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Trumpocalypse:

The catastrophic destruction or damage of civilization following the election of Donald Trump as president of the United States of America

by Julius Lester

Following is a portion of a Facebook post Julius Lester, a former member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, wrote upon the election of Donald Trump for president.

For those who chose Trump by voting for a third party candidate or by not voting at all, for those who believed that Hillary Clinton's transgressions were tantamount to evil and thought the election was a choice between two evils, with Hillary being the lesser one, you are about to learn what evil really is.

With the Republican Party in control of the presidency, the Senate, the House of Representatives, and soon, the Supreme Court, they now have the power to do whatever they want. They've been trying to get rid of Planned Parenthood. It's gone. Obamacare. Gone. Roe v. Wade. Gone. Gay marriage. Gone.

The Environmental Protection Agency? Gone. The Paris Accords? Gone. Any

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This is not a drill

Action to stop the Sabal Trail pipeline has begun and needs your help

A reportback from the Springs Not Pipelines! Action Camp

Call to Action: Join us at sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 26, for direct action. Park at Guy Lemmons boat ramp, northwest of the 129 bridge over the Santa Fe River, near Branford. Bring a canoe or kayak.

by Panagioti Tsolkas
Eternal Springs Earth First!

Over the first week of November, we watched as the energy empire impaled the earth under the Santa Fe River to begin a horizontal direction drilling (HDD) operation for the Sabal Trail pipeline.

Sabal Trail is the name of the main leg in a series of over 700 miles of pipelines and compressor stations from central

Alabama to southern Florida, which is being built by a consortium of energy interests lead by Spectra, as well as other familiar names such as Enbridge, of DAPL infamy, and Florida's own FPL. The plan currently entails transport for fracked gas, though companies have indicated that the pipeline could also be refitted for oil transport in the future.

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acknowledgment that climate change is real? Gone.

Legislation that will put in place any provisions for gun control? Don't even think about it. A raise in the Federal minimum wage. Don't even think about it. I shudder to think what else they will come up with, but I am sure it will be far worse than I can imagine.

The Republican Party wants to destroy the federal government.

It was Ronald Reagan who said that government was the problem, and that became a Republican article of faith. Now it is a call to arms. The Republican Party is going to shut down the government, gradually, quietly, in ways that few will notice, until many of those who have voted them into power will be without services they need and will have no idea what happened.

I feel very alone today. My fellow citizens have given power to a way of thinking that is a direct assault on my being. For some time to come, I will look at people and be silently asking, "Did you vote for Trump?" Those people who have given the Republican Party what amounts to absolute political power are perpetuating a lie that nothing good happened during the previous eight years. They are perpetuating a world view that says their way represents absolute goodness. Any other way is "a disaster," to quote Trump. (I will not call him "President.")

There is no way to underestimate the extent to which those who voted for Republican domination hate us. To vote Republican in this election meant that those voters willfully, deliberately, and consciously ignored Donald Trump's admission that he grabbed women's genitals, his hatred of women, his characterizations of Mexicans, of equating Muslims with terrorists, the support he received from white nationalists groups, and on and on and on.

These voters not only ignored every Trump calumny, they decided that anything Hillary Clinton did (whether true or not) made her less trustworthy than Trump. Those who voted for the Republican Party did not pretend to care about honesty and truth. They did not pretend to care about anyone other than themselves. Ultimately, they cared only about their resentments, and making themselves feel great again.

Trump used the old tactic of creating group cohesion by giving people a

common enemy, and that enemy is us - the liberal media, the politically correct, women who want to be respected and to make their own decisions about their lives, black people, Muslims, and anyone Trump deemed to call "a loser."

And let it be said, loudly and clearly, that the election results were an expression of racism in its repudiation of Obama's years as president, and they were an expression of misogyny. That the White House would be occupied by a woman after eight years of it being occupied by a black man was simply more than those voters could live with. Making America great again meant putting blacks and women back in the places those white voters believed they belonged.

But as I have thought about what has transpired, something about it began to feel familiar. At what other time in my life have I felt abandoned by the government? At what other time in my life have I felt like I was hated by a significant number of my fellow citizens? Indeed, at what other time in my life did I feel like a significant number of my fellow citizens wanted to do me harm?

When the answers came to me, I smiled. "Oh," I said to myself. "I know how to get through this." My mind went back to growing up under racial segregation in the 1940s and 1950s, a time when political power rested with the states, and the states were free to discriminate without fear of intervention by the federal government. It was a time when how you lived your life was defined by the state. I remember vividly as a child listening to black audiences sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the song known as the "Negro National Anthem," and even as a child, the opening stanza of the second verse pierced my heart:

"Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,

Felt in the days when hope unborn had died...."

"...the days when hope unborn had died." I suppose those words should have frightened me, but their truth was reassuring. My reality was that I was living in a time when hope that hadn't even been born was already dead was my reality, and this little black child's inner response was, "O.K. Good to know what I'm dealing with."

For the remainder of this post covering how black people survived during segregation and Jim Crow, and how we can survive now, see: <https://www.facebook.com/julius.lester.31/posts/10155470546069676>

Blue dot report

Looking at the state map of voting results for the president, we in Alachua County are a blue island surrounded by red.

All the candidates and issues the Iguana wanted to win did ... in Alachua County. The problem was we are attached to a bunch of red state territory which overwhelmed our best intentions. Thank you gerrymandering; the drawing of voting districts lets the party in charge at the decade election, in this case republicans in 2010, pick their voters and dilute a progressive place like Alachua County. Thank you to all our Democrats who put themselves on the line. The only things our picks won statewide was the amendments, one of those "wins" being the defeat of the bogus solar amendment, and the other most notable Yes to Medical Marijuana.

What sets this great county apart is the approval of One Mill for Schools and Wild Spaces Public Places. We value education, parks and the environment enough that we passed two taxes on ourselves, and by substantial margins.

There were also four opportunities for write in candidates, and all got between 5.78 percent and 7.09 percent. The leader among them was Chloe Goldbach, who as an out transgendered woman boldly and bravely drew at least 6,851 votes.

City elections up next in March. 🐊

Iguana love

This is the last of Vol. 30 of the Iguana. In January we begin Vol. 31.

In mid October we attempted a celebration of 30 years of publishing and got pretty well rained out.

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From the publisher ...

Get ready to rise to the challenge

I would assume that all of you reading this were shocked and disappointed in the election results on Nov. 8. It hit me very hard when I thought how much work had gone into making things better in the world and how so much of what Trump proposes could reverse that progress. It is a comfort to be in an enlightened place like Alachua County, and heart warming when electoral maps show our blue island in the sea of red, but even here the impacts of the Trump's razor thin victory will be felt.

There is a rise of racist, sexist and xenophobic behavior emboldened by Trump's rhetoric, a poison loosened in the culture even without his victory. In Britain, after Brexit, people of conscience, as a sign of solidarity and love, started wearing a safety pin visible on their clothing, to let immigrants, LGBT and other threatened individuals know they were a person who could be trusted. We need to be able to explain to Trumpers that the politics of division hurt us all, and that there are also threats to healthcare and social security that effect them as well.

On Nov 10, some movement friends and I organized a speak out at City Hall. Over 400 people came, over 40 spoke. A perhaps 10-year-old put it forward quite basically: "I think we should protest to not let this stupid person have that much power." Protest yes, but organize, organize, organize was a recurring theme. People aired their real fears, the threats they feel, things that just in the last day had happened to them or others. There were very direct and on point challenges to not just confront Trump people, but to try and talk to them, to get them to see beyond their misplaced prejudices. To go out to where they live and to the events they go to and not just stay in our little bubble. Especially, white folks were asked to deal with their fellow white folks who they might otherwise not engage with, to go out of their comfort zone.

In all the recriminations of how this happened, I don't believe the media has not been held to account enough. As someone said to me election night, "It's like if Trump said 'the earth is flat', the media would simply say that 'the candidates had a difference of opinion'." CNN admitted they gave undo attention to Trump because it was good for ratings, even to the point of an hour broadcast of an empty podium prior to a Trump speech. And the Republican party itself paved the way for Trump's rise with their inflammatory rhetoric in recent decades; Trump just took it to another level.

I think Hillary Clinton's loss can also be laid at the feet of the Democratic National Committee, which thought it could engineer a sure win for her and themselves. The rise of the Sanders campaign was seen as a challenge to be defeated. Jane McNulty lays it out in her piece on page 9. I can't help but think that even if Bernie Sanders had been the party nominee and lost, we would still be so far ahead of where we are now. The attacks on his socialism and his response would have educated the public. The attacks on his Movement past and his rebuttal would have enlightened many. I believe he would have done better at countering Trumps outlandish claims, and the energy of his supporters would have been infectious. I also believe he would have won. Her loss is a squandered historical moment, the ramifications of which we will deal with for decades.

