

# The Gainesville Iguana

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# No to Nazis, No to Racists

*On April 21 1990, the Gainesville Downtown Plaza, now Bo Diddley Plaza, was rented to celebrate Hitler's birthday (word was whoever signed the paperwork didn't know what "the fuhrer's birthday" meant). Much as today, authorities wanted the event ignored, but an activist-minded President of UF Student Government, as well as many community activists, turned out over 500 people for a counter rally.*

*The celebrants had about 18 people, an assortment of skinheads and nazis. Their "seig heils" were met with loud "fuck yous." And of course, a large police presence was involved, with everyone required to go through metal detectors. What follows ran in the May 1990 Gainesville Iguana:*

## Nazis protected by US government, speaker says

*(Carol Giardina of Gainesville Women's Liberation spoke about women, and the larger Nazi threat. Here is part of her speech at the rally.)*

The Nazis are anti-woman and they're anti-women's liberation. They had a KKK just for women. Küche, Kirche, und Kinder. Cooking, church, and children was a Nazi slogan ... For Aryan women – blonde, blue-eyed women – their func-

tion was the forced production of future fascists. Others were forced into whorehouses, for the Nazi armies. They were sterilized and exterminated. Feminists share a common enemy in Hitler with all of labor and working people ...

I wish I could say that the threat was just these few Nazis in this plaza. These chumps, these dupes over here. I wish I could say that the threat was confined to some fringey skinheads. How dare they come out here, these people whose National Socialist Party brought us the carnage of World War II. Are they really anti-establishment rebels, or do they have backers in high places? [A prior speaker] said ... there are Nazi doctors and lawyers, Nazis with money and position. Yes there are Nazis in high places. In very high

places indeed, with their Nazi credentials well covered-up. Some of them are covered up and promoted, financed and supported by our government.

*See NAZIS, p. 18*

## A living wage, the right to a union at Santa Fe College

*– an anonymous Santa Fe employee*

Over the past few years the Alachua County Labor Coalition has helped put millions of dollars directly into the pockets of working people through our efforts to combat wage theft and our living

*See WAGE, p. 18*

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# US Science Envoy's letter to Trump: 'I resign!'

Says President's actions have harmed our quality of life, our standing abroad, and the sustainability of the planet

Below is the August 23 resignation letter of Daniel Kammen, Science Envoy for the U.S. Department of State. Note first letter of each paragraph (eds.)

I am resigning from my position as Science Envoy for the Department of State of the United States. Since 1996, I have served the Departments of Energy, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Department in a number of roles. Working closely with the talented teams at State Department Headquarters and at US embassies abroad, we have built significant partnerships in North and East Africa, and in the Middle East, around shared visions of national security, job creation in the U.S. and sustainable energy.

My decision to resign is in response to your attacks on core values of the United States. Your failure to condemn white supremacists and neo-Nazis has domestic and international ramifications. On this issue, I stand with the unequivocal and authoritative statements of Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, Ohio Governor John Kasich, Senator John McCain, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Presidents George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush, Dr. Cornel West, Linda Sarsour, the Palestinian-American activist and one of the organizers of the Women's March, and many others.

Particularly troubling to me is how your response to Charlottesville is consistent with a broader pattern of behavior that

enables sexism and racism, and disregards the welfare of all Americans, the global community and the planet.

Examples of this destructive pattern have consequences on my duties as science envoy. Your decision to abdicate the leadership opportunities and the job creation benefits of the Paris Climate Accord, and to undermine energy and environmental research are not acceptable to me.

Acts and words matter. To continue in my role under your administration would be inconsistent with the principles of the United States Oath of Allegiance to which I adhere.

Character is vital in leadership. I find particularly wise the admonition of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who cautioned that, "A people [or person] that values its privileges above principles soon loses both."

Herein, with regret, I resign. I deeply respect and value the work of the many fine people I have encountered in our federal agencies and will miss the opportunity to work with and support them. Your actions to date have, sadly, harmed the quality of life in the United States, our standing abroad, and the sustainability of the planet.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Kammen  
Science Envoy, U.S. State Department  
(Former) ✉

## Meanwhile, even worse stuff...

While we are all distracted by inane and horrid tweets, dysfunctional aides and appointees, and crises of the week, there's a lot of bad stuff happening. Stephen Humphrey, the former dean of UF's College of Natural Resources, has been closely following the Trump administration's attack on the environment. Here's what he has noticed (and thanks to Jeff Klinkenberg for posting them):

1. Trump administration has blocked the Clean Power Plan. The plan implemented under Obama focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.
2. Withdrew from the Paris climate agreement.
3. Ended a study on the health effects of mountaintop-removal mining. The process involves blasting away the tops of hills and mountains to get at coal seams under the surface.
4. Rescinded a rule mandating that rising sea levels be considered when building public infrastructure in flood-prone areas.
5. Reversed an Obama ban on drilling for oil in the Arctic.
6. Reviewed the status of national monuments for possible reversal.
7. In April, Trump signed an executive order ordering a review of monuments added in the past 20 years, opening up the possibility that some areas previously set aside would have that status revoked.
8. Withdrew a rule regulating fracking on public land.
9. Reversed a ban on plastic bottles at national parks.
10. Rescinded a limit on the number of sea animals that can be trapped or killed in fishing nets.
11. Delayed and potentially rolled back automotive fuel efficiency standards.
12. Repealed the Waters of the United States rule. This rule expanded the definition of water bodies that were protected by the Environmental Protection Agency.
13. Ended a rule banning dumping mining wastes into streams.
14. Reversed a rule banning hunting bears and wolves on federal refuges in Alaska. People can now shoot wolves in their dens and bears in hibernation.
15. Reversed the protection of Alaska's wilderness from mineral extraction. ✉

From the publisher ...

## Fundamentalism stops a thinking mind

I had this phrase as a bumper sticker years back, and while a parody of the anti-abortion slogan, I always come back to it in different situations. Most recently it came to me in regard to the First Amendment and the dilemma of the ACLU and UF when evaluating the free speech rights of the Nazis and racists who have emerged with the election of Trump.

Our community has been targeted by these new brand of racists because we are a progressive town that will put up a fight, which is what they want. I was told they are hoping to win "free speech" court cases as a financial strategy, much like that heinous Westboro Baptist Church, the folks who picket funerals of gay people and soldiers.

The violence and ugliness that went down in Charlottesville gave the University of Florida its reasoning to say no to this Spencer character, but now it is back up in the air. Two otherwise progressive local attorneys, Gary Edinger and Joe Little, are taking the absolutist Free Speech side, backing Spencer.

I doubt anything will be firm in three days when this issue of the *Iguana* is printed (I'm writing this Sept. 2), but Spencer's people say they are coming on Sept. 12 regardless. I do know that much like what Carol Giardina said when we faced off with Nazis 27 years ago on the Downtown Plaza (and reprinted on page 1 in this issue), it is just wrong to not go out to show our opposition and just let these racists have a happy pleasant day.

Back then we had the UF student body president advocate for opposition over the wishes of the UF administration who want it to be ignored. Our NAACP head, Joseph Judge, spoke forcefully at the rally. We had 500 people to their 18, we were loud, strong and we were RIGHT to be out there.

If and when Spencer or his ilk show up here in Gainesville, I hope we can Boston them, overwhelming numbers out to loudly say "You're Wrong, Go Home!" And as far as all the false equivalency going on regarding anti-fascist organizing, saying that Antifa – a far left political movement focusing on fighting far-right and white supremacy ideology – are terrorists; no. Antifa exists solely to face down racists and fascists – that is why they exist. That is their agenda. When the cops took a pass in Charlottesville, and let that sick torch march attack peaceful anti-racists, Antifa stepped in. I do not want violence; I would prefer better discipline and less testosterone, but please do not fall for the false equivalency narrative.

Two days before the initial good news from UF President Fuchs regarding Spencer, on August 14, Gainesville had a real victory in the resolution of the Confederate statue debate. Two years from when Faye Williams and a small group raised their voices and built a movement, the original party that put up the statue in 1904 raised the money, took it down and put it someplace else, reportedly a cemetery SE of town. Kudos to our County government and the citizens who kept the heat on. And it was citizens from within and outside of UF who helped sway UF to consider the Spencer visit an issue of public safety. Kudos to all who stepped up then, too. People showed up, spoke out, and it made a difference. It is what participatory democracy requires us to do. It is what being a civic minded citizen is about.

Back to fundamentalism. The rigid human mind is a waste of our naturally evolved intellect. It is also hugely problematic: be it for LGBT children growing up in unaccepting households, the knee-jerk dismissal of single payer healthcare, the anti-science dismissal of global warming, climate change and heck, even evolution itself, and perhaps most insidiously, the unconscious acceptance of cultural traditions based on lies as with racism, sexism or the current (and recurrent) fear mongering about immigrants.

We need to do better, to recognize and challenge our own unconscious fundamentalisms, and then organize and act to make the world better. It is why we put out this paper, and why I write these words. ✉



Joe Courter

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| Every Thu     | Volunteer Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm  |
| Every Thu     | Poetry Jam, 8pm   |
| Every 1st Fri | Open Jam & Art Show, 8pm-2am  |
| Every 3rd Fri | Open Jam & Art Show, 8pm-2am  |
| Mon, Sep 11   | "Water's Journey," classic Wes Skiles documentary on the underground aquifer and discussion of proposed phosphate mine in Bradford Co., 7-9pm |
| Fri, Sep 15   | "Prisons; Reform? Abolish?" Discussion with author Dan Berger, former prisoners, 6-7:30pm   |
| Mon, Sep 18   | Short documentaries on resisting White supremacist movements, 7pm   |
| Mon, Sep 25   | Biography: "Passionate Pursuits of Angela Bowen" – dancer-singer-radical black lesbian  |
| Fri, Sep 29   | ArtWalk, 7-10 pm  |
| Sat, Sep 30   | "Water Is Life" festival: music, info, speakers, 8pm  |
| Wed, Oct 4    | "Stetson Kennedy 101" Power-point, music, cake honoring an amazing man.   |
| Wed, Oct 20   | <b>SAVE THE DATE:</b> CMC 24th Anniversary at Matheson Museum, 6:30   |

**Please support the CMC however you can: volunteering, memberships, donations, ideas, and attendance at our events. Grassroots support keeps us going.**

## Labor Council backs Parents Against Corporate Takeover

by Melissa Morris, NCFCLC Secretary

During the July executive board meeting and the August general body meeting, the North Central Florida Central Labor Council (NCFCLC) unanimously voted to support Parents Against Corporate Takeover (PACT) in their efforts to campaign against Charter School USA coming into Alachua County. The NCFCLC represents union members from twelve different Central Florida counties.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> of this year House Bill 7069 was signed by Governor Scott with an effective date of July 1, 2017. This bill mandates that public schools share local millage revenue with local charter schools, regardless of public or private status. Included in this bill was language for "Schools of Hope" to be opened in areas of persistently low performing schools. It also allows for these Schools of Hope to be able to apply to the state for assistance in funding the construction of the new buildings. These provisions were put in place to help students in low performing areas, yet the proposed charter school would be built in an area of Gainesville where there are two elementary schools that are historically A schools.

