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Reportback from the DNC

by Jenn Powell

My name is Jenn Powell. I was elected as a Bernie delegate for Florida Congressional District 5 on May 7.

The delegate election came over a year after Bernie announced his run for the democratic nomination. I started a group locally in May 2015, our first meeting had 15 anxious supporters ready to get to work. I started a group because I wanted to join one and couldn't find one.

I always expected someone with more experience, any experience, to come take over, but that never happened. I've heard the same story from others across the country; we did what we could with limited resources and we did pretty damn good. In Alachua County, Bernie lost by 45 votes, 17,738

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From left: Miguel Valdez, Gainesville; Amos Miers, St. Pete; Giancarlo Espinosa, Miami; Dawn Abate, Stuart; Ali Kurnaz, Orlando; and Seth Alexander of Gainesville on Thursday night displaying signs they snuck inside the Philadelphia Convention Center at the DNC. The "I'm with Nina" stickers were in support of Sen. Nina Turner who found out, when she arrived in Philly, she would not be allowed to participate, without any reason given. She is one of the few who have refused to endorse Hillary. Photo courtesy of Jenn Powell.

An eight point brief for LEV (Lesser Evil Voting)

by John Halle/Noam Chomsky

The following was originally published on John Halle's website, johnhalle.com, on June 15.

Preamble:

Among the elements of the weak form of democracy enshrined in the constitution, presidential elections continue to pose a dilemma for the left in that any form of participation or non participation appears to impose a significant cost on our capacity to develop a serious opposition to the corporate agenda served by establishment politicians.

The position outlined below is that which

many regard as the most effective response to this quadrennial Hobson's choice, namely the so-called "lesser evil" voting strategy or LEV. Simply put, LEV involves, where you can, i.e. in safe states, voting for the losing third party candidate you prefer, or not voting at all. In competitive "swing" states, where you must, one votes for the "lesser evil" Democrat.

Before fielding objections, it will be useful to make certain background stipulations with respect to the points below. The first is to note that since changes in the relevant facts require changes in tactics, proposals having to do with our relationship to the "electoral extravaganza" should be regarded

as provisional. This is most relevant with respect to point 3) which some will challenge by citing the claim that Clinton's foreign policy could pose a more serious menace than that of Trump.

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The entire Florida DNC Bernie delegation poses in front of their hotel in Philadelphia. Photo courtesy of Jenn Powell.

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people cast their vote for the most honest man in Washington, but even before March 15, the fix was already in, considering what we learned with the Wikileaks DNC email leaks. Even though the grassroots grew like weeds across America, the DNC acted as the Round Up, almost delivering the final dose at the Convention in Philly.

It was like psychological warfare from the second we arrived: we were bullied, we were chastised, we were treated as second class citizens and we were ultimately silenced. We were told we couldn't have signs, so we got creative with the signs we were given – we snuck in our protest signs only to have them confiscated by the Gestapo-esque DNC volunteers.

Yellow vests carrying black garbage bags of free speech could be seen walking through the hallway. The Florida delegation was one of many that had the secret service watching us like hawks, it was uncomfortable. I imagined this is what it feels like in a police state. By the fourth day we nearly succumbed to what I could only explain as Stockholm syndrome.

The convention was nothing like I expected. It was four day long infomercial filled with propaganda and pandering and if we wanted to lose our seats we could get up to use the restroom or get food and water at inflated prices. I refused to leave; I suffered through day after day because I knew they didn't want me there – they wanted to fill my seat with a smiling face for Hillary – instead they got me, a sleep-deprived, dehydrated grassroots activist mom from Gainesville, Florida.

The only take away I have was meeting hundreds of grassroots activists, from Alaska to Puerto Rico, California to New York and every state in between. We will be a force to be reckoned with going forward, if we can find a way to address the election fraud.

The convention is over, corporate democrats crowned their queen, but the movement isn't over by any means. It will be interesting to see how it all plays out through November, you don't just get over election fraud. Daily I meet voters who feel their votes really don't count.

I can only dream of the days when Florida could be so blue that we could cast our votes with our hearts and conscience and not with a nose-holding swing state strategy.

I have hope for the future, and although it won't be smooth sailing, as it would be if Bernie was our nominee, I have faith that from the 1,900 delegates and grassroots activists everywhere, regardless of the outcome in 2016, in 2018 we will be able to vote in the midterms for candidates we can be proud of. We've got a lot of work to do.

If you want to continue the political revolution, join our facebook group: Alachua County Revolution or email Jenn Powell acr4peace@gmail.com.

For another report on FL Bernie delegates from Orlando and their experience at the DNC, see <http://momentumnews.org/2016/08/02/orlando-sanders-delegate-looks-back-at-dnc-forward-to-partys-future/>.”



Original cartoon by David Horsey, LA Times; revised text by Chad Lupkes.

Elections matter ... even if it's not what you want

Okay, so two major party conventions down, and here we are. As I've said before, thank you Bernie Sanders for having the gumption to run, and for being a catalyst for what could be a resurgence in progressive organizing. Yes, the Democratic party establishment had designed the system to work in Hillary's favor, and they had their way with securing the nomination. But the Bernie people fought hard to be heard, and Bernie himself had some great, though subtle, moments. At the moment when he took the floor during roll call, he demanded the votes be recorded, and then said that Clinton had been "selected" as the nominee. Nice choice of words. And then when Clinton paid tribute to the Sanders campaign in her speech, he chose not to smile when the cameras were on him. Conscious and tactical, perhaps, but showing a resolve he knows, and we know, we will need to have if a movement is going to develop out of his campaign.



Joe Courter

As I write this in early September, there are two full months before election day on Nov. 8. Will there be surprises to come? Entirely possible. Trump seems unable to control his mouth when he is off teleprompter, and his record seems to indicate he is much more interested in making deals than fulfilling deals made. His unsuitability to hold the job of President is becoming clearer and clearer. His supporters, his true believers, will remain with us, however, as they have always been in one form or other, but ginned up to dangerous levels by a celebrity con man. It is an unfortunately real outgrowth of the fear-mongering rhetoric the Republican party (and their allies on talk radio and Fox News) has espoused for decades.

And Hillary Clinton? It is a positively maddening situation because there is SO much criticism of her from so many angles that it is almost impossible to deal with it all. Her email habits and foundation workings capture most of the criticism, yet for me these are minor compared to her coziness to Wall Street and her militarized foreign policy. The reality of the next President naming the next wave of Supreme Court justices looms large for many of us, and this is where the hope in an invigorated left opposition rising from the Bernie movement comes in; that once she is elected, we can reign in her bad tendencies. This is the stuff the Union Movement used to do, but I am afraid now that to get justice, it is going to be "just us" doing it; joining organizations, being informed and active citizens, running candidates and getting them elected so that maybe we can reclaim the House and Senate, and as well, State governments, so that when the 2020 census is done we can undo the gerrymandered districts that lead to what we have in Florida and elsewhere in the nation; predominantly democratic populations being ruled by entrenched republican legislatures thanks to the way district lines have been drawn.

I am not a political purist, I think strategically when it comes to voting. And the top of the ticket is not the only place we will face challenges to our individual sense of ethics and memory of what people who are now candidates have done in their past. When Ed Emery was forced by health reasons to drop out of his race against Ted Yoho, local developer Ken McGurn stepped in. Ken's development tactics and some rather blunt comments about the homeless in downtown will haunt him. Likewise Rod Smith has some less than stellar actions in his past which some will revisit. Are each better than the Republican they are running against? Quite likely, yes. Will it stop some from voting for them? I expect so.

I'm with Chomsky on the lesser of two evils thing. My principles aren't that high, but I believe the stakes in this case are.

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Rally to end toxic prison slavery in solidarity with nationwide prison strike

From *FightToxicPrisons.org*

Sept. 9 is the 45th anniversary of the Attica Uprising in New York, where national attention was drawn to the problem of prisons in this country.

This year there will be public demonstrations in support of prisoners who have called for a coordinated national work strike in response to extreme abuses they face, including toxic environments, discrimination and literal slavery based on the 13th Amendment which wrote prison slave labor into the U.S. Constitution.

The primary Fight Toxic Prisons (FTP) events will occur on Sept 10 at 10am in front of the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) of Coleman, located at 846 NE 54th Terrace, Wildwood, Florida 34785. FCC Coleman warehouses over 7,000 prisoners and is surrounded by mining operations.

This location is the largest prison factory in the entire country, producing material goods for government agencies nationwide. Much of the very furniture which accommodates the offices of the bureaucrats that we live under is made by prison slaves at this facility.

Federal Prison Industries, also known as UNICOR, has over \$34 million in contract obligation coming out of Bureau of Prison (BOP) facilities in Florida. This is three times higher than any other state in the country.

In addition, this prison is also home to one of the most famous political prison-

ers in the world, Native American activist and warrior, Leonard Peltier, who has been incarcerated over 40 years for his participation in the 1973 stand-off at the Pine Ridge Reservation and the liberation struggle of his people who experienced genocide and witnessed ecocide at the hands of the government who now holds him prisoner.

