



Thanks, Ron.

Brain drain

Fascist state education policy trickling down to UF may be creating a brain drain, while Student Government mirrors draconian shifts in national politics

by Aron Ali-McClory
UF Young Democratic Socialists of America

It's been around one year since autumn winds whisked Ben Sasse into the president's office at UF, and yet, many of the uncertainties that loomed at the time still remain.

In the time since the Board of Trustees pushed him through with a unanimous vote, Florida higher education has weathered a blistering legislative session that

gutted funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, criminalized the existence of transgender students by forcing them to use the wrong bathroom, and threatened the existence of public unions like Graduate Assistants United and the United Faculty of Florida.

There is no surprise to be had then, when many claim a "brain drain" is occurring at the University of Florida. There are not a lot of concrete numbers to be found on

how many faculty and staff have left the university in the past year, but anecdotally there seems to be a lot of outward movement from UF. This comes especially as Sasse — touting his multi-million dollar McKinsey & Co. "strategic plan" — has waffled between cutting dozens of departments and not, while also floating raising tuition to drive up profits for UF.

Needless to say, Sasse has still been elusive

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Supporters launch online Alt New College

Alternative to conservative overhaul, makeover, at New College of Florida

By Cathy Carter, WUSF Public Media

The New College of Florida community has continued to push back against Gov. Ron DeSantis' overhaul of the institution.

New College of Florida alumni and supporters have launched an online learning platform called Alt New College.

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Armed with homemade signs, hundreds of New College students, parents, and concerned community members rallied on Feb. 28 before the Board of Trustees meeting. Photo by Daylina Miller/WUSF Public Media.

The Gainesville Iguana: A brief history

by Joe Courter

The first *Iguana* appeared in October 1986. It was an outgrowth of the merging of three activist mailing lists at a time when there was a high level of local organizing stimulated by the world we were seeing unfold during the Reagan administration.

I was producing a newsletter for the Humanist Society of Gainesville for years and had amassed a solid mailing list for them. The second mailing list had developed from the increased local (and national) organizing activities opposing Reagan's Central America policies. The third came from a newsletter put out by the local Quaker organization. A merge and purge of duplicates resulted in a list of about six or seven hundred names. For the first five years the *Iguana* was a mailed-out newsletter only, multipage and photocopied to the people on this list.

That changed in 1991 when the idea of switching to newsprint came along. We discovered that for the same cost of photocopying we could print over 2,000 copies and also have a lot more space for articles. Thus, it was goodbye to Target Copy

and off to Florida Crown Printing, up near Jacksonville. We now use Florida Sun Printing in Callahan.

Technology has changed big time over the past thirty years, and definitely worked in our favor. In the beginning someone might submit a typewritten story, or if we were reprinting something, a person would need to retype it and save it on a floppy disc. I would go pick it up, bring it home, and hope the writer's computer and software was compatible with our computer.

Co-editor Jenny Brown would edit and arrange it so the layout would fit the page, paste everything together. Then I would bring the pages to the printer where they would turn our paste-ups into newsprint, and in a day or so we'd have the papers ready.

Now it is much easier, with electronic transmission of data, layout programs that eliminate using scissors and glue sticks. All that really has stayed the same is driving to pick it up, and the process of distributing and mailing it. And of course now we can send an electronic copy to those who want to get it that way.

We are not a paper that has official reporters. We believe those people in groups involved in organizing, activism, and awareness-building know best how to explain what they do. So those people are our writers. We don't need to follow the theory of "objective journalism"; we feel that gets a diluted reporting of two side-ism. We respect ideals and principles and would rather have a more complete, truthful picture.

Some call what we do "advocacy journalism," and yes, that fits: we are for human rights, for equality, for justice, for peace, for nature, for science. We are a soap box that committed people organizing for social justice can get up on and be heard.

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From the publisher ...

On building stuff

October is a month of beginnings for me. In 1969, when I was a freshman in college, it was the October 15 campus shutdowns and teach-ins across the country against the Viet Nam war. Those days elevated my consciousness and was life changing. As other articles in here report, both the *Iguana* and the Civic Media Center—two other touchstones in my life—made their debuts in October, 1986 and 1993 respectively. It got me thinking.

I remembered a brief moment at the old CMC which is frozen in my memory and relevant here. I was at the back door porch during a music show with others, and the topic came up of the recently arrived next door corporate bar and restaurant who been complaining about our shows and people hanging around out back. A young voice loudly said, “Where do they get off complaining about the CMC, they just got here and the CMC’s been here forever!” There was an implied stability and long-term-ness not quite right for our maybe five-year-old enterprise, but perception is in the eye of the beholder.

My eyes have beheld the growth of many iconic Gainesville projects which have risen from the grassroots, driven by the hopes and dreams, or maybe just the nerve to go for it and see what happens. The enterprises I am thinking about here are not one devoted to making money, like realtors and developers, but creators of cultural enhancers. Many are still around, seeming like they've been here forever, but folks who put them into motion know differently. Those people at some time got together with others, and said “let's go,” and they took the leap, signed the lease, and began.

A friend, Onna Meyer, and I were talking. Both of us took a self employment route for our work-life. She said, “I’m a doer” and I could totally relate to that. And I see doers around me in this town, and it is those types of people who make a lot of the good stuff we come to take for granted. These are not businesses or enterprises that come to town as some corporate chain. Most have built what they have on their own, without government or state money or backing (though as time goes on, a bit of that can be helpful). The point is, whether propelled by a couple of leaders or an established committee, whether meagerly funded in a hand-to-mouth struggle, or perhaps a person committing an inheritance or good fortune of some other kind and bringing others in to help, they made something out of nothing that came to add immeasurably to our community.

We had those meetings when we formed the *Iguana*, deciding what to call it and how it would function. The CMC grew out of a couple years of meetings discussing the rising forms of non-corporate media in order to help Charles Willett, an editor of a review journal, read and evaluate new publications. Me, being me, with self employment and a modest lifestyle without kids or debts, had time and desire to embrace both projects, and with the help, skills and guidance of many many people, both are still here, evolving as they go.

And in both cases, they are kept alive by a progressive critical mass of community supporters. It has been a path in my life I could not have foreseen as I rolled into Gainesville in October of 1975, knowing very little of the town, just wanting to go to a new place and try a winter away from snow, where a friend was living and I could put a roof over my head while I moved into my 25th year on the planet.

So I salute those builders who add so much to our lives. The musicians who build their talents and write great songs they share with the world. The people who build restaurants, breweries and music venues where we can gather and enjoy each others company. The grassroots based media people past and present who built radio stations (97X, WGOT, and now the Wombat), and publications like *FACT*, *Moon*, and *Satellite* magazines. The theater visionaries that started the Hippodrome, the Acrosstown and other small theater companies. Small non-corporate bookstores and record stores. Art galleries. It is a very special community we built and share. 🐾



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City Commission to vote on future for historic center

The Thelma Boltin Center, 516 NE 2nd Ave. in Gainesville, was known as the Serviceman's Center when it was built in 1942-43 for WWII soldiers to socialize, rest and relax before being sent to Europe the Pacific theater. It is the only known building in the State of Florida built as a home away from home for servicemen during WWII by a City.

Volunteer architects designed the building with two sections, the east wing and the auditorium. The 1942 City Commission insisted on building both parts of the building. The City did not want the building proposed by Federal government. The City Commissioners won and the building that you see today was constructed with two parts.

It is now named the Thelma Boltin Center because she was the Program Director for the soldiers' activities, and when the War ended she became the Recreation Director for the City of Gainesville. Her most significant action as the Program Director was booking local teen bands whose members were later inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The building is a State Heritage Site, and a contributing building to a National Register Historic District.

In 2019, the Gainesville City Commission voted to renovate the Center. Later, the staff gave the Commissioners four options:

- remove the entire building
- keep two walls and demolish the rest of the building
- do a minimal stabilization and reopen the building as soon as possible
- do a full restoration

On April 27, the Gainesville City Commission chose the option to demolish the building, while retaining two exterior walls.

Funding for these options comes out of Wild Spaces/Public Places money, not part of the city budget. However, after construction, two new staff people will be needed to operate the new, larger building. Yet, the City is going through a hiring freeze and laying off employees in order to reduce the budget.

On Sept. 21, the City Commission was to choose the architectural firm to design the new building. However, citizens had been writing to the Commissioners and several showed up at the meeting to speak against the demolition of the building.

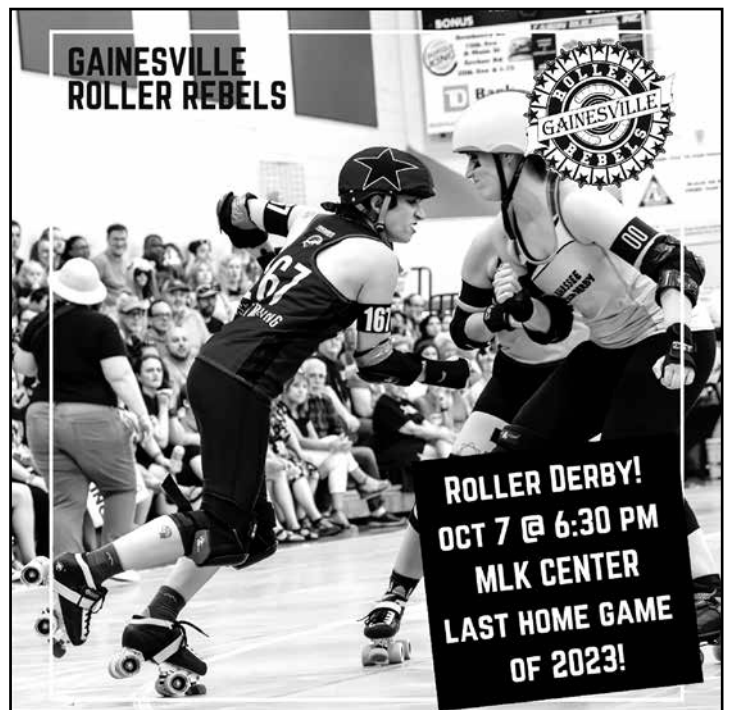
Many spoke against the selection of the architect because the firm had little experience with historic preservation. Several speakers noted that they didn't have enough information about the four options, and asked for another community meeting where they could learn more information about the proposed options.

The date for the meeting with the community and Wild Spaces/Public Places staff has not been decided as of press time. The strongest possibility is that the meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Thomas Center, at 7pm. This is subject to change. For up to date information please see <https://friendsofthelmboltincenter.org/>

The City Commission will review the options and vote on the path forward for the future of the eighty-year-old State Historic Site on Nov. 2. 🐉



An unidentified serviceman of the past stands next to a sign pointing the way to the Gainesville Recreation Department's Service Center, a home away from home for servicemen during WWII. Photo courtesy of the Florida Memory.



Update on the GRU takeover

Judge says: 'City lacks standing to challenge this law in court'

by Wes Wheeler

Republican legislators Keith Perry and Chuck Clemons orchestrated a local bill, HB 1645, in the 2023 legislative session that stripped control of Gainesville's public utility, transferring GRU governance to the Florida Governor through a gubernatorial appointed "Authority."

Multiple plaintiffs, including local concerned citizens organized as Gainesville Residents United, Inc., and The City of Gainesville are seeking separate suits, alleging multiple constitutional, statutory, and procedural illegalities and defects.

The City's request for Summary Judgment against the Florida Governor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State, was heard before a State Judge on Sept. 22. The Judge ruled in favor of the defendants on September 29.

The judge ruled that the Governor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State are not proper defendants because they do not enforce the challenged law. Her ruling states that the Authority, a unit of the City, is the enforcing agency and thus the proper defendant. Apparently, the City as plaintiff would have to sue itself as defendant.

The judge also held that the City, as plaintiff, has not yet suffered actual legal harm, that the defendants cannot redress the alleged violations of law, and that the "Public Official Standing Doctrine" prohibits the City from challenging State legislative decisions; therefore, the City lacks standing to challenge this law in court.

Finally, the judge ruled that the defendants are immune to suit under the theory of sovereign immunity.

The City Commission will decide whether to appeal the verdict.

There are two other lawsuits against HB-1645 in Federal court that are moving a little slower. The City's state lawsuit and judge's ruling, above, do not affect these lawsuits.

The first of these lawsuits is the Gainesville Residents United, Inc. action, and the other was recently filed by former judge Nath Doughtie. (These cases are likely to be combined by the judge). The

parties are in the process of swapping motions, such as the defendants' pro forma motions to dismiss the case and to question plaintiff's right to sue. Both sides have submitted a suggested trial schedule to the federal judge, which may be modified based on what happened in the City's state case.

