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The fog machine of war

Chelsea Manning on the U.S. military and media freedom

By Chelsea Manning

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FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. -- When I chose to disclose classified information in 2010, I did so out of a love for my country and a sense of duty to others. I'm now serving a sentence of 35 years in prison for these unauthorized disclosures. I understand that my actions violated the law.

However, the concerns that motivated me have not been resolved. As Iraq erupts in civil war and America again contemplates intervention, that unfinished business should give new urgency to the question of how the United States military controlled the media coverage of its long involvement there and in Afghanistan. I believe that the current limits on press freedom and excessive government secrecy make it impossible for Americans to grasp fully what is happening in the wars we finance.

If you were following the news during the March 2010 elections in Iraq, you might remember that the American press was flooded with stories declaring the elections a success, complete with upbeat anecdotes and photographs of Iraqi women

proudly displaying their ink-stained fingers. The subtext was that United States military operations had succeeded in creating a stable and democratic Iraq.

Those of us stationed there were acutely aware of a more complicated reality.

Military and diplomatic reports coming across my desk detailed a brutal crackdown against political dissidents by the Iraqi Ministry of Interior and federal police, on behalf of Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki. Detainees were often tortured, or even killed.

Early that year, I received orders to investigate 15 individuals whom the federal police had arrested on suspicion of printing "anti-Iraqi literature." I learned that these individuals had absolutely no ties to terrorism; they were publishing a scholarly critique of Mr. Maliki's administration. I forwarded this finding to the officer in command in eastern Baghdad. He responded that he didn't need this information; instead, I should assist the federal police in locating more "anti-Iraqi" print shops.

I was shocked by our military's complicity in the corruption of that election. Yet these deeply troubling details flew under the American media's radar.

It was not the first (or the last) time I felt compelled to question the way we conducted our mission in Iraq. We intelligence analysts, and the officers to whom we reported, had access to a comprehensive overview of the war that few others had. How could top-level decision mak-

Voting matters. Contrary to all the cynicism and the belittling, it does matter, especially in local elections. Working for candidates and helping in campaigns multiplies your vote. And frankly, party affiliation matters, too. In all my time voting, based on my left-of-center orientation (prioritizing education, healthcare, the environment, peace and justice, etc.), I have rarely seen where a Republican advanced my interests. But I must admit that thanks to all the social pressures of the times, Richard Nixon did some quite progressive things, and in hindsight, and compared to the current crop of Republican, looks in some ways downright progressive. I must also say Obama, and before him Clinton, got away with some horrible policy changes for which they got a free ride from the left. Our bad, but so it goes. It is up to citizens to hold our representatives accountable.

But local races are where your vote counts most. We feel very strongly about the two county commission races and support Harvey Ward in District 2 and Ken Cornell in District 4. Ward is attempting to

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ers say that the American public, or even Congress, supported the conflict when they didn't have half the story?

Among the many daily reports I received via email while working in Iraq in 2009 and 2010 was an internal public affairs briefing that listed recently published news articles about the American mission in Iraq. One of my regular tasks was to provide, for the public affairs summary read by the command in eastern Baghdad, a single-sentence description of each issue covered, complementing our analysis with local intelligence.

The more I made these daily comparisons between the news back in the States and the military and diplomatic reports available to me as an analyst, the more aware I became of the disparity. In contrast to the solid, nuanced briefings we created on the ground, the news available to the public was flooded with foggy speculation and simplifications.

One clue to this disjunction lay in the public affairs reports. Near the top of each briefing was the number of embedded journalists attached to American military units in a combat zone. Throughout my deployment, I never saw that tally go above 12. In other words, in all of Iraq, which contained 31 million people and 117,000 United States troops, no more than a dozen American journalists were covering military operations.

The process of limiting press access to a conflict begins when a reporter applies for embed status. All reporters are carefully vetted by military public affairs officials. This system is far from unbiased. Unsurprisingly, reporters who have established relationships with the military are more likely to be granted access.

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Less well known is that journalists whom military contractors rate as likely to produce "favorable" coverage, based on their past reporting, also get preference. This outsourced "favorability" rating assigned to each applicant is used to screen out those judged likely to produce critical coverage.

Reporters who succeeded in obtaining embed status in Iraq were then required to sign a media "ground rules" agreement. Army public affairs officials said this was to protect operational security, but it also allowed them to terminate a reporter's embed without appeal.

There have been numerous cases of reporters' having their access terminated following controversial reporting. In 2010, the late Rolling Stone reporter Michael Hastings had his access pulled after reporting criticism of the Obama administration by Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal and his staff in Afghanistan. A Pentagon spokesman said, "Embeds are a privilege, not a right."

If a reporter's embed status is terminated, typically she or he is blacklisted. This program of limiting press access was challenged in court in 2013 by a freelance reporter, Wayne Anderson, who claimed to have followed his agreement but to have been terminated after publishing adverse reports about the conflict in Afghanistan. The ruling on his case upheld the military's position that there was no constitutionally protected right to be an embedded journalist.

The embedded reporter program, which continues in Afghanistan and wherever the United States sends troops, is deeply informed by the military's experience of how media coverage shifted public opinion during the Vietnam War. The gatekeepers in public affairs have too

much power: Reporters naturally fear having their access terminated, so they tend to avoid controversial reporting that could raise red flags.

The existing program forces journalists to compete against one another for "special access" to vital matters of foreign and domestic policy. Too often, this creates reporting that flatters senior decision makers. A result is that the American public's access to the facts is gutted, which leaves them with no way to evaluate the conduct of American officials.

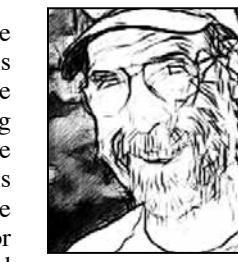
Journalists have an important role to play in calling for reforms to the embedding system. The favorability of a journalist's previous reporting should not be a factor. Transparency, guaranteed by a body not under the control of public affairs officials, should govern the credentialing process. An independent board made up of military staff members, veterans, Pentagon civilians and journalists could balance the public's need for information with the military's need for operational security.

Reporters should have timely access to information. The military could do far more to enable the rapid declassification of information that does not jeopardize military missions. The military's Significant Activity Reports, for example, provide quick overviews of events like attacks and casualties. Often classified by default, these could help journalists report the facts accurately.

Opinion polls indicate that Americans' confidence in their elected representatives is at a record low. Improving media access to this crucial aspect of our national life — where America has committed the men and women of its armed services — would be a powerful step toward re-establishing trust between voters and officials. ☀

From the publisher: Guilty pleasures

I got hooked on World Cup soccer almost 30 years ago. There is something wonderful about such a simple game, which is played world wide, and the gathering of teams from all over the planet, with their varied ethnic and cultural differences, going head-to-head (sometimes literally, unfortunately) that make me feel a oneness of humanity. That said, and especially with this year's tournament in Brazil, there is a huge cost required by the host nation which is borne by its citizens; displacements of poor people, and money and resources, which could have been used for health care, public services and education, being put into stadiums that may only see limited use in the future. I think about this as I watch World Cup (well, not actually during the game); how wrong is this for me to be getting such pleasure from something which has had such a negative impact on the lives of other humans?



Joe Courter

How different is this from the other guilty pleasures many of us enjoy in our lives? Modern life gives us tremendous options for guilty pleasures unimagined and unavailable to every preceding generation on this planet. The pleasures abound, just think about it; our food options, our entertainment options. As I write this I am reminded that there are a sizable number of people who don't share in this bounty, for whom the day-to-day struggle to survive leaves little room for the pleasures so many take for granted. But this is also where the "guilty" comes in. Modern life, through its information technology, can make the reasons we should perhaps feel guilty much more available. We don't live in a bubble of ignorance, of not seeing or hearing from oppressed people and being aware of injustices all around us as prior generations did. Modern life has actually accelerated the amount of injustice, exploitation, and oppression happening as corporate culture has taken hold of our economy, so not only can we see it, there is more of it to see! No, we can't claim ignorance, but we can be blamed and perhaps ought to be a bit ashamed of our ignore-ance; the self-induced bubble of self-interest trumping collective responsibility.

I am not one to advocate avoidance of pleasure; human life is too short and pleasure should be part of it. I also don't want people wallowing around in guilt, that does nothing. Take in your pleasures, but also make part of your life increasing the pleasures of others in whatever way fits your time, talent and interests. And I know many of you do. We live in a great town because there are so many who give a damn and have figured out how to do stuff that benefits others in addition to the regular stuff they "have to" do. ☀

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The Florida governor, who once was against gay marriage, is seeking to overturn the ban.