But barring unforeseen events, like the electoral college refusing to validate his win on Dec 19, or Trump himself admitting he is indeed incapable of doing the job, we will have to deal with President Trump, and his even more frightening VP pick Mike Pence, only a heartbeat or impeachment away from the Presidency. This will be a challenge, and we all need to be prepared to shine in whatever way we can. He gives us an opportunity to unify in opposition to his imminent attacks on hard fought gains, and organize for upcoming elections in 2018 and 2020. Our friends and neighbors who are more threatened than us will be needing us. We will rise. 🐊



Joe Courter

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Living wage for city and county still important

Below is the transcript of an address by Christopher Kennard to the Gainesville Mayor and City Commissioners on July 21 regarding the Living Wage Campaign.

Good Evening, Mayor and City Commissioners.

It has been exactly thirty three years, and one month since I first addressed this public body regarding the wages paid to city public employees ...

The time span made me reflect this morning upon what it is that I would like to say – something that would add to the dialogue, rather than repeating points already made regarding the pay we do provide to our public servants ... all public employees working with Alachua County.

So first, Mayor ... City Commissioners, I would like to thank you for the steps you have already taken to address the economic burden poorly paid workers must labor under, day in and day out.

When I spoke to this body of city commissioners thirty-three years ago, as an elected Union Leader of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1579, it was to demand that the City of Gainesville stop the economic disparity and blatant discriminatory workplace conditions, based upon sex and racial discriminatory treatment and pay that I found RTS employees had long suffered under the County of Alachua, and then at the hands of several City of Gainesville administrators at the Regional Transit System.

Half of the City Commissioners wished to address the situation. The other half did not care, in essence saying that they did not have money in the city budget to cover the cost of making black and women employees “whole” by paying them the same wage that white males made for the same jobs both performed equally.

After long months of bitter discussions and public rallies by the Alachua County Rainbow Coalition of local residents, numerous public interest groups and organizations like the NAACP and the ACLU, as well as nearly every private and public sector Union in this area representing local workers; gathering public support from City and County residents and property owners ... we had a startling breakthrough in the ongoing contract negotiations of discriminatory treatment and conditions of 1983, that brought matters

to a head ... far more differently, than anyone would or could have expected.

A large group of white male RTS employees ... bus drivers and mechanics ... came to me in private and stated that they wish to make amends, themselves ... for allowing discriminatory treatment of black and women RTS employees to continue, without ever having raised their voices to protest and contest this discrimination they knew was occurring.

So instead of receiving a 3 percent wage increase in 1983 ... these white male employees offered their wage increase to go to their black and women RTS co-workers and fellow union members.

The offer was made public, and the City of Gainesville, facing a public outcry, found money in the budget to add to the sum offered by the white male RTS employees. I never had to file the EEOC federal charges of discrimination against public employees on the basis of sex and race discriminatory treatment at the Regional Transit System.

The fact that one former RTS Supervisor ... Mr. Willie Lee Durdley provided to me the same information ... that he had given to city and county officials years earlier ... only to be fired as a black activist, a former union leader and now a troublesome whistleblower, trying to protect public funds, did not hurt.

This ongoing theft exceeding over one million dollars, from passenger bus fares and other mass transit funds, took place from 1975 until September 7, 1983 ... when I literally put my foot in the doorway to prevent Mr. Morgan from closing his office door in my face ... and I made him listen to facts about the theft of bus fares and transit funds that he did not wish to hear.

All of a sudden, the City had an “excess” of transit funds, which before had always been stolen by city and RTS administrators over these years, apparently going to a slush fund created for politicians running for office in North Central Florida.

These funds, combined with the white male RTS employees’ offer to contribute their expected pay increase, were enough to make the difference and bridge the discriminatory gap in pay.

Today, I am addressing a different group of elected officials, with new city and RTS administrators, who have an entirely

different slant on how to treat public employees, as evident in the pay increase you are providing city employees, and hopefully, to all private contractual workers performing work on behalf of the City of Gainesville, as was recently voted into place by your counter-parts, the Alachua County Commissioners.

Mayor ... members of the Gainesville City Commission ... thank you for this opportunity to return to my former home here in Gainesville, Florida ... to publicly, thank you, for addressing a new form of discriminatory pay and workplace conditions, now waged against the 99 percent of American workers ... on top of the less-than-equal pay women often still receive at their job.

I am proud these Union Members of the ATU Local 1579 who have been involved in this wave of equity pay demands now being made to balance our country’s economic status, and to better the lives of themselves, their families and workers all over the country ... for this is a national citizen’s movement ... here now, in Alachua County ... soon to come to the economically depressed area of Marion County, where workers face far less pay than employees here endure.

Thank you for your good work, please keep it up. We need good, honest elected public officials. 🐾



Central Labor Council hosts annual holiday spaghetti dinner

The North Central Florida Central Labor Council will have their annual holiday spaghetti dinner on Monday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 pm at the Alachua County Senior Center at 5701 NW 34th St. in Gainesville.

All are invited to break bread with the CLC and listen to updates about working family issues in the North Central Florida area. 🐾



ACLC members and Fight for 15 workers rally against state and county low wages on the steps of City Hall on Oct. 17.


by Sheila Payne, ACLC

Thanks to all who came out to participate in the Fight for 15/ Living Wage rally press conference. Alachua County Labor Coalition (ACLC) members County Com. Ken Cornell, Harvey Ward, Marihelen Wheeler and Jeremiah Tattersall all spoke. The Fight for 15 workers spoke passionately about what it was like to

work for the Florida minimum wage of \$8.05/hr. One brother talked about working at McDonald's and not have enough to eat himself and he had a heart attack from the stress, with no health insurance and no sick leave. A nursing home worker and child care worker spoke about working 2 low wage jobs and not having any time to spend with their own children.


Do we really want the lowest paid workers to be folks who care for the most vulnerable members of our society, older people and children? Do we want the bus driver who is driving us to work to make so little they have to work 2 jobs and are sleep deprived while driving a huge vehicle.? Why is this crucial work not valued with living wages? 🐾

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Open enrollment period begins Nov. 1 for 2017 federal health insurance marketplace coverage

by Ronnie Lovler, SRAHEC

Open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace began Nov. 1. Individuals and families in North Central Florida enrolling in coverage for the first time or continuing their existing health coverage for 2017 may review their health insurance options with the assistance of a Navigator.

Suwannee River Area Health Education Center (SRAHEC) navigators will continue to provide assistance at no cost to consumers in 15 North Central Florida counties. This is the fourth year that trained SRAHEC Navigators helped local consumers explore their health insurance options through the Marketplace. This year, SRAHEC has expanded its coverage area through a direct partnership with Florida Covering Kids & Families at the University of South Florida's College of Public Health. Florida Covering Kids & Families and regional partners provide Navigator services to all 67 Florida counties.

"We are excited to be a part of this nationwide effort and want to be sure that we reach as many people as we can," said SRAHEC executive director Sarah Catalanotto. "We will be doing everything we can to make sure that people in the counties we cover know their options and what is available to them through the Health Insurance Marketplace."

SRAHEC is a public health nonprofit located in Alachua that seeks to promote and provide quality health connections for the community it serves.

SRAHEC navigators serve 15 North Central Florida counties: Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Lafayette, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Sumter, Suwannee, Union.

"Those of us working as navigators see it as a privilege," said senior navigator Ronnie Lovler, who serves all Spanish speakers in SRAHEC's coverage area. "It makes us especially happy when we are able to connect someone with health insurance who has never had it before."

During open enrollment, consumers may create a Marketplace account, review available health insurance coverage, and see if they qualify for help paying for costs. Consumers who currently have Marketplace coverage should review their applications to make sure they are up-to-date and to report any life changes.

Consumers who enroll in insurance coverage by Dec. 15, and make their first payment, will have coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2017. Open enrollment ends Jan. 31 and consumers who sign up by this date will have coverage beginning March 1.

Under terms of the Affordable Care Act, health insurance is mandatory for anyone who can afford it. Those who choose not to get it will face a tax penalty.

You can find out your navigator's schedule or make an appointment by calling 386-292-2947 or emailing rlovler@srahec.org.

Gainesville Tells: Local vets perform their stories on stage

by Mandy McDade

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"It's time to speak. It's time to listen."

That's the motto of the Telling Project, a performing arts non-profit that gives veterans and their families a platform to speak about their experiences in the military. The Telling Project is a nationwide initiative that has put over 180 soldiers and their families on stage, giving audiences the opportunity to listen to their stories in a unique and engaging format.

Thanks to grants from the Florida Humanities Council, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Telling Project is coming to Gainesville. Telling: Gainesville is a performance directed by Jeffrey Pufahl of UF's Center for Arts in Medicine, featuring four veterans - who served in the Marine Corps, the Navy and the Army, respectively - and one woman who was married to an Air Force pilot for twenty years.