Also, it's no coincidence that FCC Coleman is surrounded by a vast wasteland of rock mining operations, an industrial activity with a record of creating giant toxic ponds across Florida. Prisons all over the country are coupled with environmentally hazardous land uses that threaten prisoner's health.

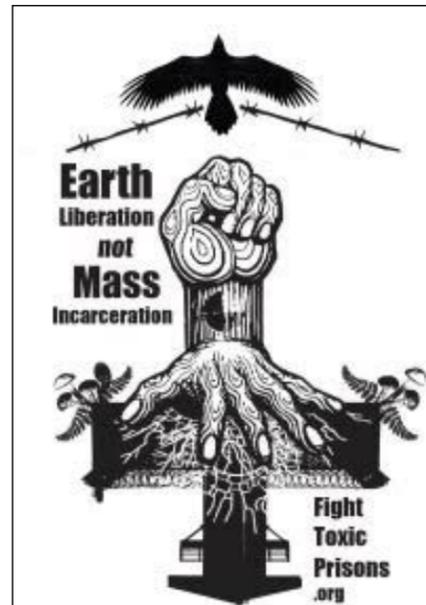
As another example of this, the federal Bureau of Prisons is now proposing to build a new maximum-security prison and slave factory on top of a former strip mine site in the coalfields of Letcher County, Kentucky. Any federal prisoner could at any time find themselves transferred to this prison, subjected to the health risks associated with a site where the air, water and soil are polluted by decades of coal mining and processing, which is still ongoing in the surrounding mountains.

Along with putting prisoners on a toxic site, the prison would also impact local people who live nearby, turning their community into a prison town. Construction alone will waste \$444 million of federal tax dollars which could be used to address the crushing poverty that so often forces people into prisons in the first place.

The proposed site also sits a mile from a rare pocket of eastern old-growth forest that is home to dozens of Appalachian plant and animal species listed as threatened or endangered.

We feel that the existence of this industrialized, slavery-based system of mass incarceration stands as a primary obstacle to universal goals of freedom and harmony with the earth. Its continued existence is among the ultimate symbols of injustice in this country.

For more information on Sept 9, Letcher County and other related issues, encourage your contacts on the outside to visit FightToxicPrisons.org.



The Industrial Workers of the World's (IWW) Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC) has been in the forefront of the current organizing leading up to the planned strike.

The IWW is the only labor union in the United States that accepts inmate workers as members, and it is those members that make up IWOC, forming their own branches inside prisons and communicating with allies such as the Gainesville IWOC Solidarity Committee. More information about the IWOC can be found at iwoc.noblogs.org

Leaflets will be distributed around Gainesville leading up to the local action on Sept. 9 at Walmart on Waldo Road from 5 to 7pm.

That evening they will be holding a demonstration outside of the WalMart on Waldo Road to raise awareness of WalMart's and other corporations' reliance on prison labor for the manufacturing and production of much of their merchandise, as well as awareness for the prison labor strike which will begin that day.

For more info on the Gainesville IWW and the local IWOC Solidarity Committee, check out the Friends of the Gainesville IWW page on Facebook, or email us at gainesvilleiww@gmail.com.

Welcome to Gainesville: some tips for newbies

We have many regular readers, but there are those newbies, or ones that could benefit from some local knowledge which we share at this time of year. This goes especially for students set adrift in this little town with a big ass college scene.

CLAP and STDs ... no, not a sexual precautionary. Courts, Lanes, Avenues and Places run East-West. Streets Terraces and Drives run North-South.

You don't need to be a sheep; explore the live music scene, skip all the dress-up-show-off recorded music places. Is getting all dressed up and waiting in line really your idea of fun?

Get a bike. You don't need a deluxe piece, Gainesville is pretty flat. There are plenty of bike lanes, and the Hawthorne Rail Trail launches from Depot Park. And ugly bikes get stolen less; throw some stickers on that sucker.

For the sake of our struggling local businesses ... SUPPORT THEM. There are a lot of hard-working local people who own bike shops, restaurants, bars, hair cutters, etc.

Gainesville has added a lot of traffic circles, which are kinda dicey for pedestrians but very good for bikes and cars. If you are on a bike, you own the lane, move into it as you approach, and vehicles in the

circle have right of way. Be wary but be assertive. And of course wear a helmet.

Register to vote; you are representing future generations of students. Get involved in your new community on city advisory boards or local organizations.

Explore who you want to be, do new things and get with different groups of people. Figure out how to manage your time by getting things done and having a blast, too.

Beware of predatory male behavior, exploiting others is never cool. Watch out for it, stand up to it, and learn how to be a friend and ally to those around you.

Alachua County elections see clean sweep for progressives

by Joe Courter

The Alachua County progressive and environmental community proved able to prevail in the August 30 Democratic primary, with a big win for Robert Hutchinson, and most importantly, a clear 6 percent win by Mike Byerly, the County Commissioner who was the main target of a big money and negative

campaign by the forces who wanted to swing the Commission to the right, and into the sway of those who hold the belief that Weyerhaeuser/Plum Creek would somehow be a benefit to Alachua County.

It was a true grassroots effort of dedicated citizen activists, cobbling together skills in organizing volunteers, social media, house parties, phone banking, and financial contributions from a broad array of County residents, and made for a joyous celebration at First Magnitude.

Additionally, Eileen Roy retained her seat on the School Board, Kim Barton will be the new supervisor of elections, and here and around the state, the good solar amendment won decisively.

So now there is a slight pause and regrouping as we ready for the November 8 general election.

Key contested races are local Democratic first time candidate Ken McGurn taking on the rather revolting Tea Party darling Ted Yoho for US House of Representatives, and the fantastic Marihelen Wheeler taking on Republican Chuck Clemons for Florida House District 21. That is an open seat with prior occupant Keith Perry trying to move up to a newly drawn Florida Senate seat. Opposing him will be Attorney Rod Smith.

Medical marijuana will also be on the ballot (yay), as well as an industry sponsored crappy solar amendment (boo). The October Iguana will give you details on all that awaits at the polls in November. Look for us on October 6.

Letter to the Editor

On August 17, 2016, the Doctor Oz television show had Monel Williams as a guest. They discussed how health insurance companies in this country deny thousands of their clients life threatening treatments. These insurance companies are in business to make profits, not to provide life saving treatments.

Doctors VOW to "DO NO HARM" when they dedicate their lives to caring for the sick. Insurance companies play God and CAUSE HARM when they deny doctors to provide the best treatment needed to care for their sick patients.

This country spends outrageous amounts of money to build war weapons to defend the country. A country full of sick people who cannot get needed treatments, don't need defending—they need medical care.

I have been trying to get a bad tooth pulled for almost a year now. The insurance only pays for cleaning and X-rays. Why take X-rays in problem are not allowed to be fixed? I'm sure politicians and the wealthy would never endure being denied life threatening treatment for their own family, or suffer a toothache with one abscess after another treated with antibiotics over and over, for years.

Politicians spend billions of dollars running for office making all kinds of promises to oversee the best interest of the people. WHY VOTE? None of them care about the needs of the people. It is all a big profit making game to them.

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Editor's response: Organize, organize, organize.

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What would Sitting Bull do?

by Winona LaDuke

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It's 2016 and the weight of American corporate interests has come to the Missouri River, the Mother River. This time, instead of the Seventh Cavalry, or the Indian police dispatched to assassinate Sitting Bull, it is Enbridge and Dakota Access Pipeline.

In mid August, Standing Rock Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II was arrested by state police, along with 27 others, for opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline. In the meantime; North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple called for more police support. Every major pipeline project in North America must cross Indigenous lands, Indian country. That is a problem.

The road west of Fargo is rarely taken. In fact, most Americans just fly over North Dakota, never seeing it. Let me take you there.

My head clears as I drive; my destination the homeland of the Hunkpapa Oceti, Standing Rock Reservation. It is early evening, the moon full. If you close your eyes, you can remember the 50 million buffalo—the single largest migratory herd in the world. The pounding of their hooves would vibrate the Earth, make the grass grow. There were once 250 species of grass. Today the buffalo are gone, replaced by 28 million cattle, which require grain, water, and hay. Many of the fields are now in a single GMO crop, full of so many pesticides that the monarch butterflies are dying off. In my memory, that old world remains.

If you drive long enough you come to the Missouri River. Called Mnisose, a great swirling river, by the Lakota, she is a force to be reckoned with. She is breathtaking.

“The Missouri River has a fixed place in the history and mythology” of the Lakota and other Indigenous nations of the Northern Plains...., Dakota Goodhouse would explain.

In the time before Sitting Bull, the Missouri River was the epicenter of northern agriculture, the river bed so fertile. The territory was known as the fertile crescent of North America. That was then, before the treaties which reduced the Lakota land base, but the Missouri remained in the treaty—the last treaty of 1868 used the Missouri as a boundary.