• Don't Rush to Coronate Charlie Crist as the Democratic Nominee

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Charlie Crist is not the answer to Rick Scott. Nan Rich is.

• Florida Governor Signs Bill Further Restricting Later Abortions

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The new law doesn't take into account the woman's unique and complex circumstances.

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Environmentalists file legal challenge, call cattle ranch a ‘recipe for disaster’

by Matt Keene

This article is Chapter 2 in an online series of articles called “River be dammed: Florida’s forgotten river,” a project six months in the making by Matt Keene, made possible by grants from the Florida Defenders of the Environment and the Felburn Foundation.

After paddling the full length of the Ocklawaha River, the St. Johns River’s largest tributary, Keene “felt the river’s magnificence, flow and unique position as a signifier of Florida’s environmental attitudes. Paddling slowly through the Drowned Forest, along the most upstream stretches of the Rodman Pool, Keene was compelled to share the story of the Ocklawaha, Kirkpatrick Dam and Cross Florida Barge Canal with whatever audience he could gather. This project, River be dammed, is a direct result and manifestation of those experiences.”

The project was released over the course of six chapters, all of which are available at riverbedammed.org as of press time.

If approved, 6,371 grass-fed cattle will spend 158 days fattening up on the North Tract of the ranch formerly known as Adena Springs, aka Sleepy Creek Lands in Fort McCoy, Fla., before slaughter.

In that time, the cattle will produce a total of 68 million pounds of manure—the weight of more than 24,000 2014 Toyota Corollas—on the 7,200-acre property.

This has environmentalists worried, as they fear nutrients will seep into both groundwater and nearby Mill Creek, a braided tributary to the Ocklawaha River.

“With the cattle and slaughterhouse right by Mill Creek, all the manure, pesticide and fertilizers could run into the creek and then into the Ocklawaha River,” said Karen Chadwick, an eco-tour guide and local resident. “It could be very detrimental to the health of this entire system.”

Concerned over the potential impact, Sierra Club, St. Johns Riverkeeper and citizens Karen Ahlers and Jeri Baldwin have all petitioned for an administrative hearing challenging the approval and recommended approval by the St. Johns River Water Management District [SJR-WMD] of an Environmental Resource

Permit and, respectively, a Consumptive Use Permit for water use.

“Due to the high amount of nutrient pollution that will be coming off of this site, both in the groundwater and the surface water, an environmental resource permit was necessary,” said Riverkeeper Lisa Rinaman of St. Johns Riverkeeper. “But we don’t feel like the applicant is giving enough reasonable assurances that there won’t be significant nutrient pollution in an area that’s already severely impaired.”

The petitioners state that SJRWMD staff have failed to account for the impacts to the flow of Silver and Salt springs, the Silver and Ocklawaha rivers and “the increased nutrient loading that will result” from the cattle’s manure and use of large quantities of fertilizer and water. They

state that SJRWMD has not provided reasonable assurances that water resources would not be significantly affected. The petitioners also question the validity and accuracy of the scientific models used to determine a permit’s acceptability.

In order to call their beef grass-fed, Sleepy Creek Lands aka Adena Springs Ranch will need 2.32 million gallons of water per day to irrigate the grass the cattle eat and to provide 12 gallons of drinking water for the livestock, per animal, per day, according to the Consumptive Use Permit application they filed in February of 2014.

More than two years ago, Adena Springs Ranch was seeking a total of 13.267 mgd, nearly six times their current water request. That request catalyzed environmental and water activists, who voiced their opposition to SJRWMD. Since Adena Springs Ranch’s original permit application, less than 150 letters of support have been received by the district, while almost 6,000 letters of concern or objection have been sent, or more than six a day, on average.

“The effort we’ve put into it, simply because we’ve seen that permit go from 13.267 mgd to 2.3 mgd, that is a victory,” said Ahlers. “Whether or not we stop the project, we’ve made it better.”

The intense focus on reducing water use, however, allowed the approval of the Environmental Resource Permit to largely go unnoticed. The ERP will allow the

ranch to modify water drainage on the site that currently drains into Mill Creek. With more than 2,000 acres of wetlands on the property, some that serve as headwaters to Mill Creek—a tributary to the Ocklawaha River, environmentalists feel that the ERP was approved hastily while using bad science.

Mill Creek flows approximately five miles from the ranch to its confluence with the Ocklawaha River.

It is a braided tributary, meaning that several small streams weave through adjacent wetlands on their way to the Ocklawaha. The waters of Mill Creek join the Ocklawaha River in the riverine section of Rodman Pool, less than 15 miles upstream of the Kirkpatrick Dam.

Along this section of the pool, the backed-up waters from the dam have caused an over-abundance of aquatic plant growth that necessitates a draw-down of Rodman Pool every three to four years in order to remove the excessive growth.

“The Kirkpatrick Dam is holding water unnaturally in that area,” said Rinaman. “It is killing vegetation and trees and increasing nutrients. It’s like a big petri dish. In my opinion, it’s actually making the nutrient pollution problem in the area much, much worse.”

As methods of addressing nutrient pollution and waste runoff, the ranch’s nutrient management plan lists cattle rotation, retention ponds and storm water wetland buffer berms. Through the use of non-irrigated pastures and irrigated rotationally grazed paddocks, the ranch hopes to eventually spread the more than 400,000 pounds of manure added to the ground every day.

In times of high growth, the cattle will be moved each day, rotating through a series of ten paddocks around a central irrigation pivot. Additional nitrogen fertilizer will be applied to the previous paddock to help the grasses recover, as soon as the cattle have vacated. In times of low growth, the cattle will spend three days in a paddock prior to rotation. The ranch intends to apply a manure-based fertilizer, drawn from their retention ponds, at agronomic rates in an effort to minimize environmental impact. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, though,

“even when farmers apply fertilizer at the recommended agronomic rates, only 30 percent to 50 percent of the nitrogen added to the soil is taken up by the plant depending on the species and cultivar, with the rest lost to surface runoff, leaching of nitrates, ammonia volatilization or bacteria competition.”

This runoff is where potential groundwater infiltration could occur, as the ranch is within the Ocklawaha River watershed. At 2,769 square miles, the watershed is the largest tributary watershed to the St. Johns River and contains both a connected chain of lakes and wetlands and a well-developed groundwater or sub-surface flow system, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Groundwater flowing through the watershed discharges primarily at Rainbow Springs and Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha River’s major tributary.

FDEP has called for a 79 percent reduction in nitrates at Silver Springs, noting

that sources of nitrates include “inorganic fertilizers applied to agricultural fields, yards and golf courses along with organic sources, including domestic wastewater and residuals, septic tank effluent and animal waste from equine and cow/calf operations” and that the contaminants enter the groundwater “often by way of stormwater runoff.”

“I’m no expert but I know that water runs downhill,” said Ahlers. “The Ocklawaha is downhill from Adena’s operation. Rain that falls on the ranch and irrigation water will be polluted by cattle waste and fertilizer. Some will soak into the ground and have a negative effect on groundwater. The rest will be transported via Mill Creek to the Ocklawaha.”

According to the EPA, chicken, hog and cattle excrement has polluted 35,000 miles of rivers in 22 states and contaminated groundwater in 17 states.

“We believe that this is simply the wrong use for this property,” said Rinaman.

“We’re not opposed to grass-fed beef, but in this area, in this sandy soil, in this impaired state of the waterway, we believe this is a recipe for disaster. This should not be the use on that property.”

Had the legal challenge not been taken, the SJRWMD Governing Board would have made a decision on their CUP permit request at its June 10 meeting. Now, the decision will have to wait until the petitioners plead their case before an administrative law judge, most likely in August.

As citizens, Ahlers and Baldwin don’t have the resources of larger environmental organizations to protect them in this legal challenge. They have, however, earned their support and commitment.

“Somebody has to say I’ve had enough,” said Ahlers. “Somebody has to draw a line. Citizens need to do that. Citizens need to stand up and be counted. Citizens need to take responsibility for seeing to it that public resources are protected.”