Pufahl was first drawn to the Telling Project because of his belief in the power of theatre to build strong and healthy communities. The project, at its core, is about building understanding, and creating a bridge between veterans and the larger community.

These issues are not often spoken about, especially considering that less than 1 percent of the population has served in the military over the last eleven years. Those who have often find that re-acclimating to their normal lives after deployment is harder than they anticipated - and the Telling Project hopes to communicate this to the public, and create more empathy and understanding for an underrepresented population.

The performance explores the various reasons why these men enlisted, and follows them through basic training, their first deployment, and, of course, their experiences upon arriving home. It was challenging to find veterans willing to openly discuss this material, especially in such a public and performative way.

"It's not an easy experience to get in front of people and tell these stories," Pufahl said. "It's heavy material, and it isn't all pretty."

It took a small village to get the cast together. But Pufahl posted ads in the Gainesville Sun and at the VA, went to Veterans meetings, talked to friends of

friends, and eventually found his cast. Scott Camil, Sue Dudley, Rafe Johnson, Victor Lopez and Andrew Moore will all headline the show, performing a script put together by The Telling Project's head writer, Max Rayneard, after extensive interviews conducted with all five. The performance will be followed by a Q&A session with the audience, hosted by Dr. Paul Ortiz from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at UF.

Telling: Gainesville is an example of "verbatim theatre," which focuses on a more journalistic, documentary-style of storytelling. Pufahl, who already had a love for the verbatim form, felt it an especially appropriate way to tell these stories.

"There's an instant connection we, as an audience, have with verbatim theatre, because it is testimony and we identify

with that level of truth," Pufahl said. "The empathy is very strong, because it's someone's actual experience that is being shown to us."

Pufahl also hired local musician Michael Claytor for the performance, which will feature iconic songs that these men were listening to at around the time they enlisted.

The goal of this, according to Pufahl, is to put the events of the narrative in perspective and situate them in a time and place.

Telling: Gainesville premiered at the Actors' Warehouse on Nov. 10. Upcoming shows are on Nov. 17-19 at 8 pm. The shows are free and open to the public.

For more information about the show, please visit: floridahumanities.org/programs/veterans/telling-gainesville/


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Gainesville Homegrown: Businesses + Entrepreneurship celebrates, inspires Gainesville Entrepreneurs Month

A grassroots effort, "Gainesville Homegrown: Businesses + Entrepreneurship" has formed to celebrate and inspire locally created and owned business and entrepreneurial efforts in Gainesville.

The collective will focus its attention on business development and meaningful job growth in greater East Gainesville, the area between the western shore of Newnan's Lake and West 13th Street. The team members have decades of combined expertise in local community design and policy-making, the arts, design, and entrepreneurship, with a special commitment to tapping the potential of the local African-American community. They plan to support other locally-driven efforts, and host events and classes in and for Gainesville's East Side.

The collective plans a series of events:

- October was Gainesville Entrepreneurs Month (GEM), branded by the Gainesville Area Innovation Network (GAIN). Gainesville Homegrown: Businesses + Entrepreneurship has launched a Facebook page dedicated to sharing

these "GEM Stories" of local successes throughout the month. Launched on Oct. 1, the page is at <https://www.facebook.com/Gainesville-Homegrown-Businesses-Entrepreneurship-580287802096449/>

GEM Stories will be drawn from retail, manufacturing, service, food, the arts, and the environment. More information about GAIN can be found at <http://gainnet.org>.

- An event will be held Dec. 7 from 5:30 -7:30 pm at GTEC (Gainesville Technology and Entrepreneurship Center) to celebrate Gainesville's successful entrepreneurs, and to inspire a new generation of entrepreneurs. Speakers will be drawn from the GEM Stories project, and networking and mentoring opportunities will be featured. GTEC is located at 2153 SE Hawthorne Road.

- Teaching and learning business skills and entrepreneurship are an important outcome of these initial efforts. The Gainesville Homegrown: Businesses + Entrepreneurship team will support a class to be hosted through the University of Florida's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center


this fall. See <http://warrington.ufl.edu/centers/cei/outreach/> for details.

Next spring, members of the team will co-teach a class in collaboration with Santa Fe College's Center for Innovation and Economic Development. See <http://www.sfcollge.edu/cied/> for details.

The Gainesville Homegrown: Businesses + Entrepreneurship team is Bill Dorman, Santa Fe College; Nkwanda Jah, Cultural Arts Coalition; Haley Moody, Florida Community Design Center; Bill Rossi, University of Florida Professor of Entrepreneurship Emeritus; Kim Tanzer, University of Virginia Professor of Architecture Emerita; and Randy Wells, Florida Community Design Center. The team looks forward to expanding, and welcomes participation from the entire Gainesville community.

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Dear DNC:

Please read. Please listen this time.

Cheaters never prosper. We, the entire nation, are suffering because of your corruption and lying deeds. The nation spoke and told you that they were tired of the "establishment." You didn't listen.

Starting with Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and EVERY single one of the DNC staff who was involved and responsible for abusing their position in order to bias and influence the outcomes of the Democratic primaries and the choosing of the Democratic nominee. You influenced the media and prevented the equal flow of finances and blocked the other candidate from those things. You had decided long ago that Hillary Clinton would be the nominee and everyone else be damned. You humiliated the entire Democratic Party in front of the entire nation.

You did not listen to the people. You did not listen to the groundswell of anger among the American people – Democrats, Republicans, Greens, Libertarians, No Party Affiliation's etc. ... You ignored everything that was important to them. You had choreographed this plan but never took into account what 'we the people' were telling you. You put forth a candidate that carried baggage. You used "super-delegate elites" in the party to guarantee the outcome that YOU had already determined. At the convention you didn't listen or take counsel except for what Bernie forced into the Platform. You treated Bernie delegates likes they were aliens and from another party. You were mean and cruel. You put on a "show" and tried to hide the fact that the DNC had RIGGED THE SYSTEM. It started with that.

You thought that "the first woman" would win. You didn't listen. You spent time focusing on the negatives of Trump instead of what Hillary had to offer and why people should vote for her in spite of her negatives. Neither the DNC nor the campaign could do anything to excite and motivate people to get out and vote let alone to a rally. You never tapped into the excitement that Bernie had found because he listened.

How do we go forward? How do we trust the DNC again?
The DNC needs to look in the mirror and take responsibility

for being CROOKED. Integrity is what you do when people are not looking – you got caught. It doesn't matter who leaked or hacked on this level. That is a National Security issue. The issue for the DNC is that YOU KNEW YOU LIED about showing bias and influencing the outcome. You didn't listen to the excitement from within the party and the platform that Bernie Sanders – who exudes integrity – was talking about all along and he tapped into the anger. Bernie was the "outsider" and "anti-establishment" candidate that voters were looking for. You lost your chance. And now you have created a mess.

You are responsible for anything that is repealed or overturned. You are responsible for the loss of rights for minorities, LGBTQ and people of color. You are responsible if the ACA is repealed and gutted. You are responsible if Social Security or Medicare is privatized. You are responsible if the 1 percent continue to gain extraordinary tax breaks. You are responsible if there is not a meaningful living wage. You are responsible if we end up out of NATO. You are responsible for the accelerated destruction of the planet with fossil fuels, fracked gas and coal. You are responsible if the criminal justice system doesn't get reformed. You are responsible if the prisons continue to operate with impunity. You are responsible for the future of the Supreme Court. You are responsible. Own it.

You owe every Democrat a deep and sincere apology. Do not look outside for blame. The other side tried to thwart Trump but they failed. Their voters were energized because they felt he got it. You THWARTED Bernie. His voters were energized because they knew he got it ... But you made sure that energy and enthusiasm was squelched. The Jill Stein vote was negligible. Don't blame those voters.

Clean House. You need to get people at the DNC who are NOT biased and looking out for their own agenda. People who are not politicians who are strategizing or influencing the outcomes of the primaries. People who have integrity. Let your voters choose the nominee. Learn to listen.

Sincerely,
Jane McNulty ✨

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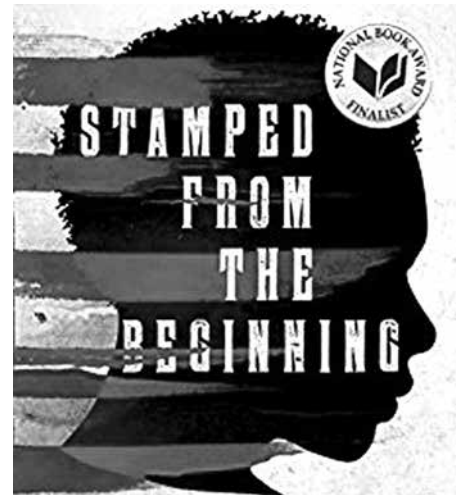
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And last but not least - if you plan to be a part of the Mayor's Book Club in January and you order your book through Wild Iris Books - you'll get 10 percent off the purchase price. Mayor Poe has selected "Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America" by Ibram X. Kendi an Africana Studies historian at the University of Florida. Reserve your copy today!