While reviewing Charter School USA's testing data from the Department of Education's website I found that there were schools with grades of As and Bs, but there were also schools that had grades of Cs and Ds. This company cannot guarantee that they have a better system of education that traditional public schools when they have low performing schools here in the state of Florida.

Another concern discussed by members was that while charter schools have open enrollment procedures and standard application process, it does not mean that the schools have to take every student that applies, or even keep students for the entire year. Unlike the public schools, charter schools are not required to provide special education services to students. If a student requires special services while attending a charter school, parents have to find services in a private setting. If parents are unhappy with the educational services, or the lack thereof, the parents are frequently encouraged to take their child to another school where services can be provided. In addition, students who become excessive behavior problems can be removed from the schools. By the time state testing arrives they have the potential to weed out students that would drop the overall school grade.

If Charter School USA is approved to open the school in southwest Gainesville, it would have a capacity to house over 1,000 students from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Between the state funding per child and the capital outlay money that must be shared with the charter, the School Board of Alachua County would lose just over \$78 million over the course of 10 years.

Through Opportunity Scholars the School Board of Alachua County already provides opportunity for students at failing schools to go to schools that are performing at a passing level. In addition to the Opportunity Scholars parents can exercise school choice through applying for zoning exemptions and magnet programs. It is in the best interest of the students of Alachua County to keep the funding in the traditional public schools and away from a for-profit educational company.

Learn more about PACT at: [www.parentsagainstcorporatetakeovers.com](http://www.parentsagainstcorporatetakeovers.com). ☞

## Food Justice Study Group to discuss 'The Potlikker Papers'

Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG) is launching a new Food Justice Study Group for local residents in Gainesville and its surrounding communities.

Every other month, we will be discussing a book or documentary that has been selected to generate a conversation about how our contemporary food system can help us better understand the complex issues of race, class, gender, both our collective and individual histories, and how we might envision and achieve a more sustainable, socially-just society.

"FOG supports and promotes a multi-

tude of pathways into the local, sustainable food movement," says David Vaina, FOG's Education & Outreach Director. "One might begin farming or gardening organically, others might embrace consumer-driven solutions, and others might be seeking a deeper understanding of how our food choices can improve or disrupt the lives of peoples in our country and around the world."

The first Food Justice Study Group meeting will be held Oct 16 at 6:45pm at the Millhopper Branch Library in Gainesville. The October selection for the Study Group is John T. Edge's *The Potlikker Papers: A Food History of the Modern*

South.

The book starts with the contribution of the South's cooks and waiters during the Civil Rights era, covers the Back to the Land movement, and concludes with a South where immigrants have shaped the region's cuisine and culture.

The Alachua County Library does carry the book in both print and electronic forms. Please consider supporting an independent bookstore if you purchase it!

Please visit [www.foginfo.org](http://www.foginfo.org) or call 352.377.6345 for upcoming selections or information about the Study Group. ☞



### A Southeast regional premiere: '1984' (the play) hits the Hippodrome Mainstage

The Hippodrome Theatre and the UF School of Theatre + Dance will partner to bring George Orwell's dystopia to life this fall.

*1984*, written by George Orwell and adapted by Andrew White, makes its Southeast regional premiere on the Hippodrome Mainstage. The show runs Sept. 1 through Sept. 24.

This theatrical adaption of Orwell's literary masterpiece explores themes of erosion of privacy, destruction of identity and the role governments and media agencies have in shaping our lives. The story follows Winston, played by Hipp company member Niall McGinty, as he navigates a totalitarian world, where speech and thought are highly regulated.

The play unpacks the difference between truth and falsehood, a message that Hippodrome Artistic Director Lauren Warhol Caldwell said is relevant today.

"Orwell's version of the future serves as a reminder to us: We need to be better," she said. "This play dives straight into the dangers of restricting free speech and free press. When we reread *1984*, we feel its message resonates with us more than ever. We're excited to partner with UF to share this artistic journey with the Gainesville community."

Content advisory: This play contains nudity and adult content.

Tickets are on sale now at the Hippodrome Box Office: (352)375-4477 and [thehipp.org](http://thehipp.org). ☞



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# How (not) to challenge racist violence

by Aviva Chomsky

This article originally appeared on August 21 at [www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org).

As white nationalism and the so-called “alt-Right” have gained prominence in the Trump era, a bipartisan reaction has coalesced to challenge these ideologies. But much of this bipartisan coalition focuses on individual, extreme, and hate-filled mobilizations and rhetoric, rather than the deeper, politer, and apparently more politically acceptable violence that imbues United States foreign and domestic policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Everyone from mainstream Republicans to a spectrum of Democrats to corporate executives to “antifa” leftists seems eager and proud to loudly denounce or even physically confront neo-Nazis and white nationalists. But the extremists on the streets of Charlottesville, or making Nazi salutes at the Reichstag, are engaging in only symbolic and individual politics.

Even the murder of a counter-protester was an individual act—one of over 40 murders a day in the United States, the great majority by firearms. (Double that number are killed every day by automobiles in what we call “accidents”—but which obviously have a cause also.) Protesters are eager to expend extraordinary energy denouncing these small-scale racist actors, or celebrating vigilante-style responses. But what about the large-scale racist actors?

There has been no comparable mobilization, in fact little mobilization at all, against what Martin Luther King called “the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today”—the United States government, which dropped 72 bombs per day in 2016, primarily in Iraq and Syria, but also in Afghanistan, Libya, Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan, making every single day 9/11 in those countries.

Historically, people and organizations struggling to change U.S. society and policy have used direct action, boycotts, and street protests as strategies to pressure powerholders to change their laws, institutions, policies, or actions. The United Farm Workers called on consumers to boycott grapes in order to pressure specific growers to negotiate with their union. Antiwar protesters marched on Washington or targeted their Congressional representatives. They also took direct action: registering voters, pouring blood on draft records or

nuclear weapons, sitting in front of trains carrying weapons to Central America.

All of these kinds of tactics remain valid options today. But there has been a puzzling shift away from actual goals and towards using these tactics merely to express one’s moral righteousness or “allyship.” I remember my first “take back the night” march in Berkeley, in the 1970s. As men and women marched through the campus holding candles, I wondered whether they thought that would-be rapists would undergo a change of heart when they saw that large sectors of the public disapproved of rape?

Over the years I have come to see more and more of what Adolph Reed calls “posing as politics.” Rather than organizing for change, individuals seek to enact a statement about their own righteousness.

They may boycott certain products, refuse to eat certain foods, or they may show up to marches or rallies whose only purpose is to demonstrate the moral superiority of the participants. White people may loudly claim that they recognize their privilege or declare themselves allies of people of color or other marginalized groups.

People may declare their communities “no place for hate.” Or they may show up at counter-marches to “stand up” to white nationalists or neo-Nazis. All of these types of “activism” emphasize self-improvement or self-expression rather than seeking concrete change in society or policy. They are deeply, and deliberately, apolitical in the sense that they do not seek to address issues of power, resources, decision-making, or how to bring about change.

Oddly, these activists who have claimed the mantle of racial justice seem committed to an individualized, apolitical view of race. The diversity industry has become big business, sought out by universities and companies seeking the cachet of inclusivity. Campus diversity offices channel student protest into alliance with the administration and encourage students to think small. While adept in the terminology of power, diversity, inclusion, marginalization, injustice, and equity, they studiously avoid topics like colonialism, capitalism, exploitation, liberation, revolution, invasion, or other actual analyses of domestic or global affairs. Lumping race together in an ever-growing list of marginalized identities allows the history and realities of race to be absorbed into a billiard

ball theory of diversity, in which different dehistoricized identities roll around a flat surface, occasionally colliding.

Let us be very clear. The white nationalists who marched in Charlottesville, hate-filled and repugnant as their goals may be, are not the ones responsible for the U.S. wars on Iraq, Syria, and Yemen.

They are not responsible for turning our public school system over to private corporations. They are not responsible for our separate and unequal health care system that consigns people of color to ill health and early death. They are not the ones foreclosing and evicting people of color from their homes. They are not the authors of neoliberal capitalism with its devastating effects on the poor around the planet. They are not the ones militarizing the borders to enforce global apartheid. They are not behind the extraction and burning of fossil fuels that is destroying the planet, with the poor and people of color the first to lose their homes and livelihoods.

If we truly want to challenge racism, oppression, and inequality, we should turn our attention away from the few hundred marchers in Charlottesville and towards the real sources and enforcers of our unjust global order. They are not hard to find.

Aviva Chomsky’s most recent book is *Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal* (Beacon Press, 2014). She is professor of history and coordinator of Latin American studies at Salem State University in Massachusetts. ✨

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by Kali Blount

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The program begins at 7 pm on Wednes-

day, Sept. 13 at the Jewish Council of North Central Florida Office, 3835 NW 8th Ave, Gainesville.

Enjoy snacks/dessert while meeting other atheist, agnostic, secular humanistic and questioning Jews. For any questions, contact Rick Gold at [goldrickus@gmail.com](mailto:goldrickus@gmail.com) or 571-337-8018. ✨

## Unity in Community Celebrating International Day of Peace 9/21/17, 3-7 pm

March, rally, and festive event - Bo Diddley Plaza, downtown Gainesville  
Thursday, September 21 -- 3pm - 7pm, march promptly at 5pm  
Free & family-friendly public event

In celebration of our common humanity, we will join with citizens from all around the world on September 21 for International Peace Day. The local festivities will include a march and rally, food trucks, music, international flag ceremony, local and international speakers and kid-friendly activities. Join the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding in building a culture of peace that promotes safety, equality, inclusion, respect and dignity for all.

