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Plum Creek's smoking gun

by Stand By Our Plan

What are Plum Creek's real intentions for their 60,000 acres in Alachua County?

Should the Alachua County Commission grant their request to rezone their timberland to allow for urban development?

The friendly local people they've hired say they have a fifty-year plan, and they're in it for the long haul.

Their boss says something different.

In an interview with financial analysts in Atlanta on April 28, Plum Creek CEO Rick Holley had the following to say about the company's investment strategy.

"One of the key incentives for the company over the past several years has been the entitlement of our most valuable development properties. Through the

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Glenn Greenwald: Pulitzer may help change public perception of NSA leaks

by Seth Fiegerman

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Glenn Greenwald was eating lunch on Monday, trying not to focus on the fact that the most high-profile journalism award in the U.S. was moments away from being announced.

"I didn't want to pay too much attention to it or follow it too closely," Greenwald

told Brian Stelter during an interview that aired Sunday on CNN's Reliable Sources. "But I had my phone on the table. I knew that the hour was upon us."

At 3 p.m. ET, the news broke: The Guardian, Greenwald's previous employer, and The Washington Post had won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for their reporting on NSA surveillance based on leaked documents from former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

"I think there was an expectation that the

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committee had to recognize the reporting in one way or another, and the question was going to be how,” Greenwald said in the interview. He added that it was “gratifying” to win the Pulitzer for journalism in the public service in particular. “That is what the ideal was that we always tried to fulfill, which was doing the reporting in the public service.”

Greenwald was repeatedly criticized by government officials and some in the media over the past year for his reporting on the NSA revelations. One congressman, Rep. Peter King (R-NY), even called for Greenwald to be arrested for his involvement in disclosing government secrets.

Despite the possibility of arrest, Greenwald opted to return to the U.S. earlier this month for the first time since he began working on the Snowden revelations. “One of the reasons why I was willing to come back to the United States when I did is because I knew that the Polk Awards, as well as the Pulitzers were this week, and it would make it very difficult for them to follow through on those threats,” he told Stelter.

Greenwald added that his lawyers tried to find out the government’s intentions should he return to U.S. soil, but had no luck. “They wanted to keep us in this state of uncertainty,” he said. “There clearly was some risk of coming back.”

Greenwald is currently working on a book that will include new revelations based on the Snowden documents. He said he

doesn’t believe the Pulitzer Prize alone will change how people view his work or Snowden’s leaks, but argues the growing number of journalism awards has the potential to change public perception.

“If it were just a matter of a single award, I don’t think that would persuade anyone,” Greenwald said. “But given that pretty much every single major journalism award in the Western world has recognized the vital importance of these disclosures, I think the cumulative effect of all of that is to convey to the public that this information needed to get out and it was in the public interest that it did so, and I do think that can sway a lot of people.”

“Each one of these awards just provides further vindication that what [Snowden] did in coming forward was absolutely the right thing to do and merits gratitude, and not indictments and decades in prison,” Greenwald said in regard to the Polk Award, according to a report from “Democracy Now!”

“None of us would be here ... without the fact that someone decided to sacrifice their life to make this information available,” Poitras added. “And so this award is really for Edward Snowden.”

Glenn Greenwald just published his book about the Snowden leaks called, No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the U.S. Surveillance State. For more information and a great interview, view the two-part series on Democracy Now! with Greenwald from May 13 and May 14 here: http://www.democracynow.org/2014/5/13/collect_it_all_glenn_greenwald_on.

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pursuit of these entitlements, we change the very nature of these assets and create long term value for shareholders. We do not intend to pursue vertical development [construction], or invest a significant amount of capital into these properties. Rather, our strategy is to spend time and effort to move these



properties up the value chain through entitlement and capture that value.”

The article goes on to describe the “plum” in their portfolio, their largest “development opportunity,” in Alachua County.

Translation: they plan to boost the market value of their land through land use and zoning changes, then carve it up and sell it off. Plum Creek will not build anything, or hire anyone, or create any jobs. As pieces of Plum Creek’s lands are each sold off to new owners over the next twenty years, those new owners would likely have their own development strategies, and would return, one by one, to the county commission to ask for changes. Changes only take three votes from any future county commission.

We have no idea what the future of this land might be; we can’t trust the “plan” that Plum Creek has put together to persuade the county commission to “entitle” their property.

We only know that once the first step is taken, it’s legally impossible to turn back.

The full article can be read at <http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/news/2014/04/30/plum-creek-timber-co-developing-2-000-acre-mega.html>.

For a reality check on Plum Creek’s public relations campaign, get the facts at StandByOurPlan.org. You can also purchase yard signs, bumper stickers and more there.

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From the publisher Organizing and disappointment

by Joe Courter



Joe Courter

For those who choose to go beyond the work, eat, sleep, family, play activities in life there is the realm of civic activity; doing something to be an active participating citizen trying to make the world, or at the micro scale your neighborhood or community, a better place. Some of these options offer a commitment to a social issue or organization in which progress is measured over time. Other options involve a campaign which has a finite end; you work toward it, then there is a decision whether you win or lose and it is over, and either done or at least needs to regroup and start again.

Campaign (electoral or issue based) organizing is often a roller coasted of highs and lows — it's got deadlines and mounting intensities. Losing is a bummer, and winning has its joys, but then sometimes it's a real let down later on as all the hopes invested in the campaign may over time prove empty. You kinda peel the bumper sticker off and move on.

Movement organizing is more of a long journey, it has its campaign elements but it never really stops, such as the organizing work of the Feminist, Civil and Human Rights or Farmworker Movements. This type of organizing leaves a legacy, and within that is reinforcement to keep going, that you are part of something bigger, and more than just the here and now.

This comes to mind as I reflect on the recent controversy with regard the members, investors and workers at the "Citizens Co-op"; and as well the upcoming political season locally, with primary elections fast approaching August 26.

The "Co-op" situation does not have any resolution at this time, and what seems to be lying ahead are membership elections on Tuesday June 24 (details elsewhere) at which time there will be Board elections. Since the last Iguana there have been numerous meetings large and small, innumerable emails, inquiries and charges, but what really came out of it was a lot of earnest Co-op members, shoppers, ex-workers, growers and investors got to get to know one another better, share their visions of what a real Co-op should be, but generally be rebuffed by the small current Board. It was very disappointing, because with all these large meetings, it felt like what a Co-op should feel like, and in hindsight what it should have been instead of a small core group fulfilling THEIR vision. That said, that the Board is moving their election from September to June was the one concession. How that election turns out will not be resolved by the next Iguana July 3. With the controversy business is way down at the store, and there is speculation it may be months from closing unless business picks up. If there is new blood and re-established trust with the election maybe it can achieve the success so many have hoped for.

Many concerned members feel the June election is too quick and may be reluctant to run as there's never been an audit and there's fear about getting on board a sinking ship. A lot felt the transition offer would have been a better solution, but that was not accepted. More details next issue. Those interested can try and keep up on these sites:

www.citizensco-op.com
www.citizensco-opcommunity.org
<https://www.facebook.com/citizenscoopworkers>
or see the comments at: www.change.org/petitions/new-board-of-directors

We salute all those who are long run Movement organizers, and as well those who will jump in on local campaigns and be part of that side of things. Yeah, there are disappointments, and sometimes it seems to be going no where, but there is a fulfilling purposefulness to be part of making things better, and it all starts with a decision to begin and find out what you can do, and a group to do it with. 🐢

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Bad choices

Transcript provided by Larry Dansinger

The internet is an amazing, even overwhelming tool to access the media we want. For radio this is especially true; almost every station is available on the web. Many even have podcasts available, so that specific time is not even a limitation. So what do we do? We establish patterns of listening. For me that has meant being a morning listener to a small community station out of Blue Hill, Maine, a station I first encountered when visiting my brother up there. Eclectic music, sensible plain-speaking DJs, Democracy Now! headlines at 8am, and various features such as Larry Dansinger's 7:30am Tuesday commentaries, like the one from April 22 printed below. It is as easy as www.weru.org. The choice is ours... make the best of it.

Legislators and people who are middle class or wealthy often accuse low-income people of making so-called “bad choices,” that make them or keep them poor. “It’s your own fault,” they say. It’s a theme that regularly comes up, blaming poor folks for not going to college, or working at low wage jobs, or self-medicating themselves with drugs or alcohol when life’s a struggle.

But, do people make bad decisions that cause them to live in poverty, or does poverty cause them to make bad choices? Here’s an example:

A few weeks ago, the alternator on my car went. I had two options. I could take it to the in-town mechanic, who is more expensive, or take it to one in the next town who is cheaper. But, I was worried about the car breaking down trying to get it to the cheaper place. If it didn’t make it, I’d have to get it towed—even more money. A bad choice.

Since I had enough money, I decided not to risk the breakdown and go to the in-town place. But, if I didn’t have that extra cash, I would have taken the risk to go to the cheaper mechanic. Having extra money means not having to take chances; not having it means taking risks that can turn into bad decisions, even though there really wasn’t a choice.

“Scarcity,” a book by Sendhil Muhlainathan and Eldar Shafir, talks about how underpaid people have to focus more on basic needs and survival. They can’t just concentrate on doing their paid job, like middle class people. The middle class doesn’t have to worry as much about not having child care for their kids, or an unreliable car, or a looming bankruptcy, or paying the next utility bill. They can make bad financial decisions and get away with it.

Lower income people don’t have that luxury. They may have to take more time off, are more distracted at work, and lose their job more often as a result. But, it’s not that they aren’t as smart, or care less. Experiments have shown that people with money problems on average score 10 points lower on IQ tests compared to those who are not worried about their finances.

People in poverty have less room to fail. They lose out in other ways over which they have no control. They have to buy cheaper products that wear out faster. They go into debt more often, which costs them time and money to escape, if they escape at all. They are more present oriented and aren’t as able to plan for the future; when someone is falling behind, it’s hard to think ahead, or get ahead.