Then came the theft of land by the US, and



Sioux youth from the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota rallied with supporters in Union Square after running 2,000 miles across the United States to protest the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline. Photo by Joe Catron.

the taking of the Black Hills, in 1877, in part retaliation against Sitting Bull's victory at the Battle of the Little Big Horn. In a time prior to Black Lives Matter or Native Lives Matter, great leaders like Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse were assassinated at the hands of police. One truth: the Lakota people have survived much.

Forced into the reservation life, the Lakota attempted to stabilize their society, until the dams came. The 1944 Pick Sloan project flooded out the Missouri River tribes, taking the best bottom lands, from the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara, the Lakota and Dakota. Over 200,000 acres on the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River reservations in South Dakota were flooded by the Oahe Dam itself, forcing not only relocation, but a loss of the Lakota world. The Garrison, Oahe, and Fort Randall dams created a reservoir that eliminated 90 percent of timber and 75 percent of wildlife on the reservations.

That is how a people are made poor. Today, well over two thirds of the population of Standing Rock is below the poverty level — and the land, and Mother River, is what remains, a constant, for the people. That is what is threatened today.

Enbridge and partners are preparing to drill through the riverbed. The pipeline has been permitted in sections from the

west and from the east. The northern portion was moved away from the water supply of Bismarck, into the watershed of Standing Rock. That's unfortunate.

Despite Lakota legal and regulatory objections, the Dakota Access Pipeline construction began in May 2016, and if finished will snake through North and South Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois, where it will link to a 774-mile pipeline to Nederland, Texas.

More than 570,000 barrels of Bakken crude oil will pass through the pipeline daily, along with 245,100 metric tons of carbon daily, or enough carbon to combust the planet to oblivion.

The pipeline would span 200 water crossings, and in North Dakota alone would pass through 33 historical and archeological sites. Enbridge just bought the Dakota Access pipeline, noting that the proposed Sandpiper route—Minnesota's 640,000 barrel per day Bakken line—is now three years behind schedule.

In late July, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe represented by Earthjustice filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Standing Rock claims the project violates federal and treaty law. Standing Rock also filed an intervention at the United Nations, in coordination with the International Indian Treaty Council. As

Chairman Archambault would explain in a New York Times story,

“... The Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior and the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation supported more protection of the tribe's cultural heritage, but the Corps of Engineers and Energy Transfer Partners turned a blind eye to our rights. The first draft of the company's assessment of the planned route through our treaty and ancestral lands did not even mention our tribe.

The Dakota Access pipeline was fast-tracked from Day 1 using the Nationwide Permit No. 12 process, which grants exemption from environmental reviews required by the Clean Water Act and the National Environmental Policy Act by treating the pipeline as a series of small construction sites. ...without closer scrutiny, the proposal breezed through the four state processes...”

In Iowa where work on the pipeline is underway, three fires erupted causing heavy damage to equipment and an estimated \$1 million in damages. Investigators suspect arson, according to Jasper County Sheriff John Halferty.

In October 2015, three Iowa farmers sued Dakota Access LLC and the Iowa Utilities Board in an attempt to prevent the use of eminent domain on their properties to construct the pipeline.

The health of the Missouri River has been taken for granted. Dammed in the Pick Sloan Dam projects, each project increases contamination and reduces her health. Today, the Missouri is the seventh most polluted river in the country. Agricultural run-off and now fracking have contaminated the river. My sister fished a gar out of the river, a giant prehistoric fish, only to find it covered with tumors.

Here's just one case... in a January 2015 spill, saltwater contamination from a massive pipeline spill reached the Missouri River. In the baffling way of state and federal agencies, North Dakota's Health Director David Glatt did not expect harm to wildlife or drinking water supplies because the water was diluted. The saying is: the solution to pollution is dilution.... That is convenient, but not true.

Blacktail Creek and the Little Muddy River were contaminated after nearly three million gallons of saltwater with elevated levels of chloride contamination. All was diluted. Except for that gar fish with the tumors. There are pipelines everywhere, and under 150 Pipeline Hazardous Ma-

terials Safety Administration (PHMSA) pipeline inspectors in the whole country.

And, now comes the risk of oil. The pipeline companies generally discuss a 99 percent safety record, but studies have found that to be grossly inaccurate. In fact, a former Scientific American Editor Trudy Bell, reports, “... PHMSA data from 2001 to 2011 compelled KAI to conclude the average pipeline therefore has a 57% probability of experiencing a major leak, with consequences over the

\$1 million range in a ten year period...” Not good odds.

As the numbers on the ground grew from 200 people to 2000, state law enforcement decided to put up a safety checkpoint, and rerouted traffic on 1806 from Bismarck to Standing Rock, hoping to dissuade people from coming and put the squeeze on Standing Rock's Prairie Knights Casino, served by that road. We just drove around; the scenic route is beautiful. And

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The meaning of 'Dakota'

This is the transcript from *The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell on MSNBC*, which aired on Aug. 25.

Dakota means friend, friendly. The people who gave that name to the Dakotas have sadly never been treated as friends. The people whose language was used to name the Dakotas and Minnesota and Iowa, Oklahoma, Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and other states, the Native American tribes, the people who were here before us, long before us, never have been treated as friends. They have been treated as enemies and dealt with more harshly than any other enemy in any of this country's wars.

After all of our major wars, we signed peace treaties and lived by those treaties. After World War II, when we made peace with Germany, we then did everything we possibly could to rebuild Germany. No Native American tribe has ever been treated as well as we treated Germans after World War II.

Donald Trump and his supporters now fear the country being invaded by foreigners who want to change our way of life, a fear that Native Americans have lived with every day for over 500 years. The original sin of this country is that we invaders shot and murdered our way across the land killing ever Native American we could and making treaties with the rest. This country was founded on genocide before the word genocide was invented, before there was a War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague.

When we finally stopped actively killing Native Americans for the crime of living here before us, we then proceeded to violate every treaty we made with the tribes, every single treaty. We piled crime on top of crime on top of crime against the people whose offense against us was simply that they lived where we wanted to live.

We don't feel the guilt of those crimes

because we pretend that they happened a very long time ago in ancient history, and we actively suppress the memories of those crimes, but there are people alive today whose grandparents were in the business of killing Native Americans. That's how recent these crimes are.

Every once in a while there is a painful and morally embarrassing reminder, as there is this week in North Dakota near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation where hundreds of people have gathered and camped out in opposition to an interstate pipeline being built from North Dakota to Illinois.

The protest is being led by this country's original environmentalists, Native Americans. For hundreds of years they were our only environmentalists, the only people who thought that land and rivers should be preserved in their natural state, the only people who thought a mountain or a prairie or a river could be a sacred place.

Yesterday a federal judge heard arguments from the tribes against the federal government's approval of the pipeline and said he will deliver his decision on whether the pipeline can proceed next month. There are now more than 90 tribes gathered in protest of that pipeline. That protest will surely continue, even if the judge allows construction to proceed.

And so we face the prospect next month of the descendants of the first people to ever set foot on that land being arrested by the descendants of the invaders who seized that land, arrested for trespassing. That we still have Native Americans left in this country to be arrested for trespassing on their own land is testament not to the mercy of the genocidal invaders who seized and occupied their land, but to the stunning strength and the 500 years of endurance and the undying dignity of the people who were here long before us, the people who have always know what is truly sacred in this world. ✨

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In any case, while conceding as an outside possibility that Trump's foreign policy is preferable, most of us not already convinced that that is so will need more evidence than can be aired in a discussion involving this statement. Furthermore, insofar as this is the fact of the matter, following the logic through seems to require a vote for Trump, though it's a bit hard to know whether those making this suggestion are intending it seriously.

Another point of disagreement is not factual but involves the ethical/moral principle addressed in 1), sometimes referred to as the "politics of moral witness." Generally associated with the religious left, secular leftists implicitly invoke it when they reject LEV on the grounds that "a lesser of two evils is still evil."

Leaving aside the obvious rejoinder that this is exactly the point of lesser evil voting-i.e. to do less evil, what needs to be challenged is the assumption that voting should be seen as a form of individual self-expression rather than as an act to be judged on its likely consequences, specifically those outlined in 4).

The basic moral principle at stake is simple: not only must we take responsibility for our actions, but the consequences of our actions for others are a far more important consideration than feeling good about ourselves.

While some would suggest extending the critique by noting that the politics of moral witness can become indistinguishable from narcissistic self-aggrandizement, this is substantially more harsh than what was intended and harsher than what is merited. That said, those reflexively denouncing advocates of LEV on a supposed "moral" basis should consider that their footing on the high ground may not be as secure as they often take for granted to be the case.

A third criticism of LEV equates it with a passive acquiescence to the bipartisan status quo under the guise of pragmatism, usually deriving from those who have lost the appetite for radical change. It is surely the case that some of those endorsing LEV are doing so in bad faith-cynical functionaries whose objective is to promote capitulation to a system which they are invested in protecting. Others supporting LEV, however, can hardly be reasonably accused of having made their peace with the establishment, as alluded to in 6) and 7) inheres in the awareness that frivolous and poorly considered electoral decisions impose a cost, their memories extending to the ultra-left faction of the

peace movement having minimized the comparative dangers of the Nixon presidency during the 1968 elections.