Labor Notes ‘Trouble Makers School’ on Sept. 27 in Gainesville Putting the movement back in the labor movement

by Candi Churchill

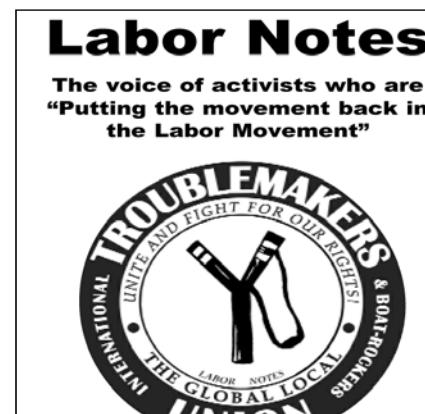
Several local organizers attended the Labor Notes bi-annual conference in April and felt fired up with new skills and inspiration to work harder to “put the movement back in the labor movement” (Labor Notes’ slogan).

Joey Brenner, Lauren Byers, Joe Courier, Marie Dino, Kendra Vincent and I attended the conference in Chicago with over 2,000 attendees (the largest ever!).

We learned and shared organizing lessons with dock and fast food strikers, bold teacher unionists and students from Chicago and Portland who are changing the national debate around public education, postal worker union leaders fighting privatization with aggressive tactics like protesting Staples, transportation workers rebuilding their worksite base, and many more ordinary people struggling to make things better.

In May, a Planning Committee was formed to host our own “Trouble Makers School.” We want to hear from you — whether you are in a union or not — about what you want to learn or figure out for your own organizing, and we want you to bring co-workers, classmates, and family to our school!

Ideas for sessions include discussing “big picture” strategy, as well as practical skill building. Some suggested topics: “Beating Apathy,” “Open Bargaining,” “Aggressive Grievance Handling,” “How to Get your Message Out,” “Building a Stewards Network,” “Local Community-Labor Campaigns that are Winning!” as well as discussing how organized labor can move



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America's apparent Alzheimer's

From a retired operative and analyst with decades of first-hand experience who chooses to remain anonymous

Listening to the radio and TV about the current situation in Iraq (and Syria), one is almost appalled at how we forget our cruel and costly war fiascoes and blunders.

I keep hearing that we lost 4,500 killed in Iraq.

And that, because we did go into Iraq and clearly shattered its stability and created the circumstances of the current the civil war, we now have a responsibility not to abandon them.

And, that Iraq is facing a major "humanitarian disaster" which we have a moral

responsibility to help minimize.

And that Obama is a wimp for not intervening in Syria and now Iraq, and for pulling out of Iraq.

Hello! Can it be possible that all of the commentators and analysts have completely forgotten that the Iraq War fiasco paralleled the great recession of 2008?

And that we are now in the process of economizing that includes downsizing our military that was forced on the nation in part by the Tea Party and many of the politicians who are now criticizing Obama and advocating intervention?

Has everyone really forgotten that during the Iraq War we painfully realized that we

did not have enough military personnel to rotate them in and out, again and again, of just that war? And that Obama withdrew our troops, reluctantly, in accordance with an agreement that President Bush had struck with the Iraqis?

Humanitarian disaster? Our invasion and attempted occupation led directly to the deaths of scores of thousands of people and SHATTERED THE LIVES OF FOUR MILLION PEOPLE! And before George Bush, Bill Clinton ordered the quiet bombing of Iraq, tons of bombs every night or years, plus sanctions that led to the early deaths of 500,000 children.

I listened to an interview on NPR [recently] of Dick Cheney who played a major role in taking us into Iraq, promising that it would only take days to oust Saddam Hussein. He responded irritably when he was asked how he felt about that mistake (of our staying there, escalating our presence, leading to the Civil War).

When the question was repeated, he responded angrily, saying that it was "absurd" to try to second-guess decisions that were made 10 years ago.

One's first reaction is to say that this nation's leaders have no collective memory of previous mistakes, a national Alzheimer's illness.

But, is it mindless? It seems that the United States needs enemies to justify the profiteering of the multinational corporations that Pres. Eisenhower warned us of. An unstable and constantly warring world is "Miracle Grow" for our military-industrial complex, while we are remarkably safe over here between two oceans, with our large and effective security complex,

the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, NSA — we have taken one hit on our soil, relatively trivial compared to what we are doing to the Middle East and have been doing for over half a century.

They have pulled the trick of empty and fallacious rationalizing to take us to war as many times as Charlie Brown was duped by Lucy with the football. Even without a war, Ronald Reagan bragged at the end of his presidency that he had spent \$2 trillion on arms.

It wouldn't work if we learned from our mistakes, for example the lies and the Bay of Tonkin fraud that justified the Vietnam War fiasco that killed many millions and conspicuously nailed us with our first defeat (pictures of people clinging to and falling from helicopters as we fled in disarray), and Ronald Reagan negotiating with the terrorists who had taken our embassy and held its personnel hostage for over a year, selling them missiles which they could use against us and our allies.

The media endlessly searching for a new issue or crisis or situation to hype. And, too many Americans willfully, even eagerly gullible. Alas.

The bottom line now is that the United States really cannot afford the current string of multi-trillion dollar wars. It saddens me a bit that Obama tries to relieve some of his emasculation by bombing and with drones, and with his recent/current thundering denunciation of Russia as he reignites the Cold War. (Our policy under Bill Clinton, remarkably sane, after the Soviet Union broke apart was to welcome and work to draw Russia into the community of nations.)

We've been here before, with the mainstream media beating the drums of war, neglecting the facts, and propagandizing Americans into another imperialist occupation. But there are media outlets and individuals refusing to remain silent on the issue. Below are a few resources and specific articles to keep informed.

- Democracy Now! The War and Peace Report — www.democracynow.org
- Juan Cole's Informed Comment — www.juancole.com
- Robert Parry and Consortium News — [consortiumnews.com](http://www.consortiumnews.com)
- Al Jazeera America — america.aljazeera.com
- "The sectarian myth of Iraq: We coexisted peacefully for centuries, and need neither brutal dictators nor western intervention" — <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jun/16/sectarian-myth-of-iraq>
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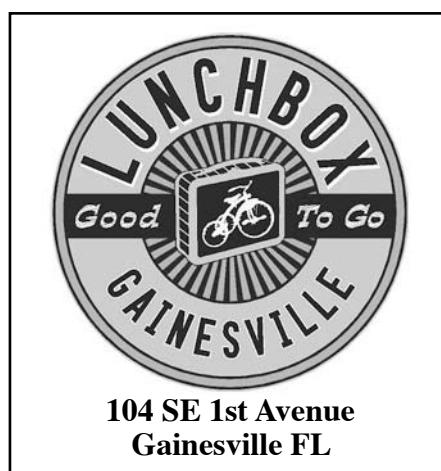
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Alachua County 2014 judicial elections scheduled

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It is well known that one of the principal rights of American citizens is their right to vote.

Voters are used to participating in elections for the President, the Governor, and the federal and state legislatures. In Florida, voters also have the ability to elect Judges, either for "open seats" or to retain sitting Judges. (In certain circumstances, Judges can be appointed to vacant seats by the Governor, following proposals from local Judicial Nominating Commissions.)

The following judicial seats within Alachua County (Eighth Judicial Circuit) are subject to votes during the upcoming 2014 primary (August 26, 2014) and general (November 4, 2014) elections.

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Group 7 – unopposed - Judge Phillip A. Pena

Group 11 – contested – Judge William E. Davis (incumbent), William Falik, Esq.

Group 13 – unopposed – Judge James P. Nilon (incumbent)

COUNTY COURT

Group 2 – unopposed – Judge Denise Ferrero (incumbent)

Group 4 – contested – Susanne Wilson Bullard, Esq., AuBronce Martin, Esq., Jose I. Moreno, Esq.

Who can be a County or Circuit Court Judge in Florida? Basically, any Florida lawyer who has been licensed at least five years, and is a local resident and elector. (Of course there are more details. If interested, please see Florida Constitution Article V, §8 and Florida Statute 34.021.)

So how does a voter decide?

Unlike many other elected officials, judicial candidates are heavily constrained in terms of their campaign activities. While judicial candidates may hold "meet and greets" or may attend "meet the candidates" events, they will not engage in debates or discuss legal issues, their prospective rulings on cases, or other candidates.

They will typically present their qualifications for the judicial offices they are seeking. Many judicial candidates also have internet and social media sites to support their campaigns.

Well-informed voters should take advan-

tage of opportunities to know as much as they can about the background, experience, and temperament of the judicial candidates on the ballot.

One tool that voters can review are the results of the annual judicial poll conducted by the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, which evaluates judges who were seated during the past year. Local lawyers participate in the poll, and the results are compiled and released to the public during mid-July. The results are often reported in the local newspapers, and can also be found at <http://www.8jcba.org/news.aspx>.