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# Latino Film Festival

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## EVENTS

**Edith D. Cofrin Theater  
Oak Hall School**  
Sept 14 @ 6:45pm  
Ambiance Music by  
Oak Hall Students

**Santa Fe College  
Fine Arts Hall, Bldg. FA**  
Sept 23 @ 6:15pm - 6:45pm  
Dance Performance by  
Grupo Folklórico Mahetzi

**Florida Museum  
of Natural History**  
Sept 16 @ 10am - 1pm  
Viva Museum! Family Event:  
Latin American Artifacts,  
Music, and Dance

**Bo Diddley  
Community Plaza**  
Sept 29 @ 8pm - 10pm  
Salsa Concert: Gilberto de  
Paz & TROPIC

Sept 29 @ 7pm - 10pm  
Artwalk Gainesville (Downtown)

**Millhopper  
Branch Library**  
Sept 4 - Oct 27  
ESOL Arts Showcase: Culture  
and Heritage

Sept 30 @ 11am  
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Oak Hall School**  
Sept 14 @ 7pm  
Heliopolis/The Violin Teacher

**Matheson  
History Museum**  
Sept 15 @ 7pm  
NN: Sin Identidad/  
NN (Non Nomine)

Sept 22 @ 7pm  
Carga Sellada/Sealed Cargo

**Santa Fe College  
E-Theater, Bldg. E**  
Sept 19 @ 7pm  
El Rey del Ounce/The  
Tenth Man

Sept 26 @ 7pm  
La Larga Noche de Francisco  
Sanctis/The Long Night of  
Francisco Sanctis

**Santa Fe College  
Fine Arts Hall, Bldg. FA**  
Sept 23 @ 7pm  
La Delgada Línea Amarilla/  
The Thin Yellow Line

**The Woolly**  
Sept 18 @ 7pm  
1st Annual  
Short Film Competition

Sept 25 @ 7pm  
La Casa Más Grande del  
Mundo/The Greatest House  
in the World

**Historic Thomas Center**  
Sept 20 @ 7pm  
Migas de Pan/Breadcrumbs

Sept 21 @ 7pm  
El Botón de Nacar/The  
Pearl Button

Sept 27 @ 7pm  
Camino a La Paz/ Road to  
La Paz

Sept 28 @ 7pm  
O Roubo da Taça/Jules  
and Dolores  
Sept 30 @ 7pm  
Ixcanul/Volcano

**UF Smathers  
Library (East)**  
1st Floor, Room 100  
Sept 17 @ 3pm  
La Salada

Sept 24 @ 3pm  
Ovarian Psychos

**UF MCDA, La Salita,  
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# United Nations Day 2017 Celebration

Thursday, Oct. 5, 9am - 1:30pm  
Gainesville Women's Club  
2809 West University Ave.

The Gainesville Chapter of the United Nations Association invites you and your members and associates to join us for our annual UN Day Celebration. The theme this year is "The United Nations: My World, Your World, Our World."

The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Lauren Poe, Gainesville's mayor, who will speak on "Global Goals, Local Leaders." Panelists will be Lorey Campese, Past President of Santa Fe Community College's Model UN Club and Secretary-General of GatorMUN at the University of Florida and now with the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the UN.

Also speaking is Taraz Darabi, who founded the Model UN Club at Eastside High School several years ago. The topic is "Young Professional Perspectives on the United Nations and Global Engagement." Dr. Leonardo Villalon, Director of UF's International Center will be the Program Chair.

The Gainesville Chapter is looking for co-sponsors of this program. Those who are interested in being co-sponsors should send a completed co-sponsor form, luncheon reservation form and \$30 to Lisa Renner at PO Box 358361 in Gainesville (zip code is 32635-8361) by September 29. The forms are available at: <http://una-usagainesvillefl.org/index.php/component/jcalpro/20-un-day-2017/1-un-day-2017>

Program coordinators are also asking for attendees to bring any foreign money they wish to donate to "Adopt a Future," UNA-USA's program to raise funds and buy backpacks for children in displaced settings.

Contact Lisa Renner at [ejrenner@hotmail.com](mailto:ejrenner@hotmail.com) for further information.

*The primary, the fundamental, the essential purpose of the United Nations is to keep peace. Everything it does which helps prevent World War III is good. Everything which does not further that goal, either directly or indirectly, is at best superfluous.*  
- Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

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## Editors' picks: news that didn't fit

✦ **A Five-Step Toolkit for Dealing with White Supremacists in the Era of Trump** by Marty Langelan  
*Successful intervention options for when a bigot with an attitude starts to go off. "The heroes are the folks who step up to protect their neighbors."*  
<http://msmagazine.com/blog/2017/08/14/five-step-toolkit-dealing-white-supremacists-era-trump/>

✦ **Harvey Didn't Come Out of the Blue. Now is the Time to Talk about Climate Change** by Naomi Klein  
*In addition to climate change, all systemic injustices, from racial profiling to economic austerity, turn disasters like Hurricane Harvey into human catastrophes.*  
<https://theintercept.com/2017/08/28/harvey-didnt-come-out-of-the-blue-now-is-the-time-to-talk-about-climate-change/>

✦ **On Power, Oppression and Freedom** by Ursula K. Le Guin  
*Brief reflective musings, such as "Most people, in most places, in most times, are of inferior status."*  
<https://voxpopulisphere.com/2016/10/28/17061/>

✦ **Teens Discover Boston's TD Garden has Ignored Law Mandating Fundraisers** from The Guardian  
*The TD Garden, home of the NBA's Celtics and NHL's Bruins, has failed to hold promised fundraisers over the past 24 years. The developer had agreed to hold the fundraisers to benefit the Metropolitan District Commission (now merged with the Department of Conservation and Recreation) which operated the city's recreational facilities.*  
<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2017/jul/14/teenagers-discover-bostons-td-garden-has-ignored-state-law-since-1993>

✦ **Those Mass-Produced Civil War Statues Were Meant to Stand Forever** by Cara Giaimo  
*Not only did manufacturers of Confederate statues promise that the statues would last forever, but it is thought that those who put up statues sought to reframe the story of the war, "making the Confederate cause virtually sacred."*  
<http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/white-bronze-civil-war-statues>

✦ **Confounds the Science (Parody of "Sound of Silence")** by Don Caron  
*Lyrics to "Sound of Silence" rewritten to describe Trump, e.g., "When he talks to crowds of four he sees ten thousand maybe more, believing they all think he's god on earth and was the product of a virgin birth ..."*  
<http://parodyproject.com/2017/08/17/confounds-the-science-parody-sound-of-silence/>

✦ **The Tweeter (Parody of "The Boxer")** by Greg Gower  
*Lyrics to "The Boxer" rewritten to describe Trump, e.g., "When he wanders out in public he forgets he's not alone and will start to grope somebody or make a crazy statement like he's on the phone"*  
<http://parodyproject.com/2017/08/21/the-tweeter-parody-of-the-boxer/>



## Florida Organic Growers to host organic food/farming summit

Sunday - Tuesday  
Sept. 17 - 19

Hilton UF  
Conference Center  
Gainesville, Florida

In celebration of its 30th anniversary, Florida Organic Growers will host its inaugural Organic Food & Farming Summit in September.

This new event will serve as an opportunity for growers, educators, advocates, academics and researchers to interact and gain knowledge through farm tours, workshops, a trade show, and day-long training sessions.

See:  
<https://organicfoodandfarmingsummit.org/> for the schedule and additional information. 🐾



## Crisis Pregnancy Centers are not health clinics

Alia DeLong holds a Fake Clinic sign along with others from NWL's Abortion & Birth Control Committee as National Women's Liberation protested at the Sira Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) on NW 13th Street. The protest, on August 7, aimed to warn the community about the misinformation these "clinics" provide.

CPCs like Sira are not health clinics. They use misleading tactics, such as free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, to bring women into their facilities with the intent of steering them away from choosing abortion, using birth control, and if they are unmarried - having sex.

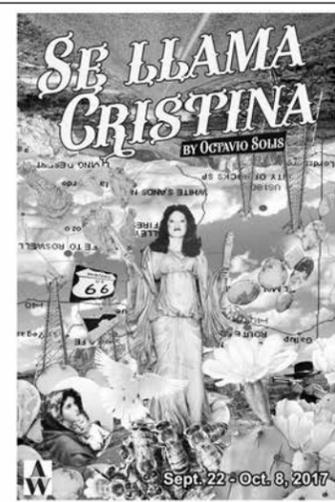
CPCs in Florida receive funding from taxpayer dollars as well as proceeds from the "Choose Life" license plate. Photo courtesy of Michele Applegarth.

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Actors' Warehouse entertains, inspires and fosters critical thinking through the performing arts while bringing diversity programming, social justice and public health to the forefront.



## Civic Media Center to celebrate 24 years

Save the date, Friday Oct. 20, for the Civic Media Center's 24th anniversary celebration at the Matheson Museum. A variety of food from local restaurants will be offered, and the program will honor local movement elder Carol Thomas, with short presentations from new and seasoned activists involved in race, women's and LGBT activism, addressing who they learned from. A raffle and a silent auction feature a signed framed photo from John Moran – the same photo that graces the cover of the Stetson Kennedy book *Palmetto Country* – published 75 years ago. More details are coming in October. 🐾

# Southern Legal Counsel celebrates 40 years of social justice lawyering with guest Morris Dees

Southern Legal Counsel (SLC) is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year protecting civil rights in Florida.

SLC is a Gainesville-based non-profit public interest law firm that does statewide work dedicated to the ideal of equal justice for all and the attainment of basic civil and human rights. They will celebrate 40 Years of Impact at an event at the University of Florida Hilton on Oct. 21. Morris Dees, pioneering civil rights lawyer and co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, will be the keynote speaker. Known for innovative lawsuits that crippled some of America's most notorious white supremacist hate groups, Dees will speak about the importance of public interest law firms, like SLC, that focus on impact litigation.

The event will begin at 6:30pm with music, a silent auction, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres, with Dees scheduled to speak at 7:30. Tickets are \$40 each or two for \$75. For more information, see SLC's Facebook page or website, [www.southernlegal.org](http://www.southernlegal.org).