The result was six years of senseless death and destruction in Southeast Asia and also a predictable fracture of the left setting it up for its ultimate collapse during the backlash decades to follow.

The broader lesson to be drawn is not to shy away from confronting the dominance of the political system under the management of the two major parties. Rather, challenges to it need to be issued with a full awareness of their possible consequences. This includes the recognition that far right victories not only impose terrible suffering on the most vulnerable segments of society but also function as a powerful weapon in the hands of the establishment center, which, now in opposition can posture as the "reasonable" alternative.

A Trump presidency, should it materialize, will undermine the burgeoning movement centered around the Sanders campaign, particularly if it is perceived as having minimized the dangers posed by the far right.

A more general conclusion to be derived from this recognition is that this sort of cost/benefit strategic accounting is fundamental to any politics which is serious about radical change. Those on the left who ignore it, or dismiss it as irrelevant are engaging in political fantasy and are an obstacle to, rather than ally of, the movement which now seems to be materializing.

Finally, it should be understood that the reigning doctrinal system recognizes the role presidential elections perform in diverting the left from actions which have the potential to be effective in advancing its agenda. These include developing organizations committed to extra-political means, most notably street protest, but also competing for office in potentially winnable races. The left should devote the minimum of time necessary to exercise the LEV choice then immediately return to pursuing goals which are not timed to the national electoral cycle.

1) Voting should not be viewed as a form of personal self-expression or moral judgment directed in retaliation towards major party candidates who fail to reflect our values, or of a corrupt system designed to limit choices to those acceptable to corporate elites.

2) The exclusive consequence of the act of voting in 2016 will be (if in a contested "swing state") to marginally increase or

decrease the chance of one of the major party candidates winning.

3) One of these candidates, Trump, denies the existence of global warming, calls for increasing use of fossil fuels, dismantling of environmental regulations and refuses assistance to India and other developing nations as called for in the Paris agreement, the combination of which could, in four years, take us to a catastrophic tipping point.

Trump has also pledged to deport 11 million Mexican immigrants, offered to provide for the defense of supporters who have assaulted African American protestors at his rallies, stated his "openness to using nuclear weapons", supports a ban on Muslims entering the U.S. and regards "the police in this country as absolutely mistreated and misunderstood" while having "done an unbelievable job of keeping law and order."

Trump has also pledged to increase military spending while cutting taxes on the rich, hence shredding what remains of the social welfare "safety net" despite pretenses.

4) The suffering which these and other similarly extremist policies and attitudes will impose on marginalized and already oppressed populations has a high probability of being significantly greater than that which will result from a Clinton presidency.

5) 4) should constitute sufficient basis to voting for Clinton where a vote is potentially consequential-namely, in a contested, "swing" state.

6) However, the left should also recognize that, should Trump win based on its failure to support Clinton, it will repeatedly face the accusation (based in fact), that it lacks concern for those sure to be most victimized by a Trump administration.

7) Often this charge will emanate from establishment operatives who will use it as a bad faith justification for defeating challenges to corporate hegemony either in the Democratic Party or outside of it.

They will ensure that it will be widely circulated in mainstream media channels with the result that many of those who would otherwise be sympathetic to a left challenge will find it a convincing reason to maintain their ties with the political establishment rather than breaking with it, as they must.

8) Conclusion: by dismissing a "lesser evil" electoral logic and thereby increasing the potential for Clinton's defeat the left will undermine what should be at the core of what it claims to be attempting to achieve. 🐾



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sept 22 @ 7:00 pm
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sept 13 @ 7:00 pm
Natural Disasters/Chile
sept 20 @ 7:00 pm
An Unexpected Friend/Cuba
MATHESON HISTORY MUSEUM
sept 11 @ 3:00 pm
Family Vacation/Chile
sept 18 @ 3:00 pm
The Second Mother/Brazil
UF SMATHERS LIBRARY EAST
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The German Doctor/Argentina
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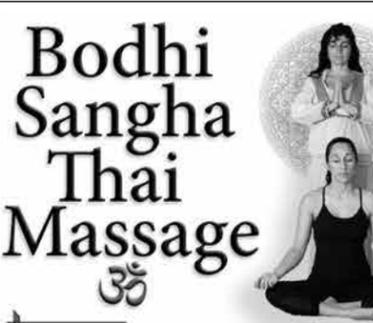
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Family Event: Greetings from the Andes & Caminantes Short Films
UF SMATHERS LIBRARY EAST
sept 15 @ 5:30 pm
Lecture: War and the Neoliberal Condition: Death and Vulnerability in Contemporary Mexico
UF REITZ UNION GRAND BALLROOM
sept 16 @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Light the Night Hispanic Heritage Month UF
BO DIDDLEY COMMUNITY PLAZA
sept 23 8:00 - 10:00 pm
Salsa Concert: Gilberto de Paz & TROPIC

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Living wage campaign update

by Sheila Payne, Alachua County Labor Coalition

Now is the time to celebrate with City of Gainesville and Alachua County employees on the progress we have all made in advancing the wage scale for all workers in Alachua County.

And of course we need to keep forging ahead. We cannot rest till all of the wages of the lowest paid employees in Alachua County are indexed to at least 125 percent above the Federal Poverty Level (\$14.60/hour in today's dollars).

After months of Alachua County Labor Coalition (ACLC) members having follow-up meetings with City Commissioners and staff, the City of Gainesville Commissioners voted to set aside \$300,000 in the 2017 budget for a Living Wage increase for city workers.

ACLC lobbied for \$12.25/hour, and the details will be worked out on Sept. 22 at a special policy meeting to overhaul the present City of Gainesville 'Living Wage' Ordinance (LWO) wording and to also figure out how the \$300,000 will be distributed to the lowest paid workers.

The City of Gainesville 'Living Wage' is now set at the official poverty rate for Alachua County of \$11.68/hour, and 90 percent of the contract workforce are exempt from the living wage rate through multiple loopholes in the present ordinance.

We will be lobbying for this first-step 5 percent wage increase to include part-time, temporary and contract workers. It will be negotiated with the workers and their unions, if they are represented. This set aside amount will also deal with wage compression. We will be lobbying for ordinance language that will automatically increase the low wage workers pay 5 percent/year minimum until the workers reach the Living Wage of \$14.60/hour plus automatic cost of living raises.

We will also be pushing for all temporary workers to be hired through the City of Gainesville HR department rather than temp force agencies so that they will automatically be included in the LWO. Please join us during these policy meetings in September.

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos and Mayor Poe pushed the Living Wage issue during the budget hearings and thanks to Commissioners Budd, Carter, Goston, and Warren for speaking out in support of and voting to support this wage increase for all city workers.

There was a general compassionate consensus that full-time city workers should be able to support their families with dignity and not have to work multiple jobs to do so.

The Alachua County Commission has also made solid strides in bringing their workforce and contractors up to a living wage. In August, Alachua County Commissioners discussed 2017 wage rates. While the ACLC had requested an increase to at least \$12.25, staff came back with a proposed \$12.50, and Commissioner Ken Cornell pushed to get \$13.

It was gratifying to hear a guest who came to the Medicare candidate forum we held this week tell me that he has a friend who has worked at UF for years as a janitor. His friend never thought he would ever make \$12/hour, and this wage increase has made a huge difference in his family's life. 🐘

Citizens Co-op, RIP

by Joe Courter

In a town with a history of having a food co-op that went out of business many years earlier (the Hogtown Granary), there were a lot of people who were willing to invest in another one.

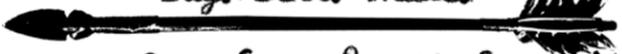
The motivators of the Citizens Co-op had a plan which sounded good on paper. They would raise the capital needed to start the store from the community, and then, once the Co-op was open, those very same investors would shop there and form a solid base of income from which the Co-op could grow. It does seem like a viable plan.

Sadly, for a whole lot of reasons, it wasn't, and it produces a whole list of what-not-to-dos instead, as well as adverse circumstances, which complicated things further. The following is a sort of timeline.

1. While located next to another co-op-y place, the Civic Media Center, the space was too small for people to buy all they needed.
 2. What they had on their shelves, while committed to organics and local sources, was priced too high for the neighborhood.
 3. Investors did not change their shopping habits and did not shop there; they supported the CONCEPT of a co-op, but kept shopping at Ward's, Publix or wherever.
 4. Volunteers were not used and discounts for work were not offered. It was a top-down business model.
 5. While there was a community-building ethos at first — pot lucks, concert fundraisers, and talks — the main employee responsible for these events was fired by the Board, as was a well-liked assistant manager.
 6. Other employees, alarmed at this action by the Co-op's Board, organized into a union and informed the general membership of their concerns.
 7. A new manager was brought in cold, from outside the community but a friend of a principal founder and Board member.
 8. That new manager fired five of the workers who formed the union by email on a Monday morning.
 9. Predictably, the store was picketed and lost a lot of customers, as well as a lot of good will.
 10. Fired workers filed a grievance with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).
 11. The Co-op Board got bad legal advice and decided to stonewall the workers and not negotiate a settlement.
 12. The NLRB ruled in favor of the workers, requiring back pay be provided.
 13. Coincidentally, into Gainesville came Lucky's, Trader Joe's and other chains, drawing away potential Co-op shoppers.
 14. The Co-op, through efforts of a heroic manager, remained open but barely, until finally tossing in the towel in August.
- A lot of hopes for a community co-op were not fulfilled, a lot of investors never got any money back, and all in all it is a sad tale, in large part because there was so much well-intended effort among all involved.
- But the circumstances, personalities and decisions made never allowed it to be a success. 🐘

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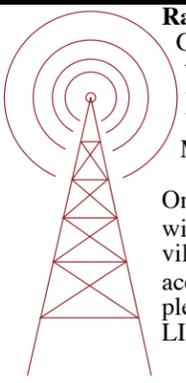
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Sunday Domingo



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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.

