



"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." –Samuel Adams

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Southern Heritage Group Takes Stand on Gun Control



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The Save Southern Heritage Organization had its beginnings in South Carolina with the controversy regarding the Confederate Battle Flag and then Republican Governor Nikki Haley. A Florida chapter has since formed. The emphasis of SSH FL has been the preservation of Confederate monuments and statues in the state of Florida. On October 28, 2018, the SSH FL chapter took a stance on gun control with a press release, in Tallahassee as follows:

SOUTHERN HERITAGE GROUP OPPOSES SCOTT'S GUN PLAN Joins Citizen Coalition for 2nd Amendment

Tallahassee - Save Southern Heritage Florida ("SSH FL") goes on record today opposing Governor Rick Scott's plan to abridge Floridians' rights under the United States Constitution.

Save Southern Heritage Florida has joined a coalition of groups bringing resources to bear to oppose those seeking to exploit the tragedy in Broward County designed to whittle away at our Southern and American rights.

"Southerners understand that the right to self-defense is a basic right granted by God and codified by our Nation's founders in the Constitution and so we are opposed to any abridgment of this or any other God given right" said David McCallister, SSH FL spokesman.

SSH FL members have noted shocking parallels between the Charleston shooting and its aftermath to the Parkland shooting and its aftermath. "We've seen this movie before. Take a deranged killer, mix with innocent, sympathetic victims, blame and an inanimate object - in this case a firearm, in that case, a flag - and

then exploit the tragedy to ban that inanimate object" McCallister said.

South Carolina Republican Governor Nikki Haley caved in to the radical left that exploited the tragic shooting just as Florida Governor Rick Scott appears to be doing now.

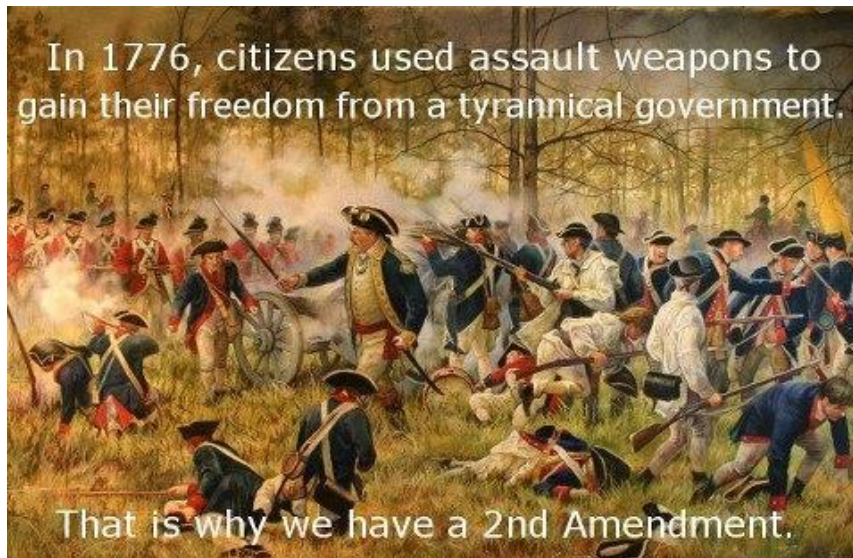
Many of the Florida legislators that are supporting bills to infringe on Floridian's gun rights are the same legislators that are willing to remove war memorials and other observances from the civic landscape, therein curtailing free speech in the process.

"Republicans are hopping into bed with the radical left for fear of being called 'racist' just like they have done on the Edmund Kirby Smith memorial in Statuary Hall after the Charleston tragedy" McCallister added.

"If they don't get some backbone and stand their ground, they will surely lose seats in the mid-term election - but perhaps it's time to drain the swamp in Tallahassee" he added.

"Governor Scott was wrong about the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame and he is wrong on Gun Control" McCallister added. "Jeb Bush learned you don't mess with our history and heritage and Rick Scott needs to learn the same lesson before he moves up" McCallister concluded.

The coalition has a multi-faceted campaign planned that will seek to push back on the proposed gun reform plan that would limit rights of young adults and make it harder for law abiding citizens to obtain firearms in Florida.