Judges are crucial to the proper "check and balance" functioning of our national and state constitutional systems. Voters should take their votes for judicial officer candidates seriously, and should take advantage of the opportunities available to learn about the candidates. ☘

"If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh, otherwise they'll kill you."

-- Oscar Wilde

ELECTIONS, from p. 1

unseat Lee Pinkoson, a conservative semi democrat who had no trouble voting with Republicans when the opportunity arose. This race will basically be over with the primary; there is a minor candidate on the November ballot and since the Republicans did not enter a candidate (I think they thought they had one in Pinkoson), they fell victims to the electoral rules.

The Republicans do have a candidate in the District 4 race, John Martin, and he will be in waiting for the winner of the primary between Ken Cornell and Kevin Thorpe. Both good Democrats, but the Plum Creek mega-development is the defining issue here, and we strongly feel that changing the Comprehensive Plan and letting this huge virtual city be built on environmentally sensitive land east of Gainesville is a terrible idea being sold to us by the largest landowner in Florida, a timber company. Plum Creek (nice name, huh, who could be against plums and creeks) has had a very professional public relations cam-

paign going for years promising Eastside jobs and spreading money around community groups, but within years they and their promises will be gone. The County Commission is where the Comp Plan would have to change. Cornell won't, and Thorpe would. We strongly support Cornell.

For School Board District 3, we say retain Gunnar Paulson. For School Board District 4, we endorse Rob Hyatt, a longtime teacher who would be a great compliment to the new forward thinking majority on the Board.

There is a contested judge race we feel strongly about. In County Judge District 4, we support Jose Moreno over the extremely well funded Susanne Wilson Bullard.

For Governor, we must get rid of Rick Scott, and somehow Charlie Crist has become the defacto Democratic nominee. But we still do get to vote in the primary for others, and Nan Rich has been waging a valiant but ignored campaign. We say vote for Nan Rich, if only to send a message to the party establishment.

Other races will come in November. Democrat Marihelen Wheeler will run for Congress after the dust settles between incumbent Ted Yoho and challenger Jake Rush in the Republican primary. Democrat Jon Uman will challenge Keith Perry as well in November. Both campaigns could use early support.

The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections office has contact information for the candidate and will soon have sample ballots (www.votealachua.com). July 28 is the last day to register to vote in the August primary. If you are not registered as a Democrat but want to vote in the Democratic primary, you can also change your party affiliation by then. Good chance some Repubs may do that to vote for Pinkoson, no reason you independent and Greens shouldn't, too.

Vote, it is the least you can do as a citizen. Ward, Cornell, Paulson, Hyatt, Moreno; the ads you see in here are endorsements as well, use the contact information and help them out. ☘

Southern Lesbian-Feminist Herstory 1968–94

by Kate Ellison, Gainesville community member and participant in Womonwrites

"Although I am a lifelong Southerner, and have been involved in feminism since the 1970s . . . I had no idea of the significance of Gainesville in the women's movement" says Rose Norman about the project she is involved with, the Southern Lesbian Activist Herstory Project.

The modern feminist movement grew out of the leftist and civil rights movements of the 1960s. Women began to speak for ourselves when we realized we had interests that weren't being addressed by the rest of the movement. Lesbian feminism grew out of the feminist movement of the late 1960s when we realized we had interests that weren't being addressed by the rest of the movement. One of the birthplaces of modern feminism and lesbian-feminism was Gainesville, where to this day we support one of only a dozen surviving women's bookstores in the country, Wild Iris Books.

As the stories of modern feminism are told, often they focus on the east coast and the left coast. If you want Southerners included, read the July issue of Sinister Wisdom, #93. Publishing continuously since 1976, the entire 93rd issue is devoted to the beginning of the lesbian-feminist movement in the South, which

means there is a lot about Gainesville in this publication. Interviews and contributors include: Barbara Esrig, Pam Smith, Ronni Sanlo, Byllye Avery, Garnett Harrison, Shewolf, Corky Culver, myself, and many other women from all over Florida and the rest of the south. It is available now at Wild Iris. (\$12, 168 pages)

Beyond Sinister Wisdom 93, the role of Southern lesbian-feminists in the women's movement needs to be documented before it is forgotten, and while those activists are still living.

A group from Womonwrites, the Southeast Lesbian Writers Conference, now

in its 36th year, intends to collect these stories, focused on the years 1968–1994. This celebration of Sinister Wisdom 93 is also a call for more contributors. There will be two more issues, one on Lesbian Land, and one on Culture and Music.

What doesn't fit in these issues of Sinister Wisdom will be archived at Duke University, and published in forthcoming books.

Wild Iris Books will present a celebration of the Southern Lesbian Activist Herstory Project with a Release Party for Sinister Wisdom 93, at the Civic Media Center on Friday, July 18, 6–8pm. ☘



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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. alachuagreens.weebly.com, alachuagreens@gmail.com, 352.871.1995.

Alachua County Labor Coalition 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, ACLP@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@famm.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@gaponline.org, 352-373-4227, Open Tuesdays 10-1 and last Friday of month 5-7.

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to Death Penalty works to abolish the death penalty. Join vigils when Florida has an execution. Meets 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/sustainable future for the region and its people. We pursue policies to strengthen our local economy through energy efficiency, clean energy. gainesvillelovesmountains@gmail.com, 352-610-1090, gainesvillelovesmountains.wordpress.com/

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

Gainesville Socialists is a bi-weekly reading and discussion group. Meetings are open to all who consider themselves socialists, are interested in socialism, or are otherwise curious. Meetings are held at the CMC every other Tuesday at 8 pm, gainesvillesocialists@gmail.com

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. Founded 1968. Join us: www.womensliberation.org.

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

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.

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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 ufhumanistsoncampus@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.net, 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.kindred-sisters.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.

www.GAINESVILLEIGUANA.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.ncppsm.org/>.

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

NCF AWIS is an advocacy organization championing the interest of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors. Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month (except holidays) from 5:30 -7:30 PM Millhopper Branch, Alachua County Public Library. All meetings open to the public. Email ncfawis@gmail.com or go to www.ncfawis.org for more information.

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>.

Our Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee Alliance are two of a number of grassroots environmentalist groups campaigning to protect and restore the rivers and springs. See: <http://www.oursantaferiver.org/> and <http://www.ichetucknealliance.org>

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

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

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida Resources for the 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.

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.

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.sjssierra.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.

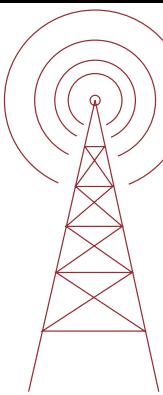
UF Pride Student Union Group of gay, lesbian, bi and straight students & non-students, faculty and staff. www.grove.ufl.edu/~pride.

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.

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Sunday
Domingo

Radio Notes: Find schedules for WUFT, WGOT, and Grow Radio, our local non-corporate stations, at www.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.

13 Moyers & Company on WUFT-TV, Sundays, 1 pm (or watch on your own schedule via the web).

Gvl Roller Rebels Summer Bootcamp - 1st of 3 derby training sessions, \$30, 1 pm - see pg 22 & gainesvillerollerrebels.com.

World Cup Final, Palomino & elsewhere, 3 pm.

Fla Coalition for Peace & Justice weekly potluck & eco-village tour, 4 pm: fcjp.org

20 UFPA 24-hr Film Contest viewing, Squitieri Theatre (Phillips Ctr), 2 pm.

Frog Song Organics farm activity day in Hawthorne; info: 494-9691.

27 1932: Major George S. Patton & cavalry attack ~43,000 "Bonus March" WWI vets & families.

3 Peter Murphy of Bauhaus at High Dive, 6 pm.
Women's Movie Night, 1st Sundays, Pride Center, 3131 NW 13th St, 7 pm.
1940: Martin Sheen born.
1941: Martha Stewart born.

10 League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, downtown library, 1 pm.

FULL MOON

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

24 Photo Exhibit sponsored by GIAIJ, Mennonite Meeting House, 2 pm.

31 Labor Daze Fest, BD Dntn Plaza, 4–10 pm; see pg 24.

Monday
LunesTuesday
MartesWednesday
MiércolesThursday
JuevesFriday
ViernesSaturday
Sabado

magnet

8 County Farmers' Mkt on N 441 by Hwy Patrol Tues/ Thurs/Sat, 8 am–noon.

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

World Cup Final Four, Tues & Wed, 4 pm.