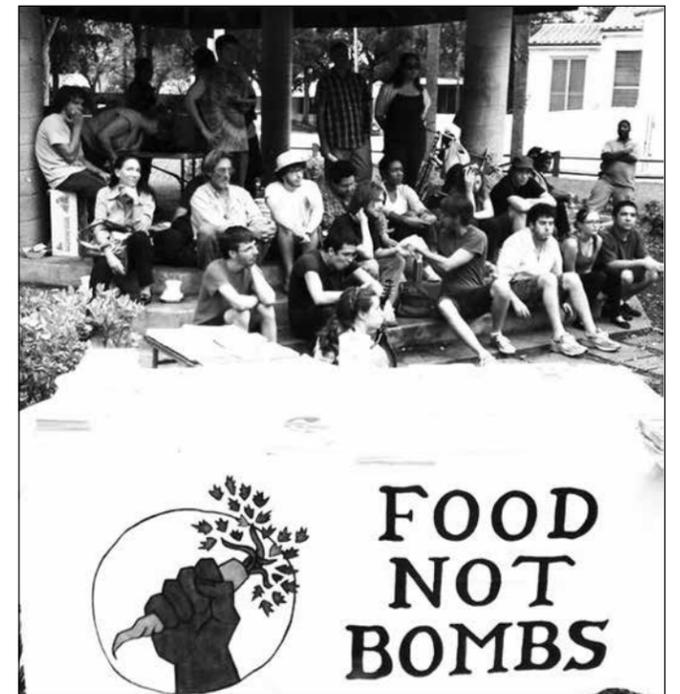
Founded in 1977, SLC was created to use the power of the law to make positive social change. SLC represents individuals who otherwise would not have access to the justice system, with the goal of fixing an underlying problem for all those who have experienced similar injustices. Taking a systemic approach to legal problems enables SLC to make a larger impact for those experiencing discrimination or violations of rights. Its actions help reform systems and institutions, strike down illegal laws and policies, and hold government accountable to the people it is intended to serve.

From the beginning, SLC has worked on many fronts, resulting in landmark legal victories reforming institutions for people with disabilities, challenging discrimination in all aspects of life, and ensuring government accountability and transparency. SLC's current work includes statewide litigation against the State of Florida to force compliance with the government's paramount duty as set forth in our constitution: to provide a high quality system of public education to all children without regard to socioeconomic status, race, or disability. This case will have wide-ranging impacts on the future of public education in Florida and who can seek access to the courts to protect those rights.

Throughout its history, SLC has fought on behalf of some of the most vulnerable in our state, while constantly innovating new ways to bridge gaps in access to justice. This year, in partnership with Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender advocates around the state, SLC is leading a statewide Transgender Rights Initiative to assist transgender individuals through clinics and legal advice to change their names and gender markers on government-issued documents. Since more than 68 percent of transgender individuals reported that they have not updated their identification documents, this project aims to protect against discrimination and harassment and provide a critically needed legal service.

Join SLC in celebrating 40 years of innovative social justice lawyering for the people of Gainesville, our region, and the state of Florida. As Morris Dees will surely remind us, in the current political climate this work is needed now more than ever.

*Southern Legal Counsel is a not-for-profit, statewide public interest law firm that represents Florida's most vulnerable citizens, ensuring that access to the courts is not dependent on a person's power, wealth or privilege. For more information and to buy event tickets (\$40 each or two for \$75) visit [www.southernlegal.org](http://www.southernlegal.org).* 🐾



Southern Legal Counsel represented Fort Lauderdale Food Not Bombs in a First Amendment challenge to strike Fort Lauderdale's ban on sharing food with others in public spaces.

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**Monday Lunes**

**Tuesday Martes**

**Wednesday Miercoles**

**Thursday Jueves**

**Friday Viernes**

**Saturday Sabado**



**Radio Notes:** Find schedules for WUFT and WGOT, our local non-corporate stations, at www.wuft.org and wgot.org respectively. WGOT is now a full-time over-the-air broadcast at 100.1 FM. More info on local independent radio on pg 19.

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](http://www.gainesvilleiguana.org/calendar).

**10 Ethan Bortnick** at SF Fine Arts Hall Theatre, 3 pm.

**17 Sunday Assembly** w/ Gvl Mayor Lauren Poe: SFC Downtown (530 W. Univ. Ave), 11 am, 3rd Sundays - see [sagainesville.weebly.com](http://sagainesville.weebly.com).

**Organic Food/Farming Summit** opens w/ tour of Sweetwater Coffee facility, 11 am; continues 9/18-19, Hilton UF Conf Ctr: see pg 10 & [organicfoodandfarmingsummit.org](http://organicfoodandfarmingsummit.org)

**Internat'l Day of Peace** march from YMCA (5201 NW 34th St) to UUFUG (more events there), 10 am.

**4th Folk in the Springs** festival: music all over downtown High Springs, noon-8 pm, free.

**Trailer Park Elegy final performance** at Acrosstown Rep (619 S. Main St), 2 pm, \$15; see pg 15.



**24 1984 final performance**, Hipp, 2 & 7 pm; see pg 5.

**African History Talk & Dance**, Harn Museum (325 Hull Rd), 3 pm.

**Passion to Teach** doc, Lincoln Middle School (1001 SE 12th St), 3:30 pm; co-producer Bart Nourse to speak (also at Buchholz HS (5510 NW 27th Ave), 6 pm).

**Cindy Nelly** (nurse working in Mosul, Iraq), speaks at Em. Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), time tba.

**Chiles Gala** to benefit Alachua County Dems, Wyndham, 5-10 pm, \$65 (\$40 students).

**Oct 1 NC Fla Blues Society Benefit**, The Dirty Bar (2441 NW 43rd St), 3-9:30 pm, \$5+.

**8 ButterflyFest** at Fla Museum, 11 am-4 pm.

**11 Fla Free Speech Forum** w/ FL Sen Keith Perry, Wyndham Gardens Conf Ctr (2900 SW 13th St), 11:30 am.

**"To Bee or Not to Bee"** Science Café pollinator talk, Blue Gill Foods (1310 SW 13th St); pre-register at [floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/science-cafe-bee/](http://floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/science-cafe-bee/); 6:30 pm.

**Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice** meets 2nd Mons, Mennonite Meeting House, 6 pm.

**Water's Journey** documentary & phosphate mining discussion: Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm.

**18 Walk in My Shoes:** "Lauren's Kids" sexual abuse prevention march checks in at Ocala domestic violence center (2010 S. Pine Ave), 3 pm.

**Welcoming Week** proclamation by mayor & students at Gvl City Hall (200 E. Univ Ave), 5 pm.

**Grow Gvl** 3rd Mon meeting, Working Food Comm. Ctr (219 NW 10th Ave), 6 pm.

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

**Short docs** on resistance to white supremacist movements, CMC, 7 pm.

**Latino Film Fest** Short Film Competition showing, The Woolly, 7 pm.

**25 Becoming Cliterate** talk & book-signing, UF Ustler Hall, 3 pm.

**Gnv 4 All** meets at Eastside HS (1201 SE 43rd St), 6:30 pm.

**Democratic Socialists of America** meet, downtown library, 6:45 pm.

**Passionate Pursuits of Angela Bowen** at CMC, 7 pm - see pg 4.

**2 GCAT** meets - see 9/18.

**9 Fla ACLU director Howard Simon & Jon Mills**, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm, free.

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

**Anti-war signholding** on hiatus through October.

**UF Anti-Racism Week** - search Facebook for events.

**12 GRU Biomass Plant** Purchase discussion, sponsored by League of Women Voters, Senior Rec Ctr (5701 NW 34th St), 1:30 pm.

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

**No Nazis at UF rally**, 5 pm - see Facebook for confirmation.

**Just Health Care** meets, 2nd Weds, ACLC office, 6 pm.

**"Growing Disaster Risk"** - former FEMA chief Craig Fugate speaks at UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm, free.

**Walk with Me** (doc of Vietnamese Buddhist monk in rural France), Regal Cinema, 7:30 pm.

**19 Radical Rush**, UF Plaza of Americas, 11 am-2 pm (also on 9/20) - see pg 16.

**School Board** - see 9/5.

**"Quest for Blackbeard"** talk at Matheson Museum (513 E. Univ Ave), 6 pm, free.

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

**Immigration law** talk, Univ. Evangelical Lutheran Church (1826 W. Univ Ave), 7 pm.

**26 County Commission** meets - see 9/12.

**"Commercial Kitchen 101"**, Working Food Ctr (219 NW 10th Ave), 6 pm.

**Paradise Park** - Fla black history talk by local author Cynthia Wilson-Graham, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm, free.

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

**3 School Board** - see 9/5.

**3 Health Care for Fla Homeless** talk at UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm, free. **1990: Germany reunifies.**

**6** 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.

**Cell 411** workshop, CMC, 6 pm. **1757: Marquis de Lafayette** born. **1860: Jane Addams** born. **FULL MOON**

**13 Southern Heritage Seed** Collective dispersal, downtown farmers' market, 4-7 pm..

**Dismantling Racism** group resumes, Em. Mennonite Mtg House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 2nd & 4th Weds, 7-8:30 pm.

**Humanistic Judaism** open house, Jewish Council of NFla (3835 NW 8th Ave), 7 pm - see pg 7.

**Gator Freethought** meets, UF Matherly Hall 102, 7:20 pm.

**20 Civics Fair**, SF College (3000 NW 83rd St) w/ local groups, Mayor Poe & other officials, 10 am-2 pm.

**Humanist** meeting (open to all): Unitarian Fellowship of G'ville (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm; pg 15.

**"Bad Teachers on TV"** - talk by Prof. Mary Dalton at UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm, free.

**8 Borders, 8 Days** screening at UF Reitz Union by Students Organize for Syria, 6:30 pm.

**27 Dismantling Racism** - see 9/13.

**TajMo - Taj Mahal & Keb' Mo' Band**, UF Phillips Ctr (3201 Hull Rd), 7:30 pm, \$10-50.

**28 Peaceful Paths** hosts "Power of the Purse" luncheon, 2100 NW 53rd Ave, \$35. **Blues Open Mic**, Satchel's (1800 NW 23rd Ave), 6-9 pm. **Open Poets**, CMC, 8 pm.

**5 UN Day** - Gvl Mayor Lauren Poe & panel; Woman's Club (2809 W. Univ Ave), 9 am, free; see pg 9.

**CMC Volunteers & Poets..** **Sierra Club** meets, UUFUG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm. **FULL MOON**

**12 VA Health Care** talk, UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm, free. **1957: Sputnik orbits.**

**7** **CMC Volunteers** meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

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

**Eastside Community Get-together**, 1100 SE 17th Dr, hosted by Ty Loudd, 6:30-9 pm.

**Sierra Club** meets, UUFUG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm.

**Open Poetry**, every Thursday, Civic Media Center, 8 pm.

**Keep up with the CMC** at [civicmediacenter.org](http://civicmediacenter.org) for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future.