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March 10, 2018

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Tea Party's Entry a Smash Hit with Everyone but the Parade Organizers



The eighth annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in the City of the St. Augustine, which is part of the St. Augustine Celtic Music and Heritage Festival, was held on March 10, 2018. The parade route wound through the historic district of St. Augustine, Florida and the parade kicks off the Celtic festivities that continue throughout the weekend. Albert and Patricia Syeles are the organizers of these events.

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The St. Augustine Tea Party (SATP) has had an entry in six out of the last eight St Patrick's Day Parades. In 2013, the Tea Party chose not to participate. In 2017, we were refused entry because of an alleged late filing.

The Tea Party has always favored the joining of parades with their 38 foot replica of the Dartmouth. The enthusiastic approval of the Tea Party's presence has only grown through the years. The new populist wave only amplifies that experience.

It was the first St Patrick's Day Parade in 2011 that gave birth to what was later to be called the Town Crier Committee. A Tea Party member, located on the bow of the Dartmouth, observed that the Republican float directly ahead was receiving only modest response from the parade observers. When the Dartmouth came by, applause and cheers exploded. There was something going on between the general public and the Tea Party. The Town Crier Committee was formed and the Town Criers began making regular appearances in the historic district. The Town Criers are the signature of the St. Augustine Tea Party. We thank the organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade for opening our eyes to the opportunities that would lie ahead. However, times have changed. With the decline of the progressive movement and the continued advance of the populist experience, the Communists are panicking.

Tea Party's Entry Rejected Initially

Initially, the Tea Party was rejected from the 2018 parade because we were deemed to be political by the organizers. The rejection was prompted because of an article in this publication. [See Vol 7 No 3 December 2, 2017 St. Augustine Christmas Parade Surprise] Email lead "A Christmas Parade Turns into a Trump Rally" <http://saintaugustineteaparty.org/pdf/Town%20Crier%20Committee%20Vol%207%20No%2003.pdf>

SATP Chairman, Lance Thate, reports that he had an extensive conversation with a parade organizer, he believes was Pat Syeles, which lasted in excess of one and a half hours. Her left wing bias was revealed with questions like, "Do you have any Bernie Sanders supporters or Hillary Clinton supporters as members?" She declared historical flags as political. The Blue Lives Matter flag is also political. "Supporting law enforcement is political; can you imagine," Chairman Thate said.

Thate revealed that he simply would not take no for an answer. "We are not a political organization, we do not endorse candidates. We are not affiliated with any political parties. We are an educational identity." The conversation closed with the revelation that a "Parade Marshal" would be assigned specifically to the Dartmouth and that we would not be permitted to engage with the public regardless of their reaction to our presence. The parade organizer then abruptly hung up. The SATP Chairman never had time to respond.

The SATP does not subject itself to "Political Correctness" standards. In fact, they view "Political Correctness" as a holdover from the Soviet Union days. Communists impart and observe "Political Correctness"; American patriots do not.

A picture is worth a thousand words. Take a look at the happy spectators at the St Patrick's Day Parade as the Dartmouth passed by. The reenactors on board were casting tea to the crowd from boxes marked Tea. The sign on the strut between the two masts, at the top of the masts told the story of the Boston Tea Party. This is called 'History'. Not only are the people in the crowd rejoicing because there's a reenactment of the Boston Tea Party of 1773, but the announcer at the reviewing stand was reading off the sign as he introduced the Tea Party float to the crowd. This is a historical event, the casting of tea upon the waters in 1773... The spirit of rebellion. The tea flowed on to Lexington and Concord in 1775. The flags on the Tea Party's Dartmouth were at Bunker Hill. There's a rattlesnake on the flag. The symbol and the wording are historical. "Once Upon a Time" the British Crown stepped upon the Colonial's Liberty and the flag came to pass. The flag was designed by Christopher Gadsden, who was a prisoner in the Castillo de San Marcos during the Revolutionary War. The flag is still a warning, the tea brewed in rebellion is still flowing and the public feels it. The radical left has to change history to win its cultural war. The people have started their resistance.