And, given the Governor's recent appointees to the Authority Board do not follow the requirements set forth in HB 1645, it is possible that additional legal challenges may be filed.

To stay updated and get involved, check out grunited.org. 🦎

Online blogs/resources

Beau of the Fifth Column:

Beau is a YouTube journalist based in NW Florida. He posts multiple short pieces every day covering foreign policy, education, security, politics, and human rights. He can be ironic, dead serious, a bit whimsical, and/or analytical, but I (Joe) personally find him right on the nose almost every time. He also produces longer form videos as well. Check him out at youtube.com/@BeauoftheFifthColumn.

Columbia Journalism Review's The Media Today Newsletter:

Today we're bombarded with information and the ability to determine what's credible and what's not is increasingly difficult. The CJR Media Today newsletter goes out every weekday and does a great job of sorting through the BS. They talk about big news items nationally and around the world (COVID, book bans, international relations, diversity in media, for example), and how they're being covered by all sorts of outlets. Sign up at cjr.org/the_media_today/.

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Florida state workers see expansion of parental leave under new rules

New policy includes seven weeks paid maternity leave plus two weeks of paid parental leave

Employees in three dozen Florida state agencies will see as much as nine weeks of paid maternal leave and two weeks leave for fathers under rules adopted this week by Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet.

Previously, new parents had to cobble together leave periods using their paid annual or sick leave.

“Compared to other Southeastern states, this is the most robust paid leave policy for mothers following birth,” the governor’s office said in a press release issued Monday, after the governor and Cabinet approved the changes.

The new policy provides: Seven weeks paid maternity leave within the first 12 months of the birth of a child.

Two weeks of paid parental leave within the first 12 months of a birth or adoption. (Equals nine weeks when combined with the maternity leave.)

Use of up to four months of sick leave within the first 12 months.

Condensed from an article by Michael Moline in The Florida Phoenix on Sept 19. See full article at tinyurl.com/Iguana1702.

How activists made the American Climate Corps a reality

Program modeled after one that provided jobs for millions during the Great Depression

On Sept. 20, President Biden announced the American Climate Corps, a new climate jobs training program tailored to helping young people find jobs in the green economy.

The White House says the program could place 20,000 people in jobs in its first year,

on projects like restoring land, improving natural disaster resiliency, deploying clean energy, and more. Modeled after a program that provided jobs for millions during the Great Depression, all program participants will be paid, and most jobs don’t require previous experience.

The creation of the Climate Corps has been a key demand from activists and environmental groups, like the youth-led Sunrise Movement and Evergreen Action.

Condensed from an article by Kamrin Baker in GoodGoodGood on Sept 21. See full article at tinyurl.com/Iguana1700.

‘I’m not a criminal ... Enbridge is’: Charges tossed against Winona LaDuke and others for pipeline action

Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez talk with Winona LaDuke, longtime Indigenous activist and author

A Minnesota judge has dismissed criminal charges against three Indigenous water protectors who were arrested for protesting oil extraction on treaty-ceded Anishinaabe land.

Winona LaDuke, Tania Aubid and Dawn Goodwin were arrested in January 2021 after police saw video shared on social media of the three women singing, dancing and praying near construction crews

for Canadian energy company Enbridge’s Line 3 tar sands oil pipeline.

In a landmark opinion, Judge Leslie Metzzen affirmed the protesters’ free speech rights, writing that “to criminalize their behavior would be the crime.”

The interviewers went to the White Earth Indian Reservation to speak to Winona LaDuke, an Anishinaabek we enrolled

member of the Mississippi band of Ashinaabeg and a longtime environmental activist, about the case and the ongoing protests against Line 3. “I’m glad to not be in jail,” says LaDuke. “I’m not a criminal, and Enbridge is.”

Condensed from an interview by Amy Goodman and Juan González with Winona LaDuke of Democracy Now! on Sept 19. See full article at tinyurl.com/Iguana1703.

Justice Department asks Supreme Court to end abortion pill legal challenge that threatens widespread access

The appeal could lead to a final decision in the contentious legal fight over the FDA’s approval of mifepristone

The Biden administration on Friday asked the Supreme Court to maintain broad access to a commonly used medication abortion pill.

The court filing from the Justice Department sets the stage for a possible final resolution to a contentious legal fight mount-

ed by abortion rights opponents over federal approval of the drug mifepristone. The dispute lands at the Supreme Court in time for the justices to potentially take it up, hear oral arguments and issue a decision by next summer.

In urging the Supreme Court to intervene,

Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar wrote that the case marked the first time a court has ever second-guessed the “expert judgment” of the Food and Drug Administration in approving a drug.

Condensed from an article by Lawrence Hurley and Laura Jarrett of NBC News on Sept 9. See full article at tinyurl.com/Iguana1701.

Millions more workers would receive overtime pay under proposed Biden administration rule

Salaried workers who have been ineligible for OT pay would benefit from a proposed Biden admin regulation

The Department of Labor’s new rule on overtime require employers compensate full-time workers in management, administrative, or other professional roles for any overtime worked if they make less than \$55,068 annually. Currently, the salary threshold is \$35,568. The change is expected to affect 3.6 million workers.

The rule would also provide automatic changes every three years to the salary level to keep up with changes in earnings. U.S. territories that are subject to the federal minimum wage would have these same overtime protections, which rolls back a Trump administration change made in 2019.

“I’ve heard from workers ... about working long hours, for no extra pay, all while earning low salaries that don’t come anywhere close to compensating them,” said Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su.

Condensed from an article by Casey Quinlan in the Florida Phoenix on Sept 8. See full article at tinyurl.com/Iguana1704. ✨

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Editors' picks: News that didn't fit

A men's movement takes reins in a nationwide quest to end abortion

Male-dominated network of militants, academics, attorneys, judges, activists lead drive to restrict, remove reproductive rights

by Sofia Resnick | *Georgia Recorder* | Sep 14 | tinyurl.com/Iguana1710

Wendell Shrock, a Tennessee street preacher, doesn't believe in condoms. "We should leave the uterus to God," the street preacher from Tennessee says. Overwhelmingly, men are driving the quest to restrict and remove women's reproductive rights in as many states as possible.

Congress starts trying to figure out how to set AI 'rules of the road'

Congress should pursue comprehensive standards for companies developing, depolying AI to ensure consumers are protected

by Jacob Fischler | *Florida Phoenix* | Sep 13 | tinyurl.com/Iguana1697

The development of artificial intelligence presents far-reaching challenges for virtually every aspect of modern society, including campaigns, national security and journalism. Political operatives could use AI to impersonate opposing candidates. And there are risks to national security if the United States falls behind China or other adversarial countries in developing AI.

Gainesville City Commission approves EO Director contract for \$172,500

Also, postpones decision on Thelma Boltin Center, approves taxes and utility rates on second reading

by Jennifer Cabrera | *Alachua Chronicle* | Sep 21 | tinyurl.com/Iguana1709

This summary of the Sept. 21 Gainesville City Commission meeting also includes a breakdown of the City of Gainesville's Charter Officer current compensation, and how it compares with the midpoint of a salary range based on two studies.

Linda Taggart, Rest in Power

Pensacola was once center for abortion violence. Late nurse who ran clinic wasn't scared.



by Molly Barrows | *Pensacola News-Journal* | Sep 18 | pnj.com/obituaries

Linda Taggart, 85, the nurse who ran one of Pensacola's first abortion clinics during its most tumultuous times, has passed away. In 1974, she signed on as administrator for a new clinic, The Ladies Center, which provided health-care services including pregnancy termination. The clinic was a target of violence for years, including bombings, arson fires and deadly shootings. Despite being attacked and threatened, Taggart remained steadfast in her position for 30 years until her retirement. She was a passionate, longtime advocate for women's reproductive rights. She passed peacefully from heart issues on Aug. 20, in her North Carolina home, and was laid to rest in Pensacola.

Seven ways to feel hopeful about climate change

You can shift your mindset and take small actions to combat climate anxiety and despair

by Sahar Habib Ghazi | *Greater Good Magazine* | Sep 13 | tinyurl.com/Iguana1705

Climate crisis is all around us. In a world where billionaires Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk are charging millions of dollars for private trips to space while releasing extraordinary amounts of planet-heating greenhouse gases, our individual actions, such as swapping plastic straws for metal ones or walking to work instead of driving, may seem too small. But small things can lead to big changes. Check out these seven ways to build hope.

States and cities eye stronger protections for gig economy workers

At least 10 states have considered sick leave and other benefits for gig workers

by Caitlin Dewey | *Stateline* | Sep 19 | tinyurl.com/Iguana1706

While gig jobs (e.g., Uber, Lyft, DoorDash) promise flexibility and a low barrier to entry, they often pay less on an hourly basis than the prevailing minimum wage and lack basic protections such as overtime, sick pay and unemployment insurance. At least 10 states have considered sick leave and other benefits for gig workers.

Three questions for Alex Gino, whose book 'Melissa' has been banned in 4 states

'Melissa' was No. 1 on the American Library Association's most challenged books list from 2018 to 2020

by Marquise Francis | *National Reporter* | Sep 23 | tinyurl.com/Iguana1699

Melissa, which chronicles the story of a trans girl in fourth grade who is seen by the world as a boy named George, has been banned by at least seven school districts across four U.S. states. Alex Gino, the nonbinary author of one of the most banned novels in the country, believes the more that books are challenged in school districts, the more those stories need to be told.

U.S. House passes Wounded Knee memorial bill

The wounds from the massacre, which included the killing of noncombatant women and children, remain fresh.

by Jacob Fischler | *Florida Phoenix* | Sep 21 | tinyurl.com/Iguana1715

The U.S. House passed a bill that would help protect land at the site of the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre in South Dakota, where an estimated 350 Lakota were killed by U.S. soldiers. The site is within the Lakota Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe would retain possession of the land under the bill. 🐾



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**Florida Free Speech Forum speakers:
Nathan Crabbe on climate change, Dakeyan Graham on Equity**

The Florida Free Speech Forum has changed the location of its meetings to the Cone Park Branch Library at 2801 East University Ave., and that is where their upcoming meetings will be on Oct. 9 and Nov. 13. Lunch is at 11:30am with the speaker portion of the event at noon.

The October speaker will be Nathan Crabbe speaking on "Communicating about climate change: Informing the public about the threats we face – and what to do about them." Nathan is editor of *The Invading Sea*, a website featuring news, commentary and educational content about climate change and other environmental issues affecting Florida. The website is managed by Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies. Nathan worked for *The Gainesville Sun* from 2005-2022. He served for most of that time as the paper's opinion and engagement editor. He also covered the University of Florida and environmental beats as a reporter.

The November speaker will be Dr. Dakeyan Graham who will speak on "The 'E' Word: Reframing and Understanding How Equity Impacts Everyone." He is Director of Educational Equity and Outreach for Alachua County Schools, and was a 2020 Florida Teacher of the Year.



Nathan Crabbe



Dr. Dakeyan Graham

It is too late to reserve a lunch for the October event, but it and all meetings are free and open to the public. Reservations can be made by calling Billie Staff at 352-338-8352. Lunches are \$20, and are being provided through the Eastside High School Culinary Institute.

For more information, see floridafreespeechforum.org.

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WGOT's last stand: Is community radio sustainable?

By Fred Sowder, WGOT Station Coordinator

Here at your community radio station, fundraising has been our top priority as of late. We had quite a successful Facebook fundraiser and would love to finally have a proper 15th birthday party benefit, should the right situation arise with interested bands and a venue.

We've recently held events such as yard sales to raise funds in addition to the usual online revenue generators (Patreon, GoFundMe, Venmo, etc.). The bottom line is that other sources of funding that we've relied on in the past have since dried up and we're in a desperate need of that revenue replacement.

It's become quite stressful for many of us and we're considering all of our options at this point. I'm also approached by people at least a few times a month thinking I'm involved with another community radio station named after a diminutive marsupial while having to remind them that we're not that station. We've been around over a decade and a half, after all.

For those of you unfamiliar with us (and after tabling at a recent luncheon, that seems to be a whole lot of you), WGOT has been a low power FM community radio station, founded by the Civic Media Center, broadcasting at 100.1FM for the

past several years, after sharing its signal with a couple of church groups for the first decade of its existence.