**14 Hunger Action Day** event at Bread of the Mighty Food Bank (325 NW 10th Ave), 5:30 pm - see [breadofthemighty.org](http://breadofthemighty.org).

**Stonewall Democrats**, 901 NW 8th Ave, 2nd Thursdays, 5:30 pm.

**Latino Film Festival** opens w/ *The Violin Teacher* (Brazil), Oak Hall School (8009 SW 14th Ave), 7 pm; many more free films & events - see pg 8 & [gainesvillelatinoilmfestival.com](http://gainesvillelatinoilmfestival.com).

**Sweet Honey in the Rock**, Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm, \$35 (\$10 students). *Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!*

**21 "UNITY in Comm UNITY"** Internat'l Day of Peace observed by River Phoenix Peacebuilding Ctr, Bo Diddley Plaza, 3-7 pm; see pg 7.

**Labor Coalition SFC organizing**, 901 NW 8th Ave, 5:30 pm, pg 18.

**Adam Strauss, "The Mushroom Cure"**, UF Squitieri Theatre (3201 Hull Rd), 7:30 pm, \$30 (also 9/22).

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**8 Paint Out:** live artwork at Knapaha Botanical Gardens, 9 am-5 pm (also 9/9-10), \$8 (members free).

**Ken Burns's Vietnam War** preview, SF College E Aud, 2 pm.

**Hip Hop Fridays** w/ Alexandria Davis - dance classes thru 9/29: MAMA's Club (435 S. Main St), 6 pm, \$10.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), \$10.

**The Duppies** in Free Friday concert series at Bo Diddley Downtown Plaza, 8 pm; see pg 15.

**15 Lunch n Learn** w/ Harvey Ward, AC Dem HQ (901 NW 8th Ave), noon-1 pm.

**Butterfly Conservation fundraiser** at 1st Magnitude Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St), 5-8 pm, \$10.

**Prisons: Reform? Abolish?** Author Dan Berger speaks at UF Law School, noon, and CMC, 6 pm; see pg 16.

**Grandpa's Cough Medicine** bluegrass at 1st Magnitude, 7 pm.

**The Impostors** bring Beatles to Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm; see pg 15.

**Open Jam/Art Show**, CMC, 8 pm-2 am.

**Sam Pacetti & Elaine Mahon**, Heartwood Soundstage, 8 pm, \$15 - pg 24.

**22 The People's Scientific Conference** on minority community health research: UF HPNP Bldg, 9 am-5 pm (also 9/23).

**Community Learning Conf**, downtown library (401 E Univ Ave), 10 am-1 pm.

**Author Tim Dorsey**, Waldo Comm. Ctr (13558 NE 148th Ave), 6 pm.

**Pride Ctr Anniversary Party:** music & dancing (3131 NW 13th St), 7-9 pm.

**Wild Blue Yonder** rocks Bo Diddley Plaza, Free Fridays concert, 8 pm.

**Se Llama Cristina** opens at Actors' Warehouse (619 NE 1st St), 8 pm, \$20; runs through 10/8 - see pg 10.

**Spirit Fest:** art & music at Heartwood, 9/22-23 - see [thejam-spiritfest.com](http://thejam-spiritfest.com), pg 24.

**FALL EQUINOX**

**29 G'ville Downtown Artwalk** 7-10 pm; see pg 14 and [artwalkgainesville.com](http://artwalkgainesville.com).

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

**Gilberto de Paz & Tropix** play Latin Fusion at Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

**6 UF Homecoming** - no classes.

**6 ButterflyFest** plant sale opens at Fla Mus of Natural History (3215 Hull Rd), 10 am-5 pm (also 10/7-8). **Eric Clapton/JJ Cale** tribute at Bo Diddley Plaza Free Friday show, 8 pm.

**9 Friends of the Crisis Ctr** benefit run at Cofrin Park, 8 am.

**County Farmers' Market** on N 441 by Hwy Patrol Saturdays, 8:30 am-noonish.

**The Gvl Big Band**, Depot Park (200 SE Depot Ave), 7 pm, free.

**Ordinary Boys:** The Smiths/Morrisey tribute at The Woolly (20 N. Main St), 10 pm.

**16 Seed Dispersal**, Haile Farmers' Market, 8:30 am-noon.

**Latin American** dance/music/artifacts at Fla Mus, 10 am-1 pm.

**Mallory M. O'Connor** starts library Local Author series w/ talk on her new novel, *American River: Tributaries*, dntn lib. (401 E Univ Ave), 2:30 pm.

**UF Football vs Tenn**, 3:30 pm.

**Gvl Roller Rebels** special match, Giraffes vs Zebras (GRR vs co-ed referees team), MLK Ctr, 6 pm, \$8 adv/\$10 door - see pg 17.

**Ha Ha for Harvey** Comedy Song benefit for coastal Texas w/ Greg Jones, Tom Miller, Bob McPeek, more: Heartwood Soundstage (619 S. Main St), 8-11 pm, \$17.91.

**23 Solar Rocks the Equinox:** experts, exhibitors, music, food - Sierra Club at Rum 138 (2070 SW Cty Rd 138, Ft White), 9 am-5 pm, free.

**Education Forum** w/ Alachua County School Supt. Karen Clarke, Wiles Elem. (4601 SW 75th St) 9:30 am.

**Matheson Museum** Rare Book & Floridiana Sale, 10 am-5 pm.

**Traditional Mexican Dance**, SF College Fine Arts Hall, 6:15-6:45 pm.

**Jawbreaker: Don't Break Down** doc at The Woolly, 7 pm, \$8.

**30 UF Football vs Vanderbilt.**

**Paynes Prairie Preserve Park** invasive plants removal for Nat'l Public Lands Day, Micanopy, 9 am: rsvp required at [www.prairiefriends.org](http://www.prairiefriends.org).

**Water Is Life** music fest, CMC, 6 pm.

**Tom Goss** at Heartwood, see pg 24.

**DJ Manatee Dance Party** at MAMA's Club, 9 pm.

**7 UF Football vs LSU**, noon.

**Veg For Life** vegan potluck, UUFUG, 1st Saturdays, \$2+veg dish, 6:30 pm.

**IGUANA Deadline** for Oct issue is Oct 3rd; write [gainesvilleiguana@cox.net](mailto:gainesvilleiguana@cox.net) or call 378-5655 with events, updates advertisements & info.

# Institute of Black Culture, Institute of Hispanic/Latino Culture buildings torn down in August

The Institute of Black Culture and the Institute of Hispanic/Latino Culture were torn down on Aug. 19. UF Multicultural & Diversity Affairs did not give students or the community warning or notice.

Officials alerted students and alumni that the buildings had been demolished only after an outrage on social media went around about the buildings being demolished.

The buildings were built in 1921. They have been standing for 96 years, and out of those 96 years, one of the buildings served as the Institute of Black Cultures for 46 years and the other served as the Institute of Hispanic/Latino Cultures for 23 years. They were safe spaces for



students and have been for countless others in the past.

The image above is completely heartbreaking to see. The lack of transparency from MCDA is a continuing

trend that students have been trying to curtail. Community members are working to ensure that MCDA is proactive and transparent in their dealings with students in the future, especially pertaining to the institutes. ✨

# Humanist Society of Gainesville: what we believe

by Jim Sullivan

What is the Humanist Society of Gainesville? As a member of this group for a number of years now I think of it as follows. It is a group of people who value the idea of thinking for themselves about the most productive and effective ways to live our lives.

We generally reject the idea that the universe is created and controlled by an unseen God or Gods. We tend to be informed by science, inspired by art, and motivated by compassion. We strive to act rationally while also understanding that we are social beings heavily influenced by our emotions. In a broader social context, we are firmly dedicated to the idea that church and state should be kept clearly separate.

Because we all have been influenced by different life experiences we expect differences of opinion. We believe that these differences are best handled by honest dialogue coupled with careful listening where everyone makes an effort to understand

the positions of those of differing opinions. We believe that when the right and wrong of actions are concerned the choice should be made based on the resulting impacts of the action seen in the broadest context. Impacts considered are those on life on the planet. We typically believe that the life we have here on earth is the only life we will ever have and we seek to make this life meaningful for ourselves and others.

These are my feelings regarding the Humanist Society of Gainesville. I feel sure that other members will take issue with my thoughts because we are, after all, a group of freethinkers. ✨

**SEPTEMBER**

- 8 The Duppies  
Ska, Reggae
- 15 The Impostors  
The Beatles Tribute
- 22 Wild Blue Yonder  
Classic Rock
- 29 Gilberto De Paz & Tropix  
Latin Fusion in partnership with The Latino Film Festival

**OCTOBER**

- 6 A Tribute to the Music of Eric Clapton & JJ Cale  
By Mark Miale, Tony McMahon & Friends
- 13 Gram Fest  
Gram Parsons Tribute / Various Artists
- 20 UF World Music Ensembles  
Jacaré Brazil, Agbedidi Africa & Others

111 E. University Ave. All shows may be subject to change

# Say Yes to Second Chances: signatures needed

by Sheila Payne, ACLC Board Member

Members of Alachua County civil rights activist groups and faith community members are in the midst of helping to collect the almost 800,000 valid signatures to place a constitutional amendment on the 2018 Florida ballot to restore voting rights to the 1.7 million citizens who are no longer able to vote because of a past felony conviction. We are pushing to collect all the signatures by Dec. 31, 2017 for verification by February 2018. Sixty percent of 2018 voters would have to vote yes to the amendment for it to become law.



Florida's Voting Restoration Amendment would allow people who did not commit a violent felony and have paid their debt to society, including completing probation, to again be voting citizens and full members of their community.

Florida has the highest voter disenfranchisement rate in the country. Florida is one of only three states that imposes a lifetime felon voting ban. Florida, Iowa and Kentucky are the only states where felony convictions permanently strip citizens of voting rights pending elusive clemency hearings. Even after felons in Florida have served their time, including probation they must wait at least five years to start the laborious clemency process.

The citizens who want to regain their voting rights must petition the Board of Executive Clemency, which consists of Gov. Scott and three elected Cabinet members, to consider their Voting Rights Restoration case. The board meets quarterly, considering fewer than 100 cases each time. There are more than 20,000 pending cases before the Florida board. Iowa granted 93 percent of clemency hearings, Kentucky granted 86 percent and Florida granted 8 percent.

Half of the felonies in Florida do not result in prison time and can include driving with a suspended license, trespassing on a construction site and, of course, lots of drug cases. Is an action which the state does not deem serious enough for prison time justify having a citizen's right to vote for elective representation permanently revoked?