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Parade Organizers Attack Tea Party Everything is Political to Anti-American Left

The SATP's Town Criers teach people about the Constitution of the United States on a regular basis and they have made a hundred and ninety visits to St George Street. They distribute free pocket editions of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. The Tea Party is loved by the people that see them in the historic district and in parades such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The only people who reject the Tea Party are those of the radical left and the anarchists. These people appear to be in nearly every organization in the United States.

As promised by the parade organizers, a "Parade Marshal" was assigned to the Dartmouth who never left us. It is not the practice to provide a "Parade Marshal" to every entry. Nor have we ever had one in the past. Belligerent demands were made on us. The "Parade Marshal" often got into heated discussions with people on board. One in particular was with Lucky Howe, our 90-year-old WWII Marine veteran.

The Tea Party had an advance marching group in front of the tow vehicle carrying the Tea Party banner. The marching group consisted of the 3% Militia, which provided security for the Dartmouth and the Tea Party members. The measure was considered prudent considering that the radical leftist, Ron Rawls, had planned demonstrations in the historic district the same day.

The three presenters are in direct conflict with event organizer, Albert Syeles views on the second amendment and gun control. Syeles has posted and supported articles that conform to the extreme left wing positions. The Parade Marshal gave orders to the SATP Chairman, who was on board the Dartmouth to stop displaying the 3% flags.

There was no way for Chairman Thate to transmit that information as he could not disembark a moving float, given the fact that he is in his 80s. So as a result, the Tea Party was in violation of the Parade Marshal's directive and subject to immediate expulsion from the parade. That appeared to the Chairman to be an idle threat since the Dartmouth and its tow vehicle exceeded 60 feet in length and there was no practical way of removing the boat from the parade. There were no exits along the parade route that facilitated the Dartmouth's removal. It seemed clear to those on board that the Tea Party had been set up for future denials in the St. Patrick's Day parade. "The St Augustine Tea Party was very offended at the fact that they would be told in the middle of the parade to stop using the flags or we would be kicked out of the parade," Dave Heimbold, SATP Media Chairman said.



Tea Party Chairman finally disembarked towards the end of the parade when the Dartmouth briefly stopped. He used the opportunity to photograph the boat from the ground, and to photograph the advanced marching party. The parade continued with the Chairman on the ground. Thate reports that he was verbally threatened by the woman pictured on the left, was physically assaulted and his movement restricted by the "Parade Marshal" whose identity is unknown. A report of the encounter is in the process of being filed with the St. Augustine Police Department.

Photos by TCCR Staff So with the people of the left, everything is political. Even good and evil is political. The Tea Party will continue to stand up against all injustice and shine the light on these phony accusations by the organizers of the St Patrick's Day Parade. We publish it so that the citizens of St Johns County and the City of St Augustine will know the shenanigans that are going on even during the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



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March 11, 2018

Communists Invade St. George Street



A Community Organizer, Ron Rawls, who resides in Gainesville, conducted a typical radical left demonstration down St. George Street on Saturday, March 10, 2018. St. George Street is the major business artery in the historic district of St. Augustine, Florida.



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The group consisted of 30 to 40 individuals. About two thirds were white and one third was black. As their signs clearly demonstrated, these people were not local residents. The vast majority of signs were geared for campaigns in Jacksonville, Florida. The most prevalent sign is the one pictured on the right. We estimate that there were approximately 15 signs that read, "Taken Em Down Jax" and at the bottom of the signs was the signature www.Occupy Jax.org. Another group demonstrating was the Northside Coalition of Jacksonville. There appeared to be few, if any, signs that were relevant to St. Augustine. Even their chants, recited the taking down of statues. St. Augustine has no statues.



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The St. Augustine Tea Party's Town Crier Committee started their activities in the historic district by challenging the Occupy St. Augustine group back in 2011. In November of 2011, local Communist radicals attempted an occupation of the Plaza. The Tea Party's persistent exposure forced them out of the historic district over a period of several months. The Occupiers never achieved public acceptance. Their dismal failure occurred even though they had extensive support from the local print media. The Occupier movement is made up of Communists, Socialists and Anarchists.