G'ville Poets & Writers meet Tuesdays at Books A Million, 2601 NW 13th St, 6:30 pm.

G'ville Socialists reading/discussion group meets every other Tues at CMC, 8 pm.

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

PFLAG meets, United Church (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm.

1919: Iris Murdoch born.

1944: Irene Morgan arrested for not yielding Greyhound seat to white passenger; leads to Supreme Ct case.

21 Anne Braden: Southern Patriot - CMC, 7 pm.

Talking Service for Veterans reading/discussion group, Beltram Peace Ctr, 1236 NW 18th Ave, 3rd Mons, 7 pm.

1822: Gregor Mendel born.

22 Alachua County Labor Party meets, IBEW Hall 6:30 pm.

Gvl Socialists, CMC, 8 pm.

28 Miss Representation - part of NOW Summer Feminist Film Fest, Civic Media Center, 7 pm.

GCAT meets, 7 pm - see 7/14.

1914: Gavrilo Princip, 19, assassinates Archduke Ferdinand & wife, starting World War I.

4 Documentary TBA: 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 15, 23).

5 School Board, 6 pm.
Gvl Socialists, CMC, 8 pm.

1981: Ronald Reagan fires 12,700 striking air traffic controllers, breaks union.

6 Citizens' Climate Lobby meets, dtn library, 6:30 pm.

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

HIROSHIMA DAY

11 GIAIJ meets - see 7/14.
Doc TBA: CMC, 7 pm.

GCAT meets, 7 pm - see 7/14.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWERS

18 Doc TBA at CMC, 7 pm.
Talking Services for Vets - see 7/21.

1960: 1st birth control pills sold.

25 The Loving Story - part of NOW Summer Feminist Film Fest, Civic Media Center, 7 pm.

Labor Party meets - see 7/22.

2 Gvl Socialists, CMC, 8 pm.

9 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, Dtn Plaza, 4–7 pm;

Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds.

Move to Amend meets, Pride Ctr, 6 pm, every Wednesday.

Citizens' Climate Lobby meets, downtown library, 6:30 pm.

DEC meets, 7 pm - see 8/13.

Free Summer Movies at Mennonite Meeting House (1236 NW 18th Ave) every Wed thru Aug, 7 pm (call 352-377-6577 for titles).

Intro to Irish Set Dancing, CMC, 7:30 pm.

16 Humanists skip July meeting.

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1783: Simon Bolivar born.

1897: Amelia Earhart born.

30 Last Wednesday Contra Dance (LGBTQ-friendly, gender-neutral; beginners welcome) at CMC, 7:30 pm.

1863: Henry Ford born.

1975: James Hoffa disappears.

7 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Citizens Co-op Outreach at CMC, 1st/3rd Thursdays, 7 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm.

1942: Garrison Keillor born.

13 Democratic Executive Committee meets, County Commission meeting room, 7 pm.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWERS

19 School Board, 6 pm.

PFLAG meets, 3rd Tuesdays, United Church, 7 pm.

Gvl Socialists, CMC, 8 pm.

26 VOTE!
Free HIV testing, CMC, 6:30–8 pm.

Ear Films, Squitieri Theatre, 7:30 pm Mon-Fri (check Scene).

3 John McCutcheon in Joe Hill play, UF Squitieri Theatre, 7:30.

10 "Things Be Blowin' Around"- Bill Perry's show on growradio.org, noon–4 pm.

CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

Acoustic Blues weekly open mike Cymplify, 5402 NW 8th Ave, 6 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.

Please support Citizens Co-op, a community resource. Shop Co-op first & keep your \$\$\$ local! (see pp 9, 21)

17 CMC Volunteers meet, 5:30 pm.

Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm, 3rd Thursdays.

Citizens Co-op Outreach at CMC, 1st/3rd Thursdays, 7 pm.

Green Party meets, CMC, 7 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm.

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Art Walk Downtown - see pg 17 & artwalkgainesville.com.

Aug 1 String Kings rock the BD Plaza, free, 8 pm.

1819: Herman Melville born.

1936: Yves St. Laurent born.

1942: Jerry Garcia born.

8 Transgender Movie Night, 2nd Fridays, Pride Ctr, \$2, 7:30 pm.

R. Mutt Blues Band at Bo Diddley Plaza, free, 8 pm.

Venus in Fur opens at Hipp, 8 pm.

15 The Irie Ones reggaefy Bo Diddley Plaza, free, 8 pm.

1969: Woodstock concert opens.

22 Critical Ass Bike Ride begins at Pleasant St Cycle, 6:30 pm.

Fast Lane plays soul at Bo Diddley Plaza, free, 8 pm.

29 Art Walk Downtown; 7–10 pm.

Crooked Counsel rocks BD plaza, 8 pm, free.

Fences opens at Actors' Warehouse.

4 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

5 CSNY tribute by Other Voices rocks BD plaza, 8 pm, free.

11 Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill - Actors' Warehouse (608 N. Main St) production runs thru 7/27.

Morningbell rings at Free Friday concert series: Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E University Ave), 8 pm (see pg 17).

The Immigrant opens at Hipp, 8 pm.

1804: Vice-Pres. Aaron Burr fatally wounds former Treasury Sec. Alexander Hamilton in duel.

WORLD POPULATION DAY

18 Sinister Wisdom 93 Magazine Release Party at Wild Iris Books, 6 pm - see pg 9.

Uncle Morty's Rhythm Cream plays Free Friday concert series: Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

Life Itself opens at Hipp, 8 pm.

1918: Nelson Mandela born.

25 Gay Movie Night last Fridays, Pride Ctr, \$2, 7:30 pm.

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History and the people who make it: Fred Pratt

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler
Part 2 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; the first part of this transcript was featured in the May-June 2014 Iguana.

P: We need to fight for each other.

I see it in the African American community, I saw it, I don't see it too much now, in the disabled community. When we have something that's really shaking, we do come together.

In the African American community, being gay is becoming accepted but it's still not as accepted as it should be. I blame the churches. There are a lot of black ministers who are still preaching homosexuality is a sin.

They didn't want to acknowledge AIDS in their community, in the African American community. For years they were like, "No, no, no, we don't have any people with HIV or AIDS." And I think that that's changing, and that is changing the churches. And if that changes the churches, I'm seeing but I'm hoping I'm seeing it right, that it will change the perspective of LGBT members in that church.

C: What did you see in Tampa and/or Gainesville the reaction to AIDS?

P: In Tampa it was an immediate reaction. Organizations started coming up, people started working to fight AIDS, HIV. Here it was, mmm, maybe we will, maybe we won't. A few brave people out there started the North Central Florida AIDS Network, which no longer is in existence. I became their phone coordinator for awhile.

C: Why do you think there was that difference between the two cities?

P: In Tampa, it happened all of the sudden. There were so many people getting sick, with the same symptoms so soon. Here, you would see one person here, a few people here, a couple people over there.

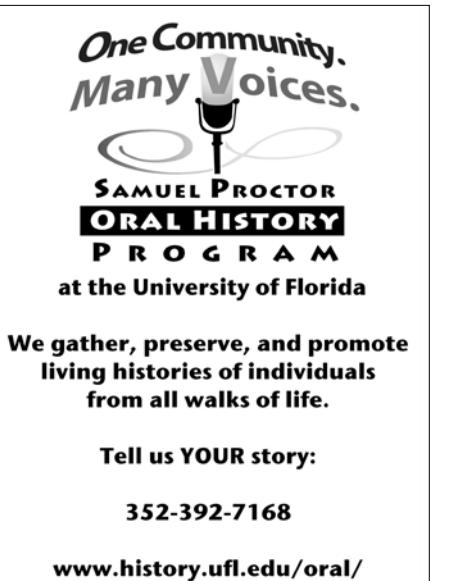
C: Was the response in Tampa coming from the gay community or the medical community?

P: It came first from the gay community.

We were hitting the medical community over the head, saying, this is here! They were slow to respond. They weren't as slow as I've seen other places but they were slow.

C: There's this famous story of Shands shipping an AIDS patient to San Francisco and basically dumping him.

P: I was phone coordinator at the Network when that happened.



They didn't know what to do with this person - just, he wasn't getting services. And they come up with this brilliant idea of sending him off to San Francisco where he could get services.

It looked real bad. They could have made a better response. They could have done things here that they did in San Francisco for this guy. But the people who were high up in the Shands administration, my personal opinion is that they would just bury their heads in the sand.

The people in Tampa were not letting it be silent, because it just blew up. It blew up in Miami, too. Even larger, though. And we were scrambling around like, what do we do?