Many of us have stories of going into Alachua County communities to knock on doors for a candidate for public office or standing outside a local library to participate in voter registration drives and having person after person tell us that they cannot vote because of an offense they committed years, sometimes decades, before.

Many of these people want to vote; they have expressed how they want their children to see them doing their civic duty and to be part of the political process. They see restoration of their voting rights and engagement in their community as part of their own redemption. Some people take for granted their right to vote, but many of us feel that it is our most basic right as a U.S. citizen and should not be so cavalierly kept away from so many.

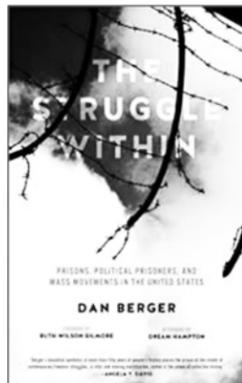
If you feel that an injustice has been done to many Floridians who have turned their lives around, and who want to fully re-join society, if you believe in Second Chances, join us. If you would like to help gather signatures with the many members of local groups such as the Alachua County Labor Coalition; Say Yes to Second Chances Alachua, Putnam and Bradford Counties; NAACP; the League of Women Voters; and others, or would like someone from our speakers bureau to present to your organization, please contact the Alachua County Labor Coalition at 352-375-2832 or info@laborcoalition.org.

You can also go to <http://laborcoalition.org/> to download a petition to mail in. Contact information for the groups listed above can be found on Facebook.

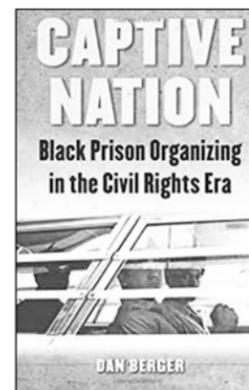
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September 15th

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UF Law School  
(Room TBA)

6 - 7:30 pm  
Civic Media Center  
433 S. Main St

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Radical Rush, the annual tabling fair coordinated by the Civic Media Center, will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 19 and 20, with a rain date of Sept. 21. It will be located at the Plaza of Americas from 11am until 2pm each day.

If your group wants to be part of it or listed in the RR directory, contact <coordintors@civicmediacenter.org>

On the Santa Fe College campus, the CMC will be part of the Civics Fair at building S on Sept. 20.

# Graduate Assistants United fights for GatorGradCare

by Graduate Assistants United

Graduate Assistants United (GAU) is the labor union that represents approximately 4,000 graduate assistants (GAs) at the University of Florida. This includes all of the graduate students who may teach up to half of all classes at UF any given semester and also perform valuable research for the university.

Since ratifying our first contract in 1983, GAU has made significant progress in improving workplace conditions for GAs at UF. GAU has fought for and won health-care, yearly pay raises, and many important employee protections.

Earlier this year, GAU and UF opened negotiations on the complete CBA for GA employment. The largest, and most contentious article thus far covers the terms and conditions of GatorGradCare, the health insurance package that is offered to all GAs.

In response to attacks to the future of this program from the UF administration, GAU organized a field hospital rally at Tiger Hall on campus this past April. With over 100 GAs in attendance, as well as the press, we succeeded in showing that GAU cares about the health of its fellow GAs.

Through these efforts, GAU was able to ensure that GatorGradCare remains the viable program into the foreseeable future and stave off some of the the higher out-of-pocket increases the UF administration wanted to implement. We were able to negotiate down the sizeable deductible and new premiums that UF had initially proposed.

We are currently still in the bargaining process. After a delay over the summer, GAU and UF recently returned to the table to complete negotiations on the last article remaining in the contract—Article 10—which covers minimum stipends and raises for GAs. In May, GAU proposed a significant increase to minimum stipends and an \$800 flat raise effective August 2017. The administration has countered with a lower, two-year raise package and no increase in minimum stipends.

GAU is committed to reducing the inequity within our unit by prioritizing gains at the very bottom. We firmly believe that these GAs should not be forced to live in poverty.

Over the last few weeks, GAU has also signed up over 160 new members as part of our recruiting efforts during new grad-



GAU rallies outside Tiger Hall in April for GatorGradCare. Photo courtesy of GAU.

uate student orientations. While we fight for the rights of all GAs at UF, membership in GAU is extremely important. Our strength at the bargaining table is only as strong as the number and diversity of our membership. Additionally, membership in GAU affords GAs legal representation, benefits through our partner unions (UFF/NEA/AFT), discounts at local businesses, as well as invites to members-only socials.

Lastly, GAU is an entirely volunteer run organization. All officers and committee chairs are GAs at UF themselves. If you would like to become more involved, consider joining a GAU committee! We have initiatives related to healthcare, childcare, mental health, and several others.

If you are a graduate assistant at UF, join GAU today by visiting our website. Follow our Facebook page for updates on

bargaining and other GAU events. Any questions or inquires can be directed to [organizing@ufgau.org](mailto:organizing@ufgau.org).

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Giraffes vs. Zebras  
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Saturday, September 16  
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Gainesville  
Doors open at 6 pm  
[Gainesvillrollerrebels.com](http://Gainesvillrollerrebels.com)

**From NAZIS, p.1**

Since its rise to power in Germany, fascism has been an establishment financed, police-backed thing ... For example, Henry Ford of the Ford Motor Company was a major financial backer of Hitler. More recently Kurt Waldheim, for years the Secretary General of the United Nations, his Nazism finally well-documented and exposed, he became the president of Austria, even after his exposure. How did he get to be the United Nations secretary? Right after WWII ended, our government helped to hide him, to hide the record of his Nazi work. He was a Nazi intelligence officer, in other words a torturer. That's how they got their information.

Then, the Austrian son-in-law of Allen Dulles — Allen Dulles was the CIA director all through the 1950s — recommended and installed Waldheim in the Austrian foreign ministry with a clean slate. It's been shown that the U.S. government knew this and not only worked to help him get the top UN job, but it suppressed the information about his past, as it had before.

Even as the U.S. government tried Nazis for war crimes at Nuremberg, it helped others to escape and start new careers. For many, their new careers were jobs with the US. government. They were hired to set up and operate the new U.S. spy shop, the fledgling CIA. A well-documented example is General Reinhardt Gehlen, Hitler's most senior intelligence officer on the eastern front. Waldheim worked in Gehlen's operation. Our government set General Gehlen up... How has [our government] gotten away with doing this? Some say that it's because of anti-semitism. Others remind us that our government has to do very bad things, or not do good ones, which they continually justify by playing on our fears of communism, like not developing a national health care system, or supporting death squads in Latin America, or propping up horrible dictators, or using the Nazis to work in the CIA, because they know we are chumps for this anti-communism argument.

We are easily scared by it. They think we'll support anything, even a Nazi, just because he's 100 percent anti-communist ... But we must not be fooled by this like so many German people were ... We won't accept or support Nazis, regardless of what else they're against, because we know what they're for, we know what they did in the past and want to do in the future ... We will not be fooled into the trick that to ignore the Nazis and they will go away. No they won't. People of good will buried their heads in the sand in the '20s and '30s and look what happened. This strategy is a demonstrated loser ...

Many of you are aware that our Chief of Police Clifton called a number of black and Jewish and other community leaders together to ask them to have their people stay away from this plaza today and not stand up and be counted against this Nazi rally ... Now think about how if a City Commissioner, or a minister did that, well we might disagree with the strategy of ignoring the Nazis, but don't you think there's a different feeling about it if the Chief of Police calls you to a meeting and asks you not to come out to a certain place?

When the Chief of Police does it, because of his position, no matter how nicely he says it, couldn't it be taken as intimidation? Couldn't this have a little extra impact because it was the Chief of Police doing it? I was even a little afraid to even bring this up about what the Chief of Police did. He has no business telling us he doesn't want us to come here. He is here to protect us, not to advise us where he wants us to come or not come ... We say never again to ignoring the Nazis. Never Again! 🐞

**From WAGE, p.1**

wage campaign targeting Alachua County's largest employers. While we've had significant success with those institutions whose decision-making bodies are publicly elected — the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, and the School Board — other large employers who are not directly accountable to our community have been more difficult to reach. Among those employers is Santa Fe College (SFC), which is both nationally-recognized and a bedrock institution of this community.

While no one questions SFC's mission or the great work that it does for this community, it is clearly not living up to its employer responsibilities as a publicly-subsidized institution. SFC's president and four vice-presidents' combined salaries (not including benefits) well exceeds \$1 million/year, yet the college maintains a large number of poverty-wage jobs as well as an army of part-time adjuncts and staff, with official college policy to keep those employees below 28.5 hours/week so that the college does not have to contribute to their health care expenses. The college was also found guilty of overtime violations in the past few years and forced to pay thousands of dollars in back pay to its workers. As with other large local employers, the Labor Coalition is calling on SFC to commit to raising all of its workers to a living wage, including a provision for health care. Other large local employers, including Alachua County, Infinite Energy, the City of Gainesville, Nationwide Insurance, and the Alachua County School Board, have all committed themselves to a multi-year plan to achieve a living wage for their workers; SFC should do the same.

Unlike its sister institution the University of Florida, SFC workers have no union representation whatsoever and in fact, the institution has responded aggressively to undermine union organizing on campus. Recognizing that workplace democracy is the only true route to workers' rights, and in light of SFC's past actions, the Labor Coalition is also calling on SFC to commit to a union neutrality pledge, promising not to interfere whatsoever in workers' right to join a union. That means no anti-union propaganda, no hiring big money, union-busting law firms, and no retaliation against workers who support a union.