"The Town Criers have a lot of experience engaging the public in the historic district. The Town Criers have made 190 appearances over the years and are very skillful in assessing the public's reaction. We have noted that every time the Communists engage the public, they are rejected. Today was no exception. Even though they marched up St. George Street, which is normally heavily populated, the event turned into a nonevent because the street was almost devoid of its normal population. Those who remained on the street looked on with disdain and contempt. Never have the Town Criers witnessed such an extensive rejection of the Communists," A Town Crier recorder revealed.

Rawls' Effort a Noisy Failure

March 10 was a special day in the historic district. In the morning, the St. Patrick's Day parade attracted large numbers of people. This parade kicks off the Celtic Festival in nearby Francis Field which adds to the numbers in the historic district. A normal situation on St. George Street would have been large numbers of people enjoying the street and Florida weather. You can see that as Rawls's possession makes its way on St. George Street. The street is nearly empty. You can see from Rawls' video that when he turns the camera off of himself, which is not very frequent, the street is empty.

Rawls stated goal was to disrupt business on St. George Street, with the idea that that would get the attention of city officials. Clearly, this goal was not achieved. A Town Crier observer suggested that perhaps on the people were flushed into the stores upon the demonstrator's approach. "One can only speculate that perhaps the increased traffic expanded sales." There were reports that Rawls was planning his event to last until 3 PM. The demonstrators began their exit at approximately 1:15 PM. It should be noted that this event failed to attract the media. By 2 PM the population on St George returned to normal.

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3% Militia and elements of the St. Augustine Tea Party Resisted

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March 17, 2018

A Progressive Chit Chat

UF Historic St. Augustine Board Holds Public Meeting

A Lesson in Deep State Control



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On March 16, 2018, members of the UF Historic St. Augustine Board (UFHSA) held what was supposed to be an open, public meeting. According to USHSA's website there are 13 board members. There were 11 in attendance and five of the six invited speakers were present. The board is made up of college professors of various disciplines, lawyers, architects and business people. The Chairman, Allen Lastinger, is a former Barnett Bank President. Based on the comments that were made during the meeting, the common thread among the board members appears to be that they are politically progressive. Interestingly enough, those presenting material to the board were also Progressives. The board was exposed to the Tea Party's understanding that Progressivism is the top down, incremental transformation of the American culture to a Communist state.

To cover this progressive event, Sheldon Gardner, a reporter for "The St. Augustine Record", was present. Sheldon only covers Progressive's events. If there is a Conservative event, she simply is not in attendance. Should a Conservative element be present in her coverage, she either ignores them or spins the story to the Progressive advantage. The TCCR has frequently identified the St. Augustine Record as a fake news outlet in the same fashion that the New York Times is a fake news outlet. The only difference is one has a national circulation; the other is local in scope.

However, this event had alternative news outlets present. Michael Gold represented Historic City News. The TCCR had several reporters present. When Sheldon Gardner was asked if "The Record" had published an article about this monument discussion, she responded with, "I think there was an advertised notice, ah, I haven't seen it, but I'm sure there was one." Well, TCCR hasn't seen it either.



The St. Augustine Tea Party Chairman, Lance Thate, was the 12th speaker in the public comment lineup and he admonished the board for their shallow public notice. The only notice appeared on an obscure website that the general public would never have monitored. Thate stated, “A Tea Party member had been informed by a high-ranking city official. The information was provided to Historic City News and we can thank Michael Gold’s excellent investigative reporting and the publishing of the March 16 board meeting notice. The Tea Party also spread the word. It’s why all these people are here.” [Pointing to the Audience]

Photos by TCCR Staff

“We do not understand why Mayor Shaver permitted the UFHSA’s notice of its meeting to be so secretive. Knowing the huge public interest in the monument discussion, she allowed the public to be left out of the notice process. She has always talked about expanded dialogue. She has been to our Tea Party meetings on several occasions. Open conversation has always been her position. I think it was her place, as Mayor, to call a press conference and announce the meeting. Again this is because of her knowledge of the massive desire to retain the monuments. This would have forced “The Record” to make the public aware of the UFHSA meeting. It appears that she was content to have a ‘Progressives only’ meeting,” Thate explained after the conclusion of the meeting.