We carry national programs such as *Democracy Now!* With Amy Goodman and the *Woodsongs Old Time Radio Hour*, as well as long-running local programs such as *The Red Pony Music Hour*, *Departure*, *Cramela Mix Show*, and *Hippie Sessions*. These programs range from news to folk, electronic, and indie music. We've been proudly diverse from the very beginning.

If you missed it on air, I've announced that I will have to, unfortunately, step back from WGOT at the end of this year.

Many of us left who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the radio station are in the infamous "middle generation squeeze," where we're simultaneously raising children while taking care of our aging parents. And often at the same time, we're handling our own health issues.

After nearly 16 years, it's becoming more and more apparent that community radio, at least in its current FM form, is more and more unsustainable, especially from a financial standpoint.

Regardless of what happens, many of us would like to see a continued electronic media presence at the Civic Media Center. It could be a streaming radio station (anybody remember GROW Radio?), a collection of

podcasts (they're just like radio shows, after all), or something else.

We'd like to thank all of our volunteers and sponsors who've made WGOT's existence possible over the past fifteen-plus years. We also wouldn't have survived this long without our endless list of current and mostly former volunteers, some of whom have and continue to donate their time from overseas.

Most importantly, though, it's our donors, many from out of town and even outside of Florida, who've kept us going for so long.

In the meantime, if you'd like to donate to our cause, you can do so via the Venmo QR code below. Or you can email us at info@wgot.org with any offers of radio expertise you may have. We'd love to have you. Frankly, WGOT's future very much depends on it. Thank you. 🐘



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Movement to repeal WEP-GPO penalty grows: Tell Congress to pass ‘The Social Security Fairness Act’

by Mary Savage

Retirees, labor union leaders, and others in the American body politic are stepping forward to say now is the time for the 118th Congress to pass The Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82/S. 597. In 1977 and 1983, Congress enacted legislation reducing Social Security benefits of certain public sector employees through the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

Today, those who worked at the local, state, and federal levels in all 50 states are experiencing retirement with less money to live on after contributing to the Social Security system but having been penalized by the WEP-GPO.

“Tragically, many do not learn about it until they see their first Social Security check,” said Judy Beard with the American Postal Workers Union in an APWU article, “and they feel the effects of the cut when balancing the costs of buying food, paying house notes, and living expenses.”

But if passed by Congress and signed into law, The Social Security Fairness Act would ensure that certain public sector workers, who are impacted by the WEP-GPO, and their families receive full Social Security benefits. The legislation’s number is H.R. 82 in the House of Representatives and S. 597 in the Senate.

The legislation has bipartisan support.

On Sept. 13, advocates for The Social Security Act held a rally in Washington, D.C. “This small fix will help these families have the peace of mind that their Social Security benefits will be there for them when they retire from a life of dedicated service to our communities,” said Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), according to the

APWU. Brown is a lead sponsor of the bill.

National labor union officers, members, retirees, and allies attended the rally during the National WEP/GPO Repeal Task Force Advocacy Summit on Capitol Hill.

APWU, along with allies and coalition members, are holding a Call Congress Day of Action on Sept. 27 to advocate for passage of H.R. 82/S. 597, The Social Security Fairness Act. But citizens can call anytime to urge their congressional representative and U.S. senators to support the bill and vote to have it signed into law.

To be connected to your U.S. House representative and U.S. senators, call 202-224-3121. Tell them to support the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82/S. 597, by signing on as a co-sponsor and then voting “Yes.”

For more information on The Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82/S. 597) and the movement to repeal the GPO-WEP, view the National WEP & GPO Repeal Movement’s Facebook page. 🐾

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NWL's 'Abortion on the Ballot!'

'This horrific backlash on our rights won't let up without an organized, strong and visible feminist movement making demands'

by Danielle Johnson,
National Women's Liberation

National Women's Liberation (NWL) is hosting their 9th annual fundraiser show themed "Abortion on the Ballot!" at The Backyard at Boca Fiesta & Palomino on Sunday, Oct. 15. Doors are at 5:30pm and the all-ages show kicks off at 6:30pm.

The event will feature local bands Wax Wings, Uncle Mosie, Parker Road, and DJ Wild Creatrix; raffles and surprise swag bags with gifts from local businesses; and information on getting involved in the feminist fight. Ticket price is a sliding scale donation of \$10 to \$20.

This benefit started as a celebration of feminists winning Roe v. Wade: 50 years later the benefit is a call to action. Now is the time to dream big, and make big demands.

The Abortion on the Ballot! event calls for the community to join and support NWL in the fight to stand up to fascist politicians and demand our rights back.

This horrific backlash on our rights won't let up without an organized, strong and visible feminist movement making demands and keeping the pressure on to not only get those rights back, but expand our rights.

NWL is a multiracial feminist group for women and trans people who want to fight male supremacy and gain more freedom for women. They believe that change

is driven by the actions of everyday people—not politicians, the courts, lobbyists, or the media.

The freedoms women have now were won by movements of people organizing and fighting for change.

NWL is not funded by corporations or their foundations, but by their members and donors — ordinary people. This money goes to sustain their organizing work, push their ideas forward, educate and support women, and make change happen.

NWL originated from a collaboration between organizers from Redstockings of the Women's Liberation Movement (NY) and Gainesville Women's Liberation starting in 1968.

Redstockings is a radical feminist think tank and one of the original groups of the 1960s Women's Liberation Movement in New York City.

Gainesville Women's Liberation is the first women's liberation group in the South, founded in 1968. This collaboration continues today. ✨

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Help Alachua County's Human Rights Coalition combat anti-immigrant legislation's negative effects

by Liz Ibarrola and Veronica Robleto
Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County

A community ID is a pocket-sized example of how small innovations can have enormous impacts.

Identification is an essential tool, unlocking access to fundamental resources like education, housing, and banking. Local IDs not only fill a gap overlooked by government-issued identification programs, but work to dismantle the systemic barriers which produce and reinforce marginalization.

Community IDs, like the ones we at the Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County issue, use the strength of local relationships to positively impact the outcome of larger issues, but are being targeted by dangerous anti-immigrant narratives and legislation.

SB 1718, which went into effect July 1, is sowing fear and confusion. It is based on the lie that immigrants are a drain to our economy and healthcare system, which it is scaring people away from their jobs and from vital healthcare services.

In addition, community IDs have been swept up alongside every other program which serves or is connected to undocumented immigrants.

Since the passing of SB1718, it is illegal for municipal and county governments to fund organizations that issue community IDs to anyone who cannot prove that they entered the country legally. Community IDs have been directly targeted by this baseless attack on immigrants, which we believe speaks to the power and tangible impact IDs can make.

The idea for the HRC Community ID originally came from Madres Sin Fronteras (MSF), an immigrants' rights group within our coalition. As undocumented parents, MSF members sought a reliable way to identify themselves, but particularly at their children's schools and in interactions with law-enforcement. In a pivotal moment, a mother from MSF went to pick up her second grader to attend a dentist appointment but was denied access because her Honduran passport was rejected by the school.

State-issued identification is inaccessible to many in our community. Undocumented immigrants lack the necessary paperwork. Lower income and elderly neighbors face similar document shortfalls and limited technological capacity. For those recently released from incarceration the cost of identification is prohibitive and

those facing homelessness have the extra barrier of proving where they live. Trans neighbors may be able to access identification, but not a form that reflects their preferred name or current appearance. Without identification, the most vulnerable in our communities are disconnected and their concerns obscured.

With identification, however, people are connected to resources and their needs made explicit. With an HRC ID a person eligible for emergency housing can be approved and placed in housing; an undocumented immigrant can open a bank account and safely store their paycheck; a trans person can interact more confidently and securely with law enforcement; and a single mom can identify herself as a county resident to the local food bank.

The HRCAC grew out of a 2017 meeting of the Interfaith Alliance for Immigration Justice in Gainesville. Rumors of an ICE raid had spread, and we gathered to address the fallout. That meeting led to the establishment of a sanctuary church, then the Sanctuary Coalition, and finally the Human Rights Coalition.

We coalesced around a desire for tangible work that did more than spread awareness

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and ultimately developed the very first community ID program in Florida.

Although we were the first in the state, we are now joined by community ID programs in West Palm Beach, Miami-Dade County, and Broward County. Together the programs serve thousands of people in Florida each year, enabling them to access healthcare, housing, banking, education, and more. All of the programs have been affected by this dangerous legislation and are figuring out how to stay operational.

Our program is run primarily by volunteers (we didn't pay our first staff member until 4 years in), and both our paid staff and volunteers came to us through their involvement in other community projects.

As our ID program director and legal navigator, I bring 10 years of experience as a paralegal working on immigration, wage theft and human trafficking cases. I've made lasting partnerships with prominent advocates, organizations and service providers in our area and developed an expertise in trauma-informed care.

Besides the HRC ID program, we also of-

fer legal navigation and accompaniment services, aiding immigrants in navigating the criminal and immigration legal systems, informing them of their legal rights and responsibilities, aiding them in locating detained family members or peers, providing family safety planning against the threat of deportation, as well as consulting with partner organizations and services to facilitate referrals, and follow up with basic needs.

The HRC Community ID is an alternate means of identification, only useful because of the relationships which underlie it. The wide range of accepting entities, from the Gainesville Police Department to the UF Shands Teaching Hospital, have been established through years of collaborative work, and the many relationships which our volunteers, and now paid staff members, have brought with them over that time.

Community IDs are transformative and we have had the privilege of witnessing the real life effects they have every day.

We serve all kinds of people, but a large part of the community we serve are un-

documented immigrants—your friends and neighbors who work tirelessly every day for their families and community. They are the people who build your houses, pick your fruit and veggies, cook your food and care for your elders.

We believe migration is a human right and our immigration system is cruel and unjust leaving many neighbors as collateral damage.

We know that many within our community stand with us and their immigrant neighbors. We are turning to you for support during this setback and have launched a fundraising campaign to fill the gap of local government funds lost due to SB 1718.

Every single dollar counts, and keeps our programs running. Join us today in transforming Alachua County, creating safety and equity within our community.

Donate at tinyurl.com/Iguana1714 or you can send a check to: Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County, 1521 NW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32605. ☘

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What's going on with Gainesville's open container ordinance

Take it to the streets! But maybe not that street

by Danny Hughes, Loosey's Downtown

A few weeks ago, the City Commission voted to reinstate the old open container ordinance, which had been repealed during Covid to let outdoor service exist. The vote was 4-3 in favor of returning to a pre-Covid version of the open container ordinance, which is rather selectively enforced, and effectively no alcohol on the streets, anywhere, ever. So this solution was proposed: an entertainment district (the idea has been dubbed ACE for the time being: Arts-Culture-Entertainment).

Yeah, it's weird, but it certainly is a solution that we can work with. Essentially what this means is that there will be a defined area in downtown where you can have and consume alcohol in public spaces between certain hours and within a few specific constraints like how big your drink is or what your drink container is made from (the reality is everyone involved really wants to discourage glass and I agree with that).

The proposal runs from Depot Park north to just beyond Bo Diddley Plaza, and then in a limited way west encompassing the 4th Ave Food Park.

First and foremost, nothing changes until Jan. 1, no matter what. That's important because some media outlets like to report on this issue like every commission vote is carved in stone.

Second, there seems to be support to keep the Streetry permanent. That includes SW 1st Ave, from Main to 2nd St., where on various nights there is live music, dancing, trivia, and

craft fairs organized by the various businesses in the area (How Bazaar, Loosey's, The Bull, and soon, Capones).

There is going to be debate about hours and boundaries, and how these boundaries are demarcated from other areas.

Currently the ACE district is a work in progress, but after some hard looks, it's a pretty logical idea. City planners and law enforcement are able to define problem areas and exclude them from the ACE area while we, the folks on 1st Avenue and beyond, continue to operate as usual.

This is a new idea, and the model could spread if there is interest. If Midtown wants to have their own ACE district, they can, ostensibly, go ask for it. Same with the Public & General Neighborhood or Duck Pond or Porter's. The idea is that the ACE district will be clearly defined by a map and each area of town that wants their own district can just drop in a different map as an outline for their specified area and that's that. The laws, from one ACE to the next will be the same, so it's easy enough to understand. Will it be that simple? I don't know and city planning can be murky, but this should be easy enough to replicate, but we'll see.

What does this all mean? Right now it means that there is another meeting on Oct. 26, and we still need your support for the ACE district(s) in Gainesville. The reality is that this was a step forward for our community. ACE is a real, logical, useable solution for us and many other folks in Gainesville. Is it perfect? No, but it is a step forward. It is important to continue to engage your commissioners and mayor and speak your mind.