Underpaid people are more likely to be obese because cheap food has more calories than nutrition. They have more family crises to deal with. They can’t take advantage of so-called “it takes money to make money” opportunities.

A lot of government programs try to modify the behavior of low-income people, but people know how to behave. Their lives are just more chaotic and distracting, because of poverty.

So, I think it’s generally not the fault of the person when there are bad choices; it’s usually the fault of poverty.

When have you made “bad choices?” Was it really your fault, or caused by factors beyond your control?

I’m Larry Dansinger, trying not to blame the victim when our society is at fault. 🐸

Santa Fe United workers organize at Santa Fe College

*by Joseph Brenner, Deputy Chief Of Staff
SEIU-Florida Public Services Union*

Citing concern over withheld overtime pay, a general lack of transparency and openness in decision-making, and the lack of meaningful worker input at the College, workers at Santa Fe College in Gainesville have begun an effort to organize the College’s first labor union under the name Santa Fe United.

Workers have been meeting and discussing ways to fix problems at the school for years, but felt that management largely ignored their concerns. Believing that the only way forward is to organize their own independent organization outside the College’s “shared governance” structure, workers have been meeting with members of Gainesville’s larger labor community.

After several months of discussion, they’ve decided to work with SEIU-Florida Public Services Union, which represents college non-instructional staff at Hillsborough Community College in the Tampa area and 19,000 public workers across the state of Florida.

Though the campaign is in its early stages, workers have gathered support from instructional and non-instructional workers alike. Believing that the workers and management could come to an agreement over how best to address the workers concerns and seeking a fair, impartial process, the union reached out to Santa Fe College president Jackson Sasser and Human Resources Manager Lela Frye via email and fax to facilitate a meeting, but have been rebuffed in those efforts to date.

The union believes that the College has instead hired outside anti-union counsel in an effort to repel the union effort. However, the workers remain determined to have their voices heard.

The workers carry on their efforts daily, and understand that although organizing will be no easy process, it’s absolutely the only way they’ll win dignity and respect on the job.

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Memorial Mile, May 24–26

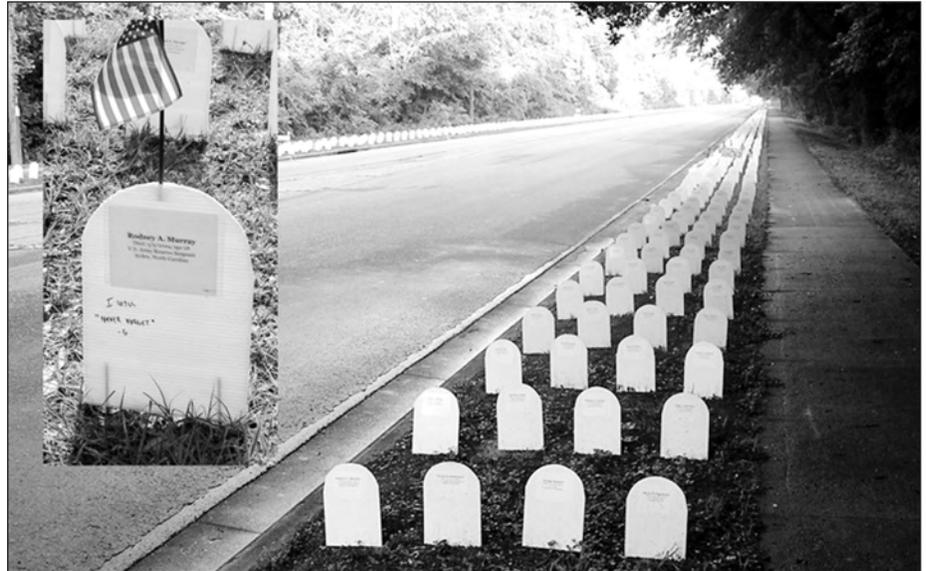
by Gainesville Veterans for Peace

Gainesville Veterans for Peace will once again set up the Memorial Mile along the Solar Walk on 8th Avenue, east of 34th Street. The display will be set up on May 24 and will stay up through sunset on Memorial Day, May 26. While thoughts of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars are unfortunately forgotten by the American mainstream media, there will still be at least 89 additional tombstones added, each one representing the death of an American service member.

“When we started this project in 2007, we could not imagine that we would still be fighting in Afghanistan in 2014, it is way past time for us to bring our troops home,” says Scott Camil, president of Gainesville Veterans for Peace.

Veterans for Peace encourage the public to stop by and walk the stunning mile at any time, believing this is the best way to take in the reality of these wars. Each tombstone representing individual Americans also represents the friends and family of the deceased who were and still are affected by these wars.

Memorial Day began as a simple, somber ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the Civil War, then called Decoration Day. Since that time, Memorial Day has continued to honor U.S. service members who have died in all wars; by the early 20th century, this day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they served in the military or not — a far cry from the national “holiday” of barbecues, brewskies and beaches that many Americans celebrate today.



Photos by Mary Bahr

Memorial Mile will be made up of more than 6,782 model tombstones. Each tombstone remembers an American service member who died in Iraq or Afghanistan, and includes the service member’s name, date of death, age, branch of service, rank and hometown. They will be arranged by theater and date of death. Tombstones with American flags on the top represent service members with local ties whose tombstones have been visited by friends and family.

Veterans for Peace will have available, on site at an information table, a book that directs visitors to specific tombstones. Every year, people come to the Memorial Mile to place flowers and other expressions of love at the tombstones of their loved ones and friends.

This is the ninth year of Memorial Mile and the sixth year the display has crossed over to the south side of the street.

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

This year’s event will also feature the Peace Ribbon from Code Pink. This is an ongoing grassroots project in which individuals and groups make panels honoring the victims of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq by creating a cloth memorial to fallen service members and Afghan and Iraqi civilians. The Peace Ribbon contains approximately 200 panels. To find out more about the Peace Ribbon, go to www.codepink4peace.org/section.php?id=17.

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Chapter 14

Medical marijuana on a roll in Sunshine State

Posted by *United for Care* on May 7
By *Mary Wozniak, news-press.com*

MARIJUANA LOSING STIGMA

Across political and generational boundaries, when it comes to pot, we're becoming much more liberal.

With six months to go before the November ballot, it appears the wave of support for legalization of medical marijuana is building to a crescendo.

A new poll shows nearly 9 of 10 Florida voters support Amendment 2. It would amend the state constitution to make legal use of pot for medical purposes.

Also, the overwhelming passage Friday of the Charlotte's Web legislative bill, allowing one specific strain of pot to be used to alleviate severe seizures, has supporters riding high.

They, along with some politicians and political experts, say it all points to an increasingly likely victory in November.

The poll from Quinnipiac University, in Connecticut, says 88 percent of Florida voters now support allowing adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes, if a doctor prescribes it. That's 17 points higher than the 70 percent reported in a consultant's 2013 poll for the United for Care campaign, which leads the push for legality. However, another new poll done by a marketing company in Winter Springs says support is at 60 percent.

Susan MacManus, professor of public administration and political science at the University of South Florida, cautioned against relying on polls. The bottom line is the law says the amendment has to pass by 60 percent of the vote. If the vote on Nov. 2 is any less than that, the measure fails.

"Most of the polls say if the election were held today, it would pass. But the election is not being held today," she said.

However, "Unless significant opposition is raised between now and Election Day, it looks like this amendment may pass," MacManus said.

The consensus is passage of the Charlotte's Web bill by the Legislature will help the movement.

"Yes, I think it's going to help us with momentum," said John Morgan, the Orlando-based attorney who is chairman of People United for Medical Marijuana. He spearheaded the campaign, dubbed United for Care, to make medical marijuana legal. He also spent \$4 million of his own money.

"A year ago, the governor said he would never support any form of medical marijuana. He's going to," Morgan said Tuesday. "One of the biggest arguments has been marijuana should never be given to children. This is only about children, primarily. A year ago, we couldn't even have a discussion. Now we've got law. It's going to happen."

The bill, passed in the waning hours of the legislative session, says the strain of marijuana called Charlotte's Web may be used to help those who suffer from a severe form of epileptic seizures. The strain is low in THC, the substance that creates a high, and would be administered as an oil.

Gov. Rick Scott was against the bill, and he even had the Florida surgeon general testify against it before the Legislature. But after the bill passed, Scott said he would sign it.

NOT ENOUGH

While backers of medical marijuana were happy, they complained the bill does nothing to support others who need pot's benefits, including those suffering from cancer, AIDS, neuro-pathic pain and debilitating ailments.

Charlotte's Web represents a big admission by the Legislature, said Ben Pollara, manager of the United for Care campaign. "It really validates the arguments we've been making in the course of the campaign, which is marijuana is medicine."

But it doesn't go far enough, he said.

Critics also complain the strict regulations outlined in a last-minute amendment to the bill are overly restrictive and hurt small business. The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Matt Caldwell, R-North Fort Myers, limits the number of growers/dispensaries to five, one each in northwestern, northeastern, central, southeastern and southwestern portions of the state. Only nurseries in the state that have been in business for at least 30 uninterrupted years can qualify. The established nurseries, which must also grow more than 400,000 plants, would have to be certified by the Department of Agriculture.

Caldwell said he was trying to make it easier for the Department of Health. With no criteria the department would be inundated with hundreds of applications, he said. The plants have to be grown in a highly contained environment by people who understand plant biology, he said.

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The short list has 21 nurseries. None are in Lee or Collier counties, but Caldwell said listed nurseries in Zolfo Springs and Venus count as Southwest Florida. Also, there will be new nurseries aging in each year and “I’m sure we will revisit the structure once we get a grip on real demand,” he said.

Caldwell is co-sponsor of the original version of the bill in the House, but he also is amenable to the legalization of medical marijuana. “In my campaigns, I have been consistent in following the will of the voters on this issue, but as a personal matter I believe that legalization of medical marijuana is no more a serious risk to public health than tobacco or alcohol,” he said.

Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, a sponsor of the bill in the Senate, said a lot of people don’t understand what the Charlotte’s Web strain is. “People are scared of marijuana,” he said. “The bill shatters stereotypes.”

Yet Bean is against Amendment 2. The amendment is too broad, he said. “It’s bad for Florida.” Bean said he has three teenage children and doesn’t want them to have access to medical pot. “Under the proposal of this amendment a college student can say he’s stressed, go to a doctor and qualify for a prescription. That’s not properly written.”

The petition to put the amendment on the Florida ballot required 683,000 signatures. United for Care gathered 786,368 validated signatures, Pollara said.

Twenty states and the District of Columbia have legalized medical marijuana. Maryland will be the 21st state when its law goes into effect June 1. Colorado and Washington also have legalized pot for recreational use.

ISSUE HITS HOME

Politicians and groups in the state against medical marijuana include Attorney General Pam Bondi, who filed a brief arguing against the amendment with the Florida Supreme Court; the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Medical Association.

Morgan is backing Amendment 2 because his father used marijuana in his final days when he was suffering from esophageal cancer and emphysema. “He was a big anti-drug guy,” Morgan said. But his father’s suffering was so severe Morgan suggested the remedy. “Finally I said,

‘Daddy, I don’t know what difference it makes at the end of your life here. You can die or you can die with dignity.’”

Morgan’s brother, Tim, a quadriplegic, also uses medical marijuana, Morgan said. “If Tim took the drugs they wanted him to take for the pain, it would put a horse down,” Morgan said. Marijuana takes away his pain instantaneously, Morgan said. “He doesn’t want to be hooked on OxyContin, Xanax or Percocet.”

Clinical trials aren’t needed, Morgan said. “I’ve had clinical trials in my own family twice. I know it works.”

What’s next for medical marijuana in Florida?

• Gov. Rick Scott announced he will sign the Charlotte’s Web bill that allows low-potency pot in narrow cases.

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Gainesville's one-stop homeless services center – GRACE Marketplace

by Theresa Lowe
Executive Director of Alachua County
Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry

GRACE Marketplace, the current iteration of the long awaited one-stop assistance center, opened its doors on May 5. Limited services, such as issuing bus passes, access to restrooms, a place to receive your mail and an air conditioned friendly spot to have a cup of coffee and relax for a bit, are currently being provided Monday through Friday, 9 am until 4 pm.

On Sunday, June 1, additional services will kick off with a barbeque. Call to Action will be bringing out their grills, and we'll be hosting the first of our daily dinners on campus.

We will also open a secure area where homeless persons can store their belongings, a lending library, church services in our chapel and host an NA meeting. Services will be provided daily from 7 am to 7 pm.

The following day, Monday, June 2, we'll be opening the doors to the on-site service providers. Included among them: Alachua County Social Services; Three Rivers Legal; Meridian Behavioral Healthcare and

the VA. More providers are being added daily with the ultimate goal being that if you homeless, at risk of homelessness or lower income and looking to change that, then GRACE Marketplace is the place to go to access services.

In July, we will open the first beds in our emergency shelter. The shelter will house individual men and women. We'll also open shower and laundry facilities.

Future plans for the campus include: on-site tent camping; a "Dress for Success" clothing closet; a culinary program; entrepreneurship training; GED classes; gardens; and on-site grooming.

We have several areas on campus that are suitable for different types of training sessions and community meetings. If you're interested in providing a class on campus or holding a meeting, please contact us at (352) 792-0800 after June 1.

To keep all of this going, and add more services to help our community, we will need a wide range of volunteers.

Our most pressing current need is for additional groups to sign up to provide meals on site. There is a nice dining room connected to an empty kitchen. Until we are able to purchase and install equipment,

we need ready to serve meals brought in daily. We estimate that we will provide dinner to 75-100 people daily.

We will also provide "take and go" breakfasts daily and need help with items that can be added to that menu. If you'd like to provide meals but can't commit to 75-100, we will partner you with others so we end up with a combined total of 75-100.

Other current volunteer opportunities include manning the desk in the Welcome Center and lots of manual labor. Once June 1 arrives, the opportunities will expand. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please check out our page on VolunteerSpot at: <http://vols.pt/fFYRnL>.

If you'd like to donate items, our wish list is posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GRACEMarketplace>.

We encourage you to stop by and check us out. We will be holding a meeting of the North Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry on Wednesday, May 21 at 9 am. Following the meeting, we will conduct tours of the campus. We're located at 2845 NE 39th Avenue and hope to see you then. 🐾



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Civic Media Center events — May/June 2014

- Every Thu: Weekly Volunteer Meeting, 5:30 pm
- Every Thu: Poetry Jam, 9 pm
- Wed, May 21: “Fed Up: The High Costs of Cheap Food,” book reading with author Dale Slongwhite, 7 pm
- Mon, May 26: Gainesville Area NOW presents “Rain Without Thunder” as part of their Summer Feminist Film Series, a faux documentary about a mother and a daughter arrested for seeking an abortion in the year 2042, 7 pm
- Tue, May 27: FREE HIV Testing courtesy of WellFlorida, 6:30 pm to 8 pm
- Wed, May 28: Last Wednesday Contra Dance, join the Improper Contraband and caller Tony Dickins for a beginner level Contra Dance in a fun safe space, open to all, 7:30 pm to 9 pm
- Fri, May 30: “Burn It All” for Art Walk, everyone is welcome to bring their unwanted art to display or outdated poetry or spoken word to read, at 10 pm attendees will have the option to bid to save a piece of art or poetry for their collection or send them to the flames, all proceeds go to support the CMC, 7 pm to 11 pm
- Mon, June 2: “Let The Fire Burn,” 2013 documentary about the events leading up to and during the 1985 standoff between the Philadelphia Police Department and MOVE, the black liberation organization, 7 pm
- Mon, June 9: The Gainesville branch of the International Socialist Organizations presents: “After Tiller” (tentative), 7 pm
- Mon, June 16: “Gideon’s Army,” 2013 documentary that follows three promising young public defenders in the Deep South who put up with long hours, low pay and staggering caseloads to defend those who society would rather forget. 7 pm
- Mon, June 23: “Thunder and Lighten-ing,” 2008 documentary about long-time Canadian folksinger Ferron, an iconic early artist in the women’s acoustic music scene. Film co-sponsored by Wild Iris Books, 7 pm.
- Wed, June 25: Last Wednesday Contra Dance, join the Improper Contraband and caller Tony Dickins for a beginner level Contra Dance in a fun safe space, open to all, 7:30 pm to 9 pm
- Fri, June 27: ArtWalk, 7 pm to 10 pm
- Mon, June 30: Gainesville Area NOW presents: “Dangerous Living: Coming Out in the Developed World,” 2003 documentary about the issues experience by gay, lesbian and transgender people in developing countries, 7 pm

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www.civicmediacenter.org

Parking just to the south at SE 5th Ave., (see sign)
or after 7 p.m. at the courthouse
(just north of 4th Ave.)
or GRU (2 blocks east of CMC)

Check website for details and additional events.



Iguana Editorial Board reading recommendations

✦ Fight for Fifteen Spreads Out and Zooms In

<http://labornotes.org/2014/05/fight-fifteen-spreads-out-and-zooms#sthash.uRS4u2fp.dpuf>

An overview of the actions that fast food workers are taking throughout the county in a struggle for fair working conditions.

✦ Lessons from corporatized college: Even PhDs are being squeezed out of the middle class

<http://www.hightowerlowdown.org/node/3627>

Experienced, degreed, accomplished adjunct college professors are often part of the working poor, with no job security, and relying on food stamps to eat.

✦ Wheeling and Dealing at the FCC

<http://www.nationofchange.org/wheeling-and-dealing-fcc-1400247591>

Amy Goodman explains the concept of net neutrality, and how the Internet will fundamentally change, for the worse, if net neutrality is eliminated.

✦ The Change Within: The Obstacles We Face are not Just External

<http://www.thenation.com/article/179460/change-within-obstacles-we-face-are-not-just-external>

A discussion of cultural-historical obstacles and challenges in dealing with climate change. ✦



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Notice to readers: If there is inaccurate information in this list, please let us know. If you are connected to an organization listed here, please check and update so others can be accurately informed about your contact information. Thank you.

Art Lab is for artists who continually expand skills and knowledge. Comprised of makers from a range of mediums (e.g. forged iron, spun wool, graphic design). Technique workshops, artist talks/critiques, professional practices meetings, critical thinking discussions. GainesvilleArtLab@gmail.com. <http://GainesvilleArtLab.org>

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

Alachua County Green Party Part of a worldwide movement built out of four interrelated social pillars that support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. www.GainesvilleGreens.webs.com

Alachua County Labor Party meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaign for universal, single-payer health care. Memberships are \$20/year. Contact: FloridaLaborParty.org, ACLPA@FloridaLaborParty.org, 352.375.2832, 14 East University Ave, Suite 204, Gainesville, FL PO Box 12051, Gainesville, FL 32604

American Civil Liberties Union Currently no local chapter. For info on forming a new chapter, or ACLU info, contact Jax office 904-353-7600 or bstandly@aclufl.org

Amnesty International UF campus chapter of worldwide human rights movement; www.facebook.com/ufamnesty or UFamnesty@gmail.com

Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI) Non-profit research organization working to stimulate conservation action to save threatened species of birds in the southeastern U.S., www.arcinst.org.

Citizens Climate Lobby (Gainesville Chapter) provides education/activist opportunities to bring about a stable climate. Meetings are on the Wednesday after the first Saturday of each month at 12:30, at the downtown library's Foundation Room. 352-672-4327, www.citizensclimatelobby.org, cclgainesville@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Democratic Party of Alachua County Meetings held the second Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium of the County Administration Building at SE 1st St. and University Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, alachuadems.org.