Talking about HIV and AIDS, we have North Central Florida AIDS Network, which was doing some things, and other things they weren't. I was a founding member of Gainesville Area AIDS Project, where we did social things, and tried to get people things that they couldn't get.

I still see a lot of homophobia out there.

When I started working with the LGBT community and getting sexual orientation added to the county anti-discrimination ordinance the other side thought they could target me and make me go away.

They got my phone number. They would call me up every hour of the night, leave me messages, and they thought they could get rid of me. What they didn't know was that I'd had ten, fifteen years of dealing with these people, and fifteen years of disabled rights because I'd heard the same things.

C: It's interesting how those two strains of activism have supported each other for you.

P: No, they don't support each other. The disabled community and the LGBT community do not speak to each other.

I have no idea why. I've spent years trying to figure it out. Matter of fact, I went to a statewide disability conference in Orlando. They do breakout sessions on housing, education, health, and employment. Then they added in a segment on sex and sexuality. Four of us were out there and saying, "Hey, we want to be included, too." We started talking about our relationships, and they didn't want to hear it. They went so far as to close down the whole program.

C: When was that?

P: 1990, '92. So that's the disabled community. And the gay community here, I had a hard time. The women loved me, I mean, I was fighting for all the causes, I was talking to them. The gay men didn't want anything to do with me.

I think they just saw the disability. Straight people do the same thing. They just see the disability, they don't see what I can do, you know?

I was working to get sexual orientation added to the county anti-discrimination ordinance and one day a guy turns around and says, "... there's that crippled queer."

C: Woah.

P: They referred to me as "that crippled queer" the whole time. One of the anti-gay community groups, you know.

That only happened probably because the media wanted to talk to someone who was a member of another minority group. And I volunteered. That's when

the phone calls started, and the threats.

It got to the point where, I knew this wasn't true, but I felt like the only disabled gay man in the country.

My community banquet story? They had nominated me, as man of the year one year. And they didn't want to tell me, but they told me to keep my Friday open. Well I got my days mixed up and I went out with somebody that Friday night. I got this phone call, "Hey, I accepted the award for you." I was like, awww!

A friend of mine living in New York, said, "Why don't you come up and we'll go to Stonewall 25." The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Stonewall riots. I said sure, why not. After the parade had started, we're coming around one of the corners, and there's a media camera, and they're going to me, "Fred! There's a camera! Do something!" So I wave at the camera. Six months later I get a call from a friend, and he says, "My partner and I were at the San Francisco gay film festival and you're on a movie!"

Jeffrey. It's about a twenty-year-old movie, but if you can find it, I'm on there for about three seconds.

I was talking about how I'd gotten these phone calls and whatever. I had these two very, very good friends who were drag queens, and they said, if something happens to you, we'll start a Stonewall riot.

That's here in Gainesville, at the University Club. They were real adamant. They were like, "If anything happens to you, we'll start our own Stonewall riot." And I said, "No. I want you to keep a lid on this community."

C: Scary times, we've gone through.

Search for "Fred Pratt" at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu/collection/> for the full transcript of this interview.

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Last Fri: ArtWalk, (July 25 and August 29), 7 to 10 pm

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Obama's true foreign-policy "weakness"

by Robert Parry

This excerpt is from an article originally published on June 23 by ConsortiumNews.com. We've printed only the first part due to space constraints, but we encourage you to read the article in full at <http://consortiumnews.com/2014/06/23/obamas-true-foreign-policy-weakness/>.

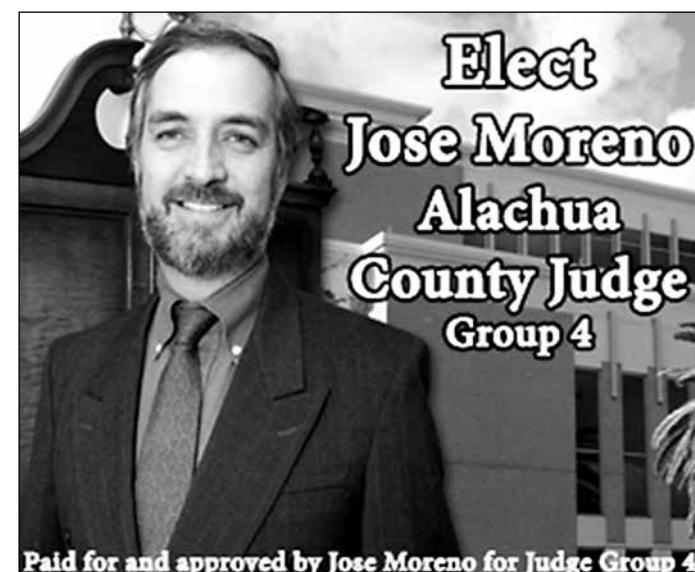
A favorite neocon meme about President Barack Obama is that he is "weak" — because he failed to bomb Syria, bomb Iran, sustain the U.S. occupation of Iraq and start a full-scale economic war with Russia over Ukraine. But an alternate way of looking at Obama is that he is weak because he has failed to face down the neocons.

Since the start of his presidency, Obama has let the neocons and their "liberal interventionist" allies push him into militaristic and confrontational policies — even as he is criticized for not being militaristic and confrontational enough. There was the futile "surge" in Afghanistan, the chaotic "regime change" in Libya, excessive hostility toward Iran, intemperate demands for "regime change" in Syria, and hyperbolic denunciations of Russia for its reaction to U.S.-backed "regime change" in Ukraine.

The end result of all this U.S. "tough-guy/gal-ism" has been to get a lot of people killed without actually improving the lot of the people in the countries where the neocon-driven policies have been applied. In each of those cases, a more pragmatic approach to the political and strategic concerns represented by those crises could have saved lives and averted economic pain that only has fed more disorder.

Yet, Obama remains hypersensitive to criticism from well-placed and well-connected neocons. As the New York Times reported on June 16, Obama shaped his foreign policy speech at the West Point graduation in May to deflect criticism from a single neocon, Robert Kagan, who had penned a long and pedantic essay in The New Republic urging the projection of more U.S. power around the world.

In the essay, "Superpowers Don't Get to Retire," Kagan "depicted President Obama as presiding over an inward turn by the United States that threatened the global order and broke with more than 70 years of American presidents and precedence," wrote the Times' Jason Horowitz. "He called for Mr. Obama to



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resist a popular pull toward making the United States a nation without larger responsibilities, and to reassume the more muscular approach to the world out of vogue in Washington since the war in Iraq drained the country of its appetite for intervention."

As part of Obama's effort to deflect this neocon critique, "the president even invited Mr. Kagan to lunch to compare world views," Horowitz reported.

Kagan apparently sees himself as a vanguard for a new wave of U.S. interventionism, teamed up with his brother Frederick who devised the two "surges" in Iraq in 2007 and Afghanistan in 2009. Robert Kagan is also married to Victoria Nuland, the assistant secretary of state for European affairs who helped promote the February "regime change" in Ukraine.

According to the Times article, the husband-and-wife team share both a common world view and professional ambitions, Nuland editing Kagan's articles and Kagan "not permitted to use any official information he overhears or picks up around the house" — a suggestion that Kagan's thinking at least may be informed by foreign policy secrets passed on by his wife.

Though Nuland wouldn't comment specifically on Kagan's attack on President Obama, she indicated that she holds similar views. "But suffice to say," Nuland said, "that nothing goes out of the house that I don't think is worthy of his talents. Let's put it that way." ☀

World Cup, another perspective

The following is a blog-post from Nora Moraga-Lewy, a 19-year-old Gainesvillian who is in Haiti this summer working as a summer field researcher in Port-au-Prince.

Despite all of the controversy, politics, and corruption allegations surrounding FIFA and the World Cup process, the tournament itself is a long-awaited, beautiful testament to the world's most beloved sport. Today, I will dedicate a post to soccer in Haiti in honor of Brazil 2014! Welcome to the best month of the next four years...

Haiti is a country of soccer fans. The first thing I noticed as we were leaving the airport was the array of Brazilian and Argentine flags on every car, motorcycle, bus or "tap tap" taxi. And my instincts were confirmed when my host Jude answered my question as to whether or not the flags were there because of the impending World Cup. Of course they were! Since then, I've been asked what my favorite team and favorite players are by about half the people I've met. Good thing we generally tend to agree.