11 Operation Catnip spaying clinic, 8 am; see pg 5 & ocgainesville.org.



3 Religious Leaders (Jewish/Christian/Muslim) speak for peace at Church of the Mediator (501 NE Chokolka Blvd, Micanopy), 11 am.

Bill Warrick speaks on his Russia peace trip: Tower Rd library (3020 SW 75th St), 1:30 pm.

Vacaciones En Familia, Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave), 3 pm.

18 Sunday Assembly, SFC downtown (530 W. Univ Ave), 11 am, 3rd Sundays - see sagainesville.weebly.com.

Que Horas Ela Volta? at Matheson Museum, 3 pm.

1850: Congress overrides states' rights with Fugitive Slave Act. 1980: Arnaldo Tamayo Méndez 1st black man in space.

25 Women's International League for Peace & Freedom meeting, Beltram Peace Ctr (1236 NW 18th Ave), 3 pm; see pg 17.

Final(?) evening of Stage Kiss at the Hipp: see thehipp.org. If you appreciate this calendar, please consider supporting the Ig with a donation &/or subscription: PO Box 14712, Gainesville FL 32604.

2 Women's Movie Night, 1st Sundays, Pride Center (3131 NW 13th St), 7 pm.



1869: Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi born. 1890: Julius Henry "Groucho" Marx born.

9 Lawton Chiles Dinner, Hilton (1714 SW 34th St), 5 pm 2nd Presidential Debate???

Monday Lunes

12 Moral Monday Rally in Tallahassee w/ Rev William Barber - contact info@laborcoalition.org for bus ride/info.

"What Is Censorship?" - Fla Free Speech Forum talk, Wyndham Conf Ctr (2900 SW 13th St), 11:30 am.

Mayor Poe's Book Club on Between the World and Me, dntn library (401 E. Univ Ave), 6 pm.

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

CMC doc tba, CMC, 7 pm.

CINExperimental at Wooly, 7 pm.

"Race: Power of an Illusion" film & talk, the Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 7:30 pm.

19 Identity Theft talk, downtown library, 6 pm, free.

CMC documentary tba, 7 pm.

Gvl Food Security Group meets 3rd Mondays, Quaker Meeting House (708 NW 38th St), 7-9 pm.

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

¿Quién Paga La Cuenta?, Wooly, 7.

26 "The Secret Game: Sports & Jim Crow" talk by author Scott Ellsworth, UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm.

CMC documentary tba, 7 pm.

1st scheduled Presidential debate - we'll see...

1945: Lt. Col. Peter Dewey 1st US soldier killed in Vietnam.

3 CMC documentary tba; Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 6:30 pm; \$3-5 requested.

GCAT meets, 7 pm; see 9/19.

10 Henry Rollins at Fla Theater. IAIJ meets - see 9/12. CMC documentary tba, 7 pm.

Tuesday Martes

6 County Farmers' Market on N 441 by Hwy Patrol Tues/ Thurs/Sat, 8 am-noon.

Anti-war signholding - 1st/3rd Tues, Archer Rd & 34th St, 2nd/4th Tues, Univ Ave & 13th St; 4:30-6 pm.

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

1757: Gilbert "Marquis de Lafayette" du Motier born. 1860: Jane Addams born.

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

"Medical Milestones" history exhibit opens at Matheson Museum (513 E. Univ Ave).

"After Orlando - Fears & Diversity" panel, w/ intro by UF Pres. Kent Fuchs, at UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm.

Desastres Naturales, La Casita (1504 W. Univ Ave), 7 pm.

20 "Oh Florida!" talk by author/reporter Craig Pittman, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm, free.

School Board meets - see 9/6.

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

2001: GW Bush declares "war on terror".

27 County Commission meets - see 9/13.

1991: My Own Private Idaho premiers.

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

NAT'L VOTER REGISTRATION DAY: IF YOU'RE NOT REGISTERED, GO DO IT!

4 School Board - see 9/6.



1970: Soviet Union launches Sputnik I.

11 County Commission meets - see 9/13. Against Me! House of Blues, Orlando.

Wednesday Miercoles

7 "Naborhood" Coffee Talk concert series, Artisans Way (5910 Hampton St, Melrose), Wednesdays, 11 am-2 pm.

SOleducation eco-agriculture program, CMC, Weds, 3 pm.

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.

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

Move to Amend meets weekly, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 6pm.

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

1900: Hurricane kills 8,000 in Galveston, Texas.

14 Pops for SPOHP benefit - music, ice pops, beer, food, raffles & more at First Magnitude Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St), 6-9 pm - see pg 20.

Waxwings, Real Live Tigers, & Lauren Green, Hardback Café.

21 World Peace Day ceremonies, UF Plaza of the Americas, 11 am-1 pm.

Women's Studies reception, UF Ustler Hall Atrium, 3:30 pm.

Humanists meet, UUFUG, 6:30 pm.

"The Illusionists" - Broadway magic show at Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm tonight & Thursday.

28 Jazz Bandits hold up Lightnin' Salvage, 6-9 pm.

1066: William of Normandy conquers England.

IGUANA Deadline for Oct issue is Sept 27th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

5 Vets for Peace meet, 7 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.

12 Against Me! Jannus Landing, St. Pete.

1945: Desmond Doss 1st conscientious objector to win Medal of Honor

Thursday Jueves

8 Jazz Lunch at Bo Diddley Downtown Plaza (111 E. Univ Ave), 11 am-1 pm, free.

CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

Love Wins - Jim Obergefell & Debbie Cenziper talk on SCOTUS gay marriage case: Pugh Hall Ocora, UF, 6 pm.

Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 2nd Thursdays, 6 pm.

Acoustic Blues weekly open mike Compulify (5402 NW 8th Ave), 6 pm.

Latino Film Fest opens, Harn Museum (3259 Hull Rd), w/ reception & Paraiso (Paradise), 6:30 pm. Many other free screenings & events in Gvl in Sept - see pg 9 & gainesvillelatinofilmfestival.com.

Greens, 1112 NW 10th Ave, 7 pm.

Open Poetry Thurs, CMC, 8 pm.

15 Democracy Fair at Santa Fe College R-001 sponsored by League of Women Voters, 9:30 am-3 pm.

Mexico, War, & Neoliberalism talk, UF Smathers E 208, 5:30 pm.

Brexit roundtable, UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm, free.

22 League of Women Voters annual luncheon, Gvl Country Club (7300 SW 35th Way), 11:30 am.

Welcoming Week celebration - City Hall (200 E Univ Ave), 5 pm; see pg 16.

FALL EQUINOX

29 Peaceful Paths fundraising luncheon, 2100 NW 53rd Ave, 11:30 am, \$25.

Candidate Forum, Sr Ctr, noon.

Banned Books Week - events at dntn library, 4 pm, & Tower Rd library, 5 pm.

Volunteers & Poets, CMC.

Thank You for Playing - film & talk on childhood cancer, UF REVE Theater, 5:30 pm, free.

6 Civil Rights Restoration Workshop, Library Partnership (1130 NE 16th Ave), 5:30 pm, free.

Volunteers & Poets, CMC.

"Memories of John Muir" talk on JM's 1867 Fla travels, Sierra Club mtg, UUFUG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm.

Death Valley Girls, Sweet Heat, & Oof - Boca Backyard.

Friday Viernes

9 East Gvl Farmers' Market, Health Dept (224 SE 2nd Ave), 10 am-2 pm through Oct.

Prison Strike Solidarity Demonstration, Wal-Mart (1800 NE 12th Ave off Waldo Rd), 5-7 pm; see pg 4.

Ken McGurn for Congress Kickoff Party, Union Street Station (201 SE 2nd Ave), 6-9 pm; see pg 19 & votemcgurn.com.



Flat Land brings funk to Free Fridays concert, BD dntn plaza, 8 pm; pg 17.

Thin Skins & Holy Human, at Hardback Café (211 W. Univ Ave), 10 pm.

1754: William "Captain" Bligh born. 1971: Attica prison revolt begins.

16 "Light the Night" launches Hispanic Heritage Month at UF with poet Denice Frohman: Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, 6 pm, free.

Llévate Mis Amores at SFC NW campus, 7 pm.

Orchestra Fuego at The Wooly (20 N. Main St), 8 pm.