Most of the bars and restaurants in the ACE area are not places where getting drunk is a priority, they are place of social drinking and camaraderie. Guests expect a high order of execution and thoughtful ideas, playful menus, and whimsical experiences. Loosey's still sells plenty of shots of whiskey, but we've also started dipping our toes into some really cool cocktails and we even started a new draft cocktail program that we are trying to ramp up in the next few months.



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Ethics and the Supreme Court

The scheme 23: Let's say ...

What follows is an excerpt of a Sept. 19 speech by Democratic Senator Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island. He is addressing the president of the Senate on recent and ongoing revelations of favors granted to some Supreme Court justices.

This is the 23rd "The Scheme" — an ongoing series of presentations about the Supreme Court — all are available to see on the senator's website (whitehouse.senate.gov/news/speeches/).

Mr. President, I will call this my "let's say" speech. Lawyers know what a hypothetical is. We will talk about some hypotheticals related to the scheme to capture the Court.

Let's say, Mr. President, that you are a creepy billionaire and it is your plan to capture and control the Supreme Court, to take it over just like 19th century robber barons would have taken over and captured the railroad commission that set the rates for their own railroad.

Let's say you sent millions of dollars — secret dollars — to the Federalist Society for it to funnel money to its employee and your operative, Leonard Leo.

Let's say that Leonard Leo got his cred

with you and your rightwing billionaire pals when he helped you kill the nomination to the Supreme Court of President George W. Bush's friend and White House Counsel Harriet Miers—a political hit job from the far right against a Republican President's nominee, which produced none other than Sam Alito.

Let's say you also sent millions of dollars to Leonard Leo's Judicial Crisis Network, a fictitious-named front group for another front group operating out of the same hallway, on the same floor, in the same building as the Federalist Society.

Let's say you sent the Judicial Crisis Network secret millions of dollars—checks as big as \$15 million, checks as big as \$17 million—to run ads against Merrick Garland to help Mitch McConnell block his confirmation by the Senate. Let's say you also sent millions of dollars, secret dollars, identity laundered through front groups, like 501(c)(4)s and Donors Trust, which exist for the purpose of scrubbing off your identity from your money, and through the 501(c)(4)s and through Donors Trust to Republican political groups, like super PACs controlled by Mitch McConnell.

Let's say, with those secret millions funneled into those super PACs, you acquired loyalty and obedience from Republican political figures. Let's say that worked.

Let's say that for your millions of dollars to the Federalist Society, the Federalist Society allowed you to use its name on a list of Supreme Court nominees that you and your rightwing billionaire pals and Leonard Leo cooked up—a list that the Federalist Society never considered or approved, never an agenda item, never a vote, but a list from some back room of the Federalist Society, pulled together by Leo and the billionaires that Candidate Trump promised to follow.

Let's say that for that Trump promise to let you pick Supreme Court Justices, you agreed to hold your nose and not object to Trump's candidacy. Let's say that Trump kept that promise and nominated your chosen ones to the Supreme Court, and let's say that when Trump kept that promise and nominated your chosen ones, you sent millions more to the Judicial Crisis Network and to Mitch McConnell's political operation, not just to stop Merrick Garland but to push the confirmation of



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your chosen ones: Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett.

Let's say that you funded dozens of front groups to bring cases and to file briefs at the Supreme Court at your orchestrated direction—10, 11, 12, and in one case, it is 50 at a time—like piano keys on the piano, and you sent that message through those front groups in those briefs to remind your chosen ones what it is exactly that you wanted them to do in those cases.

Let's say that the chosen ones produced an amazing, statistically stunning record of doing, in the opinions they produced, just what your front groups asked.

Let's say you and your fellow billionaires played your front groups like piano keys and your chosen Justices harmonized perfectly with their direction.

Let's say that to keep your chosen ones loyal and happy and entertained, you secretly paid for their personal lives. You paid for family tuitions. You bought family houses and let family members live rent-free. You paid for "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous"-level vacations, including free travel to resorts on private jets, travel on private yachts. You gave them expensive gifts, and you directed money to their spouses, and, of course, you hung out with them.

Let's say that last part—keeping them loyal and happy and entertained with all those gifts—was illegal. Illegal.

Let's say that your loyalty gifts program required the chosen ones to file false Federal disclosure forms and perhaps even false tax returns. Let's say that your loyalty gifts program might put you in trouble with the tax man for claiming false business expenses. How could that be?

Let's say that the chosen ones were calling this bonanza of freebies "personal hospitality." "Personal hospitality"—a term of art allowing nondisclosure under the disclosure laws.

Let's say that they were all calling it "personal hospitality," but you were calling the bonanza "deductible business expenses of corporate yachts and jets." Then it wouldn't all add up.

That is a lot of "let's say," I know, but that is about what we are looking at with the Supreme Court right now.

We know it is not one rightwing billionaire but a little bunch of them. We don't know all the freebies yet. Maybe we only know 10 percent of the freebies. We

know that there has been no meaningful investigation of this, so there is lots left to learn. That is our job in Congress, to investigate malfeasance in government and expose abuse so the citizens can see what has been going on and laws can be changed to better protect against that kind of abuse.

So let's say Congress starts doing its job and starts asking nosy questions. What is a creepy billionaire to do? That is easy. You lawyer up. You refuse to cooperate. You are a billionaire, remember, so you can pay lawyers a thousand dollars an hour until the cows come home and not even notice it. A thousand hours of thousand-dollar lawyering wouldn't cost you a thousandth of your wealth. You live above the law, sheltered by your billions. You actually direct the law through your chosen ones on the Supreme Court. The impertinence of being investigated is insufferable, so this is what you send.

Here are two actual lawyer letters. One was sent by the lawyer for the billionaire Harlan Crow. The other was sent by the lawyer for the billionaire's operative and his painting mate, Leonard Leo.

When I say "painting mate," I mean this painting that Harlan Crow, the billionaire, has of his time with Clarence Thomas, one of the chosen ones, and Leonard Leo, the operative. Couldn't be more cozy.

So you send these letters. Leo, by the way, has himself joined your billionaire boys' club. He did so when one of your billionaires, Barre Seid, set him up with

his own \$1.6 billion slush fund, held through a Utah 501(c)(4) front group confected for that transaction.

Let's walk through what these letters say because the arguments are so preposterous, it is hard to imagine they could be made in good faith. As you can imagine, when letters come from lawyers for billionaires in the billionaire Court-packing boys' club, the letters are pretty alike.

The first one for Crow says: Congress does not have the constitutional power to impose ethics rules and standards on the Supreme Court.

The second one for Mr. Leo says: Your inquiry exceeds the limits placed by the Constitution on the Committee's investigative authority. Then there is a third one for another billionaire where they just did one paragraph. Basically, it just says: Yeah, what Leonard Leo's lawyer says. This inquiry exceeds the limits placed on the legislature by the Constitution. We refer you to the relevant portions of the letter . . . directed to you on behalf of Mr. Leo.

I feel kind of bad for these lawyers because I don't think you can bill very much for one paragraph, whereas these guys can bill quite a lot. Anyway, poor fellas. «

The rest of this presentation, and others in the series, can be found online, but this was a taste of one of the better orators in the Senate, not to mention a real bulldog when it comes to investigating corruption and advocating for peoples interests. He's a gem. Thank you, voters of Rhode Island. ❦



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DeSantis: The anti-education governor

Approved expenses for homeschooled students: Foosball tables, skateboards, kayaks, dolls, stuffed animals

by Pierce Butler

When Ron DeSantis became Governor of Florida in 2019, the state had about 2,000 unfilled teaching positions in its public schools. As of August this year, according to the Florida Education Association, Florida now needs around 8,000 more teachers (plus 6,000 more support staffers).

The governor's (and legislature's) "War on Woke" has not just driven out many progressively-minded educators, but has scared away many moderate and apolitical teachers. Sweeping but vague laws limiting what students can hear and read have left schools and school boards guessing about which words and books, on topics from slavery to LGBTQ+ issues today, might get them fined, fired, and/or arrested.

Few doubt this confusion was provoked deliberately, to give the advantage to the advocates of bigotry and theocracy whom DeSantis counts on to propel his drive for next year's Republican presidential nomination. By allowing anyone — not just parents — to challenge library and curriculum material, Florida's new policies have been dubbed "educational intimidation bills" by PEN America (a 101-year-old anti-censorship organization of writers and creators).

As Kali Holloway writes in the October 2-9 2023 issue of *The Nation* ([tinyurl.com/Iguana1711](https://www.tinyurl.com/Iguana1711)), these moves don't warm the hearts of Florida high-school and undergraduate students: 91% and 79% of them respectively disagree, with many planning to enroll or transfer out of state.

The politically-driven attack on public schools, long a crusade by the hard-right wing in the US, goes beyond censorship and threats, with the state government carving billions from public education budgets with what may be the nation's most aggressive school-voucher plan.

According to journalist-blogger Judd Legum ([tinyurl.com/Iguana1712](https://www.tinyurl.com/Iguana1712)), the new "Personalized Education Program [PEP]" will take about \$8,000 from public schools for each of 20,000 students (\$160 million total) in home-schooling or some private school programs in the 2023-2024 school year — and twice that many more (and twice that much) per year afterwards. That's just the increase for one year: Florida's voucher program already consumes over \$3.3 billion. The state has arranged for two private non-profit groups, Step Up for Students and AAA Scholarship Foundation, to allocate these vouchers, with financial incentives for each student signed up.

PEP vouchers will pay for a wide range of "educational" goodies besides books, computers, pencils and videos. The *Tampa Bay Times* reports ([tinyurl.com/Iguana1713](https://www.tinyurl.com/Iguana1713)) parents can use taxpayers' generosity for theme park tickets: "previously a prohibited expense, but Step Up for Students 'reconsidered after hearing from parents about the potential benefits.'" Better yet, per Legum, the "Step Up for Students purchasing guide authorizes the purchase of TVs up to 55 inches" and "permits all voucher recipients to spend up to \$400 annually on Legos." Approved expenses for homeschooled students include swing sets, foosball tables, skateboards, kayaks, dolls and stuffed animals."

(These new programs have dropped all restrictions of previous voucher plans to low-income families: now millionaires and billionaires qualify for public assistance for their children.)

Meanwhile, Florida public school teacher pay ranks 48th in the nation, and we're number 43 in spending per student. Even if our "education governor" somehow fulfills his dream of moving to the White House in January of 2025, we can already expect many more years of the rest of the country calling us "Flori-duh." 🦎

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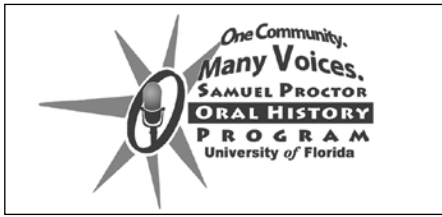
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History and the people who make it: Scott Camil (Part 1)



Scott Camil is a Gainesville activist, veteran, honored hero, and friend of SPOHP. He is also a member of the Gainesville Eight: the group of seven Vietnam War veterans and one civilian who were caught in a conspiracy by the FBI, which attempted to frame them for terroristic threats. (See last month's Iguana for more on the Gainesville 8)

In this 2005 interview with John Aversono (A), Mr. Camil (C) describes his upbringing, and his Marine Corps training, and touches on how he became an antiwar activist. Be advised that there is profanity. Transcript edited by Donovan Carter.

A: I want to start with some background information. Where were you born?

C: Brooklyn, New York.

A: What year?

C: 1946. When I was about four years old my parents moved from New York to Hialeah [Florida]. I grew up in Hialeah. I went into the Marine Corps after high school and then went to Dade Community College. I graduated there and transferred up to Gainesville in 1970.

A: How was growing up in Hialeah?

C: Hialeah was the poorest section of Dade County. We were on food stamps and things were hard growing up during that time. If you went to school with holes in your clothes people beat you up and made fun of you. I would come home crying and then my father would kick my ass. He told me to be a man so I just had to fight back. By the time I was in junior high school I became one of the guys, so to speak, so things were a little bit easier.

We had a choice of taking academic or vocational courses and I took vocational courses because I wanted to do something fun. I had wood-shop, metal-shop, machine-shop, graphics [and] drafting. I learned a lot of neat things. In general, I did not like high school because it was very authoritarian.

A: When you joined the army, you enlisted on your own, correct?

C: I joined the Marine Corps, which is

a very important distinction to make. I joined the delayed enlistment program. That program is responsible for eighty percent of the enlisted people in today's military. It is finding the kids in high school and they get to finish high school. Once you find out, the time in high school counts toward being in the service.