But Haiti itself doesn't have a team playing in the World Cup. Do they even have a team? What happened to it? To make a long story short, the Haitian National Team was devastatingly knocked out of the running to be in the World Cup all the way back in 2011 — one year after the disastrous 2010 earthquake. The national stadium was used as a not-so temporary relocation center after the earthquake (it was used for about two years). The same natural disaster leveled the HFF (Haiti Football Federation) headquarters and killed 32 officials instantly.

FIFA poured aid into Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. The women's U-17 squad captain famously said "if there were no football we would be nothing." (The U-17 squad was also disqualified from competing in the World Cup qualifiers for

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The Repurpose Project: Buy USED! It's good for the planet

by Sarah Goff, Co-Founder of The Repurpose Project

Buy USED! Many people are familiar with the benefits of buying local, but The Repurpose Project is working hard to promote the environmental benefits of buying USED. Everyday valuable materials are thrown away. We all see it piled on the side of the road. Some of us see it when our curiosity pushes us to peek into a dumpster and sometimes even jump in to retrieve a treasure that was tossed out. The Repurpose Project is encouraging everyone to ask: "Why buy new stuff when there is so much perfectly good USED stuff in our own communities!" When you buy something used, you eliminate all that goes into producing a new product. The raw materials don't have to be harvested or mined from the planet. The water needed for manufacturing isn't used. The energy needed to harvest/mine, produce, and ship the product isn't used. The packaging is eliminated. Plus, you save money. Therefore, it makes a lot of sense to buy used whenever possible!

The Repurpose Project was formed in 2011 to fill the recycling void seen in our communities. The organization salvages items that traditional thrift stores don't. For example, a broken chair can be taken apart and the good legs used to construct a coffee table. Single crayons, rubber bands (often from produce), or paper clips are accepted and sorted in jars with like items. The single item alone seems useless, but once sorted it becomes a valuable set of crayons or a gallon jug of rubber bands. How is The Repurpose Project different from a thrift store? Here are some items you might expect to see at the reuse center that aren't seen in traditional second hand shops: office supplies (binders, folders, paperclips, rubber bands,



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staples), traditional arts and craft supplies (fabric, paint, pens, paper), party supplies (decorations, gift wrapping, boxes, ribbon) unconventional art supplies (scrap metal, scrap plastic, scrap wood pieces), e-waste/wire (chargers, cables, electrical wire, speaker wire, phone wire). The organization also carries building supplies such as lumber, hardware, windows, roofing, flooring, and lighting fixtures. The Repurpose Project recently partnered with The Zen Center, a nearby housing compound for transient residents, to deconstruct houses that were destined to be demolished, put in dumpsters, and taken to the landfill. Architectural salvage is proving to be a popular and much needed resource in our community. These deconstruction efforts divert a substantial amount of weight and volume from the landfill.

Another unique aspect of The Repurpose Project is the pricing structure. Some items are priced while others are not. Building supplies are priced because of the labor costs associated with the deconstruction efforts. The items that are unmarked are priced by the buyer (reverse bargaining). For example, a homeless person can come in and get a sleeping bag for \$0.50 or a phone charger for \$0.05. On the other end of the spectrum, someone will come in for a printer cable and offer \$13 because that is how much they saw it for sale at the electronics store, and they want to support the efforts of the project. It's a sliding scale pricing system, and the balance seems to be working. The Repurpose Project is thrilled that the organization has found a way to address social and pay inequality issues as well as the environmental ones.

The Repurpose Project is in a 3000 sq ft building but plans to move to a larger facility by the end of 2014. Once the project moves to a larger building, it will start a lending and toy library.

There are many items that can be shared within a community instead of each person owning their own. Sharing reduces our environmental impact, and is an important part in building community.

The goal is to one day have a reuse big box store with convenience that would rival traditional big box stores. This one-stop shop & drop would give customers the added benefit of dropping donation items on the same shopping trip! The Repurpose Project understands that convenience drives consumers; therefore, making it easy for consumers to purchase used instead of new is a priority. Eventually we would like to be located at a strip mall that pulls together independent reuse stores, making for a convenient reuse shopping experience.

The Repurpose Project is a non-profit community based effort to divert useful resources from the landfill, redirect these items to the public for art and education, inspire creativity, and help us all rethink what we throw away. The Repurpose Project is a 501(c) 3 tax-deductible non-profit organization located in Gainesville, Florida. Staff members are: Mike Myers (co-founder), Sarah Goff (co-founder), Lynn Polke (store manager), Wanda J. Burnette-Walker (resident mosaic artist/volunteer), Tobe Terrell (Zen Center deconstruction leader), and Nelson Laffey (fix-it specialist/volunteer). The Repurpose Project has partnered with many local groups to help educate the public on waste reduction and improve landfill diversion in Alachua County. These groups include University of Florida staff and students, Santa Fe College staff and students, Shands Medical Plaza, high school and elementary teachers and students, and The City of Gainesville Public Works.

To learn more, visit the website: www.repurposeproject.org. You can follow them on Facebook at The Repurpose Project, Twitter @RepurposeProj and Instagram @therepurposeproject.

Alachua County's marijuana problem

by Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson
Alachua County Commissioner

time, and supervision of sentence totaled \$228.6 million.

Last year, the Alachua County Sheriff's office arrested 237 people for simple possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. These people were booked into jail and had their mugshots posted to the internet.

At first appearance, bail was set, and some were released while others who couldn't post bond sat in jail a month or more until arraignment, when they would be fined and sentenced to time served.

I sat through more than a dozen such arraignments recently, and all of the defendants were African American. Indeed, those arrested for marijuana are five times more likely to be African American despite the rate of use between blacks and whites being essentially the same.

In the year that Sheriff's deputies arrested 237 people, her deputies issued only 4 "Notices to Appear" (tickets) for the same offense. Contrast this to many jurisdictions (such as Tallahassee/Leon County) where simple possession is handled almost exclusively with tickets.

In 2010, a study by the ACLU showed that a total of 57,951 people were arrested in Florida for simple possession. Their estimated public cost for arrest, booking, jail time, prosecution/ defense, court

Despite the fact that the County Commiss-

sion is given no details about the Sheriff's budget, we are required to approve it, and can only reduce the budget amount if we have specific data to support our decision. If the Sheriff disagrees, she can appeal the County Commission's decision to the Governor and Cabinet.

The question I am posing to the County Commission is: "Should the Sheriff's budget be reduced by the amount that these simple possession arrests have cost the taxpayer because we believe enforcing these laws through arrest ought to be a low priority, and that funding drug rehabilitation, and mental health treatment <or fill in the blank> should be a higher priority?"

I respect Sheriff Sadie Darnell, and believe her to be the finest Sheriff we could possibly elect, and I appreciate her personal and agency efforts in so many areas.

But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't provide advice or incentives to help her better understand this community's priorities.

I also believe in the collective wisdom of the County Commission when they select from reasonable options after being provided good information and hearing the spectrum of opinions; so whatever decision they make will be the correct one for this community at this time. ☘

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Stand By Our Plan: Plum Creek threatens comprehensive plan



by Stand By Our Plan

This article was originally published as a letter in the Gainesville Sun on June 22. Learn more about Plum Creek and Stand By Our Plan at standbyourplan.org.

Our Alachua County Comprehensive Plan is in danger. A Seattle-based corporation wants to overdevelop a large part of eastern Alachua County. To get its way, this corporation wants to replace our plan with one of its own.

The threat is named Envision Alachua. It is proposed by Plum Creek, the largest private landowner in the United States and developer of huge swaths of real estate in many states coast to coast.

Plum Creek's "vision" encompasses 60,000 acres beyond the far side of Newnan's Lake from Gainesville. Its development footprint is more than 20 square miles and includes the equivalent of 15 Oaks Malls and enough homes for a city. To this end the corporation asks the people of Alachua County to accept 95 changes to our comprehensive plan — in effect leaving us with no plan at all.

Contrast Plum Creek's plan with our Alachua County Comprehensive Plan. Our plan was, and still is, conceived, crafted, discussed, debated, modified, improved, and, after much vetting and back-and-forth by us, the citizens of the county, adopted by our elected Alachua County Commission.

The "comp plan" is the agreed-upon template for the kind of future wanted by our families, neighbors and everyone who lives and works here. It balances the livability of our neighborhoods, need for economic development, necessity for clean water and air, and the many uses of property.

Our comp plan has vision, many provisions and great depth, all of which are governed by common sense. Our plan favors every interest in the county, not one over the other. Our plan is amenable to development and business in Melrose, Windsor and Cross Creek. It is agreeable

to farming, forestry and agriculture in the county. It protects the water and space we need to live.