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Mayor's Book Club to read about history of racist ideas

Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe announced "Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America" by Ibram X. Kendi as the next selection for the Mayor's Book Club. The public is invited to read and participate in discussion about racial themes raised in the book. The only rule is that people enter the discussion with an open mind, and discuss the book with civility and positivity.

Ibram X. Kendi is an assistant professor of African-American history at the University of Florida who focuses on racist and antiracist movements and ideas.

"My definition of a racist idea is a simple one: it is any concept that regards one racial group as inferior or superior to another racial group in any way," writes Kendi.

The book gives a timeline of racist ideas, from as early as the 15th century in Europe to the present time and the discussions and events that are occurring on the streets of America.

"Stamped from the Beginning" is Kendi's second book, and is a finalist for the 2016 National Book Award for Nonfiction. He is a frequent op-ed contributor, writing for Salon, Huffington Post, The Root, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, and more.

"Stamped from the Beginning" has been described as "engrossing and relentless" (The Washington Post) and "heavily researched yet readable" (Booklist).

This meeting of the Mayor's Book Club will be held in January. The book can be purchased from Wild Iris Books; buy it there to support this fine independent feminist bookstore. ☿



ACLCL and IWW members protest at Coleman Federal Prison on Sept. 10. Photo by Sheila Payne.

Protest at Coleman Federal Prison: National Prison Strike to end toxic prison slavery

by Sheila Payne

In Memory of Zot Lynn Szurgot, presente, a passionate member of IWW and ACLC, who was coming home to help lead prison protests.

Alachua County Labor Coalition (CLC) members joined with Gainesville International Workers of the World (IWW) members on Sept. 10 to protest living and working conditions at the Coleman Federal Prison in Wildwood, Florida.

The IWW Union's Incarcerated Workers Committee is a prisoner-led union that went on a hunger and work strike nationwide to protest "industrialized, slavery-based system of mass incarceration and toxic prison factory work conditions."

Mass incarceration in the United States is a \$500 billion enterprise that uses prison labor as the center of corporate profit. Approximately 20,000 prisoners in 30 prisons joined the protest.

The 2.3 million human beings, most of them poor people of color, who are locked in cages across the country, provide billions in salaries and other revenues for depressed rural towns with large prisons.

They provide billions more in profits to phone card companies, money transfer companies, food service companies, merchandise vendors, construction companies, laundry services, uniform companies, prison equipment vendors and the manufacturers of pepper spray, body armor and the many other medieval instruments used for the physical restraint of prisoners.

They also make billions for corporations — Whole Foods, Verizon, Starbucks, McDonald's, Sprint, Victoria's Secret, American Airlines, J.C. Penney, Sears, Wal-Mart, Kmart, Eddie

Bauer, Wendy's, Procter & Gamble, Johnson & Johnson, Fruit of the Loom, Motorola, Caterpillar and dozens of others — that collectively exploit 1 million prison laborers. ☿



Events calendar for Boxcar at Depot Park

Fri. 11/11 6-10 pm	DJ LZRKMMNDR
Sat. 11/12 6-10 pm	DJ 2 Docs in a Box(car) w/ Dr. Um and Doc Stanley
Sun. 11/13 4-8 pm	Bli & Friends with Tristan Harvey and Caitlyn Vinci
Fri. 11/18 6-10 pm	DJ LZRKMMNDR
Sat. 11/19 6-10 pm	DJ "Strikly Internationale" w/ Herbert Addikt
Sun. 11/20 4-8 pm	Jason Hedges & Friends
Fri. 11/25 6-10 pm	[Hold for Wedding Party]
Sat. 11/16 6-10 pm	Grey Goose & Keith Welsh
Sun. 11/17 4-8 pm	Jason Hedges & Friends
Fri. 12/2 6-10 pm	DJ Lee
Sat. 12/3 6-10 pm	DJ Phred & the Time Machine
Sun. 12/4 4-8 pm	Jason Hedges & Friends
Fri. 12/9 6-10 pm	Michael O'Meara
Sat. 12/10 6-10 pm	DJ Sheky
Sun. 12/11 4-8 pm	open date
Fri. 12/16 6-10 pm	DJ "Blinken Lights" w/ Hifi Envelope
Sat. 12/17 6-10 pm	Ronald Schmidt & Lisa Johnson

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On the music side of things, those on the east side or with antennas might appreciate the music on Jacksonville's public radio station at 89.9 FM, ranging from acoustic to electronic, jazz and blues, in an eclectic and pleasant mix in the evenings and night.
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For more events, event details, and irregularly updated calendar entries, see www.gainesvilleiguana.org/calendar.

20 4th Annual G'ville Cranksgiving (bike ride, scavenger hunt, food drive), Freewheel Project (618 S. Main St), 1-5 pm.

Yoga at 1st Magnitude, every Sunday, 1-2 pm - bring your own mat.

Sunday Assembly: "Origins of Life" talk by Steven Benner, SFC downtown (530 W. Univ Ave), 3 pm, 3rd Sundays - see sagainesville.weebly.com.

27 Lucas Johnson (Internat'l Fellowship of Reconciliation), Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 11 am.

Zoharah Simmons on European peace movement, E. Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 3 pm.

Rosa Parks Quiet Courage Award, Bartley Temple (1936 NE 8th Ave), 3 pm.

4 Pierce Pettis in concert, Acrosstown Rep Theatre (619 S. Main St), 7 pm, \$15 (\$13 students/seniors/military) - see pg 5. *Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!*



18 Sunday Assembly: "Kurt Vonnegut's War" talk by Paul Ortiz SFC downtown (530 W. Univ Ave), 3 pm, 3rd Sundays - see sagainesville.weebly.com.

25 SATURNALIA XMAS

Jan 1, 2017



21 CMC documentary Civil Indigent (Pat Fitzpatrick story), 7 pm.

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

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

1877: Edison reveals 1st phonograph.

28 CMC documentary tba; Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm; \$3-5 requested.

Greens meet, Govinda's (604 NW 13th St), 2nd & 4th Mondays, 5:30 pm; **Move to Amend** mtgs follow, 7 pm.

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

5 Rising Tides doc at CMC, 7 pm. GCAT meets - see 11/21.



12 Ctl Labor Council Spaghetti Dinner at Senior Ctr (5701 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm; see pg 4.

CMC Buddhist documentary, 7 pm.

19 CMC documentary tba; 7 pm.



26 BOXING DAY KWANZAA BEGINS

2 1962: NBC bans Weavers for refusal to sign loyalty oath.

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

Unity at UF Law: Pulse memorial, Levin Law School, noon.

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

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

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

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



29 "America: The Owner's Manual" - former Fla senator Bob Graham & co-author Chris Hand talk at UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm.



1864: Colorado Militia murder at least 150 Cheyenne & Arapaho noncombatants in Sand Creek Massacre.

6 Civil Rights Restoration workshop, Cone Park Library (2801 E. Univ Ave), 4:30 pm.

School Board meets, 6 pm - see 11/15.

13 County Commission meets - see 11/22. **Labor Coalition Holiday Potluck** - ACEA Hall (618 NW 13th Ave), 6:30 pm.

FULL MOON GEMINID METEOR SHOWERS

20 PFLAG meets: see 11/15. **2005: Kitzmiller** decision ends "intelligent design" creationism in US public schools.

27 2007: Former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto assassinated.

3 1521: Pope Leo X excommunicates Prof. Martin Luther.

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

Free confidential walk-in HIV testing at Alachua County Health Dept, 224 SE 24th St, 9 am-3 pm, M-F; & at Pride Ctr, 3131 NW 13th St, 4-6 pm on 1st & 3rd Thurs; info: 334-7961.

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

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

GPD Chief Tony Jones speaks at Humanist mtg (open to all), UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.



1981: Ronald Reagan signs NSDD-17, ordering CIA to recruit & arm Contra terrorists in Nicaragua.



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7 GTEC Entrepreneurial Celebration (2153 SE Hawthorne Rd), 5:30-7:30 pm - see pg 8.

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

14 Dismantling Racism discussion, Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 7 pm.

1911: Roald Amundsen, 4 others first to reach South Pole.



21 WINTER SOLSTICE

4 Vets for Peace, 7 pm - see 12/7. **QUADRANTID METEOR SHOWERS**

17 Jazz Lunch at Bo Diddley Downtown Plaza (111 E. Univ Ave), 11 am-1 pm Tuesdays thru 11/29, & 11/17, free.

CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm.