Edible Plant Project Local collective to create a revolution through edible and food-producing plants. 561-236-2262 www.EdiblePlantProject.org.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums Work to reform Florida's sentencing laws and restore fairness to Florida's criminal justice system. PO Box 142933, Gainesville, FL 32614, gnewburn@fam.org. 352-682-2542

The Fine Print Independent, critically thinking outlet for political, social and arts coverage through local, in-depth reporting for Gainesville's students. www.thefineprintuf.org.

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

Florida Defenders of the Environment are dedicated to restoring the Ocklawaha and preserving Florida's other natural resources. 352-378-8465 FlaDefenders.org

Gainesville Area AIDS Project provides toiletries, household cleaners, hot meals, frozen food at no cost to people living with HIV/AIDS. www.gaaponline.org, info@gaaponline.org, 352-373-4227, Open Tuesdays 10-1 and last Friday of month 5-7.

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to Death Penalty works to abolish the death penalty. Join vig-

ils when Florida has an execution. Meets first Tuesday every month at St. Augustine Church & Catholic Student Center (1738 W. Univ. Ave.) 352-284-1749, www.fadp.org.

Gainesville Food Not Bombs Local chapter of loose-knit group of collectives worldwide who prepare and share free, vegan/vegetarian, healthy, home-cooked meals made from local surplus with all who are hungry. Meals at 3 p.m. Sundays at Bo Diddly Community Plaza. Prep starts at 11 am. Get in touch if you'd like to help. gainesvillefnb@riseup.net. www.facebook.com/#!/groups/143660782367621/

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ) meets biweekly at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. to discuss relevant immigration issues and ways to bring political education to the community through workshops, presentations, advocacy, action. gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com or www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com

Gainesville Loves Mountains partners with Appalachian allies to end mountaintop removal coal mining and build a prosperous economy and sustainable future for the region and its people. We also pursue policies that will strengthen our local economy through energy efficiency and clean energy. gainesvillelovesmountains@gmail.com, 352-610-1090, <http://gainesvillelovesmountains.wordpress.com/>.

Gainesville NOW www.gainesvillenow.org. info@gainesvilleNOW.org NOW meeting info contact Lisa at 352-450-1912.

Gainesville Women's Liberation The first women's liberation group in the South, formed in 1968; now part of National Women's Liberation; a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. The inequalities between women and men are political problems requiring a collective solution. Founded 1968. Join us: www.womensliberation.org, P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, (347) 560-4695, nwl@womensliberation.org.

Gainesville Zen Center & Hostel A Zen Buddhist community offering rooms to rent on a daily basis. 404 SE 2nd St., 352-336-3613, wonderwhy@cox.net.

Graduate Assistants United Union represents UF grad assistants by fighting for improved working conditions, community involvement and academic freedom. 352-575-0366, officers@ufgau.org, www.ufgau.org

Grow Radio Non-profit provides opportunities for community members to create and manage engaging, educational, locally-generated programming to promote fine, musical/visual arts and humanities for enrichment of the community. www.growradio.org. PO Box

13891, Gainesville, 32604, 352-219-0145 (v), 352-872-5085 (studio hotline)

Harvest of Hope Foundation Non-profit provides emergency and educational financial aid to migrant farm workers around the country. www.harvestofhope.net, email: kellerhope@cox.net.

Home Van A mobile soup kitchen going to homeless areas twice a week with food and other necessities, delivering about 400 meals per week; operated by Citizens for Social Justice. barupa@atlantic.net or 352-372-4825.

Humanist Society of Gainesville meets 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of most months at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4225 NW 34th St to discuss and promote secular, humanist, atheist & agnostic social influences - www.gainesvillehumanists.org or facebook.com/humanistsocietyofgainesville; gainesvillehumanists@gmail.com.

Humanists on Campus UF organization provides a community for freethinking, secular humanists. Goals include promoting values of humanism, discussing issues humanists face internationally. We strive to participate in community service and bring a fun, dynamic group to the university! Preferred contact info: email ufhumanistoncampus@gmail.com, alternative: j.bontems@ufl.edu, phone- 561-374-3537.

Industrial Workers of the World Local union organizing all workers. Meetings are at the Civic Media Center the first Sunday of the month at 6 pm. Gainesvilleiww@gmail.com. www.gainesvilleiww.org

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd Mondays at 6 pm at La Casita, 1504 W. University Ave. (across from Library) GainesvilleIAIJ@gmail.com; 352-377-6577

International Socialist Organization Organization committed to building a left alternative to a world of war, racism and poverty. Meetings are every Thurs at the UF classroom building at 105 NW 16th St. at 7 pm. gainesvilleiso@gmail.com.

Kindred Sisters Lesbian/feminist magazine. PO Box 141674, Gainesville, FL 32614. www.kindredsisters.org, KindredSisters@gmail.com.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its advocates who protect elders' rights in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, family care homes. Training and certification provided. 888-831-0404 or <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

MindFreedom North Florida Human rights group for psychiatric survivors and mental health consumers. 352-328-2511.

Move to Amend, Gainesville is an organization dedicated to amending the US Constitution to establish that money is not speech, and that only human beings have constitutional rights. movetoamend.org/fl-gainesville

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support, education and advocacy for families and loved ones of persons with mental illness/brain disorders. 374-5600. ext. 8322; www.namigainesville.org.

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare Local advocates work to promote/preserve these threatened programs for senior citizens. We have literature, speakers, T-shirts. Email: sun115flower@yahoo.com. See national Web site to join: <http://www.ncpsm.org/>.

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

Occupy Gainesville is about engaging local people in grassroots, participatory democracy, diversity and dialogue; we stand in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street Movement and the rest of the people peacefully occupying public space across this county and the rest of the world. www.occupygainesville.org and <https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville>.

PFLAG (Parents and Families of Lesbians and Gays) meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Gainesville (1624 NW 5th Ave.) at 7 pm with a programmed portion and informal meeting with opportunity to talk and peruse their resource library. pflaggainesville.org. Confidential Helpline 352-340-3770 or email info@pflaggainesville.org.

Planned Parenthood Clinic Full-service health center for reproductive and sexual health care needs. Offering pregnancy testing and options counseling for \$10 from 10am-noon and 2-5pm. Located at 914 NW 13th St. 352-377-0881.

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida Resources for the gay/lesbian community, open M-F, 3-7, Sat. noon-4. Located at 3131 NW 13th St., Suite 62. 352-377-8915, www.GainesvillePride.org.

Protect Gainesville Citizens Group whose mission is to provide Gainesville residents with accurate and comprehensible information about the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site. 352-354-2432, www.protectgainesville.org.

River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding provides innovative ways to resolve conflict and provides services like mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. www.centerforpeacebuilding.org. 2603 NW 13th St. #333, 352-234-6595

Sierra Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville - 4225 NW 34th St. 352-528-3751, www.ssjsierra.org

Sister City Program of Gainesville links Gainesville with sister cities in Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iraq, and Haiti. Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the

Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Avenue (across from Gainesville HS). <http://www.gnvsistercities.org>.

Stand By Our Plan is committed to informing the public about the critical differences between the Comprehensive Plan and Plum Creek's proposal. We do not support Plum Creek's Plan. Alachua County's Comprehensive Plan is the best blueprint for future growth in the unincorporated areas of our county; it protects our valuable wetlands. standbyourplan@gmail.com; <http://standbyourplan.org/>.

Student/Farmworker Alliance A network of youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields. On Facebook, search "Gainesville Student/Farmworker Alliance."

Students for a Democratic Society Multi-issue student and youth organization working to build power in schools and communities. Meetings held every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall 32 on the UF campus.

UF Pride Student Union Group of gay, lesbian, bi and straight students & non-students, faculty and staff. www.grove.ufl.edu/~pride.

United Faculty of Florida Union represents faculty at University of Florida. 392-0274, president@uff-uf.org, www.UFF-UF.org.

United Nations Association, Gainesville Florida Chapter Purpose is to heighten citizen awareness and knowledge of global problems and the UN efforts to deal with those issues. www.afn.org/~una-usa/.

United Way Information and Referral Human-staffed computer database for resources and organizations in Alachua County. 352-332-4636 or simply 211.

Veterans for Peace Anti-war organization that raises awareness of the detriments of militarism and war as well as seeking peaceful and effective alternatives. Meets first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. 352-375-2563, www.afn.org/~vetpeace/.

WGOT 94.7 LP-FM Community low-power station operating as part of the Civic Media Center. wgot947@gmail.com, www.wgot.org.





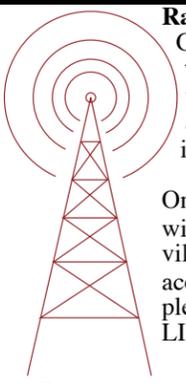
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Sunday Domingo



Radio Notes: Find schedules for WUFT, WGOT, and Grow Radio, our local non-corporate stations, at www.s.wuft.org, wgot.org, & growradio.org respectively. WGOT is a part-time over-the-air broadcast; and like Grow radio is streamed on the internet. More info on local independent radio on pg. 23.

On the music side of things, those on the east side or with antennas might appreciate the music on Jacksonville's public radio station at 89.9 FM, ranging from acoustic to electronic, jazz and blues, in an eclectic and pleasant mix in the evenings and night. LISTEN TO AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY RADIO!

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

25 Moyers & Company on WUFT-TV, Sundays, 1 pm (or watch on your own schedule via the web). Fla Folk Festival - runs Fri-Mon in White Springs, w/ multiple stages and performers. Fla Coalition for Peace & Justice weekly potluck & eco-village tour, 4 pm: fcj.org

TOWEL DAY

June 1 Maddie's Pet Adoption Days: 8 am-8 pm - see 5/31. IWW meets 1st Sundays, CMC, 6 pm. Women's Movie Night, 1st Sundays, Pride Ctr, 7 pm. 1926: Norma Jean "Marilyn Monroe" Mortensen born.