Impostors cover the Beatles, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free; see pg 17.

FULL MOON

23 Uncle Mosie, Bohemian Hillbilly, twangs up Lightnin' Salvage, 6-9 pm.

Gilberto de Paz & Tropix heat up Bo Diddley Plaza, Free Fridays series, 8 pm; see pg 17.



1846: Planet Neptune discovered. 1930: Ray Charles Robinson born.

30 Fla Springs Restoration Summit opens, Klein Ctr, College of Ctl Fla (Ocala), 7:30 am - runs through Oct 2: see floridaspringsinstitute.org.

ButterflyFest Plant Sale opens at Fla Museum (3215 Hull Rd), runs through 10/2: see flmnh.ufl.edu.

G'ville Downtown Artwalk 7-10 pm; see pg 16 & artwalkgainesville.com.

Gay Movie Night last Fridays, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 7:30 pm, \$2.

Heavy Petty breaks hearts at Free Friday concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

Prophets of Rage at St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

7 Eric Clapton/JJ Cale Tribute, Free Fridays Downtown Concert series: Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. Univ Ave), 8 pm; see pg 17.

1879: Joe Hill born. 1931: Desmond Tutu born. 1934: LeRoi "Amiri Baraka" Jones born.

Saturday Sabado

10 Toxic Prisons Rally at Coleman Correctional - see pg 4.

Interfaith Dialog, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 10 am.

Short Films of the Andes at Florida Museum of Natural History (3215 Hull Rd), 10 am.

El Salvador: Cuatros Puntos Cardinales at SFC NW campus, 2 pm.

UF Football vs Kentucky, 3:30 pm.

Acrosstown Rep Season Gala, 619 S. Main St: Roaring '20s theme: cocktails 6 pm, show 7 pm; \$20 adv, \$25 at door.

17 Peaceful Paths Pop-up Thrift Store event (9/14-17), 2100 NW 53rd Ave) 11 am-6 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-2 pm Saturday.

Silencio En La Tierra De Los Sueños, Santa Fe College NW campus, 2 pm.

Roller Rebels bout with Pinellas County Rolling Valkyries, MLK Ctr (1028 NE 14th St), 6 pm; see pg 10.

Books for Prisoners Mini-Fest, CMC, 7:30 pm-1 am.

UF Football vs No. Texas, 7:30 pm.

24 NAMI (Nat'l Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Benefit Walk, Westside Park, 9 am.

Interfaith Dialog, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 10 am.

Bilingual Storytime, Library Partnership (1130 NE 16th Ave), 11 am.

La Vaca, Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 7 pm.

Oct 1

Veg For Life vegan potluck, UUFUG, 1st Saturdays, \$2+veg dish, 6:30 pm. 1971: Walt Disney World opens in Orlando.

WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY

8 New Sierra Club Ft White Office opening celebration, 2070 SW County Rd 138, 10 am-2 pm.

Interfaith Dialog, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 10 am.

Plant & Seed Swap, Highlands Presbyterian Church (1001 NE 16th Ave), noon.

Fall Festival for Environment, 1st Magnitude, 2 pm.

UF Football vs LSU.

1939: Lynne Stewart born.

15 Iguana Fest - see pg 24.



From SITTING BULL, p. 7

as supporters surge in numbers, the casino hotel and restaurants are full.

While North Dakota seeks to punish the Lakota, Chairman Archambault expresses concerns for everyone:

“I am here to advise anyone that will listen that the Dakota Access Pipeline project is harmful. It will not be just harmful to my people but its intent and construction will harm the water in the Missouri River, which is one of the cleanest and safest river tributaries left in the United States. To poison the water is to poison the substance of life. Everything that moves must have water. How can we talk about and knowingly poison water?”

In the meantime, North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple announced a state of emergency, “...making additional state resources available to manage public safety risks associated with the ongoing protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline.” He may have exceeded his scope of authority, and violated civil and human rights to water.

Chairman Archambault continues, “Perhaps only in North Dakota, where oil tycoons wine and dine elected officials, and where the governor, Jack Dalrymple,

serves as an adviser to the Trump campaign, would state and county governments act as the armed enforcement for corporate interests....”

And, there are a lot of people at Standing Rock today who remember their history and the long standoff at Wounded Knee in 1973. In fact, some of those in Standing Rock today were there in 1973 at Wounded Knee, a different, but similar battle for dignity and the future of a nation.

I am not sure how badly North Dakota wants this pipeline. If there is to be a battle over the pipeline, it will be here. For a people with nothing else but a land and a river, I would not bet against them. The great Lakota leader Mathew King once said, “the only thing sadder than an Indian who is not free, is an Indian who does not remember what it is to be free.”

The camp represents that struggle for freedom; and the future of a people. All of us. If I ask the question, “What would Sitting Bull do?”

The answer is pretty clear. He would remind me what he said 150 years ago, “Let us put our minds together to see what kind of future we can make for our children....” The time for that is now. 🐾

Black History Task Force hosts Town Hall Meeting

The Alachua County Black History Task Force is hosting its 2nd Annual Town Hall Meeting, on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 2-4:30pm at the Alachua County Library Headquarters.

Speakers include Dr. Leannetta McNealy speaking on “The School Board’s Position on Black History in All Public Schools,” and Dr. Brianna Kennedy-Lewis reporting on her research on “the racially disproportionate suspension and graduation rates of black students in our county.”

Other invited speakers include former A.C. Schools Superintendent, Dr. Owen Roberts. There will be musical and spoken word performances. Refreshments will be served.

The public – especially parents of children enrolled in Alachua County Schools – is invited to attend. For more information contact ACBHistoryTF@yahoo.com and (352) 792-6020. 🐾

Freewheel Project reopens



The Freewheel Project, located at 618 S. Main St., has recently reopened for its second season. We are a not-for-profit bicycle collective with a mission: to empower the culture of cycling through infrastructure, education, and accessibility.

Our space has come a long way since we acquired it in early 2015. We owe much of our success to our countless volunteers and donors. Every contribution--time, money, unwanted bicycles, or parts--has helped us grow. Thank you for seeing potential in a small team of people who want to give back to the cycling community.

Since our official open in November 2015, we’ve been working hard to do a

little something for everybody. We’ve hosted rides and tours, held cycling-related workshops, donated bicycles to several neighborhoods and organizations, and taught bicycle maintenance skills.

Looking to the future, we are interested in creating programs based on what Gainesville’s cycling community wants and needs. We recognize cycling for sport and as sustainable transportation. We want to demystify the bicycle for its wide range of users. Let us know what you would like to see from us and how we can help your community.

The Freewheel Project is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 1pm-9pm, and Thursday through Saturday, 1pm-6pm. We are a full service bike shop and collective that gives its members access to work stands, tools, knowledge, and a bicycle library. We offer a selection of low-cost bicycles, a work trade program, and a bike thrift of used parts. 🐾

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Join us for Welcoming Week in Gainesville!

by Paula Roetscher
Multiculturalism, religious diversity, integration of immigrants, strong bonds between newcomers and long-term residents and positivity towards refugees — these are just some of the ideas that Welcoming Gainesville stands for.

The new nonprofit achieved to make Gainesville Florida's first Welcoming City in March of this year and Alachua County the second Welcoming County in Florida in June. This means that both our city and county are part of the nationwide Welcoming America network, a group of over 100 cities, counties and nonprofit organizations that aim to develop programs, services and policies to welcome and successfully integrate immigrants and other newcomers into our community.

Welcoming Gainesville organizes events and programs for our community that raise awareness about immigration and the obstacles that immigrants to Gainesville face and that encourage community members to become involved in integration work.

One big event that is celebrated by all Welcoming America members at the same time is Welcoming Week — a series of ongoing events that will last from September 16–25. Welcoming Gainesville is participating with its own series of events, all of which are free and open to the public:

Traveling Exhibit "People on the Move," Sept. 14 - Oct. 10

This exhibit is made of 12 panels that inform about different aspects of worldwide migration including economic

migration, displaced people, refugees and the consequences and opportunities that come with it. The exhibit gives people a chance to gain a better understanding of this highly charged topic and provides ideas for ways to become involved and advocate on behalf of immigrants and refugees. You will have a chance to visit the exhibit at different venues around Gainesville:

Sept. 14-18, Emmanuel Mennonite Church

Sept. 19-23, Santa Fe College

Sept. 26-30, Oak Hall School

Oct. 3-7, UF Pugh Hall Ocora



Welcoming Week Celebration, Sept. 22, City Hall Plaza

On September 22 at 5 PM Mayor Lauren Poe will officially proclaim the period of September 16–25 Welcoming Week in Gainesville. We will celebrate our membership in the Welcoming America network and the fact that we are on the path toward setting a positive example for all of Florida and other communities around the United States.

Mayor Poe and County Commissioner Hutchinson will be sharing what being a Welcoming City and Welcoming County means, and we will have a special guest from Welcoming America attend as well. Welcoming Gainesville and other organizations will be tabling and provide opportunities for residents to become involved with immigration work, refugee relief, international student support and much more!