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

"From Chain Gangs to Immigrant Labor: Fla Agriculture" panel, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 7 pm.

Migration/Refugee Crisis event, UF Norman Hall, 7:30 pm, 11/17-18

Open Poetry Thurs, CMC, 8 pm.

National touring **Hymn for Her**, plus **WaxWings & Thin Skins**, Boca Back Yard, 10 pm.

Dec 1 Volunteers & Poets, CMC.

Festival of Trees (Xmas tree silent auction), Tioga Town Center, 10 am-9 pm Thurs-Sat.



8 Volunteers & Poets, CMC. **Stonewall Democrats**, 901 NW 8th Ave, 2nd Thursdays, 6 pm.

SSJ Sierra Club mtg, UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm.

"Kurt Vonnegut's War" talk by Paul Ortiz, Harn Museum (3259 Hull Rd), 7:15 pm, free.

15 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. **Open Poetry**, CMC, 8 pm.

1933: 21st Amendment officially repeals Prohibition.

22 CMC Volunteers & Poets? Prob'ly not tonight... **1808: L. van Beethoven** conducts premieres of his 5th & 6th Symphonies, 4th Piano Concerto, Choral Fantasy.

29 Volunteers & Poets at CMC, usual times? **1890: US Army** kills 146 (or more) Sioux at Wounded Knee.

5 Volunteers & Poets at CMC, usual times. **1968: Prague Spring** begins.

18 "Octavia Butler's Legacy" UF Dauer Hall 215, 1 pm.

Trashformations exhibit opens (runs through 11/28), Fla Mus of Natural History (3215 Hull Rd), 6-8 pm.

Veterans Telling Gainesville - 5 vets open up at Actors' Warehouse (608 N Main St), 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 2 pm Sun - see pg 7.

UF Women's Soccer NCAA tournament game vs Wisconsin, Disney Stadium, time tba.



LEONID METEOR SHOWERS

25 "Ultimate Xmas Show (Abridged)" opens at Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 8 pm.

"Springs, Music, & Arts in Medicine" - Cathy Dewitt at Matheson Museum (513 E. Univ Ave), 6 pm, free.

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

2 "Pop-Up Museum: Florida Fossils" - Depot Park (200 SE Depot Ave), 3 pm.

Tidepools show at Wild Iris Books (22 SE 5th Ave), 7 pm; part of - **G'ville Downtown Artwalk** 7-10 pm; see pg 14 & artwalkgainesville.com.

1954: US Senate votes to condemn Sen. Joe McCarthy.

9 There will doubtless be events scheduled that aren't on this calendar at press time: check various websites and listings, and support events in our wonderfully active community.



16 VETERANS FOR PEACE, INC.

23 1823: A Visit from St Nicholas, aka The Night Before Christmas, published anonymously.

30 IGUANA Deadline for Jan-Feb issue is Jan 16th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

19 Alachua County Revolution meets, Library Partnership (1130 NE 16th Ave), noon.

Freedom from Fear anti-Trump rally & march, 4 pm, Bo Diddley Plaza marching to O'Connell Center.

Gainesville Punk book release party & music show, The Atlantic, 5 pm.

26 Sabal Trail Day of Action, Santa Fe River, 7 am - see pg 1.

"Sustainable Saturday" yard sale: Sustainable Living Ctr (10665 SW 89th Ave, Hampton, FL 32044), 8 am-5 pm - call 904-504-1004 or see fcj-slc.org to donate salable items.

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

"A Christmas Carol" opens at Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 2 pm.

3 Green Gift Fair & Festival, Repurpose Project, 4-10 pm.

Holiday Tree Lighting, music & fun, Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), 6 pm.

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

No Letting Go (mental-health-related documentary benefiting Meridian), Hipp Cinema (25 SE 2nd Pl), 7:30 pm.

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

Ana Varela Studio Open House, 10 am-5 pm - see pg 5.

River Phoenix Peacebuilding Ctr fundraisers at The Wooly (20 N Main St; 7 pm, \$75) & The Atlantic (15 N Main St, 10 pm, \$10-25).

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

17 Alachua County Revolution meets, location tba, noon.

Gvl Scene launch party, Boxcar (201 SE Depot Ave), music w/ VOWLS, others); 6-9 pm; free.

Vets for Peace Winter Solstice Concert, UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm, \$15-30; see pg 24.



24 31 Last Day for "Aftermath: Fallout of War" at Harn Museum: harn.ufl.edu/aftermath & pg 14.

"Downtown Countdown" NY Eve party, Bo Diddley Plaza, 10? pm.

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



Aftermath: The Fallout of War – America and the Middle East
 A Harn Museum of Art exhibit through December 31

Aftermath: The Fallout of War—America and the Middle East, organized by the Harn Museum of Art, brings together the work of twelve international photographers and artists offering a closer look at armed conflict through images of refugees, loss, history, environmental dangers, and veterans from the U.S. and Middle East.

The exhibition includes ninety photographs, two videos and an educational touch table, each depicting the conditions, and voices, of people and environments caught in war's wake, from Iraq,

Afghanistan, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Palestine, Israel and America.

Together the images in Aftermath urge a reflection on loss, offer a comparison of the past in relation to the present, and encourage visitors to ask what the future may hold.

Artists in the exhibition are Lynsey Addario, Jananne Al-Ani, Jennifer Karady, Gloriann Liu, Rania Matar, Eman Mohammed, Farah Nosh, Suzanne Opton, Michal Rovner, Stephen Dupont, Ben Lowy, and Simon Norfolk.

The exhibition is made possible by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Harn 25th Anniversary Fund, the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the University of Florida Office of Research, the John Early Publication Endowment, and the Joanne L. and Edward R. Block Charitable Trust, with additional support from the Harn Curator of Photography Endowment.

For more information, see www.harn.ufl.edu/aftermath.



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Humans living, sleeping, dying on the streets is NOT normal

by Jon DeCarmine
 Operations Director for GRACE

Imagine showing up at the emergency room. You're having a heart attack. You need immediate attention. There's two other people in there, one with a broken leg and one with a cut on their finger. You're told that, since they arrived before you, the doctors and nurses will treat them first, and you'll have to wait until you are called.

Once you're seen, the doctors recognize you from the last time you had a heart attack. They had told you to change your lifestyle to include more exercise and a better diet. Since you didn't follow their advice, they tell you that they're not going to treat you until you lose 10 pounds and stop smoking.

This sounds ridiculous, right? That's no way to deal with people in crisis, is it?

The ideas behind that approach – first come, first served, and the idea that only people who follow a specific set of guidelines are eligible for help – have set the tone for homeless services for the past 40 years. There wasn't a lot of research that showed that it worked, and at best, we had agencies – with some notable exceptions– providing quick-fix, feel-good solutions that ultimately managed, rather than ended, people's homelessness.

GRACE Marketplace operates under a housing first philosophy, and we're pivoting our programs to make sure the people who need help the most get the assistance they need. As soon as someone arrives, we triage them to assess, ultimately, their risk of dying on the street if we don't help them. The higher the score, the more at-risk they are.

In the past, shelters were funded if they operated under a "housing readiness" model aimed at "fixing" people's problems – lack of income, substance abuse, mental illness – and after they had pieced their lives back together, we got them into housing. The new model turns all of that upside down. It's so much easier to help someone deal with their problems when they are already housed. It's easier to deal with a mental health crisis if you're not living in an emergency shelter with 100 other

people in crisis. It's easier to find work when you can get a good night's sleep, take a shower, or plug in an alarm clock.

It's easier than it sounds. Housing ends homelessness. And ending homelessness is a radical act that requires support from the whole community. We're doing this work because, for our entire lives, and the lives of our children, we've come to accept this idea that seeing human beings living, sleeping, and dying on the street is normal. We do it because right now, in Alachua County, there are at least five empty apartments for every person on the street. We do it because we believe that we should listen when people tell us what they need, and – regardless of whatever else they have going on in their lives – they should be able to get the help they need, when they need it, and in a way that solves their immediate housing crisis. We hope you'll join us – check us out at gracemarketplace.org for more information.

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Tom Hayden (1939-2016) on Vietnam War: We must challenge the Pentagon on the battlefield of memory

Below is the transcript from the Oct. 25 episode of Democracy Now! remembering legendary antiwar activist Tom Hayden. See more at www.democracynow.org.

AMY GOODMAN: Legendary antiwar activist Tom Hayden died Sunday in Santa Monica, California, after a lengthy illness. He was 76 years old. Tom Hayden spent decades shaping movements against war and for social justice. In the early '60s, he was the principal author of the Port Huron Statement, the founding document of Students for a Democratic Society, or SDS.