8 Free Dog Adoptions, West-side Park (1001 NW 34th St), 12-4 pm (pets at all adoption events on this calendar spayed/neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped by ACAS). Andrew Jackson Jihad (from Arizona - acoustic punk at its best) at High Dive, 8:30 pm. 1947: Sara Paretsky born.



15 Free Dog Adoptions, Jonesville Park, noon-4 pm. FATHER'S DAY

22 Free Dog Adoptions, Kanapaha Memorial Park, noon-4 pm. "Environment & Human Impact" art & discussion at Harn Museum, 3 pm.

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

Monday Lunes

26 Rain Without Thunder - part of NOW Summer Feminist Film Fest, Civic Media Center, 7 pm. 1926: Marion Michael "John Wayne" Morrison born. 1994: Vietnam & US resume diplomatic relations. MEMORIAL DAY



2 Let the Fire Burn -2013 doc on Philadelphia police bombing of black activists in MOVE organization in 1985; CMC, 7 pm. Keep up with the CMC at www.civicmediacenter.org for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future (also see pp 9, 23).

9 Gvl Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice meets 2nd Mondays, Mennonite Church, 6 pm. After Tiller documentary on impact of "pro-life" murder of Kansas doctor, co-sponsored by Internat'l Socialist Org. - CMC, 7 pm (tentative). "Envision Alachua" plan discussion sponsored by League of Women Voters, Millhopper Branch Library, 7 pm.

16 Gideon's Army - doc on public defenders, CMC, 7pm. Talking Service for Veterans reading/discussion group, Beltram Peace Ctr, 1236 NW 18th Ave, 3rd Mons, 7 pm. BLOOMSDAY

23 Ferron: Thunder & Lightning (recent doc on longtime Canadian women's music performer Ferron, co-sponsored by Wild Iris Books) at CMC, 7 pm.

30 Dangerous Living: Coming Out... at CMC, 7 pm.

Tuesday Martes

20 County Farmers' Mkt on N 441 by Hwy Patrol Tues/ Thurs/Sat, 8 am-noon. School Board meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 620 E Univ Ave, 6 pm: see sbac.edu. G'ville Poets & Writers meet Tuesdays at Books A Million, 2601 NW 13th St, 6:30 pm. PFLAG meets, United Church (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm.

1969: US Troops capture "Hamburger Hill" in Vietnam after heavy casualties during 10-day battle.

27 Alachua County Comm meets, 2nd & 4th Tues, 9 am & 5 pm, County Admin Bldg; citizens comment, 9:30 & 5:30. Today: Property Assessed Clean Energy presentation by Gvl Loves Mtns, 9:30 am.

Free HIV testing, CMC, 6:30-8 pm. Alachua County Labor Party meets, IBEW Hall, 6:30 pm. Wild Iris Feminist Open Mic Night, CMC Courtyard, 7 pm.

3 "Women's Liberation: Where Do I Fit In?" 4-week workshop by Gvl NWL (nwl@womensliberation.org) - \$40, 6:30 pm (see pg 19). Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds presented by Forage Farm (www.foragefarm.org); The Hipp, \$10, 7:30 pm.

10 School Board, 6 pm. The Conch - Gvl's monthly storytelling event at Lightnin' Salvage: 5 minutes, no notes, theme tba; sponsored & hosted by GROW Radio; 6-9 pm. 1928: Maurice Sendak born.



17 Alachua County Comm meets: see 5/27. Marjorie Harris Carr: Florida's Defender of the Environment at Matheson Museum, free, 6 pm. PFLAG meets, 3rd Tuesdays, United Church, 7 pm.

24 School Board, 6 pm. Citizens Co-op member meeting & elections: see pg 18.

July 1

Wednesday Miercoles

21 Free confidential walk-in HIV testing at Alachua County Health Dept, 224 SE 24th St, 9 am-3 pm, M-F; & at Pride Ctr, 3131 NW 13th St, 4-6 pm on 1st & 3rd Thurs; info: 334-7961. Zine Workday, CMC, noon-2 pm every Weds. Downtown Farmers' Market every Wed, Dntn Plaza, 4-7 pm; Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds. Move to Amend meets, Pride Ctr, 6 pm, every Wednesday. Humanists: "Founding Fathers" - UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm. Gvl NOW meets, Wild Iris Books, 7 pm. The High Cost of Cheap Food author reading & discussion, CMC, 7 pm.

28 Last Wednesday Contra Dance (LGBTQ-friendly, gender-neutral; beginners welcome) at CMC, 7:30 pm. 1892: John Muir & friends found Sierra Club.

4 Veterans for Peace meet, 7 pm: call 352-375-2563 for directions. IGUANA Deadline for July-Aug issue is June 25th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info. 1989: Chinese troops massacre protesters in Tiananmen Square.

11 Citizens' Climate Lobby meets, dntn library, 6:30 pm. "Natural Wonders" of Fla water: Harn Museum, 6 pm. Gvl NOW meets, Wild Iris Books, 7 pm. 1898: US Marines invade Guantanamo, Cuba. 2002: Israel begins Apartheid Wall.

18 Humanists meet (topic: human psychology), UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm. 1815: Wellington & friends defeat Bonaparte et amis at Waterloo. 1983: Dr. Sally Ride becomes first US woman in space.

25 Last Wed. Contra Dance, CMC, 7 pm.

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Thursday Jueves

22 CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm. Acoustic Blues weekly open mike Cymplify, 5402 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm. Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm, 3rd Thursdays. Bread Crumb Trail (doc of band SLINT) at The Woolly, 8:30 pm. Open Poetry every Thursday at CMC, 9 pm: Gvl's longest-running poetry jam, open to all; informal & welcoming to readers & listeners. Terry Plumeri at The Bull most Thursdays, 10 pm.

1807: Vice-Pres. Aaron Burr's treason trial opens. 29 CMC Volunteers meet, 5:30 pm. The Double at The Woolly, 8:30 pm (see woollydowntown.com for June schedule). Open Poetry at Civic Media Center, 433 S. Main St, 9 pm. 1953: Tenzing Norgay & Edmund Hillary climb Chomolungma.

5 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. Sierra Club meets at UUFG, 7:30 pm: see ssjsierra.org. Open Poetry at CMC, 9 pm. 1968: Robert F. Kennedy assassinated. 1969: US troops abandon Hamburger Hill.

12 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm. Please support Citizens Co-op, a growing community resource. Shop Co-op first & keep your \$\$\$ local! (see pp 3, 5, 18) 1963: Medgar Evers shot (dies 5/13). 1964: Nelson Mandela sentenced to life in prison (leaves 2/11/90).

19 Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm, 3rd Thursdays. Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm. 1623: Blaise Pascal born. 1945: Aung San Suu Kyi born. 1947: Salman Rushdie born. JUNETEENTH

26 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm.

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Friday Viernes

23 Wester Joseph's Stereo Vudu at Free Friday concert series: Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E University Ave), 8 pm (see pg 17). Le Week-end opens at Hipp, 8 pm. Refinery: A Modern Faery Tale, Acrosstown Rep (609 S. Main St); final weekend: Fri & Sat 8 pm, Sun 2 pm.

There will doubtless be events scheduled that aren't on this calendar at press time: check various websites and listings, and support events in our wonderfully active community. 1903: 1000s of child textile workers strike in Philadelphia, PA. 1934: Bonnie & Clyde killed in Louisiana police ambush.

30 Gay Movie Night last Fridays, Pride Ctr, 3131 NW 13th St, \$2, 7:30 pm. Bob Marley Tribute by Urban Renewal at BD Plaza, free, 8 pm. Art Walk Downtown - "Burn It All" (or save it) at CMC (see pp 9, 17). Dear & Glorious Physician, III Bones (great blues) at High Dive.

6 Little Jake Mitchell brings R&B to Free Friday concert series: Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm. Palo Alto opens at Hipp, 8 pm. GUTS, Bear Claw, and Nook & Cranny at the Atlantic (door at 9 pm). Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

13 Transgender Movie Night, 2nd Fridays, Pride Center (3131 NW 13th St), 7 pm. Cool Corporate Cats play jazz & blues at Bo Diddley Plaza, free, 8 pm. Night Moves opens at Hipp, 8 pm. 1865: William Butler Yeats born. 1893: Dorothy Sayers born. FULL MOON

20 De Lions of Jah get funky on the BD Plaza, free, 8 pm. Young & Beautiful at the Hipp, 8 pm. Midsummer Music Fest at High Dive, Friday & Saturday nights.

27 "About Face" portrait exhibit reception, Thomas Ctr, 6 pm. The Music of Bo Diddley told, played & sung by his family: BD Plaza, free, 8 pm. Ida opens at the Hipp, 8 pm. Art Walk: see artwalkgainesville.com.

4 All American Song Fest (A Paynes Prairie Home Companion), BD Plaza, free, 8 pm. INDEPENDENCE DAY

Saturday Sabado

24 Memorial Mile on NW 8th Ave, Sat-Mon - see pg 5. Christians & Muslims share scriptures, Emmanuel Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave, 10:30 am, 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Fundraiser for Midwifery & Youth Support, w/ Prof. Zoharah Simmons, trumpeter Lanard Perry, activist Kali Blount, & poet Talabi Efunbumi: Sanctuary Yoga (503 N. Main St), \$5, 7 pm. The Nacirema Society final night at Actors Warehouse, 608 N. Main St, 8 pm.

31 Maddie's Pet Adoption Days Alachua Cty Animal Svcs (3400 NE 53rd Ave), - free dogs & cats ("fixed", vaccinated & microchipped), 8 am-8 pm Saturday & Sunday (pg 19). Compassionate Parenting Workshop at Phoenix Peace Ctr, \$65-90 slide (aid available); 10 am-5pm; register by 5/26 at centerforpeacebuilding.org. Fed Up at Hipp Cinema - times tba.