Interfaith Donation Drive for Refugees in Florida, Sept. 25

Different faith communities in Gainesville will come together from now until September 25 to collect items that are desperately needed by refugees who are new to Florida and that cannot be purchased on food stamps.

These items include silverware, pots and pans, baby diapers and formula, hygienic supplies, laundry and dish detergent, bathroom rugs, shower curtains and many more. The collection of items will end on September 25 and we will pool all donations to send them to Catholic Charities in Jacksonville, one of the main refugee resettlement agencies in the state of Florida.

To stay up to date with these and other upcoming events, please visit our website welcominggainesville.org and follow our Facebook page "Welcoming Gainesville."

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Marybeth Gardam, Chair, Development Committee, WILPF US, will present information on the current global program and ways we can help on a local basis. For more information, see wilpfus.com, find us on Facebook, or call 352-371-6944.



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Their archive includes all past and present Grow Radio shows in MP3 128 format. Their catalog lists over 125 original programs and provides the most recent four recordings from every show.

Community members who would like to contribute a podcast to Grow Radio should submit proposals to growradio@gmail.com. Shows should be 60 minutes or less per episode. Both musical and non-musical content is welcome.

Grow Radio provides community members an opportunity to create and manage engaging, educational, informative, locally-generated programming to promote fine, musical and visual arts and humanities for the enrichment of the Gainesville community. 🐾

Community radio station at crossroads

By Fred Sowder
WGOT Financial Director

WGOT has been broadcasting part time at 94.7FM on Gainesville's radio dial for 8½ years. We've brought the community great local programming such as Counterpoise Reviews, featuring some of the great recordings of speakers from the CMC's audio library and elsewhere.

Amazingly, Gainesville is also a college town without a college radio station and we endeavor to fill that gap with great local and independent music on long-running shows such as the Red Pony Music Hour and Things Be Blowin' Around -- the latter which had a long run on GROW Radio. These shows are hosted by local artists H.R. Gertner and Bill Perry, respectively. Other show hosts have also generously brought their former GROW Radio programs along to WGOT, further diversifying our music selection.

We also carry quality national, award-winning programs including Writer's Voice and the iconic Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez.

Such thought-provoking, progressive programming wouldn't be possible without our friends and sponsors we've had throughout the years, many of whom are local musicians who play our benefit shows. The venues who have hosted our shows throughout the years -- far too many to mention -- as well as other local businesses including Wild Iris Books and First Magnitude Brewing Company, have been pivotal to our success.

Even with all of this support, community members are still learning about us.

We can become a more visible part of the community by making the move to a 24-hour broadcast schedule on 100.1 FM, which the Federal Communications Commission granted us permission to do almost 3 years ago. We can only do that with increased funding, but our deadline is only a few months away.

If you have a local business, please consider being an underwriting sponsor, where for as little as \$80 per month, you can have targeted sponsorship announcements during some of our most popular programs. It's also a creative way to make a special announcement celebrating a special occasion.

The many possibilities spell out a big win for YOUR community radio station. Email me at financial@wgot.org for more information.

We're also in dire need of volunteers to help with the day-to-day operations. Our monthly meetings are in the Foundation Room of the Downtown Public Library on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm and we'd be honored if you could join us to find out more.

We're always in need of initiative-taking citizens with broadcasting experience, but experience in IT, marketing, coding, web design, and other fields are also important to our long-term survival. Our station manager, Lynne Loewenthal, can fill you in on more at info@wgot.org.

We hope to see you soon. Without WGOT, there would be no independent community radio in Gainesville and without supporters of community radio, there can be no WGOT. 🐾



Civic Media Center needs your help

Joe Courter
CMC co-founder

The CMC has been providing Gainesville and Alachua County with a resource of information, a place to hold and attend events, and a place to meet and connect with other similar minded people who want to learn more and do more to make a better world.

It has been a hard year, and it needs your help, especially those of you who know what a positive asset it is.

Regaining our 501(c)3 has proven hard. Community Service people had been a backbone of staffing day to day. We don't have them now. Please if you have time, come and be a volunteer.

Our notifying people to renew memberships has slipped badly. This would be a great time to renew your membership or make a donation.

We have the infrastructure for a coffeehouse, or cafe start-up for an independent enterprise within our space. Know someone interested?

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In addition to the local progressive groups and organizations listed on in the directory on pages 22-23, many statewide progressive organizations exist.

- Occupy Miami
- Progress Florida
- Democratic Caribbean Caucus of Florida
- Green Party of Florida
- Equality Florida
- Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice
- Tallahassee Network for Justice and Peace
- Central Florida Veterans for Peace
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History and the people who make it: Wilton Russell

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

This is the 36th in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida.

Wilton Russell [R] was interviewed by Ryan Morini [M] in 2012.

M: Your date and place of birth?

R: Red Bay Andros, the Bahamas. 22nd of December 1956 and I am 56. I born in a house about the size of this room and that house was two rooms, “the hall” where you to eat, sit down and talk and pray. The other is a bedroom, so that’s the first house that my grandmother did own. We built outta pine and made those lumbers themselves and my grandfather, something used to call axe, like a pickaxe and no prong on the back.

M: The adze.

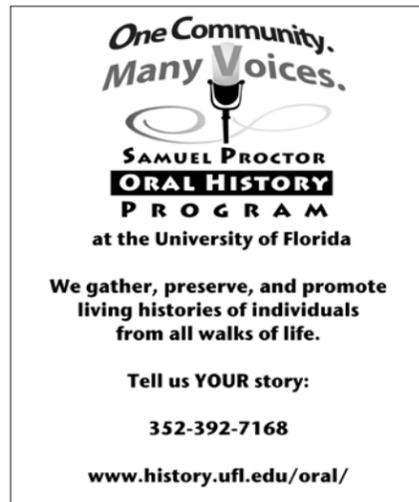
R: That’s how they build their sailing sloops too. That’s how they carve the canoes too, that same thing. Axe. And that’s how the house was built. With an axe, wooden pin. Not even nails. There wasn’t a shop around to buy no nails. So they take wood from Old Ridge or the bush or the jungle — and sharpen up we axe and use that for pin. But I don’t know how they get those hole bore. My grandfather pretty smart. Where he put that house together, our house is still standing today.

It was there, my grandmother told me fifteen years before I was born. Before, they were living in a thatched roof. That thatched roof is over sixty years old and it’s still there to show how strong a straw .. building is.

All we does is repaired. As soon as it started leaking Mama said, Puna my camp leaking man, please go try get some straws. I said Mama let’s do it completely over, make it look new.

I cut the leaves, we call these types of leaves house-rich leaves. I go and I get like three, four bundles of them, as much as she can possibly tie up, put it up your head, you gotta walk through the jungle with it on your head, even if a wild boar behind you, you gotta run with your leaves on your head. Or drop your leaves and go up the trees till the wild boars go then pick up your leaves and you start taking off again, till you get home to mama.

You go ahead and you thatch the building



over again. That’s how I was brought up and that’s what I did to help out.

M: What do you consider your ethnic or racial background to be?

R: My grandmother, she taught me all of her legacies and all her things so I only can relate what she taught me, and whatever I discovered myself through the jungles.

Both grandfathers have taught me certain things. I have lot of stories and maybe I’ll be telling stories all day. [Laughter]

My grandfather, my grandmother, they both told me that we are Seminole Indians descended from Florida. They said, there was a bad storm came down one time ago in 1926 and also another earlier year — I can’t really remember which year it is.

This strong brave young man left town to go fishing. They couldn’t turn back because the breeze was in back of them, in the west. The hurricane came from the west. They were fishing in their sloops, and a wave kept pushing them in. They couldn’t make it back to the U.S., so they keep on going forward.

They landed on a space called McQueen Well. They gone up to this place called Sammy Lewis. A high, high ground with a big, big trees over it called wild mangoes. The land is not too big now, I’d say approximately 400 meters diameter.

After the storm, they jumped in their canoes and they went to this place called McQueen Well. That’s the safest place because it was kind of high. Only God knows where they got those plants from

to put in the ground, but Indians are wise people. Every time they travel, they travel with food, or seeds. They planted these corn, bean, potatoes, cassavas, pumpkins, yams, and stuff like that. Another storm came down. That kills a lot of them.

That’s the legend place where many Seminoles have died. The storm killed them because they had time to build no houses. They were living in little tents. We had very little time to secure themselves.

And from there those left behind, they moved to another place called Cedar Coppice. That’s another higher piece of ground. That’s approximately about a mile from McQueen Well. And they stayed.

My daddy’s daddy, was one of those guys. He was one of the survivors. Shaddy Russell. My grandfather, Pa Nelson, got swept away. In those days storms were coming pretty fast. No one died at the Cedar Coppice, but they still on the storm path. They ran deep into the pine yard on higher ground. They find shelter there because many of them went in caves. God bless those caves.

So after the weather was over, they came out of the caves and they came back to their canoes and they paddled — keep paddling on, with their seeds and everything — til they reached to this place called Lewis Coppice which is known to be Red Bay right now. Where I born.