These are not radical demands. Any institution, but particularly one that is publicly-subsidized and so intensely focused on its branding, would be wise to acquiesce. Whether SFC and its Governor-appointed Board of Trustees chooses to do so will likely depend upon what they hear from the Gainesville community. If you'd like to get involved in the Labor Coalition's living wage campaign and help to raise the tide for all workers in this community, please contact us at [info@laborcoalition.org](mailto:info@laborcoalition.org) or 352-375-2832. 🐞

**Santa Fe working conditions update**

Over 150 people showed up at the Alachua County Labor Coalition Santa Fe Organizing meeting August 31 to hear about the dismal working conditions at Santa Fe, especially for the lowest paid workers and adjunct faculty. The lowest paid worker at Santa Fe made \$19,541 in 2016, while President Sasser made over \$350,000. Adjunct/part-time faculty make up 30 percent of Santa Fe College's faculty and their annual pay is capped at \$25,000/year. Santa Fe does all it can to hire part-time faculty rather than full-time faculty to avoid giving them the higher salaries and health benefits full-timers have. Join the ACLC workers on Sept. 21 at 5:30pm at their office, 901 NW 8th Ave. A-1, to hammer out a strategy to bring justice to the Santa Fe workforce. 🐞

# Labor Daze celebrates gains made by the labor movement



Labor Daze 2017 was a rousing success on the Bo Diddley Plaza in downtown Gainesville on Sunday, Sept. Huge credit goes to the dynamo of event organizing who threw her heart and everything else she's got into making it happen, Mama Trish, aka Trish Ingle. There was a great crowd all day, a great mix of music, her incredible team of Rosie the Raffleers who sold the tickets for the many prizes offered by local merchants and service providers, great food from vendors as well as the fine folks at Steamers being open and busy all day. Speakers during the day included Mayor Lauren Poe, City Commissioners Harvey Ward and David Arreola, NAACP President Evelyn Foxx and Cultural Arts Coalition executive director Nkwanda Jah. They and others on mic during the day kept bringing people back to the point of the day: the gains made by the Labor Movement, and the important need for keeping those gains and moving further forward. Elections are of course important, and a very active presence was the Alachua Co. Labor Coalition, and the signature drive to grant a second chance at voting to those who lost it by having a felony conviction. Pam Paris and Julie Thayer, pictured here, were two of many people gathering signatures to get this important issue on the ballot in 2018. Photo courtesy of Sandra Lambert. 🐞



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**Democracy NOW!**

airs Monday - Friday at 1 p.m.

Mon	1-2 pm Democracy Now!	8-9 pm EcoShock
	2-4 pm Cramela Mix Show	Fri 1-2 pm Democracy Now!
	8-9 pm Malum	2-3 pm CMC/Counterpoise
	9-10 pm Noche Latina	3-4 pm Red Pony Music Hour
	10-12 pm Stripped	8-9 pm Alternative Radio
Tue	12-1 am The Michael Slate Show	9-10 pm Rad Radio
	1-3 am Ecstasy to Frenzy	10-11 pm Big Island Mix
	3-5 am Jazzville	11-12 am Departure
	1-2 pm Democracy Now!	Sat 12-1 am Malum
	2-3 pm Woodsongs Radio	1-3 am Things be Blowin' Around
	3-4 pm Afropop Worldwide	3-4 am Hippy Sessions
	8-9 pm Joe & Craig	4-5 am Woodsongs Radio
Wed	1-2 pm Democracy Now!	1-1:30 pm Informativo
	2-3 pm Stripped	1:30-2 pm Sábado Musical
	3-4 pm Hippy Sessions	2-2:30 pm This Way Out
	8-10 pm Jazzville	2:30-3 pm (wildcard)
	10-11 pm Heartbeatrue Radio	3-4 pm Health & Fitness
	11-12 am Red Pony Music Hour	4-5 pm Alternative Radio
Thu	12-1 am Sweet Retreat	5-6 pm Rad Radio
	1-3 am Cramela Mix Show	6-7 pm Sweet Retreat
	3-4 am Writer's Voice	7-8 pm Last One In
	4-5 am Afropop Worldwide	8-9 pm Stripped
	1-2 pm Democracy Now!	Sun 1-2 pm Alternative Radio
	2-2:30 pm Building Bridges	2-3 pm Heartbeatrue Radio
	2:30-3 pm Sierra Club Radio	3-4 pm Noche Latina
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# History and the people who make it: Leroy Bell

Leroy Bell [B], military veteran and Apopka activist, was interviewed by Clayton Robinson [R] in July, 2013.

This is the 42nd in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

**B:** I was born September the 4th, 1959 in a little place they call Gallion, Alabama. My father was more like a migrant worker. I grew up all over. Place like North Carolina, New York, Alabama, Florida. I really started doing farmwork in 1968. Once my father and mother moved us down here to Florida, most of us would pick oranges and grapefruits, go out to Sanford and pick up cucumbers out of the field.

My mom and dad thought it would be better to move down because the money was better than it was in Alabama. They had better schools and was getting ready to do integration. Back in Alabama they had the Jim Crow, but right at 1969-70, Florida went on to integrate itself. In Florida it was still a challenge. You had a lot of racism still. It wasn't a dropout rate. It was more or less a force out rate.

I come from a long line of activists. My grandmother's cousin was Ralph Abernathy that marched with Martin Luther King. My father was a southern Baptist minister, the first president of NAACP in Apopka. I was the first secretary. He was the longest serving Worshipful Master of Davis Lodge number 47 of the Masonic organization. He was the Territory Grand Master of the State of Florida. So, I was raised around people that was standing up for people's rights and trying to better their lives.

If it's not some kind of racism it is environmental racism. Especially in this one little area here in Apopka. You don't have any industrial around here. You only have landfills, sewer plants, and the very community that you're looking at used to be a vibrant orange grove. It's just [a] conversation that we all have to have at some time.

The people of color have built America off their back. Growing their food, raising their children. America, as bad as it is, is one of the wealthiest countries in the world and they won't allow black and brown to share in the basic necessities like education, healthcare, suitable housing.

Even the farmworkers, they raise food to feed the country — the nutrition in

their neighborhood is not good because they don't have access to the fresh fruit and vegetables that they are growing to feed the world.

**R:** Let's start with the education side of it. What changes have you seen in the community, if any?

**B:** The first school that I can remember in Alabama was a room twenty by thirty, with a potbelly wood stove. We had outhouses. The lady was named Miss Betty Sheer—

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she was fairly old, but she really cared about her kids. She made sure that they did their homework.

Now, I got a six year old son that is soon to be turning seven. He goes to this school down here in Clarcona. He was born one pound one ounce at twenty-three weeks premature but by the standards of the state and every psychologist that has talked to him, my son is normal. But then he's kind of active. The first thing they say is: let's put Ritalin there. They always talking about the gateway drug, but I would contend that in the education system, they pumping these drugs into these students. The education system now is just all about getting numbers to extract money from the federal government.

A landfill can cause learning disabilities. It can cause low birth [weights] in babies. It can cause different cancer clusters, respiratory problems. Around this community are two hundred and some houses; over the last ten years, over a hundred and some people have died in this community from low birth [weight], various cancers, and heart failure along with bronchitis and different stuff. You're sitting not a hundred yards from a landfill and on the other side you have three more landfills.

To the west about a mile—you got a sewer plant that when the sun go down, you have to shut your doors and cut your air conditions down because the stench. You can't go outside and enjoy.

Six or seven years ago, I started in this organization they call ACORN. I was one of the Florida state delegates. I was the Vice President.

In time, change is going to happen and this community. When is the time going to come? Time is never going to come as long as we keep keeping the same legislators that just keep going around. Here we have had a federal secretary, [Mel] Martinez, up under Bush Junior. He was our county mayor. He allowed them to put this dump out here. They flooded the muck—all the rodents, when they flooded them, they came out the swamp. They went right up into the dump. We had rats walking around here as big as this Gatorade thing. Flies, man, I'm talking about flies just look like [locusts].

I invited him, the DPA, EPA, and everybody that I could invite out here to listen to the community. I put about thirty chairs over there with thirty people. They didn't know I had planned a barbeque. Nobody eat it because once it got cooking, all the flies migrated over, so I invited them to have something to eat to let them see what we're going through.

It's going to be like this until we get some representation. Right now, we have what they call taxation with no representation at all. They annexed the dump in and let the people stay out. Right now we smell the stench from the sewer treatment plant down there. We're plagued with it every day, every month, every year. They got this sewer treatment line going right across in front of our house. They won't allow us to hook up to it unless we pay forty-five hundred dollars. We even got a medical waste treatment plant right over there. Every day they fire them big stacks—when that smoke come out, all them different carcinogens and stuff is all in the air.

What they did to appease the black community, they put a park right next to it and said let your children play there. It ain't enough to smell it, come get right next to it and wallow in it. What hurt me the most about it is, we got these black folk, the ministers, they're selling out to these various commissioners and legislators. You see the ministers driving BMWs.

There is a girl that was born not even a block away over here. She was born blind, low birth[weight]. Right down the street here, a baby was born, lived only three days. Wasn't even a quarter of a mile over beside the dump, my niece had a daughter that lived twenty-four hours. Right up the hill, the baby lived six or seven days. Died.

The thing about it is, this community is burnt out. They been burdened down so long and they think this is the way it's supposed to be. It's a disconnect from the politicians. You don't see any politicians coming down here when it's time to vote. You don't see them knocking door to door—not in South Apopka. They don't care these neighborhoods simply because they're throwaway people.

I went to the hospital the Friday before last and came home. I'm fresh out of surgery. I'm on a fixed income of a disabled veteran. I couldn't afford to pay nobody to cut my backyard and I couldn't get out to cut it. Just because the grass was high and instead to try to find out what the situation was, they came and put a sign in my yard telling me if I didn't have this cut in 'X' amount of days, they were going to start charging me.

**R:** Could you please go into detail about the history behind the landfill. How it has affected the community.

**B:** Like I said, in 1979 I went into the Florida Army National Guard and—there was a big flat field that kids used to go up and play. I remember playing tag football up there. Around 1996, I came home and this field, it was nothing but trash. The stench was coming real bad. So we started looking into it and found out that this was Class Three landfill. A Class Three land-

fill can only take inert stuff like dirt and, I think, construction debris. But they was dumping these big old gas tanks out there, car tires, tractor tires, paint cans, and all this. It was owned by Waste Management. The community was in an uprage. We fought this dump and they said, no, no, ain't nothing wrong.

This dump have never been in compliance. The one that they have right behind Lake Jewell, it's never been in compliance. They swore, no, it going to have no gas. because it is Class Three landfill. Now, the gas was seeping out so bad they had to come in and put in a pipe system to extract the gas. People in my community sick and dying and I believe it's from this landfill. We did all kinds of actions—the people are tired of the dump down here. But we don't have any resources.

The majority of the people down here around this dump have paid for these homes back in the [19]80s and the [19]90s. They came in the [19]70s or the [19]60s. There was thirty thousand dollars government subsidized homes for farmworkers, low or moderate income people. They paid for these houses, and I'm talking about the strenuous, the most hardest work that you can, and hospitality and farmwork. That's a lot of picking oranges to pay thirty thousand dollars for a house.