7 Now & Then History Bus Tour follows education in Gvl past: \$30 (adults only), Matheson Museum, 10 am. Free Pet Adoptions: PetSmart (3736 SW Archer Rd), 11 am-4 pm. 2nd Annual School's Out Festival, Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE Cty Rd 234) - nature, food, music, swimming, art, \$10 (kids \$8); 11 am-5 pm (p 22). Veg For Life vegan potluck, UUFG, 1st Saturdays, \$1+veg dish, 6:30 pm.

14 Christians/Muslims share: see 5/24, 10:30 am. World Sea Turtle Day Celebration at Harn Museum, free, noon-4 pm. Girls' Rock Camp Showcase Finale, High Dive, 5-8 pm; afterparty, 9 pm. Gvl Roller Rebels vs Ft Myers Derby Girls, County Fairgrounds, 6 pm. The Slaughter Daughters (dark bluegrass from Oregon) at Lightnin' Salvage, 6-9 pm.

21 The Foreigner - comedy opens at Acrosstown Rep (619 S. Main St), plays Sat & Sun through 7/5; 8 pm. Jeff Thompson (from N. Carolina) at Lightnin' Salvage, 6 pm. SUMMER SOLSTICE

28 Christians/Muslims share: see 5/24, 10:30 am.

5 1811: Venezuelan Independence Day. 1962: Algerian Independence Day.



History and the people who make it: Fred Pratt

*Transcript edited by Pierce Butler
Part 1 of 2*

This is the 22nd in a series of transcript excerpts from the collection of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida.

Fred Pratt was interviewed by Jessica Clawson [C] in 2012.

P: I was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1956.

C: When did you move to Florida?

P: 1967 or '68. I have a disability, and there was no education for children with disabilities in Pennsylvania at that time, at least our part of Pennsylvania. And there was in St. Pete, where my grandparents were, so we moved down there so I could have an education. Stayed for college, stayed for the whole thing.

I'm a gay man. I've been gay, I've always known it, felt since I was little, for as long as I could remember, that I've been attracted to guys.

C: You went to undergrad at USF, University of South Florida?

P: Yes. From '77-'80. It was closest, and I was living with my grandmother and she wasn't doing very well, and I didn't want to move her anywhere. And they had a political science program, which I was interested in.

I worked for 16 years as a public assistance specialist for the state of Florida, including food stamps, Medicaid, food, AFDC. I do a lot of phone banking for local candidates. Some state and national candidates, too.

Now I'm on disability retirement, and have been for the last 11-12 years.

C: Did you identify openly [as gay at USF]?

P: No. I didn't do that because of fear — like I said, I'm in a wheelchair — and I just didn't feel comfortable, because there was all that homophobia going on. People that were out were getting threatened, beaten up, and things left on their cars. It was just not a good atmosphere.

There was a gay student organization on campus. Between the last part of my junior year and the first part of my senior year, I was ready to come out, and I went

looking for the organization. I found their information. Heard nothing from anybody once I called the phone number. I then went to where they said their meeting was going to be, it wasn't there. They moved to another building. I went to go to another meeting, once I found their new listing. And nothing. They weren't there. They had moved off-campus, to

wanted to get rid of the LGBT students that were there. And there was nobody speaking up for the LGBT community.

C: Do you get involved with LGBT-related activism now?

P: I've been on the board of the Pride Community Center, I've been on the board of the Human Rights Council of North Central Florida, I've been on the board when I was going to Metropolitan Community Church, from '88 to about '92, '93.

It was something I needed at the time. It was a place mainly for me to connect with other LGBT people, because I didn't know anybody. And then I left because I found I wasn't Christian. I had problems with their Christian ideas, you know?

C: Going back to USF — do you remember anyone who was advocating for LGBT people?

P: In the political science department there were a couple professors that were. Harry Vanden and Janice Snook. I found out, years later, that Janice Snook was the legal advisor for Tampa NOW. She had a lot of clout in the department.

Harry Vanden was a devout socialist. He just didn't care. His idea was, "I'm a socialist, it's a socialist idea that everybody is included." That was what I got from him.

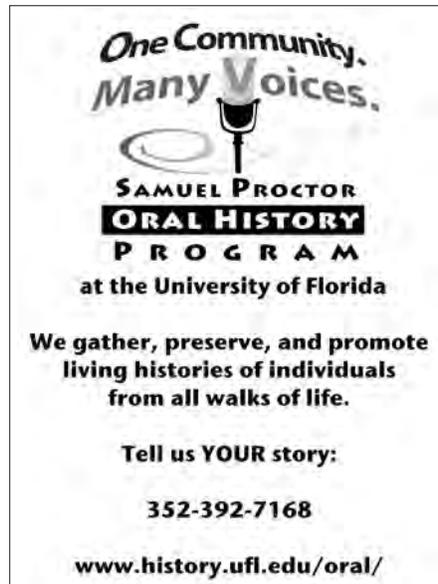
C: What about your own political orientation?

P: I belong to the Democratic Party, but I belong to the far left of it, far far left. I've gone from center to far left in the last 35 years.

It started when I was 18, doing disabled rights, and getting education, jobs, housing for people with disabilities. Then when I came out I immediately jumped into LGBT rights.

I did that because I needed to come out. And because I couldn't see the difference between disabled rights and LGBT rights. There are differences, I'm not saying there aren't. But there were a lot of similarities. The right to have a job, the right to have a family.

I have been denied a job as a disabled person. In St. Pete, I went to apply for a dispatcher's job. And the human resources person, says, "If you want the job you've got it. But let me call the person who will



a restaurant/bar. And then, they moved to a couple of private houses, and after that, I have no idea. The organization just disappeared, I think because of this fear, that these two fraternities were making a lot of noise about having queers on campus by that time.

C: I found when reading through student newspapers, that the USF gay group on campus started much later than at UF or at FSU. They both had things going in like 1970 but nothing I could find related to any gay people on campus there until 1974.

P: That doesn't surprise me one bit.

When I came up here I felt the culture was different. It was more of an intellectual, affirming, open group. There were still your pockets of homophobia at the University of Florida. But in South Florida, it was really oppressive. I mean, you could really feel it.

C: Do you remember the whole Anita Bryant thing in 1977? Do you think that contributed to the environment?

P: Yes. It encouraged the element that

be your supervisor to see if this building's acceptable." This is 1980. Buildings were just becoming accessible. He gets the guy on the speaker phone. And he says, "One thing, Mr. Pratt's in a wheelchair." The guy says, "I don't want no cripples working for me."

There's this long pause, and the human resources guy says, "Mr. Pratt's in my office and you're on speakerphone." I turned around and say, "That's fine, I don't want to work for the bigot."

C: That must be so painful.

P: It was, but I use it as a lesson, I laugh at it.

C: Well, you're resilient.

P: It's 35 years of the struggle.

C: Are you involved in any other non-LGBT organizations, activism, now?

P: I was on the board of the Center for Independent Living. We do basic services for people with disabilities. I do a lot of Democratic Party stuff, I'm on their executive committee. I'm on a number of their other committees besides that.

My ideology is let's get along. I mean, we're all one people, I'm not talking about New Age, I'm not talking about one government, but I'm talking about we're all one people. We're not a group of nations.

One of the astronauts went up and said, "You can look out at the Earth from the space craft and not see any borders." I like that. I'd really like to get people together and it's been tough.

C: Gainesville: would you describe it as friendly to LGBT people?

P: Yes. It is, it's moving a little bit away politically, and I'd like to pull it back. There's a strong right movement now to get certain people elected that want to take our rights away.

C: Because we have a non-discrimination ordinance in our city charter?

P: Yes. They tried to repeal it.

C: It was three or four years ago now? Were you involved in that struggle?

P: I was involved in the 1990s when we got sexual orientation added to the county's anti-discrimination ordinance, which was overturned by the court. Then I was involved in when we got sexual orientation

added to the city's anti-discrimination ordinance, then gender identity.

C: Which protects trans people.

P: Trans people, yes. And I saw the same faces in the city battle that I saw in the county battle, that were against us. They claimed to be religious. Some of them were, some of them I don't really believe were. I think they just kind of used that.

C: People on street corners would tell me, "This [is] about keeping men out of women's bathrooms." Which is, you know, crazy.

P: It's stupid. Let's say it.

My feeling is that they knew that there was a pretty large LGBT group here, and they didn't know that the trans group was as big as it is. And that the lesbian/gay community would come to their aid.

They also underestimated our organization skills. Between when we got protections in the county, and when we tried to get protections in the city, we had ten years to organize and strategize.

C: The gay community came to support the trans community in town. It doesn't always go that way.

P: I've heard the stories, yeah. I saw the stories down in Tampa. The gay and lesbian community did not talk to the trans community, for the longest time.

C: Why?

P: I have my suspicions but I don't know. I think the leaders of the LGBT community said, look, they're going to come after us next. We need to work with the trans people.

C: The community in Gainesville is pretty tight-knit.

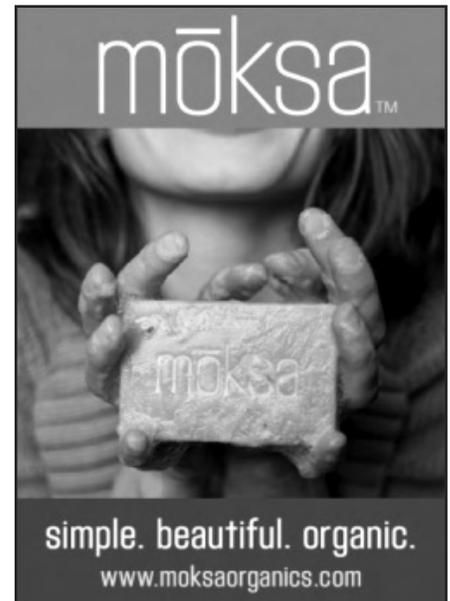
P: Yeah. I think we became tight knit, for our own survival. During the county's fight, there was a lot of hard feelings and words said between the lesbian community and the gay men. When it went to court and got repealed, we suddenly realized, hey, we've got to stop this. We need to fight for each other.