Alachua County's plan saves money by encouraging development that is closer or next to established development. This makes common sense. It results in savings from shorter commutes, taking advantage of nearby essential services like fire and police protection, utilizing roads and electrical and water lines that already are in place, and having businesses much closer to where we live. It saves tax dollars by not having to spend them on all the connections needed for a distant development like Plum Creek, which we see at a glance is a wide lake, miles of forest and long road from Gainesville.

The comp plan is designed for cooperation between the many governments in the county. There is strong resemblance between the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, those of the smaller cities around the county, and the one for the city of Gainesville. Through our respective plans the city of Hawthorne, ranches north of the city of Alachua, and the many neighborhoods west of Interstate 75 to Newberry are in kinship.

We are a diverse group of residents. We are not a PAC. Everyone is welcome, regardless of affiliation. We were brought together by our dismay at the great wrong of Plum Creek's proposal and our belief that we, as citizens like you, will prevail.

Contrast our local and grassroots origins with the plan from Plum Creek's headquarters 2,500 miles away. If allowed, Plum Creek will bring the kind of overdevelopment we already agreed to prevent, not the kind of proper growth we agreed to embrace.

It comes down to one basic truth: a clash of two plans, ours and theirs. We who live and work here have our Alachua County Comprehensive Plan that serves us well and will serve us in the future. An out-of-state developer has another plan, one that, if allowed, brings lasting harm to our homes and communities.

Fact-based information about Plum Creek is available at the Stand by Our Plan website: <http://standbyourplan.org>.

This column was submitted by Stand by Our Plan members Dwight Adams, David Auth, Josh and Sally Dickinson, Roberta Gastmeyer, Brent Gila, Larry Keen, Gladys Lane, Frank Lineberger, Melissa Norman and Penny Wheat of Gainesville; Scott Camil, Victoria Kinser Dunn, Jeffrey Rubin, Sherry Steiner and Tim E. Gant of Micanopy; Angela Cornell, Linda Kemp and Joe Rush of Melrose; Frank and Susan Morey of Hawthorne; Whitey Markle of Orange Lake and Bonnie Kelley of Windsor. ☀

Citizens Co-Op election

by Joe Courter

The election for the Citizens Co-op Board is underway. If you are a member, please vote. If you want the store to survive, please shop there. If you are sick of the whole mess it is understandable. It has been a tragedy of idealism gone wrong, festering problems ignored, boneheaded decisions, entrenched positions, and like a dysfunctional family, the root of the problems and the bigger picture gets lost in the more recent affronts. As a person who helped and worked to get the Co-op there next to the CMC, and so much enjoyed the symbiotic relationship the CMC had with them—the potlucks, films and discussions, music in the courtyard benefiting both organizations—it has been hard to watch the unraveling. I am sorry; you do not fire five workers with an email at 7:45am. They need a new Board and new start, but the murky financial records and the severe drop in business may kill it anyway. So sad.

People invested a lot of money in a Co-op. What we got was something that for a variety of reasons evolved into more of a store. With a new Board, with replacing Lucian Kraigel, who seemed to be the key person in undoing the Co-op-ness of the endeavor, MAYBE we can get back to what we had. We were living a dream to some extent, but to keep a dream going, to keep it real, it takes work. The workers who organized and were fired for it were an alarm clock. That they filed a grievance with the National Labor Relations Board is logical. If that decision comes down against the Co-op, they should not be blamed. Co-ops need to evolve, and perhaps out of this, something new can grow.

Voting is open until July 8th, one vote per membership, you can do it online or at the store ☀

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☛ Full Show: The Lies That Lead to War

<http://billmoyers.com/episode/the-truth-vs-dcs-propaganda-machine/>

This episode of Bill Moyers is essential to understand how we are lied into wars, and how the media is complicit in this.

☛ The Most Partisan State Legislatures, in One Interactive Chart

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2014/06/12/the-most-partisan-state-legislatures-in-one-interactive-chart/>

An indication of partisanship, effectiveness at passing bills, cooperation among state legislators. ☀

☛ Pentagon Preparing for Mass Civil Breakdown

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/earth-insight/2014/jun/12/pentagon-mass-civil-breakdown>

Social science is being militarised to develop 'operational tools' to target peaceful activists and protest movements. ☀

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The work starts now. My priorities are in the classroom.
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WORLD CUP, from p. 16

fear of spreading the infamous cholera epidemic, but they were later awarded the FIFA Fair Play award as some sort of compensation, I guess.) The country put its hopes in the men's national team to at least make it further in the elimination

rounds than they had before. CNN highlighted soccer as a catalyst for recovery. The HFF now has a new building, which was practically a donation, and the national stadium has since been rebuilt. Officials that died in the earthquake are admired as heroes and honored annually. But how

have reparations gone for the rest of the country?

Surely it is important to keep a national pastime alive in times of difficulty. And surely soccer has kept many youth busy and distracted from post-disaster and just daily realities in some ways.

Having driven through Port-au-Prince, and seeing that parts still have not recovered from the earthquake, thoughts race through my mind about whether or not it makes sense to have a fully functioning (though not quite successful) national symbol without equivalent or as effective support for the nation behind it? ☀

Marihelen Wheeler

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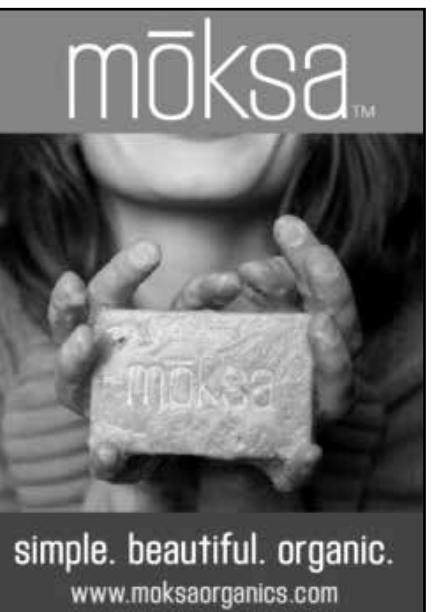
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	3 pm	A Notch in My Pistol
	5 pm	Joe and Craig Show
	9 pm	The Sum of Your Life

Mon	11 am	Dr. Bill's Super Awe ..
	3 pm	Lost Sharks
	5 pm	Street Nuts
	7 pm	Malum
	8 pm	New Day Rising

Tue	4 pm	An Average Day
	8 pm	What's the Story?

Wed	12 am	Pyramid Society 64
	9 am	Sax and Violins
	1 pm	The 2nd Ave. Shuffle
	3 pm	The Quiet City
	9 pm	The Otherness

Thu	12 pm	Things Be Blowin'
	2 pm	The Breakup Song
	4 pm	Hope & Anchor
	6 pm	The Kitchen Sink
	8 pm	florida rules
	10 pm	Eagle Death

Fri	1 pm	4D Meltdown
	5 pm	Artichokeification
	7 pm	Jazzville
	9 pm	Bag of Tricks

Sat	3 pm	A Brazilian Commando
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	7 pm	Planet of Sound
	9 pm	Reality Bites

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Labor Daze Fest — Aug. 31

by Mama Trish (AKA Trisha Ingle)

Greetings! My name is Mama Trish, and have I got a deal for you. First of all, it's free. FREE! Fun. Family friendly. Socially conscious. By Locals, For Locals, About Locals! And the music is jam up! (I'm not just saying that because my band is playing...)

It's Labor Daze Fest, at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza (111 E. University Ave.) on Sunday, Aug. 31, from 4-10 p.m. It's for the people who work too long and too hard for too little. Just need to catch a break? We have FREE services for folks who need them, from education and a Resume Re-do Tent, to women's interview clothing and HIV testing. There's a free rock wall, kid's activities, and fun food. It's always on Sunday, the day before Labor Day. Tire out the kids and sleep in on Labor Day!

This is our 4th year. It is put on with donations and by volunteers, and is the 2nd largest Labor Day Weekend celebration in the state of Florida! Let that sink in...

There will be speakers and info about things that affect YOU: politics, activism, legislation, non-profits and services. Come learn and network. Or just come and watch jugglers, listen to music, and cool off in the misting tent. Bands this year are: Boilin' Oil, Flatland, Mama Trish vs. Godzilla!, MSNRA, and Captain Lovely. Come cut a rug, y'all!

Mark your calendar. Tell your friends. Facebook and Twitter and email everyone you know. Labor Daze Fest. It's a damn fine day.

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