The statement advocated participatory democracy and helped launch the student movement of the '60s. Tom Hayden was also a Freedom Rider in the Deep South and helped create a national poor people's campaign for jobs and empowerment. He also organized in Newark, New Jersey; among his books, *Rebellion in Newark: Official Violence and Ghetto Response*.

In 1968, Tom Hayden became one of the so-called Chicago 8. He was convicted of crossing state lines to start a riot after he helped organize protests against the Vietnam War outside the Democratic National Convention.

In 1982, Hayden entered electoral politics, first winning a seat in the California State Assembly, later in the California Senate.

We turn now to a speech Tom Hayden gave last year at a conference in Washington, D.C., titled "Vietnam: The Power of Protest."

TOM HAYDEN: I want to start off by saying how many of you I love very much and known for such a long time, and I only hope that there's enough minutes and occasions here for us to get to know each other again, because we have really been through a lifetime. Today, we'll have plenty of time for discussion, for panels, for observations. And at 4:00, we'll gather to march to the King Memorial. And I want to just say a word about that. I know that Ron Dellums is going to speak to this.

But why was that—why was that chosen? It's because, in keeping with trying to make sure our history is told accurately, we have to tell it ourselves. And we have to recognize that Dr. King became a martyr because of his stand on Vietnam, not only because of his stand on race, justice, economic poverty. And

there's been a tendency over the many decades to make Dr. King a monument to nonviolence alone, and we need to remember that he was attacked by The New York Times and by The Wall Street Journal and by The Washington Post for being out of place.

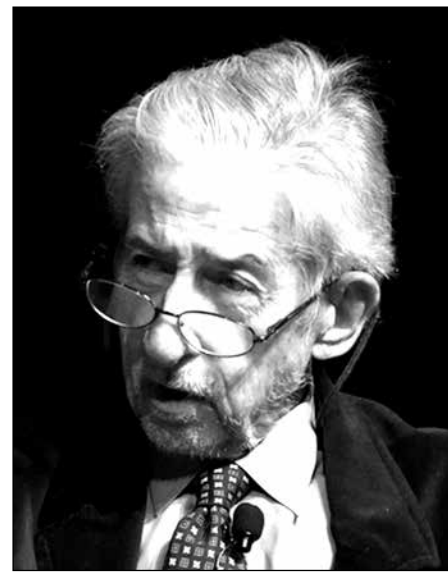
They wanted to put him back in his place and say nothing about Vietnam, take no stand on Vietnam. There were threats that he would lose funding. There were threats of all sorts. And to distort that, to forget that, to ignore that, his monument would be shaped in a certain way to serve certain interests, but not others, is a disservice to truth.

And we have to march there and vigil there and commemorate him as a leader and a martyr for all of us, for peace, justice and civil rights, not only in the United States, but around the world, and persist in making sure that his whole story, including the campaign to end poverty in the United States, is told each and every year and in all of our schools and curriculum. So that's the purpose.

This is a way of saying that the struggle for memory and for history is a living thing. It's ongoing. It does not end. Even today, people are debating and reassessing the history of abolition of slavery, the role of slave resistance, the role of the Underground Railroad, the role of the abolitionist direct action movement, the role of the radical Republican politicians, the role of international politics in what came about, and the role—how it was derailed by the assassination of President Lincoln, the ending of the possibilities of Reconstruction, which were not taken up again until 1960, and the coming of Jim Crow.

Each generation has to wrestle with the history of what came before, and ask: Whose interest does this history serve? How does it advance a legacy of social movements? How does it deny that legacy? We don't know.

But we do know that we are here for the very first time as such a broad gathering of the movement against the Vietnam War. It's been 50 years since Selma, 50 years since the first SDS march. So, it was a time that changed our lives, nearing a second Reconstruction before the murders of Dr. King and Bobby Kennedy. Then came the budget cuts, the end of the war on poverty. Then came the Watergate



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repression. And we became a generation of might-have-beens. Like Sisyphus, our rock lay at the bottom of the hill.

We gather here to remember the power that we had at one point, the power of the peace movement, and to challenge the Pentagon now on the battlefield of memory. We have to resist their military occupation of our minds and the minds of future generations.

Memory—memory is very much like rock climbing, the recovery of memory. Each niche towards the summit is graphed inch by bleeding inch and has to be carefully carved with tools that are precise in order to take the next step. Falling back is always possible.

But as Dr. King himself said on his last night, there is something in humans that makes us aspire to climb mountains, to reach that majesty, if only for a moment. We are mountain climbers.

President Obama has reminded us to remember, he said, Selma, Seneca Falls and Stonewall. But not Saigon, not Chicago, not Vietnam. We have to ask ourselves collectively why that omission exists, and realize that only we can restore a place in the proper history of those times. We suspect that there was a reason, that it has to do with the programming of amnesia, that there are very powerful forces in our country who stand for denial, not just climate denial, but generational denial, Vietnam denial.

There are forces that stand for ethnic cleansing, but not just ethnic cleansing, but also for historic cleansing. And that is what has happened. It serves their purpose because they have no interest in the true history of a war in which they sent thousands to their deaths and, almost before the blood had dried, were moving up the national security ladder and showing up for television interviews to advertise what they called the next cakewalks. Only the blood was caked.

There came a generation of career politicians who were afraid of association with the peace movement, who were afraid of being seen as soft, who saw that the inside track was the track of war.

Our national forgetting is basically pathological. Our systems—politics, media, culture—are totally out of balance today because of our collective refusal to admit that the Vietnam War was wrong and that the peace movement was right.

In the absence—in the absence of an established voice for peace in all the institutions, the neoconservatives will fill the foreign policy vacuum. Am I right? Will it not? Will it not advise both parties? I think, though, that American public opinion has shifted to a much more skeptical state of mind than earlier generations, but the spectrum of American politics and media has not.

So we can never forget that, of course, it was the Vietnamese resistance and their sacrifice that led to our awakening, along with the civil rights movement at home.

It began with handfuls of young people, black students who led Freedom Rides, sit-ins. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee was the first to resist the war. Julian Bond, who's sitting here, was rejected after being elected to the Georgia Legislature. Muhammad Ali was stripped of his boxing titles. It also began with the Vietnam Day Committee in Berkeley, growing out of teach-ins, out of SDS, that called the first march, the draft resistance. There had never been a peace movement like the one in 1965 that arose out of the civil rights movement and came just weeks after Selma. At least 29 would die at the hands of police while demonstrating for peace.

I'd like here to introduce Luis Rodriguez and Rosalio Muñoz and Jorge Mariscal from the Chicano Moratorium, where four died, including Gustav [Montag], Lyn Ward, José Diaz and Rubén Salazar. Rubén Salazar was an early Juan

González. Rubén Salazar was a great reporter for the Los Angeles Times who served as a journalist in Vietnam before he started critical reporting on the streets of Los Angeles. And he was shot by the sheriff's deputies. I don't know if he's here, but is Alan Canfora here? Alan, please stand.

Alan was wounded at Kent State. Four died at Kent State, two at Jackson State two weeks later. And every year, these two groups of people have observed memorials, have fought for their place in history, are coming up on their 50th anniversary commemorations and are here today to learn from us, as we've learned from them, the importance of organizing, organizing, organizing around the politics of memory. So, thank you for being here, and we will remember. We will not forget.

We will not forget the eight who sacrificed their lives by self-immolation. We will not forget the students who helped end the war by shutting down so many campuses. We will not forget the veterans who took the risk of standing up to their commanding officers and resisted from within the military.

We will not forget this because this was something like a Du Bois characterization of the general strike by slaves who, through noncooperation, walked off plantations across the South when they saw the futility of any other alternative and chose to simply walk away and join the Union army.

What happened at the end of the Vietnam War is that people walked away. The campuses shut down. Four million students walked away. The military was described by Marine colonels in military histories as being on the verge of collapse. They walked away. The counterculture walked away. We all walked away.

It might have been otherwise, if King and Robert Kennedy had not been assassinated. We might have been united, at least for a moment, at least for a moment. We might have elected a president. We might have ended a war. But instead, we were relegated to wondering what might have been. We lost any basis for our unity, and thus we have not come together since that time.

The question for us is whether today we can unify, when we never could unify before. Can we do that for the memory of our movement and for the meaning that it holds for future generations? I hope so. I pray so. Thank you. 🌿

GCOR: Gainesville City of Resistance

by Joe Courter

Here in Gainesville the reality of Donald Trump as President Elect has brought out an amazing response. In a follow up meeting to the speakout held Thurs 11/10, on Sunday afternoon 11/13 over 200 people overflowed the now vacant Citizens Co-op space for a very productive planning session. Surprisingly less than a fourth of them had been at the speakout three days earlier. Social media is a very powerful tool in particular Facebook and the Gainesville City of Resistance site.