More excerpts from Fred Pratt's story will run in the July-August Iguana. Search for "Fred Pratt" at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu/collection/> for the full transcript of this interview.

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Death of the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act

by Jeannette Marie Hinsdale

Senate Bill 1576: Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act "died in messages."

That means after the bill passed its three Senate committee of reference hearings and was voted favorably on the Senate floor, it was sent to the House of Representatives where even a gutted and watered down bill was DOA. House Speaker Will Weatherford never even scheduled the House companion bill, HB 1313, for a hearing saying that he hadn't had a chance to look at the bill.

Word from the House on Springs Protection is "Wait!" But can the Springs afford to wait another year?

The 2014-15 state budget appropriated (prior to vetoes) \$30 million for springs. That works out to \$25 million for springs protection initiatives and \$5 million for agriculture best management practices (BMPs).*

This happened in a year when the state has more than a \$1 billion surplus. There was much political grandstanding on cutting fees to save Florida automobile owners about \$25 per vehicle. That won't buy a house or a car or even put much food on the table. How many of you Floridians would rather that \$25 have gone to protect the Springs, protect the drinking water supply?

Floridians need to elect leaders that have the political will and foresight to address this dire issue — the availability of

clean drinking water.

We've got important work to do.

State Legislators are now back in their districts and a lot of them are having town meetings. Please attend these meetings, voice your support for the protection of the Floridan Aquifer and her Springs, and encourage your representatives to get involved with promoting good policy towards that end.

To find your reps and their contact information go here: <http://flhouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/representatives.aspx>, and here: <http://flsenate.gov/Senators>.

Call their offices to find out when they will be having town hall meetings, schedule an appointment to meet with them, or simply send them a message.

Springs are only as healthy as their springsheds. There were two articles recently in the Gainesville Sun about new studies of the biggest sources of pollution in Rainbow and Silver Springs recharge areas: <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20140509/ARTICLES/140509614?Title=Study-identifies-sources-of-pollution-in-Rainbow-Springs> and <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20140509/OPINION01/140509689>

The Silver Springs study shows that the number one source of pollution in the springshed is Septic tanks (40%), followed by Horse farms (14%), Residential Fertilizer (11%)**, Agriculture (7%), and Cattle Farms (4%).***

The Rainbow Springs study cites Cattle farming as the highest source of pollution (25%), followed by Septic tanks (21%), Horse farms (19%), AG fertilizer (18%), and then Residential fertilizer (7%).

SB 1576 addressed all these sources of pollution.

There is no one-size fits all for Spring-shed impacts, it depends on where they are. Marion county is Horse Country whereas Suwannee County is Agriculture and Cattle farms and Poultry Manufacturing. Duval County (JAX) probably would have a higher source of urban fertilizer, and there are about 140,000 septic tanks in use in Duval County with more permits being issued. Septic tanks definitely pose a problem. Nothing personal, just science. For example, Suwannee County, the where the springsheds of the Ichetucknee, Manatee, and Fanning Springs reside, is about 80 percent rural.

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*In comparison \$47.2 million was budgeted for beach restoration (renourishment) projects.

**A study found that lawns grow just fine without fertilizer in rainy seasons.

***Dr. Bob Knight estimates Silver Springs gets a higher percent from fertilizer than septic tanks.

****Phosphorus and nitrogen are essential nutrients for plants and animals and are the limiting nutrients in aquatic environments.

Typically, nitrogen is the limiting nutrient in spring systems. Therefore, even modest increases in nitrogen above optimum levels can accelerate algae growth, plant growth, and deplete oxygen levels. 🐸

In-state tuition for immigrant students passes Florida legislature

by Philip Kellerman

After contentious debate House Bill 851 was passed by the Florida legislature granting state universities and colleges the ability to waive out of state fees to eligible undocumented students. Governor Scott has pledged to sign it.

In order for an undocumented student to establish residency for in-state tuition they must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Attended a secondary school in the state for 3 consecutive years immediately before graduating from a high school in Florida;
- 2) Apply for enrollment in an institution of higher education within 24 months after high school graduation; and
- 3) Submit an official high school transcript as evidence of attendance and graduation.

Those legislators in favor pointed out that foreign-born children should not be punished by actions of their parents in bringing them here by charging out of state tuition at up to 400 percent above in-state fees. In addition, they said many of these undocumented high schools students are needed to fill the gap in Florida for a highly qualified work force. Those against opined that it is a tax subsidy to "illegal aliens" and would promote illegal immigration to this country.

It remains to be seen whether immigrant students who have been out of high school for more than two years will be eligible for in-state tuition. 🐸

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Citizens Co-op Board election, June 24

by Joe Courter

As a result of the situation at the Citizens Co-op, the Board of the Co-op has decided to move their scheduled September elections up to June.

The fired and striking workers (5 and 2 respectively) who were the alarm clock in bringing to light the increasingly non-democratic practices at the Co-op have had their case heard by the NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) in Jacksonville.

The concerned investors, members, shoppers and former workers have held a number of productive meetings to try and bring a solution to the controversy, but the existing Board was unwilling to bend except for moving the election forward.

This is in large part due to the precipitous

fall-off in business. The store had for most of its 3-year existence been a money loser, sustained only by much early community fundraising and further infusions from community members. Being a small store it was hard to get a foothold, which was further complicated by limited selection and high prices in the attempt to be local and organic. With the high turnover of experienced workers, and changes and consistencies in leadership and style, it proved difficult.

So here we are. The June 24 meeting at the United Church of Gainesville will kick off the voting with a meet the candidates event. Voting will continue on line and at the store for two weeks until July 8 when the votes will be tallied.

The new Board will meet July 15. The election will be for all seven Board seats,

with it open to current Board members as well as new people. There are 4 at-large seats, open to the top four vote getters. There is one member-owner seat, one producer-owner seat, and one worker-owner seat.

The Co-op's website will have profiles and photos of all candidates. Those wishing to serve or to nominate those to serve must meet a June 3 deadline.

There is one vote per membership share, and any membership gotten before June 24 will get to vote. As this is just recently announced, there are details to be worked out. Outgoing City Commissioner and current Co-op Board member Thomas Hawkins is tasked with running the election, and he will be looking for and needing help. ☺

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Alachua County Animal Services: Be part of the challenge



by Jane Grantman
ACAS Shelter Supervisor

NATIONAL COMPETITION

The ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge is a contest in which 50 shelters across the country compete to break their own records saving the lives of animals. Throughout the months of June, July and August 2014, each competing shelter must save more dogs, cats, puppies and kittens than they did during the same three months in 2013.

Alachua County Animal Services, (3400 NE 53rd Avenue in Gainesville) is one of the 50 shelters chosen to participate. Grand prize is a \$100,000 grant. We need to save approximately 2,500 dogs and cats during this time. WOW!

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SOCIAL MEDIA

We can win an additional \$25,000 grant. Starting NOW, add #100KChallenge and @alachuacountyanimalservices, making sure there is a space between challenge and @. Every time you post about Alachua County Animal Services in this manner on Facebook or Twitter, we get points. You can write about your animals that you adopted from us and your positive experience. Share your views on the importance of adopting. In late August, VOTE for Alachua County Animal Services by clicking on the voting button. The results will be monitored and the shelter who has the best community engagement will win.

For more information about the Challenge, visit: <http://www.challenge.aspca.org/about-final-challenge>.

OFFSITE ADOPTION EVENTS

Every weekend in June, July and August

we will hold off-site adoption events around the area. Business owners have the opportunity to host one of these events. For more information about this, contact Dory Rosati in the Adoption Center at drosati@alachuacounty.us or 352-264-6870, option 2. Watch for our event calendar at the Alachua County Animal Services Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alachua-County-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alachua-County-Animal-Services/94793662030)

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- Radical feminist theory: What is radical? What is radical feminism? What is male supremacy?
- Where can we go from here?

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* Much of the material we'll be using is from the Redstockings Women's Liberation Archives for Action, an archive that makes the formative and radical 1960's experience of the movement more widely available. For a full catalog, go to: www.redstockings.org

2014 Alachua County Peace Poetry Contest

The fifth annual Alachua County Peace Poetry Contest was a great success this year, with a record-breaking 360 poem submissions from students in 1st through 11th grades (the event is open to grades K–12). To learn more about the Peace Poetry Contest and to see the full collection of winning poems, visit www.vfpgainesville.org.

Below is the 1st Place poem for grades 7–9 by Abdulrahman Abdullah from Howard Bishop Middle School.

A Change

Fathers and brothers
Sisters and mothers,
Husband and wife,
All of these people living a normal life.
They laugh and smile like everyone else,
But what they buy our country, no store sells. One day war has been declared,

The faces of these people are definitely not scared. The camouflage uniform is worn with pride, Soldiers put their own life on the line.
The call for war has begun,

Songs of victory have been sung.

Missiles and bullets find their mark,
Dust and smoke color the field dark.
Many have fallen, many suffer from wounds,
Bloodied faces do not hide their gloom.
War hangs in the air like an overcast sky,
When war occurs, people ask why.
Why wage war when you can befriend each other?
The problem today is that we think we don't need one another. We all see the flaws that others possess,
But we all don't notice we cause each other distress.

If we all could combine and unite,
What would be the use to fight?
Great people have been lost to war,
So why do we have the hunger for more? Countless rulers and presidents have passed, Yet peace is not showing signs of coming fast. Nonviolence is just a theory today,
But rather violence is the largest obstacle in our way.

We don't realize what war does to us,
How it corrupts us,
How it changes us,
How it makes us hate each other.
We see innocent people killed because of beliefs,
Everyone involved never receiving relief.
Countless people have been symbols of peace,
But when will these conflicts ever cease?
The day we see the person next to us and see how beautiful humans are,
The day we see how war gives scars,
The day we see that peace isn't far,
Is the day that defines who humans are.