Thate’s criticism of the Board, continued with Ron Rawls’ presence as a speaker. He asked, “Have any of you ever looked at his social media postings? The man is a “Black Supremacist” and is obsessed with racism. He is the epitome of a racist.” At which point the UFHSA board chairman cautioned Thate on civility, saying he will not tolerate name-calling. The SATP Chairman responded, “I am not name-calling. I am making a definitive statement. He is a “Black Supremacist” and I will not submit to political correctness.” Thate went on to expose Ron Rawls’ association with the Occupier Movement and his ties to Communists.

The majority of speakers were in favor of retaining the monuments and rejected Rawls’ explanation of history. Rawls presented a timeline of what he stated were facts. Some were facts; however, there were many omissions.

Security was extensive. The board and speakers were divided from the audience by a blue ribbon apparently installed by the police. It appears, symbolically, to represent divide between Progressive “Deep State” rule and the Will of the People.

This will be a continuing story.



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March 24, 2018

The Swamp Won Yesterday

The President's Base Outraged



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Not playing your silly little games anymore.

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On March 23, 2018, the Washington establishment demonstrated whose boss when it comes to funding. During the entire eight years of the Obama administration, both Republicans and Democrats rushed in to fund Obama's globalist agenda. Yesterday they did the same thing with Republicans slapping their own President in the face.

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What stunned the country is President Trump's acceptance of what clearly was not in the interest of "Making America Great Again". Gone was the bombastic, confident and assertive image that the people have grown accustomed to seeing in Trump's presidency. His explanation simply wasn't convincing to those who believe in his concept of "America First".

What did the swamp creatures do to convince him to acquiesce? Some of the tactics that a corrupt out-of-control government uses (Washington D.C. certainly fits that category) are personal threats against the President or his family, assassination, the financial manipulation of the economy designed to destroy the administration's agenda, impeachment, prosecution or who knows? To this reporter, Trump was not Trump at his signing ceremony. Whatever happened, an outrage has arisen.

The anger expressed at his "Roll Over" did not originate in the establishment media. Fake news could have been blown away as it has been in the past. The anger is among his most staunch supporters. On Friday, Rush Limbaugh, Laura Ingraham, Sean Hannity and many other conservative news outlets reported unanimous outrage of his staunchest supporters for Trump's signing the appropriations bill. Talk radio reflected the anger.

Today, at Wayne Smith's Gun Shop, located in rural Hastings, Florida, your reporter observed the traditional Saturday gathering of an eclectic collection of middle America. This is a middle class that consists of those who produce. This gathering of individuals would not qualify for Barack Obama's definition of middle class under any circumstances. They are producers of goods, services and producers of original ideas.

The Gun Shop is a unique place. Under a sign that simply says "Liberty" is a collection of 50 caliber rifles. AR 15's reside in every corner. This is a place that would terrify the gun control snowflakes that were preparing to march across America on this very day at the bequest of Communists and Islamic organizers. Suffice it to say, this collection of very conservative individuals was, to a person, staunch Trump supporters.

The President's signing of the appropriations bill, unanimously, was seen as an error. Speculation went on about why the president folded. Discussions of alternatives to what the president did. And, of course, where do we go from here. One idea of appropriations is one thing; actually spending the money is another. The executive is charged with protecting the country, perhaps some of the military appropriations could be directed towards the Army Corps of Engineers and the Seabees. The idea being that the military could construct the wall that has already been authorized, but not funded, in the name of homeland defense.

President Trump often speaks of his supporters as being a movement. He would do well to remember that that movement started with the Tea Party. The Tea Party was about constitutional governance and fiscal responsibility. While the Tea Party has disappeared from the media's attention, it resides in the hearts of conservatives across the country. Trump needs to remember that those fiscal conservatives who come to his rallies and shout "USA, USA, USA" are the same people who once came to the Tea Party rallies.