City of Resistance means we will not go backwards on social gains made by or LGBTQ friends. We will not go backwards on the right to abortion and the funding of Planned Parenthood. We will resist the threats to immigrants of deportations. We will resist the racist, sexist and xenophobic attacks and harassment of our brothers and sisters. We want a pledge from our elected officials, community leaders, businesses, artists. We want Gainesville, already a Welcoming City, to be a Sanctuary City. We intend to be visible, with street corner protests starting Thurs 11/17 at 4 different street crossings. (Univ and Main, Univ and 13th, 34th and Archer and NW 43rd and 23rd Ave) from 4-6pm. Saturday 11/19 will be the Freedom From Fear rally and march from Bo Diddley Plaza to the O'Connell Center, gathering at BDP at 4pm.

Having 200+ people, virtual strangers, get together on a Sunday afternoon, break out into 3 groups, come up with organizational plans, and come back together with strong solidarity and positive spirit, was a real balm to the many hearts and minds stunned by Tuesdays results.

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This energy is aimed at both fueling further sprawl across Florida and exporting fossil fuels to markets abroad.

There is a bounty of reasons to oppose this project, from the regional threats our waterways and wild lands to the global impacts of climate change. For a few examples, the project is slated to impact 4,370 acres of forests, 1,958 wetland systems and 699 water bodies; it will emit greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants through its compressor stations, not to mention the impacts from power plants that will burn the fuel for electricity and the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals that will process and store the fuel.

Add to that the utter disregard for low-income/minority "environmental justice communities" — the Environmental Impacts Statement (EIS) acknowledged that 83.7 percent of the Project would cross or be within one mile of environmental justice populations, including 135 environmental justice communities. That is to say nothing of ongoing eminent domain proceedings and the potential impacts of leaks and combustion.

The time for contemplating and speculating on these impacts has passed. It's time to ask ourselves: what am I willing to do to stop this pipeline?

The damage has already begun, and in response to a series of environmental lawsuits seeking to halt the project, the companies only seem to be working faster. Crews have been reported on site late into evenings and on Sundays in many of the active construction spots along the route.

There's no doubt that people are angry all across Florida. When public hearings happened for the EIS in 2013, hundreds of landowners and environmentalists turned out to speak against it, almost all the way across the route, with counties in North/Central Florida being among the most outraged.

Unfortunately, Spectra didn't have to go back and notify these people that construction was beginning. As a result, most rural residents are unaware. In areas where they have broken ground across the state, signs simply say "road work ahead" with the construction company's name, Price Gregory, on trucks and signage. Their intention seems to be to avoid any public



Water protectors blockade trucks carrying materials needed for drilling under the river, stalling work on the Sabal Trail pipeline for three hours on Nov 5. Photo by Cindy Noel.

mention of Spectra, Enbridge or pipelines.

Nonetheless, resistance is brewing. Last month, under the leadership of American Indian Movement activists who had been at Standing Rock, the Sacred Water Camp (SWC) kicked off outside Live Oak.

They began monitoring and disrupting construction surrounding the Suwannee River. Soon after the birth of SWC, news surfaced from local residents along the Santa Fe River that HDD work was set to start. In response, Earth First! activists from the Gainesville area called for an action camp Nov. 4 thru 7. The Facebook event for the camp spread like wildfire, with almost 5,000 people getting invited over the two weeks of planning. Only a fraction of them showed up, indicating that we need to make the leap from social media to social movement on this issue.

Don't get me wrong, we showed that 40 water warriors can accomplish a hell of a lot over a weekend.

For example, we blocked trucks on multiple occasions over the 3 days, slowing work down for three straight hours on one occasion; we followed water trucks supplying the drill site and exposed a scandal of water being pulled directly from the Santa Fe, a river already suffering low levels, without knowledge of any state agencies (causing at least a

day of delay for inspections); and we attracted multiple news stories from regional media outlets. Still, it wasn't enough. As I type, they are back at work, unobstructed, under the river we love. It doesn't have to be this way.

We all have reasons that keep us from showing up to actions like this, but the time for excuses are over. News of this harm to the river should come like getting news of a loved one in dire need. Are you the family member who is too busy, or are you the one who re-arranges your priorities so you can be there?

The Three Rivers region where this pipeline crosses (Santa Fe, Suwannee and Ichetucknee) has a long history of local environmental struggles, from the cement factory to the numerous attempts at water bottling plants. This time, the fight also has a global context, just as Standing Rock is standing up to Enbridge on the Missouri River over local land rights, they are also speaking about water pollution and climate change that impact millions

of people and countless other species. The same is true here.

The weekend we spent tracking and blocking trucks needed for the drilling operation showed us that the construction is very vulnerable. They need to supply the drill with hundreds of thousands of gallons of water throughout the work day. They also need to constantly haul the contaminated spoils of drilling off site.

Delays in these moments can cause major setbacks, throwing them off schedule and costing them money. But it can only happen if we are out there, taking risks to fight for what you love.

If you can arrange your personal schedule to risk arrest, and possibly spend a night in jail, we can bring drilling to a halt. In doing so, we can overwhelm the Gilchrist and Suwannee County jails and court systems by demanding jury trials and defending our rights to stand up for our threatened water supply.

In a moment where the national political climate presents an overwhelming feeling of defeat, actions like this can provide a way to reclaim our power to engage the system on our own terms. And they can help issues like this make their way into the national spotlight, and

attract the level of attention and pressure needed to defeat them entirely.

Not everyone who shows up needs to risk arrest, but in order to increase the effectiveness of those who do take a risk, everyone needs to show up to the calls to action in the coming weeks.

If you are a student, find a way to make this part of your studies.

If you have a conflict with work, take a sick day.

If you have children, bring them out to see the importance of standing up for the future.


And if you care for elderly family members, bring them out to see that the world is changing in their lifetimes.

Panagiotti is a long-time organizer with the Earth First! movement, and a former editor of the Earth First! Journal. He is currently based on a small farm in Alachua County. Eternal Springs Earth First! is an ad hoc group organized to resist the Sabal Trail in North/Central Florida.





The massive HDD drill digs through the land below the wetlands and river in preparation for the Sabal Trail pipeline. Photo by Peter Ackerman.

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History and the people who make it: Anthony Ray Hinton

Anthony Ray Hinton [AH], who spent 30 years on Alabama's death row, was interviewed by a 5-person SPOHP team in Montgomery, Alabama, in 2015.

This is the 37th in a series of transcript excerpts from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection at the University of Florida.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

AH: We are told we have the best justice system in the world. That might be true. But racism still plays a part. We are taught that justice is blind. But I assure you – the lady sees what race you are, your education background, what neighborhood you live in. When you come through the door, that determines whether you are guilty or innocent.

I was twenty-nine years of age when I was arrested for attempted murder, attempted first-degree kidnap, and first-degree robbery.

After I got arrested, they found that I was at work at the time. So they dropped those charges and charged me with two capital murders. I was given a white lawyer [who] told me, I didn't go to law school to do pro-bono work. I knew then I was headed for an uphill battle. My lawyer didn't do what he needed to do.

I found out years later that he was friends with and had represented the very detectives that arrested me.

On my way to jail, one detective told me that five things were going to convict me. He said it was more than likely I was going to have a white jury. Number two: I definitely was going to have a white prosecutor. Number three: I was going to have a white judge. I was going to have a white man that said that I shot him. And you got a white defendant lawyer. He said, you know what that spells? Conviction, conviction, conviction, conviction, conviction.

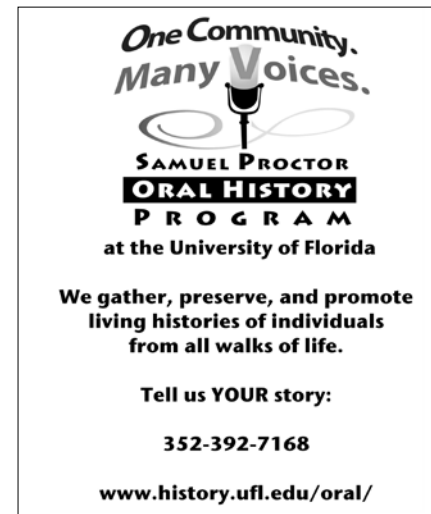
If I could meet that detective, I would love to shake his hand and say you were right, four out of five. I didn't have an all-white jury. I had probably five blacks on my jury. This case should have been over within twenty-four hours.

My case [dealt] only with ballistics. All they had to do, test the bullets. Come back and be truthful and say the bullets don't match. But they came back with a lie.

For sixteen years, EJI (Equal Justice

Initiative) begged the state to reexamine the ballistics, and they refused.

It was, in my opinion, two factors. The fact that the prosecutors were racist and the fact of politics. When I was arrested, this prosecutor was running for reelection. And what better way to get reelected when you can say, I just put the most dangerous criminal that ever walked the streets of Birmingham on death row.