And they stayed there for about five, six years. Growing their seeds, trying to build their tents and stuff. Another storm came there too. It killed a lot of them again. The older ones always be the ones that get killed out. They can’t run for their life.

The stronger ones who have more strength, they can’t stay there to lift a guy weighing maybe two hundred pounds. To run with him. Then you’ve got your little brother. Perhaps your sister to run with, or your mummy. You don’t want to leave your mummy behind.

That’s how it was. Sometimes when I speak stories it make me cry.

Yeah. There were about thirty odd people at Red Bay, after the storm was over. It’s Red Bay now, but I like the word Lewis Coppice because that’s what it was called. And then there’s a place in Red Bay called Lost Man Coppice.

This place was so thick with bush — one

single guy, his name was Sammy Lewis, he was the chief of the Seminoles. He went so deep into the jungle he got lost. It took the rest of the Indians three days to find this guy. And he wasn’t far away from the camp. He screamed. He yelled. He shoot his musket. Nobody could hear it. That’s how thick this bush and high, high, high the thicket is.

He keep on traveling and traveling until he gets back out to a thinner part of the Coppice, and he heard some noises so he followed where he hear the sound of the people. When they saw him, and he saw his family, he fell down. Few days no food, no water. He’s weak and tired and exhausted. They give him some arrowroot.

Riding along the road you see that little plant in the water in the ditch on the side of the road — they all bunch together, in the water going down there by the bank. Arrowroot, wow, that’s the Indian food, what we used to do when we get that hungry, and we hunting wild boars.

We go and we dig it up, take off the little leaves off it, the little stuff off it and we build a fire — because in that town there wasn’t no match, we had to use a stick, we had to do that so much, sometimes till our shoulders hurt us, we tried to make fire with the stick, rubbing the stick, rubbing the stick, [makes blowing noises] And you look fire comes, so we put arrowroot in the fire and here it goes, we got something to eat.

We use our Bay Rush for flour bread because there wasn’t no flour. No rice. No grits. No salt. No oil to fry nothing with. Everything in the bush is partly poisonous. But you manufacture it to make it become edible.

My grandmother called me, say, “Wilton, come here. See these plants here? They are called Bay Rush.” They say “Go bring that piece of wood here.” Say “bring the cutlass.” Old piece of cutlass. It rusty, it red, red, red. We had to sharpen it on a rock. I chipped one out of that piece of wood. It’s called Bullet Wood. It so hard when you chop on it you get “ting”. It’s harder than the mahogany wood.

And my grandmother, she said, “This thing what I want you to dig up this poison, you can’t eat.” That’s how she speaks. I’m going to speak like here. “This is not cassava. This is not potato.” This is Bay Rush. She’s called it bear-ish.

But the proper name, scientific name, is Bay Rush. It’s edible and it saves baby lives. It gives strength to the whole family if you know how to manufacture it.

The arrowroot don’t need no manufacturing. All the arrowroot need is to dig up, put in the fire, or grill it or boil it, and you can eat it. Or you can grater it, get the starch from it, ohh. Best porridge you can ever eat in your life is arrowroot porridge. When you take the first spoonful you can feel the come on start. Arrowroot.

Now, it was hard in them times, during their times. We had a little better, in my times coming up, but it’s still hard in Red Bay still now. That’s why I always try to teach the culture of the Red Bay Seminoles to those who don’t know. They are Seminole descendants, but they don’t know that culture.

The area where — my grandmother and my grandfather and them, were farming, these area are called the Hall Coppice. Billy Coppice. This is rich, rich ground.

You put anything in the ground and a couple of days and it’s up.

Couple of months, you can eat. Two, three months, you can dig your potato. You can eat your cassava. You can pick your peas and your beans or whatever. Nowadays, nobody farming them areas no more. Everybody looking to catch some crabs and some fish to sell and so they can feed the family and pay the bills off. It’s kind of awful on me back in the Bahamas with my family.

Sometimes I wish that I could come to the United States and find a good job or find a record producer company and cut some record or something like that. Try to change my life a little bit because all my lifetime I had it hard, very hard. I mean other people have it harder than I do.

That’s why I’m so thankful to God that I live long enough to come to America for the first time, at the age of 56. So far as I can see, it seems like I find more love in American with strangers than my own family and friends and neighbors.

Well my Grammy died about two months before here. I’m still feeling the sorrows. We used an “OK” flour bag for shirt. For pants. You know what was my bed? I used to sleep in the cocoa sack. You know, thick links one, look like a net almost. Until the age of sixteen I was sleeping in cocoa sack.

Search for “Wilton Russell” at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu/collection/> for the full transcript of this interview; look for a second segment in the next issue of the Iguana.

The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program believes that listening carefully to first-person narratives can change the way we understand history, from scholarly questions to public policy. SPOHP needs the public’s help to sustain and build upon its research, teaching, and service missions: even small donations can make a big difference in SPOHP’s ability to gather, preserve, and promote history for future generations. 🐊

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

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, jaquebetz@gmail.com.

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

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

Democratic Party of Alachua County Meetings held the second Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. in the 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 100% volunteer-run collective to create a revolution through edible and food-producing plants. <http://edibleplantproject.org/contact-us>.

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

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 works to protect freshwater resources, conserve public lands, and provide quality environmental education since 1969, 352-475-1119, Fladefenders.org

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

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to Death Penalty works to abolish the death penalty. Join vigils when Florida has an execution. Meets first Tuesday every month at St. Augustine Church & Catholic Student Center, 1738 W. University Ave, 352-378-1690, 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) organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd Mondays at 6 pm at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. Gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com, www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com, 352-377-6577.

Gainesville 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, <http://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

National Women's Liberation is 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 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 4:30 pm. Gainesvilleiww@gmail.com. www.gainesvilleiww.org

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.ncpssm.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

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.ichetuckneealliance.org/>

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

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

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."

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

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

UF Radical Student Alliance is a progressive grassroots organization that strives to combat social justice issues on campus, with our core values being transparency, democratic process, the value of each member's input, and the ability of any member to assume a leadership role. Meetings are at 6:30pm Wednesdays on campus, ufradstudentalliance@gmail.com.

United Faculty of Florida Union represents faculty at University of Florida. 352-392-0274, 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, <http://vfp-gainesville.org/>

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

World Socialist Party of the United States (WSP-US) can be contacted by anyone wanting to know and understand more about Marxian socialism and the WSPUS's efforts to transform the dog-eat-dog - Devil take the hindmost world created by capitalism into a democratically arranged world society of equality by emailing the Party at boston@wspus.org. All email received will be responded to. Upon request the Party will provide membership applications. <http://wspus.org>. ☘

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- ✦ **Sister Hazel, who loved the lost, dies at 91**, by Deborah Strange
<http://www.gainesville.com/news/20160718/sister-hazel-who-loved-lost-dies-at-91>
- ✦ **The Far-Right's 50-Year Project to Make America Great Again**, by Tula Connell. *The current U.S. presidential election cycle may seem over the top. But in one important way, it is no different than any other over the past several decades.*
<http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/163211>
- ✦ **A Call to Action Against Slavery—We're About to See the Largest Prison Strikes in US History**, by Jeremy Galloway. *A national network of prisoners plans the US's largest prison strike for September 9, 2016*
<http://theinfluence.org/a-call-to-action-against-slavery-why-were-about-to-see-the-largest-prison-strikes-in-us-history/>
- ✦ **Negroponte's Crimes**, by Branko Marcetic. *Hillary Clinton is bragging about support from a Republican diplomat linked to mass atrocities in Central America.*
<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/08/negroponte-honduras-nicaragua-contras-reagan-clinton/>
- ✦ **Queer in the Post-Marriage Equality Era**, by Jess Clawson
<http://wearetheobserver.com/queer-post-marriage-equality-era/>
- ✦ **Why Florida's Medical Marijuana System Is Ripe for Corporate Takeover**, by Angela Bacca, Jeremy Daw, and Ellen Holland. *Rick Scott, big money, and the future of marijuana in Florida.*
<http://www.alternet.org/drugs/florida-medical-marijuana-corruption>
- ✦ **The graveyard on Earth: inside City 40, Russia's deadly nuclear secret**, by Samira Goetschel. *A city of comfortable poison: Russia's perfect symbol of 1st world.*
<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2016/jul/20/graveyard-earth-inside-city-40-ozersk-russia-deadly-secret-nuclear>
- ✦ **A Good Lesson (video)**. *Young Germans working to reclaim their national culture for punk progressivism and compassion (warning: raw language in English)*
<http://freethoughtblogs.com/affinity/2016/07/11/a-good-lesson/>
- ✦ **What We Must Do**, by Dana Hunter. *Practical actions to ameliorate the Police Problem*
<http://the-orbit.net/entequilaesverdad/2016/07/10/what-we-must-do/>
- ✦ **Does the Liberty Bell Ring for Native Americans? A Raw Review of the DNC**, by Simon Moya-Smith. *The best writing on the 2016 Democratic National Convention comes from a young Oglala Lakota named Simon Moya-Smith*
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