The President needs to demonstrate his commitment to fiscal responsibility. It's the very essence of the movement that elected him. Trump's purging of Tea Party symbols during his campaign did not change the movement's principles.

An example of such an effort occurred on October 24, 2015 when his campaign refused entry of the St Augustine Tea Party to the Jacksonville Landing Rally. This, in spite of the fact that on October 12, 2015, Trump said, "I love the Tea Party! It's not right what they did to those folks." [See October 24, 2018 for the complete story <http://saintaugustineteparty.org/pdf/Town%20Crier%20Committee%20Vol%205%20No%2001.pdf>]

The picture below is a 2010 Tea Party Rally at the Jacksonville Landing, organized by Billie Tucker, the same person who organized Trump's Rally, on October 24, 2015. Many of the same people attended both events.



Photo by L Thate 2010

It is safe to say that conservatives across the country want this President to succeed. They believe he stumbled on Friday. Conservatives do not want this to be a "Read my Lips" moment for President Trump. The movement is bigger than you, Mr. President.

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March 31, 2018

The Record's Darling



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The St. Augustine Record newspaper's new owners kept the same editorial staff and just changed the format and type face so no one can read it! No one in their right mind would use white type face on a washed-out-rosy-red header that is just about unreadable. The black-bold-block headlines look like funeral announcements. The graphics are third rate. The news coverage is worse; if that were possible. Still the same old "Fake News".



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For instance, the new Darling of this leftist rag is Rev. Ron Rawls. Sheldon Gardner, the political reporter for the Record, has a special place in her heart for this transient black activist. The Record picked Rawls as one of the Top Ten who made a difference in St. Augustine in 2017. Imagine that! Rawls, who displays his "Black Racism" at every opportunity, gets front page coverage for his efforts to take down Civil War Monuments using Communist Occupier people from Jacksonville. Yet, until recently, there was no mention of the vast majority of the public who want to retain the monuments. [86% in private polling, confirming 11,000 plus signatures on a petition conducted by Jill Pacetti, a candidate for Todd Neville's Commissioner's Seat]

Ron Rawls' first Monument removal attempt has failed. The City of St. Augustine has decided to retain the Confederate Veteran Memorial on the east end of the Plaza. So Rawls set his sights on a second Monument removal, the burial site and Memorial for General Loring. He elbowed his way into the UF Historic St Augustine Board's discussion of the Loring Monument removal. This public meeting was a closely guarded secret. Excellent local reporting by Michael Gold, Historic City News, exposed the attempt to have a private meeting. The St. Augustine Record did not report the deception.



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Now, there is the third Monument, the Echo House, which is under attack. Community Organizer, Ron Rawls, apparently hates history. In 2012, the City of St. Augustine gave the AME Church a building and property known as the Echo House. The building was to be used as a school. Instead, Rawls removed the clay tile roof and sold it for an alleged sum of \$2000.00. Since the roof was sold, Rawls put a tarp over the top of the building which appears to have

failed over time. One can only imagine the interior damage of the boarded-up building. Now he seeks to have the building demolished! This historic structure was damaged by Rawls' own selfish act.

The Lincolnville Historical Preservation and Restoration Society addressed the City Commissioners at their last board meeting. They wish to preserve the structure, "...because nobody is standing up for African-Americans in Lincolnville," said Madeline Wise.

Kudos for Sheldon Gardner for her front page article entitled, Group tries to stop Echo House Demo, The St. Augustine Record, March 26, 2018. Sheldon, however, neglected to highlight or even mention the possible breach of contract between Rawls and the City of St. Augustine. The conveyance of the building and property was conditional that the property must be used for 'nonprofit, philanthropic and charitable purposes, otherwise, it must be returned to the city. The Lincolnville Historical Preservation and Restoration Society should be heard and helped to defeat the troublesome Ron Rawls. He dismissed the Lincolnville citizens with the throw-away line, "I don't know anything about the group...they haven't talked to the property owner." Rawls has indicated he will never give the property back.

Make your voice heard and advocate for the transfer of the property to the black ladies of Lincolnville who consider Echo House their MONUMENT. Contact Mayor Nancy Shaver at nancysshaver77@gmail.com

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Communism**

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