You start off as a private, but when you go to boot camp you are a higher rank than the other privates. The recruiters make you believe that there were a lot of benefits. I signed up in high school and about three days after graduation I was getting off a bus in front of Parris Island.

I picked the Marine Corps because the Marine Corps motto was the Marine Corps builds men. Growing up in the '50s and '60s I would say the most important thing for a young male was macho, to be tough, to be a man. I wanted to be a man and I wanted to be a Marine.

A: What would you say was the main reason for joining the Marine Corps?

C: I would not say there was a main reason. Number one, I was taught by my parents that I lived in the best country in the world and that in this country we had freedoms. It was the duty of all males once they graduated high school to serve their country. As a parent, I geared my kids up for college, my parents geared me up for the military. I just thought that was my job, just like high school was my job. I never thought there would be anything else.

Plus there were the recruiters and the girls liked them walking around in their medals and shit. Impressing girls was really important to a high school boy. Then [there was] the fact that there was a draft and I was going to go anyways, so I could get extra benefits [for joining]. It was all those things together.

A: How would you describe your basic training experiences in the Marine Corps?

C: The first thing I would say is fear. The first day when I woke up I thought I was having a bad dream. The job of the Marine Corps boot camp is to totally erase the civilian, and on a blank chart start over and build a Marine. The things that go on there you never experienced before. You come in at night and you get off the bus in the middle of the night and you cross this line and then these people start yelling at you.

They stick you on a bus and the guy

driving slams on the fucking brakes and gets up and says "I hear somebody talking, you think this is funny, you know what, I am going to kick your fucking ass, somebody wants to fight here?" [We were like] whoa, what's going on man?

He gets back and drives. Then you get off and get into this room and they make you empty everything out and they take everything away from you. All of a sudden, the lights go on and a big steel trash can starts bouncing on the floor.

These guys are running up and down the barrack pushing over beds yelling and screaming at people to get their attention. They are grabbing people and throwing them against the wall. We are trying to wake up and it was really scary trying to think. We outnumbered them, there were about eighty of us and three of them, but they were in total control.

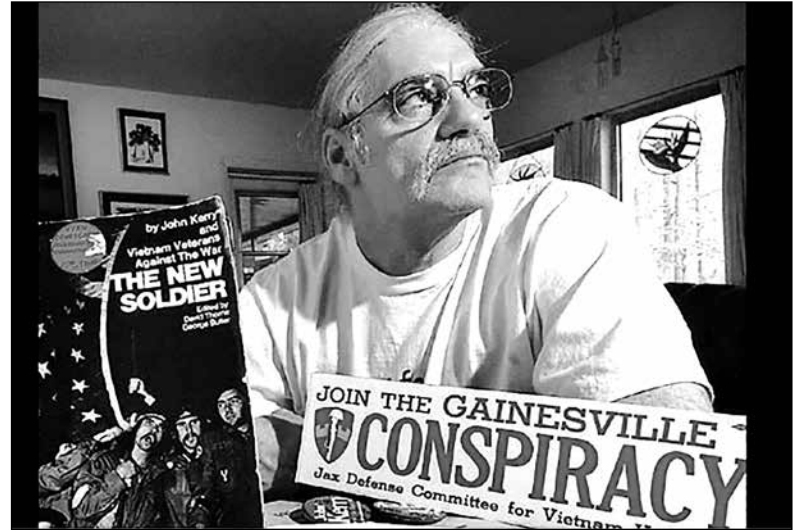
The rules were very strict. You could not speak without permission. If I needed to go to the bathroom, I had to learn a new vocabulary. So I say, "Sir, Private Camil requests permission to speak, sir." He says "What do you want scumbag?" or, "What do you want maggot?" You know you are not used to being talked to like that.

"Sir, Private Camil requests permission to make a head call." On one occasion the drill instructor said to me, "Is it an emergency?" I said, "Yes sir." The drill instructor said show me. I had to run around the barracks three times going [making siren noises] because it was an emergency. I came back to my position to stand at attention and request permission to speak again to go to the bathroom.

The drill instructor on occasion would say "No. We are going to wait a half-an-hour and if you don't pee or shit on yourself I am going to kick your ass because you lied. You said it was an emergency." Then I had to decide, am I going to shit on myself or am I going to get my ass kicked. So you were starting to get choices and options, of which none were good.

So, it's the kind of treatment you're not used to. Basically, there is a limit that you can put on yourself, how much I can lift, how far I can run, what I can do and you find out that you can go way past that limit if somebody kicks your ass and makes you do it.

Once you are able to get past that limit it builds a lot of confidence.[You learn] karate, judo, boxing, [and] tons of stuff.



Scott Camil (both photos) is a decorated veteran, who first gained prominence as an opponent of the Vietnam War when he was a witness in the Winter Soldier Investigation and a member of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He was a member of the Gainesville 8, acquitted 50 years ago for conspiracy to violently disrupt the 1972 Miami Republican National Convention.

You intimately learn the forty-five caliber pistol [and] the M-14 rifle. You learn your general orders, you learn the rifle creed, which you have to memorize, which basically says, “this is my rifle and without me it is useless and without it I am useless.”

In the Marine Corps I would say there are three golden rules:

- Number one is, a Marine can never disobey an order.
- Number two, a Marine can never leave his post or sleep on guard duty.
- Number three, a Marine can never have a dirty weapon.

I would call that training brain-washing and conditioning, but I would say that it made a man out of me and I would say that I never would have been able to survive Vietnam without that training. Even though that training was hard, I was the kind of person who needed to get my ass kicked to get with the program.

I graduated boot camp in September of 1965. Then I went to ITR, for October of 1965 and November of 1965, that’s infantry training. It is like boot camp but not as strict except now you are learning tactics, mountain climbing and that kind of conditioning. I arrived in Vietnam on something like March 20, 1966.

To be continued in the Nov-Dec 2023 Iguana. For the full interview, see tinyurl.com/Iguana1716

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Gainesville area events

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1-7

- Thu 10/5 **Rocktoberfest**, 7pm, NCFa YMCA **Rocktoberfest**, C Bar Ranch (22889 N State Rd 121, Alachua), \$75; ncfymca.org
- Thu 10/5 **UF Symphony Orchestra**, 7:20pm, "Canvas of Time" performance at University Auditorium (333 Newell Dr), free
- Fri 10/6 **UF Homecoming** (public schools & University Ave closed), football vs Vanderbilt, etc
- Fri 10/6 **Frogs and Friends Friday**, 2-3 pm, 1st Fridays at Morningside Nature Ctr (3540 E Univ Ave), free (kids must bring adult)
- Fri 10/6 **First Fridays Food Truck Festival**, 4-9pm, at Thornebrook Village (2441 NW 43rd St), w/ live music, retail pop-ups
- Fri 10/6 **Hippvana Dance Party**, 9pm-1am, The Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), \$5-15; thehipp.org
- Fri 10/6 **Deadline to buy tickets for Annual Spirit of Pride Community Awards Dinner** on Sat 10/14, \$77.75: tinyurl.com/Iguana1682
- Sat 10/7 **Antarctic Dinosaurs**, 10am-5pm, exhibit opens at Fla Museum (3215 Hull Rd), runs through 4/21/24, \$9 Fla residents, \$7 ages 3-17; tinyurl.com/Iguana1681
- Sat 10/7 **Linda Blondheim Front Porch Chili Party art show + poetry readings**, 11am-4:30pm, , Artisans Guild Gallery (224 NW 2nd Ave), free; artisansguildgallery.com/#
- Sat 10/7 **Youth, Gun Violence, & School Safety panel**, 11am, at Clarence R. Kelly Community Ctr (1700 NE 8th Ave) and on Zoom, free; tinyurl.com/Iguana1683
- Sat 10/7 **Color Purple Teen Edition** opens 3pm (runs through 10/15 at various times), Star Center Theater (11 NE 23rd Ave), PG-13, \$12-18; starcenter.ticketleap.com
- Sat 10/7 **"How to have COVID-safer events" workshop**, 4-5pm, at Civic Media Ctr (433 S Main St)
- Sat 10/7 **Gvl Roller Rebels All-Stars vs Swan City Roller Derby**, 6pm, at MLK MP Ctr (1028 NE 14th St), \$12 adv/15 door; see p. 5 & tinyurl.com/Iguana1718

WEEK OF OCTOBER 8-14

- Mon 10/9 **Fla Free Speech Forum hosts Nathan Crabbe** on climate change communication, 11:30am, at Cone Park Library Branch (2801 E Univ Ave) (too late to register for meal; listening is free); floridafreespeechforum.org
- Tue 10/10 **"Break Every Chain - Inaugural Master Class"** for next-generation leaders, 11-2:10pm, Cotton Club Museum & Cultural Ctr, \$40 (register before noon 10/7); tinyurl.com/Iguana1684
- Tue 10/10 **Springs Biology** lecture, 12-1pm, Fla Springs Inst (18645 Main St, High Springs), free; tinyurl.com/Iguana1685
- Wed 10/11 **Mija** documentary on young immigrant Latinas in US music industry, 6pm, Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave), free; mathesonmuseum.org/events
- Thu 10/12 **Artist Meetup**, 5:30-7pm, Gvl Fine Arts Ass'n Gallery (1314 S Main St), free; gainesvillefinearts.org
- Thu 10/12 **Welcoming Black Faculty & Racial Justice Town Hall**, 6pm, Cotton Club Museum & Cultural Ctr (837 SE 7th Ave), free; see p. 4 & cottonclubmuseum.com/events;
- Fri 10/13 **Wilmot Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Sale**, 10am-5pm (also 10/14, 9am-3pm), (UF, 2023 Mowry Rd), free; wilmotgardens.med.ufl.edu
- Fri 10/13 **Spooky Pride Drag Show**, 7-10pm, at 1st Magnitude Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St)
- Fri 10/13 **UF World Music Festival**, 7-10pm, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E Univ Ave)
- Fri 10/13 **New Works Festival**, 7:30pm (also 10/14, 3pm), The Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), \$15-20; thehipp.org
- Fri 10/13 **Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street**, 8pm (through 10/29 at various times), opens at Acrostown Rep (3501 SW 2nd Ave, Ste O), adult themes, \$20-25; See p. 10 & tinyurl.com/Iguana1686
- Sat 10/14 **Gvl Roller Rebels Garage Sale**, 7am (221 NE 12th St)
- Sat 10/14 **10th Hogtown 5K Beer Run**, 8-11am, presented by Swamp Head Brewery at Haile Village Ctr (9116 SW 51st Rd), \$35; facebook.com/SwampHead
- Sat 10/14 **Grow HUB Fall Pop-Up Shops**, 9am-3pm (also 11/11), at Grow HUB (2900 NE 8th Ave), w/ vendors, art, plants, live music, food, kids' activities, free; grow-hub.org/events
- Sat 10/14 **Alachua's Queer History Gallery**, 11am-4pm, through 10/28, Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave), free; mathesonmuseum.org/events
- Sat 10/14 **Indigenous Peoples Day** celebration, 11am-3pm, Morningside Nature Ctr (3540 E Univ Ave), free; see p.23 & tinyurl.com/Iguana1687
- Sat 10/14 **"Stories of Immigration"**, 4pm, at Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave), free with pre-registration; mathesonmuseum.org/events
- Sat 10/14 **Waldo Fall Festival** 4:30-6pm, at Waldo City Square (14450 NE 148th Ave), w/ games, food, prizes, free
- Sat 10/14 **Music Show**, 7-11:30p(15-21cts) at Civic Media Ctr (433 S Main St), \$10; civicmediacenter.org

WEEK OF OCTOBER 15-21

- Sun 10/15 **Pride at Prairie Creek**, 10am-3pm, (7204 SE County Rd 234) celebration w/ hikes, wildlife, more; tinyurl.com/Iguana1688
- Sun 10/15 **GVL Fall Record Fair**, noon, Cypress & Grove (NW 4th St & 10th Ave)
- Sun 10/15 **Rum 138 Fungi Fest 2023** "Dead Set," 10am-7pm, (2070 SW Cty Rd 138, Fort White), \$20, see p 14 & Rum138.com
- Sun 10/15 **"Recycle Right!"** with speaker Shelley Samec, Alachua County Waste Alternative Specialist, 11am, Sunday Assembly (Pride Ctr, 3850 NW 83rd St) on; sagainesville.weebly.com
- Sun 10/15 **Voices Rising Community Chorus**, 3 & 7pm, "From Stage and Screen" at First United Methodist Church (419 NE 1st St), \$10-20 suggested donation (partially benefitting Bread of the Mighty Food Bank); vrcoggainesville.org
- Sun 10/15 **Book banning & age appropriateness** with speaker UF Prof Lyrisa Lidksy, 3pm, League of Women Voters at Millhopper Branch Library (3145 NW 43rd St), free; tinyurl.com/Iguana1689