DG: What was like when you discovered that the Equal [Justice] Initiative was going to represent you?

AH: It was like a breath of fresh air. I wrote Mr. Stevenson a letter from death row. When he agreed to take my case, and we agreed to hire ballistic experts, I begged him not to hire anyone from New York, California, Detroit, Chicago, nothing. I know how racist people in Alabama frown on people up in New York. So he hired two out of Texas, and two out of Virginia. They don't get no Southern than Texas and Virginia. When they came down to test the gun, they told them, we don't see no match.

M: After they got on your case, how long did it take for it to become resolved?

AH: Close to eighteen, twenty years. Ballistics is the only thing the state had. The state was saying that the bullets that they got out of the victim matches the gun that they retrieved from my mother's home. That was a lie.

The courts allowed them access to the old bullets, but due to the fact that I had already been convicted, the state was not obligated to do any more tests. So, we

had to fight and get my case overturned.

The Alabama Criminal Court of Appeals turned me down. The Alabama Supreme Court turned me down for sixteen years.

Finally, Mr. Stevenson filed to the [U.S.] Supreme Court, they agreed that I deserved a new trial. That my lawyer was ineffective. That is how I got out. How the state couldn't deny testing the gun. They couldn't get a match. They didn't get a match thirty years ago. Those bullets did not change. We asked the state expert, come show us how you got that match. But the state was not willing.

JH: Your being taken away from your community, what effect did it have on your family?

AH: For thirty years, I didn't see my family. I am the baby of ten. Five boys and five girls. I grew up thinking that it was a close-knit family. They supported me during the trial. But once I was convicted, I didn't see any of my family.

As years went by, I think they just gave up. So I stopped calling them and focused on my situation that I was going through. My mother had lost a son. When she passed [in 2002], it was like my whole world stopped. I'm told to this day that my mom passed from a broken heart. When I got the news, it was like, well, I have no reason to live anymore. But I knew she wouldn't want me to give up.

That's where my faith kicked in. I prayed. My favorite scripture was Mark 11, verse 24: whatever you desire when you pray, believe in them, and you shall have them. I didn't ask God but for one thing. I said, let the truth come out. I never believed God would let me die for something I didn't do. He came through, I guess, on his own time, but when I see him, I am going to get on him for letting me stay up thirty years!

When you lose, in the sense that I lost, and you should have never been there, even to this day, I cry. I cry. I have been out two months.

[Anthony Hinton cries]

They didn't just put me in prison. They put my mother in prison. I had a mother that loved me unconditionally. And I felt that I let her down, although I was not responsible for being on death row. But in her old age, I should have been the one that carried her a glass of water. I should

have been there by her side like she was for me all the years.

Prison is probably the most popular and profitable business in America. You have over two million people in prison in this country.

The same paper that I filed to the United States Supreme Court, they filed it to the Alabama [courts]. I would like to know what the United States Supreme Court sees that the Alabama Criminal Court of Appeal and the Alabama Supreme Court didn't see. But I already know the answer.

They weren't even smart enough to hide racism, and you don't have to hide it. I can't turn around and sue them. They can't be disbarred. They make laws to cover themselves. No one has been held accountable.

JH: What have been some of the happier moments that you've had being out?

AH: One of the most happy moments, I was able to give a thank you dinner to all the workers here in EJI. I have more to smile for than perhaps all y'all, and hopefully, none of you have been in jail.

When I tell you I value life, I value it now more than ever, because I witnessed fifty-three men being executed. I had the unpleasant [experience] of smelling their flesh still burning the next morning. I witnessed twelve men hang themselves, because they couldn't take the pressure. I witnessed ten men slashing their own wrists. I have seen death all around me. So to be able to come out with a decent mind, a good attitude, and a zest for life itself, I think I am ahead of the game already.

G: Can you talk about reconnecting with your family?

AH: We had our first family get-together, dinner last week, just to get to know me. And I am going to try to get to know them. I have expressed to them, the past is the past. The fact that you didn't come see me, you didn't write me, I am okay with it.

My mom taught me, always be responsible for how we treat others, but never be responsible for how they treat you. So learn to love, to forgive. More importantly, learn to enjoy life. We are going to be brothers and sister until we die, so we just hug and go on with it.

I forgive those friends of mine that didn't come. Since I have been out, everybody come up to me got an excuse. For thirty years, I fought alone. I slept in the fetus position for thirty years. I could never stretch my legs out, because the bed wasn't long enough. I walked sometime once a month. Sometime not at all, because they didn't have the guards there. My mom didn't raise me to be a quitter.

And I was blessed to come across an attorney like that [points to EJI attorney]. He will never know how much I love him for what he did for me. Because society had thrown me away. I am just thankful that somebody thought enough to take my case. It took us a while, but we won.

JH: There is a story you tell about how you would make jokes with the prison guards.

AH: I asked the guard one day, hey officer, I just got off the phone with my mother, and she ain't feeling too good.

He say, I am sorry to hear that, Anthony. I said, but I need to borrow your car. Just in case I don't come back, I am going to have my brother to bring you your car back, but I promise it is going to be full of gas. They would laugh about it. I became, as they called it, the Jokemaster there.

JH: What are your future plans?

AH: If there is three of us in this room, statistic-wise, one will end up in prison, and that is way too high. So I want to be able to talk to youth. I want to be a light, not just for black people. I want to be a light for everybody when it comes to this justice system. We got to stop fooling ourselves like everything is okay. Get involved in your community. Go down to the courthouse and sit in a trial. You will be surprised and amazed at what goes on and how it goes on.

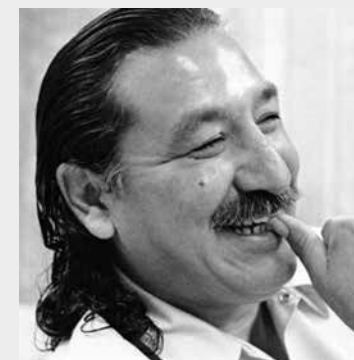
I want to thank you all for coming. It has been a pleasure. I will tell my wife when I get home. I didn't tell you all I was married to Sandra Bullock, did I?

[laughter]

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

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Urge President Obama to grant clemency to Leonard Peltier and release him



Native American activist Leonard Peltier has been imprisoned for more than four decades after an unfair legal process and trial. He was convicted of killing two FBI agents in 1975, and has remained behind bars despite concerns about political bias and injustice that have clouded his case. Now the 71-year-old's health is failing, he has exhausted all appeals, and he is not up for parole until 2024. If the President doesn't act, Leonard Peltier is likely to die in prison.

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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, alachuadems.org

Dream Defenders The Gainesville chapter seeks to create real, positive change in our community by organizing a new generation of 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 bulding 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@fammm.org. 352-682-2542

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

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

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

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

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to Death

Penalty works to abolish the death penalty. Join vigils when Florida has an execution. Meets first Tuesday every month at St. Augustine Church & Catholic Student Center , 1738 W. University Ave, 352-378-1690, www.fadp.org.

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

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ) organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd Mondays at 6 pm at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. Gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com, www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com, 352-377-6577

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

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

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

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

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

Grow Radio Non-profit provides opportunities for community members to create and manage engaging, educational, locally-generated programming to promote fine, musical/visual arts and humanities for enrichment of the community. www.growradio.org. PO Box 13891, Gainesville, 32604, 352-219-0145 (v), 352-872-5085 (studio hotline)

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

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

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

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

Industrial Workers of the World (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

Kindred Sisters Lesbian/feminist magazine. PO Box 141674, Gainesville, FL 32614. www.kindredsisters.org, KindredSisters@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. movetoamend.org/fl-gainesville

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

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

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

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

NCF AWIS is an advocacy organization championing the interest of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors. Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month (except holidays) from 5:30 -7:30 pm Millhopper Branch, Ala-

chua 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 every Sunday at 11, followed by potluck. Visitors welcome. 702 NW 38th St. Follow [Facebook/GainesvilleQuakers](https://www.facebook.com/GainesvilleQuakers) for special 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

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

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.sjsierra.org

Sister City Program of Gainesville links Gainesville with sister cities in Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iraq, and Haiti. Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Avenue (across from Gainesville HS). <http://www.gnvsistercities.org>

Stand By Our Plan is committed to informing the public about the critical differences between the Comprehensive Plan and Plum Creek's proposal. We do not support Plum Creek's Plan. Alachua County's Comprehensive Plan is the best blueprint for future

growth in the unincorporated areas of our county; it protects our valuable wetlands. standbyourplan@gmail.com; <http://standbyourplan.org/>

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

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

UF College Democrats (UFCD) meets Tuesdays at 6:30 in Little Hall 121. 407-580-4543, [Facebook.com/UFcollegedems](https://www.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/~un-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 Civic Media Center. wgot947@gmail.com, www.wgot.org

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

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