Abdulrahman Abdullah
1st Place, Grades 7–9 Howard Bishop Middle School



Local elections are coming in August

by Joe Courter

Regarding local elections, it will be an interesting year. Ted Yoho, the Tea Party favorite Congressman from District 3 will have a Republican challenger in Jake Rush, recently interviewed by Stephan Colbert and who promises to make thing a bit more fun than usual, and the winner of that will face a real grassroots and high quality Democrat in the person of Marihelen Wheeler.

The state Representative for our district has Repub. Keith Perry facing a strong challenge from Springs and education advocate Democrat John Uman, who should prove a strong and worthy opponent. No primary there, but a hell of a race for November.

Local races are still subject to changes and additions, but as of now there will be Democratic primaries for the County Commission races, and if you are not registered as a Democrat you will have no voice in the primaries, and there are substantial differences between the candidates. Your choice to switch your Party affiliation or not, just sayin'... As of now we like Harvey Ward over Lee Pinkoson and Ken Cornell over Kevin Thorpe. Plum ("Plunder") Creek weighs heavily on our minds, they are a big slick Corporation with massive PR and money to spend; big on promises and hope-building but bottom line, they are out to make some money and leave. The Iguana strongly endorses keeping with the County's Comprehensive Plan, and candidates who support this. There are also School Board elections coming up, too., and we like Gunner Paulson and Rob Hyatt.

Local elections are where the voters' power resides, and working on a campaign multiplies that power. Plato reportedly said, "The price of apathy in public affairs is to be ruled by evil men." Cast off your apathy, get involved if you can. A lot of times it is people power and organizing vs. big money and media, and usually it is the former that reflects the more progressive ideas. Visit the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections site for candidate contacts and voting information. 🐢



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See “Targeting Iran”

by Joe Courter

One of the side benefits of the Civic Media Center’s SpringBoard event in March was that David Barsamian had with him copies of a new film “Targeting Iran,” which is based on the book of the same name by David and frequent collaborator Noam Chomsky. In late April the CMC had a screening of the film, and it was very well received; so much so that it was suggested the CMC get copies of it for the library. That has been done, and there are six copies available for check out with your membership. Granted the sabre-rattling toward Iran has not been as prominent, what with the uproar over Cold War style arm waving regarding Ukraine covered elsewhere in this issue, but with the increased Iranian influence in the Middle East region since the U.S. invasion of Iraq, the “Iranian problem” is bound to resurface.

This film is very important because of its historical analysis of Iran — its people, its culture and its political system. Drawing on experts from Iran and the region as well as Stephan Kinzer, who has written extensively on U.S. Foreign Policy and especially on Iran and the U.S. engineered coup in 1953 of Mohammed Mosedeheh, it also features comments by MIT’s Jim Walsh, National Iranian American Council President and author of A Single Roll of the Dice, Trita Parsi, as well as Vandana Shiva, Nazila Fathi, Jeremiah Goulka and Nahid Mozaffari.

A refreshing low budget and engaging film, it deserves a wide audience, but without a big promotional budget, it is the grassroots that must get this film seen.

And that is what the CMC depends on, too. Come get a membership, or renew your membership, and check out this film or any of the other holdings the CMC has. 🐾



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Times, which has been an unabashed supporter of the Kiev regime, acknowledged that “the referendums demonstrated that there was substantial popular support for the pro-Russian separatists in some areas.”

When the rebellion began, the Kiev regime called the separatists “terrorists” who were being manipulated by Moscow and would be soon crushed by Ukrainian troops. But hundreds of civilians in the east set up road-blocks, causing many soldiers to refuse to fire on their countrymen. Some soldiers even abandoned their armored personnel carriers.

That led to the dispatch of new special units drawn from the neo-Nazi militias that spearheaded the Feb. 22 coup against Yanukovich and now have been incorporated into the National Guard.

Though the introduction of these special units have led to dozens of deaths among the ethnic Russian resistance – including at the grisly fire in Odessa on May 2 – the violence has done little to cow the people of the rebellious region who turned out in large numbers on Sunday despite two attacks marring the mostly celebratory air at the referenda.

One of Kiev’s special units, known as the Dnepr Brigade, attacked a polling place at the City Hall in the town of Krasnoarmiysk on Sunday afternoon, causing the vote organizers to grab ballot boxes and run. When a civilian tried to block other soldiers from entering the building he was shot dead, according to an account in the New York Times.

Two other civilians were wounded in the village of Baranikovka in the Luhansk region when, according to the Interfax news agency, Ukrainian soldiers fired into a crowd blocking National Guard armored vehicles.

Despite Sunday’s strong expression of public support for secession, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki called the voting “illegal under Ukrainian law, and ... an attempt to create further division and disorder.” She vowed that the United States would not recognize the results.

The next step for the State Department will be to promote a special Ukrainian presidential election called by the Kiev regime for May 25, with only regime supporters being given any chance of victory after major candidates representing the anti-coup east withdrew from the race, citing threats of arrest and physical attacks.

Whereas State Department officials

dismissed the legitimacy of Sunday’s referenda, in part, because of eastern Ukraine’s violence and disorder, that argument is sure to disappear in the run-up to the May 25 election.

To guarantee that the West’s news media is reading from the right script, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy Richard Stengel left for Kiev and other European capitals “to stress the need for greater regional engagement to support Ukraine’s upcoming May 25 elections,” the State Department announced, saying Stengel would “push back against efforts to delegitimize [the elections] and ensure that all Ukrainians are given the chance to decide their future for themselves.”

During a stop in Brussels, Belgium, “Under Secretary Stengel will engage with a wide spectrum of European media and think tank leaders to discuss the current crisis in Ukraine; highlight U.S support for the territorial integrity of Ukraine; emphasize the importance of ensuring Ukraine’s upcom-

ing elections are free, fair and transparent; and reaffirm the value America places on the Transatlantic partnership,” a State Department release said.

Stengel is the same official who on April 29 issued a sloppily prepared “Dipnote” that made broad-brush criticisms of RT’s content, accusing the Russian network of painting “a dangerous and false picture of Ukraine’s legitimate government.” But Stengel’s commentary failed to include citations to the offending articles and also revealed a stunning ignorance of the events surrounding the Ukraine crisis. [See Consortiumnews.com’s “Who’s the Propagandist, US or RT?”]

During my days in the 1980s as a reporter for the Associated Press and Newsweek – when the Reagan administration began emphasizing “public diplomacy” by setting up special PD offices – we would often refer to them as sources of “propaganda and disinformation.” Three decades later, it doesn’t seem that much has changed. 🐞

Forage plans School’s Out Fest to celebrate the start of summer!

by Forage Farm

Forage will hold the 2nd Annual School’s Out Festival on June 7 from 11 am through 5 pm. The event, a fundraiser for Forage, will be held at Prairie Creek Lodge and Forage Farm. The event will feature interactive opportunities to explore nature, music and art. There will be live bands including Nook and Cranny, Bears and Lions, Michael Claytor. Local organizations will host nature-based activities and crafts for the kids. Humble Pie Pizza, Sweet Dreams Ice Cream, and other local food vendors will be onsite. Bring your bathing suit to enjoy the water fun too!

Forage’s mission is to be a center for educating and inspiring people to value healthy food, land, and community by growing, supporting and sustaining the local food movement. As a small farm nestled on conservation land, Forage seeks to preserve natural habitat in order to maintain the balance that is essential for our long-term sustainability and that of the earth we share. The staff approach the farm from an ecosystem perspective, working to restore topsoil and meadows to create a truly sustainable food web that feeds people’s hearts, minds and bodies as well as wild plants and animals.

As an education center dedicated to fostering respect, critical thinking, and skills to enhance our food system, Forage seeks to help individuals find the connection between people, their food, and the environment. They work to develop programs that help people build a special relationship between the natural world and the food they eat in ways that translate to action.

Last summer, in its first year, the event drew more than 250 people, and was a great success. One attendee said “What a relaxing day. Such great local bands, fun and awesome food...it’s a celebration of what is great about our community!”

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$8 for kids. Children under 3 get in free. For more information on the event or Forage, visit www.foragefarm.org or email anna@foragefarm.org. 🐞

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	3 pm	Lost Sharks
	5 pm	Street Nuts
	7 pm	Malum
	8 pm	New Day Rising
	10 pm	Female Trouble
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Wed	12 am	Pyramid Society 64
	9 am	Sax and Violins
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	3 pm	The Quiet City
	5 pm	A Brazilian Commando
	7 pm	Homebrew Talk
	9 pm	The Otherness
Thu	12 pm	Things Be Blowin'
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	4 pm	Hope & Anchor
	6 pm	The Kitchen Sink
	8 pm	florida rules
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Ukraine's dueling elections

by Robert Parry

This article was originally published at ConsortiumNews.com on May 12. Robert Parry is a great resource for those looking for the truth regarding the situation in Ukraine and continues to cover the situation in an independent way, unlike the mainstream corporate media that acts as the puppet of the U.S. government.

Exclusive: Voters in two eastern Ukrainian provinces showed strong support for secession from the coup regime in Kiev, but the U.S. State Department and other regime supporters reject the outcome and vow to press ahead with a special presidential vote on May 25, Robert Parry reports.

Despite many procedural shortcomings, the referenda for secession in eastern Ukraine confront the post-coup regime in Kiev and its Western backers with a growing problem, the realization that major ethnic Russian population centers near the Russian

border reject the new right-wing national leaders and favor independence.

The U.S. State Department and the mainstream U.S. press will, of course, dismiss the significance of the voting in the provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk because of the chaotic circumstances in the region, but the seemingly high turnout and overwhelming vote for secession indicate that there is widespread popular support for the armed resistance to the Kiev authorities who took power in February after the violent overthrow of elected President Viktor Yanukovich, whose political base was in the east.

Popular support for the anti-regime rebels was not entirely clear despite the apparent public tolerance of the separatist forces that seized control of about a dozen towns and cities in the industrial region known as the Donbass. But now, even the New York

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