- Sun 10/15 **"Abortion on the Ballot!"** 6-9pm, Nat'l Women's Liberation fundraiser (kid-friendly), Boca Fiesta Backyard (232 1/2 SE 1st St), \$10-20 sliding scale; see p. 13 & womensliberation.org
- Mon 10/16 **Radical Rush**, 11am-2pm, at UF
- Mon 10/16 **Democratic Women's Club** of Alachua County, 11:30am, meets 3rd Mondays (except in Dec & Jan) at B'Nai Israel (3830 NW 16th Blvd; tinyurl.com/Iguana1690
- Mon 10/17 **Radical Rush**, 11am-2pm, at Santa Fe College
- Wed 10/18 **Energy Coach household conservation training** by Community Weatherization Coalition to aid local low-income residents, 5:30pm, 1st part of 12 hour training; \$50 donation requested; tinyurl.com/fall23cwcvol
- Wed 10/18 **Young Democrats meet**, 6:30pm, Curia on the Drag (2029 NW 6th St)
- Thu 10/19 **UF Soccer**, 6pm, Dizney Stadium (1788 Natural Area Dr, UF)
- Thu 10/19 **"Basement Sessions"** music for Hispanic Heritage Month, 7-11pm, Hippodrome basement (25 SE 2nd Pl), \$8-15 sliding scale; thehipp.org/basement-sessions
- Fri 10/20 **Tom Petty Weekend** at Heartwood Soundstage (619 S Main St), \$15-350; heartwoodsoundstage.com/events
- Fri 10/20 **Blocktoberfest**, 4-10pm, Blackadder Brewing (618 NW 60th St) w/ live music, German food
- Fri 10/20 **Revenge of the Creature** at FSI Movie Night, 6-8pm, Fla Springs Inst (18645 Main St, High Springs), costumes welcome, \$5-20 donation requested; floridaspringsinstitute.org/events
- Sat 10/21 **Power Over Breast Cancer Gathering - A Gathering for Women and the Family Who Love Them**, 8:30am-1pm, at Springhill Baptist Church (120 SE Williston Rd), w/ prizes, boxed lunch, free
- Sat 10/21 **Friends of the Library Book Sale**, 9am-6pm (also 10/22-25, noon-6pm), FOL Bookhouse (430 N Main St), w/ books, music, DVDs, comics, art, more, at amazing prices (bring your own boxes); folacld.org
- Sat 10/21 **Habitat 5K Hustle Run/Walk** for Habitat for Humanity, 9-11am, Boulware Springs Park (3300 SE 15th St), \$20 (inc. t-shirt, raffle, snacks); ufhabitat.org/habitathustle5k
- Sat 10/21 **Fall Plant Sale & Orchid Show**, 9am-5pm (also 10/22), Kanapaha Botanical Gardens (4700 SW 58th Dr), free (no pets); kanapaha.org
- Sat 10/21 **19th Florida Bat Festival**, 10am-5pm, Lubee Bat Conservancy (1309 NW 192nd Ave), with games, food trucks, live music, beer garden (\$30), chiropterologists (bat experts), \$5 for ages 5-12, \$10 for 13+; lubee.org/event-calendar
- Sat 10/21 **"Can't Drag Us Down" Gvl Pride Festival**, 12-8pm, at Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E Univ Ave), w/ music, art, more; tinyurl.com/Iguana1691; more Pride events at tinyurl.com/Iguana1692
- Sat 10/21 **Gainesville Free Store**, 2-5pm, Civic Media Ctr (433 S Main St) on 3rd Saturdays; see p. 15 & civicmediacenter.org
- Sat 10/21 **Rhinestones & Rust**: A Queer Country Showcase, line dancing, 7-11:55pm, CMC, \$10-20 sliding scale; see p. 20 & civicmediacenter.org

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22-28

- Sun 10/22 **Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice**, annual treats from Alachua Conservation Trust, 1-3pm, at Rockwood Park (2221 NW 2nd St); tinyurl.com/Iguana1693
- Sun 10/22 **March Against Hate**, 2-4pm, meet at Melrose Historical Park (300 Hwy 26, Melrose)
- Sun 10/22 **Bluegrass, Old-Time and Traditional Jam**, 2-5pm, at Civic Media Ctr (433 S Main St), free (donation requested); civicmediacenter.org
- Sun 10/22 **Nancy Luca**, time tba, Chiappini's (326 State Rd 26, Melrose)
- Mon 10/23 **Scene Queens** Halloween drag w/ costume contest, 7pm, The Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), ages 18+, \$15; thehipp.org/events
- Wed 10/25 **Alachua County's state legislators' public hearing**, 1:30pm, Santa Fe College (3000 NW 83rd St, Fordyce Bldg [R-01]); tinyurl.com/Iguana1694
- Thu 10/26 **City Commission Open Container discussion**, time tba, (City Hall), see pg 16 & looseys.com
- Thu 10/26 **UF Soccer**, 6pm, Dizney Stadium (1788 Natural Area Dr, UF)
- Fri 10/27 **The Fest 21** begins, runs through 10/29 w/ ~350 bands, comedians & wrestlers; thefestfl.com
- Fri 10/27 **Artwalk** on last Fridays at venues around town, 7pm; see p.16
- Fri 10/27 **Young Dancer Workshop and Showcase**, 8pm (also 10/28), at Santa Fe College Fine Arts Hall (3000 NW 83rd St), \$10; tinyurl.com/Iguana1695
- Sat 10/28 **Haunted Orange Lake Overlook Full Moon Festival**, games, family activities, & haunted hayride, 5-8:30pm, Orange Lake Overlook (19865 N US Hwy 441, Micanopy) (\$5-10 requested for hayride); tinyurl.com/Iguana1696
- Sat 10/28 **"Sparks & Spooks"** games & activities, 10am-4pm, Cade Museum (811 S Main St), kids 17 & under in costume admitted free (\$10 w/o costume, \$15 adults); cademuseum.org

WEEK OF OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 5

- Thu 11/2 **UF Pres. Ben Sasse inauguration**, UF, time tba ("save date for public events")
- Sat 11/4 **[Skillshare] At Home Hormone Compounding for Gender Affirming Treatment**, 12-2pm, Civic Media Ctr (433 S Main St)
- Sun 11/5 **Daylight Savings Time ends**, 2am becomes 1am 🦋

RECURRING EVENTS

- Monday Farmers Market** 4-7pm: Cypress & Grove
- Thursday Farmers Market** 4-7pm: Heartwood Soundstage
- Thursday evening Poetry Jam** 8pm at CMC

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- Boca Backyard, Cypress & Grove, First Magnitude, Heartwood Soundstage, Loosey's, One Love Café, Satchels, the Wooly, Wormhole, etc.
- See visitgainesville.com/events for a weekly event list, updated Thursdays; also try 352arts.org; and don't forget civicmediacenter.org

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towards the student body—appearing at select graduations earlier this year. He was also pictured carrying a mini fridge during UF move-in—something which was widely mocked by students on social media due to his absence elsewhere. His limited engagement on campus has only contributed to the perception that the shadow of the state government has only grown over the university— something causing discomfort among students and faculty alike.

Meanwhile, UF’s Student Government, which has all but independent control of \$23 million in tuition dollars, has taken draconic actions which mirror many Republican states—including Florida— around the country.

SG Supreme Court upheld a district map for fall Senate elections put forward by Vision Party affiliates which engages in classic voter dilution tactics, and could arguably be considered racial gerrymandering. It’s worth noting that Vision Party is the newest reincarnation of the System—the long entrenched conservative political machine at UF that was previously known as Gator Party.

Additionally, student journalists such as the account @uf_politics on Instagram have uncovered potential ethical concerns around the ACCENT Speakers Bureau, particularly the ties between ACCENT, the Florida Blue Key society, and the talent agency that ACCENT largely works with, which was partially founded by and staffs many FBK members.

The conclusion to be made from both the concerning “brain drain” and SG updates is that UF is on the edge of darkness.

It’s no secret that collective action will be needed to combat the degradation of the university, but the community that has built up around it. Whether it’s building

the strength of our public unions, fighting for academic freedom, and so much more, we must stand together to oppose both the incursion from Tallahassee and the rot that is spreading from the Gainesville campus itself.

This being said, hope is definitely not lost at UF, with regard to our academics, SG, or anything else. Groups like the Young Democratic Socialists of America on campus continue to combat the reactionary moves of administration with an open and proud socialist program, while leading the charge on fighting to protect and expand bodily autonomy.

Change Party, which is oppositional to the System, faces an uphill battle to defeat the System for a third time in SG elections, which take place on October 3 and 4. [Editors’ note: election is after the printing of this issue, results next month or see the Alligator.]

Change’s platform is notably progressive, including provisions to protect trans students, create a \$17/hr minimum wage, expand student services, and fight against right-wing intervention from Tallahassee.

The changing winds here in Gainesville remind me of a lot of community trauma that we’ve experienced here at UF over the past year, but also reminds me of how strong we are when we build power and use it together.

We may be on the edge of darkness, but I can attest that the light in our community will never be extinguished.

Unfortunately the brain drain is not just a problem for Florida’s universities, but it’s K–12 public schools as well. For more on this, see Kali Holloway’s “Florida’s ‘War on Woke’ Is Spurring a Brain Drain” in the Nation (thenation.com/article/society/desantis-florida-education!). Judd Legum also touches

on this in “Disney tickets, PS5s, and big-screen TVs: Florida parents exploit DeSantis’ school vouchers” for Popular Info (https://popular.info/p/disney-tickets-ps5s-and-big-screen), where he outlines how the state is spending billions of dollars on vouchers but can’t afford to fairly compensate or supply its teachers, leading to 8,000 teacher and 6,000 support staff vacancies across the state. ✨

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Organizers say the project will feature free and subsidized lectures and courses in subjects that members of the college’s new leadership have pulled back on.

The New College of Florida community has continued to push back against Gov. Ron DeSantis’ overhaul of the institution. Alt New College aims to provide students access to certain subjects that many conservatives call ‘woke ideology.’

In the past year, the Sarasota school closed its diversity office and eliminated courses in gender studies and other subjects.

The inaugural online lecture called “The Authoritarian Assault on Gender Studies,” drew more than 500 viewers. The platform’s spokesperson, Mary Ruiz, a former New College board chair, says Alt New College is for anyone interested in civic engagement.

“If a democracy doesn’t have freedom in education, it will not have freedom anywhere,” she said. “I think that this ability for people to freely pursue study without censorship or suppression is at the heart and soul of what a free society looks like.”

Ruiz says the online venture will include lectures from alumni who now teach at schools like Harvard and the University of California. “When you talk to New College people, you will hear, “it is so dear to us, and we will not give it up,” she said. “It transforms the people who go to it, and the people who graduated from it, transform the world.”

Ruiz said the initial focus will be on topics like race, gender, and academic freedom. Alt New College’s fall programming also includes talks by author Neil Gaiman, civil rights leader Maya Wiley and Jonathan Friedman of free speech advocacy group, PEN America.

