispasuf.org, chispasuf@gmail.com, facebook: [chispasuf](https://www.facebook.com/chispasuf)

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 are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm. in the Alachua County School Board Meeting Room at 620 E University Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, alachuadems.org

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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

Dream Defenders is a socialist, feminist abolitionist organization, a safe space for people of color. Facebook: goddsville dream defenders

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

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](https://www.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: email.ufhumanistoncampus@gmail.com, alternative: j.bontems@ufl.edu, phone- 561-374-3537

Ichetucknee Alliance focuses on activities to save the Ichetucknee River. <http://ichetuckneealliance.org/>, ichetuckneealliance@gmail.com, 386-454-0415, P. O. Box 945, High Springs.

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@lww-alachua.org <<mailto:info@lww-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: Our.Circle.Of.Care@gmail.com. See national Web site to join: <http://www.ncpssm.org/>

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

National Women's Liberation is a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. Inequalities between women and men are political problems requiring a collective solution. Founded 1968. Join us: www.womensliberation.org, P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 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. Meets 3rd Weds at 6:30 in Rum Island building, 2070 SW CR 138, Ft White. 386-243-0322, <http://www.oursantafeiver.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 Awareness Month is a planning committee for spring's UF Pride events, ufpridemonth@gmail.com

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 Life South Building, 4039 W. Newberry Rd, 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, stand-byourplan@gmail.com; <http://standbyourplan.org/>

Student Animal Alliance UF based group that promotes animal rights through education, volunteering and social events. [facebook: student animal alliance](https://www.facebook.com/studentanimalallianceUF), [instagram @ studentanimalallianceUF](https://www.instagram.com/studentanimalallianceUF)

Students Demand Action is a youth led gun violence prevention group. sdagainesville@gmail.com

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/>

WELLS (wellness, equity, love, liberation and sexuality) is a healing research collective aiding UF marginalized communities, especially QTPOC. [facebook WELLS healing and research collective](https://www.facebook.com/WELLShealingandresearchcollective)

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: [m.facebook.com/wmflgnv/](https://www.facebook.com/wmflgnv/); www.facebook.com/groups/wmflgnv/; [Instagram.com/womensmarchgnv/](https://www.instagram.com/womensmarchgnv/); [Twitter.com/WMFL_Gnv/](https://twitter.com/WMFL_Gnv/) and/or email wmw@hearourvoicegnv.org. Together we can do anything... Join Us! We Need You. Let's build this peaceful movement together!

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

Zine Committee works to preserve and promote Travis Fristoe Zine Library at the CMC, new meeting time TBD - see Facebook, cmzinecommittee@gmail.com



Getting behind the new generation

Intro by Joe Courter

What we are witnessing, at least to those prepared to look, is a generation change in the Democratic party. Being a person of that older generation, I found Ryan Grim's article in the Washington Post, "Haunted by the Reagan era," quite valuable, explaining the timidity of the Democratic party leadership and the bold fire of the next generation coming in. A lot has to deal with perceptions of the power of the Reagan-era Republicans to those who lived through their reign, and the new generation shaped by Obama, with all the hope and disappointment therein. The concluding paragraphs of the article are below, but you can read the whole thing here: <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1036>.

"A lot of us were politicized under Obama," Varshini Prakash, a co-founder of the Sunrise Movement, which focuses on climate change, told me. "We were like, 'We don't need to take control of the government, because ... there's this

benevolent figure in the government who likes us and cares about the issues we care about, or at least says he does, and all we need to do is convince him of the right course of action.' And that proved to be untrue."

Whether it was expanding the use of drones to kill militants overseas, ramping up deportations of immigrants here, coming up short on health-care reform, failing to jail a single Wall Street executive for the lending and trading practices that blew up the global financial system or declining to investigate Bush administration officials for presiding over torture, young progressives realized they'd have to fight their own party as well.

Prakash said she was particularly stunned to learn that the Obama administration, relying on polling data, advised its green allies to discard the term "climate change" in their messaging. "Clean energy," officials suggested, would suffice—a rubric that "clean" coal companies and natural gas producers were happy to adopt.

Ocasio-Cortez said she has seen how fear shapes senior members of her caucus and their approach to politics.

"When it comes to defending why we don't ... push visionary legislation, I hear the line so frequently from senior members, 'I want to win,'" she said. "But what they mean by that is, 'I only want to introduce bills that have a 100 percent chance of passing almost unanimously.' But for new members, what's important isn't just winning but fighting. I don't care about losing in the short term, because we know we're fighting for the long term."

On the Friday after the midterm elections, an activist with the Sunrise Movement reached out to Ocasio-Cortez's camp with a request. They planned to occupy Pelosi's office the following Tuesday, demanding a commitment to push for a green-jobs guarantee. Would Ocasio-Cortez put out a supportive statement? Or perhaps even a tweet?

No, she told them. I'll join you. But first, you need to demand more. 🐸

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