[Local politicians] Fred Brummer, Bob Sattler, Brian Nelson condemned it and tore them down. Two hundred and fifty people, they displaced. One black Democrat, Gary Siplin, he might as well been a Republican because he voted with them to allow this kind of stuff to happen in this community.

Until this community can get a voice,

break through all this, you gonna see more dumps. More transfer stations. More sewer treatment plants. And, worst of all, you gonna see more death coming out of this community. You gonna see more preachers standing up on brand new suits on, being honored by the commissioner because they are doing their dirty work. It is just a uphill battle.

You got people like Jeannie Economos out of the Farmworkers Association, along with Tirso [Moreno.] What little that they can do, we get together and we fight and we have little wins. Like we got the dump closed early. That was good. But then it always become a bigger fight.

Another dump pops up. I know that the University of Florida, there is a pretty good law school up there. I wish that I could get in contact with a professor up there and that they got some students that gonna get out and do some kind of undergraduate work and for their masters or whatever and just come and take a look at this and see how many laws been broken.

Search for "Leroy Bell" at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu> for the audio podcast of this interview (transcript not online at this writing).

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

**Amnesty International** UF campus chapter of worldwide human rights movement; [www.facebook.com/ufamnesty](http://www.facebook.com/ufamnesty) or [UFAmnesty@gmail.com](mailto:UFAmnesty@gmail.com).

**Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI)** is a on-profit research organization working to stimulate conservation action to save threatened species of birds in the southeastern U.S., [www.arcinst.org](http://www.arcinst.org)

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## Iguana Directory

Call 352-378-5655 or email [gainesvilleiguana@cox.net](mailto:gainesvilleiguana@cox.net) with updates and additions

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

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

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

[alachuagreens.weebly.com](http://alachuagreens.weebly.com), [alachuagreens@gmail.com](mailto:alachuagreens@gmail.com), 352-871-1995

**Alachua County Labor Coalition** meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaigns for Medicare for All and a living wage. Contact: <http://laborcoalition.org/>, [info@laborcoalition.org](mailto:info@laborcoalition.org), 352-375-2832, PO Box 12051, 901 NW 8th Ave., Suite A1, Gainesville, 32604

**Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs (ACORN) Clinic** is a not-for-profit (501C3) organization that provides low-cost, high-quality medical and dental care, and social services for people with and without health insurance. The

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**Central Florida Democratic Socialists of America** A local chapter of Democratic Socialists of America focusing on local social and political activism issues to better our community. General meetings are on the 4th Monday of every month at the Downtown Library in Gainesville in Meeting Room A. centralfldsa@gmail.com, www.fb.com/centralfldsa

**Citizens Climate Lobby** (Gainesville Chapter) provides education/activist opportunities to bring about a stable climate. Meetings are on the Wednesday after the first Saturday of each month at 12:30, at Vine Bread & Pasta place at 627 N. Main St. 352-672-4327, www.citizensclimatelobby.org, cclgainesville@gmail.com

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

**The Coalition for Racial Justice** gnv4all@gmail.com

**The Coalition of Hispanics Integrating Spanish Speakers through Advocacy and Service (CHISPAS)** Student-run group at UF. chispasuf@gmail.com

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

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

**Conservation Burial, Inc.** promotes natural burial practices in cemeteries that conserve land and reunite people with the environment. 352-372-1095, act.davidp@gmail.com

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

**Democratic Party of Alachua County** Meetings held the second Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Gainesville Police Headquarters on NW 6th St. & 8th Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, alachuaadems.org

**Dream Defenders** The Gainesville chapter seeks to create positive change by organizing creatively skilled young leaders who strategically confront institutions of oppression through building collective power, raising the consciousness of all people, and operating with the genuine desire for "justice and equality for all." We are building the world we wish to see. www.facebook.com/UFDreamDefenders/

**Edible Plant Project** Local 100% volunteer-run collective to create a revolution through edible and food-producing plants. http://

edibleplantproject.org/contact-us

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

**Final Friends** helps families learn how to accomplish legal home funeral care as an alternative to employing a commercial funeral home. We are an independent group of volunteers who provide free education, guidance and support to anyone who prefers to care for their own deceased loved ones prior to burial or cremation. www.finalfriends.org, final.friends.org@gmail.com, 352-374-4478

**The Fine Print** 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 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. 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 Peer Respite** A non-profit, non-clinical mental health community providing sanctuary and support to those experiencing emotional distress. Peer Support Warmline is available 6pm-6am, and we offer wellness activities, support groups and brief overnight respite stays. Call the Warmline at 352-559-4559 for support or online at gainesvillerespite.org

**Gainesville Socialists** is a bi-weekly reading and discussion group. Meetings are open to all who consider themselves socialists, are interested in

socialism, or are otherwise curious. Meetings are held at the CMC every other Tuesday at 8 pm, gainesvillesocialists@gmail.com

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

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

**\*Indivisible Gainesville\*** is one of 5800 local chapters of the national Indivisible movement, working to peacefully and systematically resist the Trump agenda. We are a group of local volunteers fighting against agendas of division, inequality, financial influence in government, and policies that neglect to benefit all American citizens equally. indivisiblegnv.org.

**Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)** Gainesville General Membership Branch Union for all workers, regardless of industry, trade, job, or employment status. Meets 1st Sunday of the month at 6 pm at CMC. Contact: gainesvilleiww@gmail.com

**League of Women Voters of Alachua County** Nonpartisan grassroots political group of women and men which has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of government and impact public policies (fairness in districting, voting and elections, e.g.) through citizen education and advocacy. http://www.lwvalachua.org/ info@lwv-alachua.org<mailto:info@lwv-alachua.org>

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

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

**Move to Amend, Gainesville** is an organization dedicated to amending the US Constitution to establish that money is not speech, and that only human beings have constitutional rights. Contact Alachua County Green Party for info.

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

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

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

**National Women's Liberation** is a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. Inequalities between women and men are political problems requiring a collective solution. Founded 1968. Join us: www.womensliberation.org, P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 347-560-4695, nwl@womensliberation.org

**NCFAWIS** 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 public. ncfawis@gmail.com or www.ncfawis.org

**Occupy Gainesville** is about engaging local people in grassroots, participatory democracy, diversity and dialogue; we stand in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street Movement and the rest of the people peacefully occupying public space across this county and the 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

**Quaker Meetinghouse** Quakers have a 350-year tradition of working peacefully for social justice. Silent, unprogrammed worship Sundays at 11, followed by potluck. Visitors welcome. 702 NW 38th St. Facebook/GainesvilleQuakers for events or request Meetinghouse space at www.GainesvilleQuakers.org.

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

**Rural Women's Health Project** is a local health education organization developing materials promoting health justice for migrant and rural women. Robin or Fran 352-372-1095

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

**Say Yes to Second Chances Florida** is a coalition of nonpartisan civic and faith organizations who are working for Florida's Voting Restoration Amendment to allow people who've paid their debt to society to earn back their right to vote. https://www.floridiansforfairdemocracy.com/

**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. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. (across from Gainesville HS). http://www.gnvsistercities.org

**Stand By Our Plan** informs the public on critical differences between the Comprehensive Plan and Plum Creek's proposal, which we do not support. Alachua County's Comprehensive Plan is the best blueprint for future growth in the county's unincorporated areas; it protects valuable wetlands., 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 College Democrats (UFCD)** meets Tuesdays at 6:30 in Little Hall 121. 407-580-4543, Facebook.com/UFcollegedems

**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** A progressive grassroots organization that strives to combat social justice issues on campus; core values are transparency, democratic process, value of each member's input, and ability of any member to assume a leadership role. Meetings at 6:30 pm Tuesdays on campus, ufradstudentalliance@gmail.com.

**United Faculty of Florida, UF chapter** Run by and for faculty, the University of Florida Chapter of United Faculty of Florida (UFF-UF) represents over 1600 faculty and professionals at UF. UFF's origins lie in efforts by faculty to protect academic freedom, defend civil liberties, and end racial discrimination at UF. www.UFF-UF.org, 352-519-4130.

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

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

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

**WGOT 94.7 LP-FM** Community low-power radio station operating as part of the CMC. wgot947@gmail.com, www.wgot.org

**Women's March Gainesville** meets on the second Monday of each month: for location and agenda information, please see are on the second Monday of each month, see www.hearourvoicegnv.org; m.facebook.com/wmflgnv/;www.facebook.com/groups/wmflgnv/; Instagram.com/womensmarch-gnv/; Twitter.com/WMFL\_Gnv/ and/or email wmw@hearourvoicegnv.org. Together we can do anything... Join Us! We Need You. Let's build this peaceful movement together!

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

# Stetson Kennedy 101 - October 4 at the CMC

Famous Florida folklorist, human rights organizer, and environmentalist Stetson Kennedy would have turned 101 years old on Oct. 5. One day before his birthday, on Oct. 4, the Civic Media Center will host a celebration of his life featuring music, cake, a sale of his books and, most importantly, a Powerpoint presentation by Sandra Parks, the woman he shared the last years of his busy life with and the director of the Stetson Kennedy Foundation.

"Living a Life of Purpose" covers 80 years of activism, from organizing against anti-Semitism as a 14-year-old to marching with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in their fight for higher wages as a 94-year-

old. In between those years he saw seven of his books published, many articles, speaking engagements, friendships with Woody Guthrie, Studs Terkel, Jean-Paul Sartre and countless others.

The CMC has a special relationship with Stetson, as he donated over 2,000 books from his personal library to the CMC's collection, where they are available from the library for checkout with a donation membership.

Providing music will be longtime Stetson Kennedy friend and singer-songwriter Cathy DeWitt, a winner of SKF's Fellow Man and Mother Earth award who is also

a co-founder of the UF Arts and Medicine program—and it is her actual birthday!

The event is at 7pm at the Civic Media Center in Gainesville, 433 S. Main St., with parking along SE 5th Avenue, across the street on S. Main Street, or up at the Courthouse. ↗

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**Friday - Sept 15. 8pm**      **Sam Pacetti**

Guitar virtuoso singer-songwriter returns to Gainesville, with fabulous  
songwriter Elaine Mahon opening.

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**Saturday - Sept 16. 8pm**

## Laughter is the Best Medicine

Comedy songs and skits by Tom Miller, Bob McPeek, David  
Beede, Gregg Jones and more.

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**Saturday - Sept 30th. 8pm**      **Tom Goss**

LGBTQ solidarity night with Tom Goss, a power pop, guitar-wielding,  
LGBTQ songwriter with over 7 million YouTube views. Queer,  
body-positive, singer-activist, Heather Mae, opens for an inspiring night  
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