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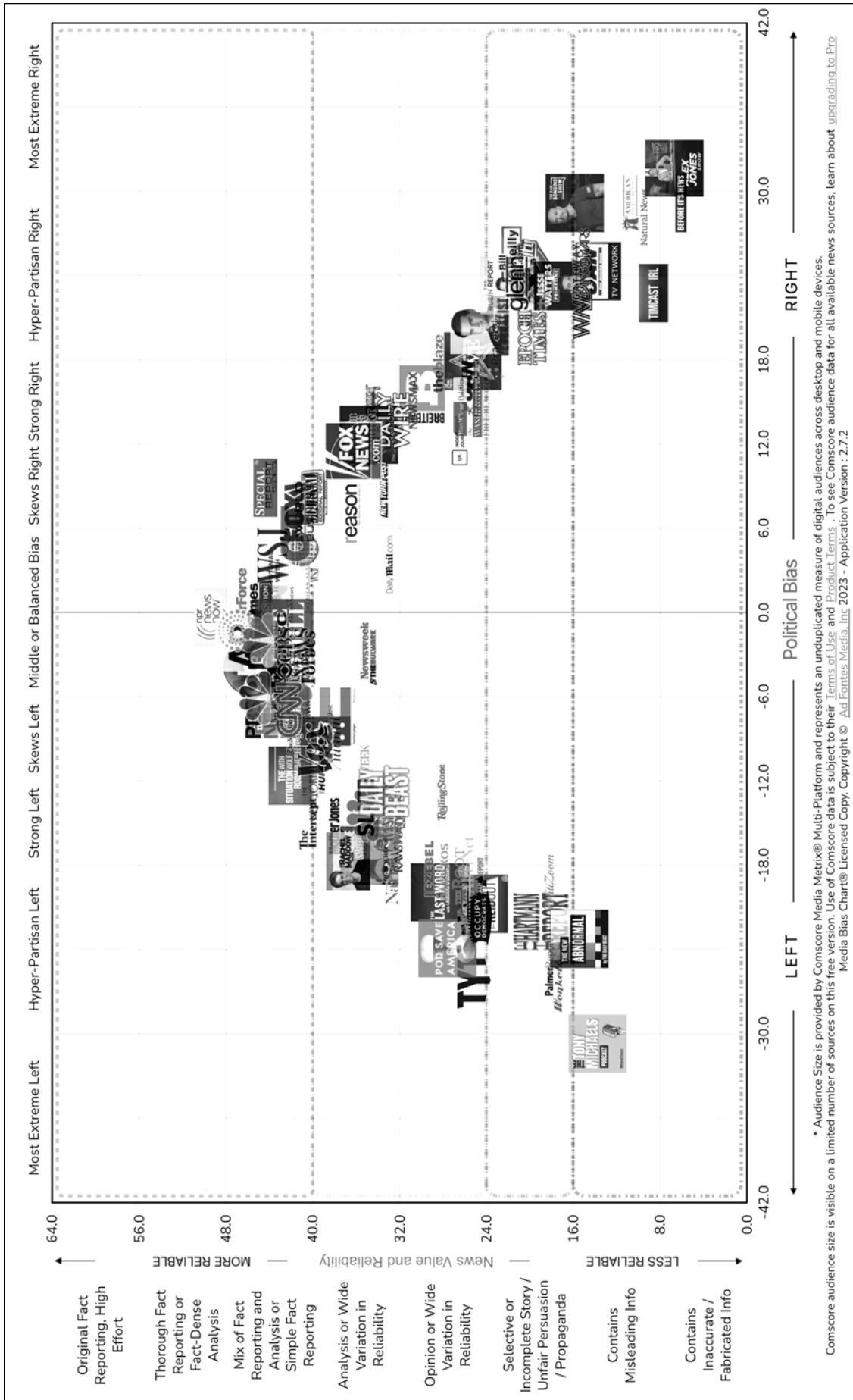
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Welcome to the sideways page, which is the only way we could print this valuable chart that tracks political bias and reliability. We know it is difficult to read this small black-and-white form, but we wanted to give you a taste of it. This is the most recent iteration from the people who produce it, and you can use the address below to track it down on your computer or tablet. It is more readable in the color version online.

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Spotlight on ...



Community Spring is a grassroots economic justice organization. The two pillars of our work are income and power: income to meet people's needs and power to reshape the systems that keep them down. Through our annual fellowship, the people most impacted by our community's problems get to work on campaigns to create both policy and cultural change.

Our 2023-2024 fellows are building a campaign to decriminalize poverty and address over-policing of low-income families and neighborhoods.

In addition to the fellowship, we also run Just Income, a project dedicated to redistributing economic and political power to people directly impacted by the criminal legal system. Through a monthly guaranteed income program, community members released from prison can get back on their feet and work towards stability post-incarceration.

Learn more about our work at csgnv.org or on Instagram @communityspring. 🐾



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Readers: If there is inaccurate information here, let us know. If you are connected to an organization listed here, please check and update your listing so others can be accurately informed. Readers should confirm times of meetings with individual organizations.

Alachua Audubon Society's mission is to foster appreciation and knowledge of birds and other native wildlife, to protect and restore wildlife populations and their habitats, and to promote sustainable use of natural resources. We offer free birding field trips open to all, college internship experiences, birding for kids, conservation activism, volunteer opportunities. AlachuaAudubon.org | facebook.com/AlachuaAudubon/

Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc. has been protecting North Central Florida's natural, scenic, historic and recreational resources for over 25 years. 352-373-1078 | AlachuaConservationTrust.org

Alachua County Greens is part of a worldwide movement built out of interrelated pillars that support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. Meetings are the 1st Sunday of the month @4pm, for location contact 352-871-1995 | alachuagreens@gmail.com | GainesvilleGreens.webs.com

Alachua County Labor Coalition organizes to support local labor and advance the Medicare for All and A Living Wage campaigns. Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 6pm: on Zoom. 352-375-2832 | info@laborcoalition.com | LaborCoalition.org

Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs Clinic is a not-for-profit in Brooker providing low-cost, high-quality dental care for people with and without health insurance to Alachua, Bradford and Union

County residents. The Clinic fulfills its mission with the help of volunteers. 352-485-2772 | acornclinic.org

American Civil Liberties Union has no Alachua County chapter. For info on forming a new chapter, or for ACLU info, contact the Northeast Chapter at firstcoastaclu@gmail.com | northeastflorida.aclufl.org

Alachua NAACP – With 2+ million activists across the country, we work to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all people and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination. Everyone invited to join. [Facebook.com/alachuaNAACP](https://facebook.com/alachuaNAACP) | NAACPacb.org

American Promise Association is 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. americanpromise.net

Avian Research and Conservation Institute is a non-profit research group working to stimulate conservation action to save threatened bird species in the southeast. 352-514-5606 | arcinst.org

Black Graduate Student Organization helps UF Black graduate and professional students foster meaningful and lasting relationships that aid in academic achievement and success. bgsoatuf@gmail.com | [facebook: UF BGSO](https://facebook.com/UFBGSO)

Central Florida Democratic Socialists of America is a chapter of DSA focusing on local social and political activism issues to better our community. Meetings are the 4th Monday of the month on Zoom. centralfidsa@gmail.com | facebook.com/NCFloridaDSA

Citizens Climate Lobby builds awareness and lobbies for sensible climate policies. 352-214-1778 | btancig@gmail.com | citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/FL_Gainesville | facebook.com/CitizensClimateLobbyGainesvilleFL

Civic Media Center is an alternative reading room and library of the non-corporate press, and a resource and space for organizing. 433 S Main St., Gainesville | 352-373-0010 | civicmediacenter.org | coordinators@civicmediacenter.org |

The Climate Reality Project Gainesville Area Chapter is the local chapter of an international nonprofit group dedicated to accelerating urgent action globally on the climate crisis. Join the chapter (see website) for news, action alerts, meeting alerts. ClimateRealityProjectgnv@gmail.com | facebook.com/GlobalClimateEducation | ClimateRealityProjectGNV.wordpress.com | ClimateRealityProject.org

Coalition of Hispanics Integrating Spanish Speakers through Advocacy and Service is a UF student-run group focusing on immigrant rights and immigrant advocacy. chispasuf@gmail.com | chispasuf.com | facebook.com/chispasUF

Code Pink: Women for Peace is a women-led grassroots peace/social justice movement utilizing creative protest, non-violent direct action and community involvement. Facebook.com/CodePINKgainesville | CodePink4Peace.org

Community Spring is a local organization to help people get a step up on re-entering society after incarceration with financial and housing assistance as a means of overcoming structural poverty. 352-363-1259 or info@csgnv.org

Community Weatherization Coalition's mission is to help their neighbors save energy and water and reduce utility bills by engaging volunteers, building community, and learning together. info@communityweatherization.org | 352-450-4965 | communityweatherization.org

Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc. is a Gainesville non-profit land trust working to protect Florida's rural landscapes, wildlife corridors and natural areas. 352-376-4770 | info@conserveflorida.org | conserveflorida.org

Current Problems cleans up waterways across north Florida, removing over 1,000,000 pounds of trash (& recycling/reusing 63% of it) since 1993, and finding ways to reduce pollution sources; volunteers welcome. 352-222-6727 | currentproblems.org

Democratic Party of Alachua County meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 6pm: on Zoom. 352-373-1730 |alachuadems.org

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

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 and surveillance companies. Divestuf.org | facebook.com/DivestUF

Goddsville Dream Defenders is a socialist, feminist, abolitionist organization in Gainesville, organizing to dismantle institutions and be a safe space for people of color. goddsville@gmail.com | facebook.com/UFDreamDefenders

Edible Plant Project is a volunteer-run, non-profit Gainesville collective aiming to create positive alternatives to the unsustainable food system in this county. facebook.com/groups/edibleplantproject

Families Against Mandatory Minimums

works to reform Florida's sentencing laws and restore fairness to Florida's criminal justice system. PO Box 142933, Gainesville, 32614 | gnewburn@famm.org | 352-682-2542 | FAMM.org

Final Friends, run by volunteers, helps families learn how to accomplish legal home funeral care as an alternative to a commercial funeral home. 352-374-4478 | FinalFriends.org@gmail.com | FinalFriends.org

The Fine Print is a quarterly magazine based in Gainesville providing political, social and arts coverage through advocacy journalism. TheFinePrintUF.org

Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice provides space for meetings, workshops, and educational activities that promote peace, human rights, social justice awareness, conflict resolution, self-empowerment and environmental awareness. 352-603-3680 | florida4peace.org

Florida School of Traditional Midwifery is a clearinghouse for information, activities, educational programs regarding midwifery. 352-338-0766 | info@MidWiferySchool.org | midwiferyschool.org

Florida Defenders of the Environment works to protect freshwater resources, conserve public lands, provide quality environmental education. 352-475-1119 | FloridaDefenders@gmail.com | FlaDefenders.org

Florida Prisoner Solidarity is a carceral abolitionist collective with members inside and outside of prisons. Efforts focus on incarcerated individuals' needs and their care networks. P.O. Box 358439, Gainesville, FL 32635 | 850-895-1505 | FLPrisonerSolidarity@gmail.com | facebook.com/FLAbolition | FLPrisonerSolidarity.org

Floridians Protecting Freedom is a campaign of allied organizations and concerned citizens working together to protect Floridians' access to abortion as reproductive health care and to defend the right to bodily autonomy. Contact Laura at 617-767-6664 or go to floridiansprotectingfreedom.com.

Gainesville Area AIDS Project, a program of Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, provides toiletries, household cleaners, hot meals, frozen food at no cost to people living with HIV/AIDS. 352-377-8915 | info@GAAPonline.org | Facebook.com/GAAPonline | gainesvillepride.org

Gainesville Area Chapter of Climate

Reality Project addresses the climate crisis for future generations. The chapter mobilizes people to become powerful activists and push for aggressive climate action. The hope is to transform society and to change the world. climateralityprojectgnv@gmail.com | @climateralityprojectgnv | climateralityprojectgnv.wordpress.com

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to Death Penalty works to abolish the death penalty. Join vigils when Florida has an execution. 352-378-1690 | mark1343@juno.com | www.fadp.org

Gainesville for All The Gainesville Sun's GNV4ALL initiative is an effort to identify and address problems related to inequities and racial injustice in our community. See Facebook for online activities. GNV4ALL@gmail.com | facebook.com/GNV4ALL

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meetings are the second Monday of the month on Zoom. Richard@371-6772 | Gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com | gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com

Gainesville National Organization for Women focuses on reproductive rights, ending sex discrimination, constitutional equality, promoting diversity, ending racism, economic justice, stopping violence against women, lesbian rights including marriage equality. Contact Lisa@352-450-1912 for meeting info | info@gainesvilleNOW.org | facebook.com/gainesvilleNOW

Gainesville 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., Gainesville | 352-372-1070 | GainesvilleQuakers.org | facebook.com/GainesvilleQuakers

Gainesville Residents United educates, advocates, negotiates, and litigates issues of community concern – currently the State takeover of Gainesville Regional Utilities. www.GRUnited.org

Gainesville Roller Rebels, a women's Flat Track roller derby team, needs skaters and volunteer assistance. join@gainesvillerollerrebels.com | gainesvillerollerrebels.com

Gainesville Stamp Club, established in the 1960's, is open to all interested in philately. Auction held every meeting. Advanced level program occasionally

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included. Under 18 must be accompanied by adult. First and third Tuesdays starting at 7:30pm; no meetings in December/holidays. For meeting locations and info, call 352-371-1991 | Stamps4Laffs@yahoo.com

Graduate Assistants United union represents UF grad assistants by fighting for improved working conditions, community involvement and academic freedom. 352-575-0366 | organizing@ufgau.org | UFGAU.org

Grow Radio, a non-profit podcast station, provides opportunities for the community to create/manage engaging, educational, locally-generated programming promoting music, visual arts, humanities for enrichment of the community. 352-219-0145 | Bryson66@gmail.com | growradio.org

Humanist Families of Gainesville aims to raise ethical, secular children in a religious, moral environment. Meetings include children and are based on members' interests. facebook: Humanist Families of Gainesville

Humanist Society of Gainesville folks believe that the world's problems can only be solved by responsible human actions based on rational analysis and decision-making free of dogma or guidance of imaginary supreme beings. They promote secular, humanist, atheist and agnostic social influences. Facebook.com/humanistsocietyofgainesville | gainesvillehumanists@gmail.com | gainesvillehumanists.org

Ichetucknee Alliance focuses on ensuring the restoration, preservation and protection of ecosystems along the 5.5-mile length of the Ichetucknee River, including associated springs. Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday every other month via Zoom. 386-454-0415 | ichetuckneealliance@gmail.com | ichetuckneealliance.org

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Gainesville General Membership Branch Union represents all workers, regardless of industry, trade, job, employment status. gainesvilleiww@gmail.com | iww.org

Institute for Tropical Ecology and Conservation is an academic nonprofit that provides undergraduate field courses in tropical marine and terrestrial ecology, hosts biology-based study abroad programs, provides a venue for researchers, conducts conservation and community service programs. 352-367-9128 | itec1@itec-edu.org | itec-edu.org

League of Women Voters of Alachua County Nonpartisan grassroots political group of women and men who fight to improve our system of government and impact public policies such as fairness in districting, voting and elections, through citizen education and advocacy. info@lww-alachua.org | LWValachua.org

Madres Sin Fronteras (Mothers Without Borders) is a local grassroots immigrant-led organization working to protect the rights of immigrants' families in our community and to ensure all are treated with dignity and respect msfgainesville@gmail.com | facebook.com/MSFGainesville

MindFreedom North Florida is a human rights group for psychiatric survivors and mental health consumers, working to educate the public about harmful psychiatric practices and about humane alternatives to those harmful practices. 352-328-2511 | facebook: MindFreedom Florida

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots organization working to end gunviolence by electing gun sense candidates, advocating for policies that save lives, educating parents on responsible gun storage. Alachua County events listed at momsdemandaction.org/events

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 information. Facebook.com / MoveToAmendGainesvilleFL

National Alliance on Mental Illness | Gainesville offers support, education and advocacy for families and loved ones of persons with mental illness and/or brain disorders. 352-320-0457 (information) | 352-335-7770 (helpline) | namigainesville.org

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare works to preserve these threatened programs for senior citizens and families. Local volunteers needed. Marion.Co.FI.1590@gmail.com | ncpsm.org

National Lawyers Guild consists of lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers who use the law to advance social justice, support progressive social movements. gainesvillengl@gmail.com | nlg.org

National Women's Liberation is a feminist group for women who want to

fight back against male supremacy and win more freedoms for women. Inequalities between women and men are political problems requiring a collective solution. 352-575-0495 | nwl@womensliberation.org | womensliberation.org

North Central Florida Association for Women In Science is an advocacy organization championing the interest of women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors. ncfawis@gmail.com | leanin.org/circles/ncfawis

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. Facebook.com/occupygainesville

Our Santa Fe River is a non-profit composed of concerned citizens working to protect the waters and lands supporting the aquifer, springs and rivers within the watershed of the Sante Fe River. 386-243-0322 | oursantaferiver.org

Paynes Prairie Chapter, Florida Native Plant Society promotes the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. paynesprairie.fnpschapters.org | facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064434411932

PFLAG Gainesville is a local chapter of Parents and Families of Lesbians and Gays, the nation's foremost family-based organization committed to the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. 352-340-3770 | info@pflaggainesville.org | pflaggainesville.org

Planned Parenthood Clinic at Gainesville Health Center is a full-service health center for reproductive and sexual health care needs. Offering pregnancy testing and options counseling. 914 NW 13th St., Gnv. | 352-377-0881 | plannedparenthood.org (enter Gainesville FL in "find a health center" box)

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

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida has resources for the LGBT+ community, open Sat. 2-4pm: and by appt. 3131 NW 13th St., Suite 62, Gnv |

352-377-8915 | pccncf@gainesvillepride.org | GainesvillePride.org

Repurpose Project, a nonprofit junk shop/community center, diverting useful resources from landfill and redirecting items to the public for art and education, inspiring creativity, and rethinking what we throw away. Help protect the planet and buy used. Check website for hours. 1920 NE 23rd Ave, Gnv | 352-363-8902 | info@RepurposeProject.org | repurposeproject.org

River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding provides solution-based innovative ways to resolve conflicts, and offers related services such as mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. 352-234-6595 | info@centerforpeacebuilding.org | centerforpeacebuilding.org

Rural Women's Health Project is a local health education organization that develops materials promoting health justice for migrant and rural women. Robin or Fran @ 352-372-1095 | info@rwhp.org | www.rwhp.org

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

Sister City Program of Gainesville links Gainesville with sister cities in Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iraq, Haiti. 352-376-8600 | Steve@gnvsistercities.org | gnvsistercities.org

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

Student Animal Alliance is a UF-based group whose purpose is to educate and bring fellow animal lovers together to better the lives of the animal around us. StudentAnimalAllianceUFL@gmail.com | facebook.com/SAAatUF | instagram@studentanimalallianceUF

Student/Farmworker Alliance is a network of youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields. billy@sfalliance.org or brett@sfalliance.org | facebook.com/sfalliance

Sunday Assembly Gainesville is a secular congregation celebrating life

with talk, music, sing-along, discussion, fellowship. Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month. SundayAssembly32601@gmail.com | SAGainesville.weebly.com

Suwannee-St. Johns Group Sierra Club is a local group within the nation's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, representing 14 North Central Florida counties. ssjsierra@gmail.com | sierraclub.org/florida/suwannee-stjohns | 561-707-4565

UF Black Student Union strives to create, cultivate, and challenge all minority Gators to be better citizens of the Gator Nation. Facebook.com/groups/BlackStudentUnionUF

UF College Democrats is the official voice of the Democratic party on UF campus. 407-580-4543 | president@ufdemocrats.org | facebook: UF College Democrats | UFcollegedems.org

UF Pride Student Union is an LGBT+ group open to queer folk of all sorts, including students, non-students, faculty and staff, that educates and provides a safe space for those of marginalized sexualities and gender identities. UFPridesu@gmail.com | facebook.com/ufpsu | plaza.ufl.edu/jsoto19/PSU

UF Young Democratic Socialists of America is a student-run socialist organization dedicated to organizing students to fight for the needs of workers and students while building the capacity to fight radical and structural changes. Weekly meetings. ufydsa21@gmail.com | facebook.com/ufydsa

United Faculty of Florida, UF chapter is run by and for faculty, and represents over 1600 faculty and professionals at UF. Its origins lie in efforts by faculty to protect academic freedom, defend civil liberties, end racial discrimination at UF. 352-519-4130 | officemanager@uff-uf.org | www.UFF-UF.org

United Nations Association - Gainesville Chapter works to heighten citizen awareness/knowledge of global problems and the UN's efforts to deal with them. facebook.com/UNAUSAGainesvilleFICChapter | UNA-USAGainesvillefl.org

United Way Information & Referral is a human-staffed computer database for resources and organizations in Alachua County. 352-332-4636 or simply 211 | UW211help@gmail.com | unitedwayncfl.org

University of Florida HealthStreet is

a community engagement program that employs community outreach practices to reduce disparities in healthcare and research. Free services include medical and social service referrals, health screenings, Narcan Nasal Spray Kits, clothing/toiletry items, health education, events, support groups. 352-294-4880 or healthstreet.program.ufl.edu/

UF Un-PAC is a non-partisan organization working to reform our democracy and get big money/lobbying out of politics. Our Youth Power Campaign works to make UF work better for students to participate in and understand our democratic system, including demands such as voter registration at Freshman Preview, classes cancelled on election days, and more transparency on how our tuition money is spent on lobbying and political influence. Go to: un-pac.org, @un_pac_uflorida, or email un.pac.uf@gmail.

Veterans for Peace Gainesville Chapter is an anti-war organization that raises awareness of the detriments of militarism and war, as well as seeking peaceful and effective alternatives. 352-375-2563 | Facebook.com/VFPchapter14 | vfp Gainesville.org

WGOT-LP 100.1 FM is a community low-power radio station operating as part of the Civic Media Center. info@wgot.org | www.wgot.org

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) at UF aims to foster the success of women, non-binary folks, other underrepresented genders in science and engineering. People of all genders are welcome. uf.wise@gmail.com | Facebook.com/UFWiSE | wise.group.ufl.edu/about-wise

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has been promoting peace since 1915. Donate or join the at-large Jane Addams Branch. Local info: juned@stevellittler.com | wilpfus.org

Women's March Florida - Gainesville/Ocala Chapter is a grassroots progressive mobilization network inspired and created by the women who brought about the Women's March on Washington. facebook.com/wmflgnv

World Socialist Party of the United States welcomes anyone wanting to know more about Marxian socialism and our efforts to transform the dog-eat-dog – Devil take the hindmost world that's been created by capitalism, into a democratically arranged world society of equality. wspan.org. 🌟

CMC celebrates 30 years of community, education

by F. Stewart-Taylor and J.D. Schmidt

Oct. 13 marks the 30th anniversary of the Civic Media Center, Gainesville's beloved radical library and organizing space. To celebrate, the CMC is launching a fundraiser and inviting community members to share stories from their time at the Center.

The CMC's #30for30 campaign requests that community members share their favorite stories from the CMC, accompanied by a \$30 donation to support the Center's future.

With three decades of organizing, art, and education in the heart of Gainesville, the CMC has seen a lot of history, and even played a role in making some.

The center was founded by a group of UF and Gainesville activists with a mission to promote progressive viewpoints not available in the mainstream press. Since that time, the Center has experienced significant growth and change, including a move from University Avenue to its current Main St. location in 2009. At that time the circulating library, the heart of the Civic Media Center's educational mission, expanded with a significant donation from folklorist and activist Stetson Kennedy.

The Civic Media Center also boasts an expansive collection of alternative periodicals, which reflects the work of Charles Willett. Willett was a CMC co-founder and publisher of the alternative press journal, *Counterpoise*, which built connections between Gainesville and the larger alternative press movement.

Librarian and artist Travis Fristoe co-founded the CMC's unique zine and ephemera collection to share and preserve the history and art of the Do-It-Yourself movement, and the CMC is now

home to one of the largest entirely public collections of zines in the southeastern United States.

Local musician Laura Jane Grace and other bands credit the CMC with hosting some of their early shows. Social movement work has always had a home under the CMC's roof. Many local grassroots organizations, working on every issue our society struggles over, have held meetings, film screenings, workshops, talks, and fundraisers in the space over the course of the last thirty years.

The CMC has hosted a Black history free school, many iterations of the food sharing group Food Not Bombs, a coffee co-op, and clothing and household goods donation drives through the monthly Free Store.

As an all ages DIY arts venue, the Civic Media Center has hosted bands and artists across the musical spectrum, holding punk shows for FEST and bluegrass jams alike, as well as one of the longest running poetry events in north Florida, with the weekly Thursday Night Poetry Jam open mic.

The key to the Civic Media Center's long success is its grassroots staffing and fundraising model. While the Center is a 501c3 nonprofit, it eschews corporate grants and instead focuses on a model co-founder Joe Courter describes as "visibility plus credibility equals sustainability."

Membership in the library grants visitors the right to check out books from the circulating collection, and enables the CMC to keep the doors open for library hours and pay-what-you-can events. Besides one coordinator, who facilitates events and manages core CMC programs, the Center is entirely volunteer run, from staffing the library to planning shows and events. Volunteers describe their time at the CMC as transformative, providing education and creating new friendships, but also teaching them skills including cataloging books and running a soundboard for live music.

To share your CMC story, please email Coordinators@CivicMediaCenter.Org, or use the hashtag #CMC30for30 on social media. Donations of any size can be sent through paypal or venmo @CMC4ever, or sent via check to 433 S. Main St (32601).

Stories received before Oct. 13 may be shared on social media to mark the anniversary, and the Center has plans to compile stories and photographs from thirty years of Gainesville radical history into an anniversary zine before an in-person anniversary event in December. 🐸

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