



ARTWORK BY THE FALLING SPIKES

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# HOI POLLOI SAYS ABOLISH ICE

by Brother Golden Hair  
 ONLY 45 MINUTES FROM ATHENS, GA, ICE IS BUILDING A CONCENTRATION CAMP. In Social Circle, the Department of Homeland Security has purchased a warehouse to cage our neighbors. This proposed detention center is planned to hold 8,500 human beings, which would make it one of the largest immigration detention centers in the history of the United States. Tom Homan says he wants to create an efficient, streamlined system to tear apart our community, "like Amazon, but for people."  
**HOI POLLOI SAYS FAT FUCKIN CHANCE.**

DHS also plans to build a smaller "processing facility" in a warehouse it purchased in Oakwood, GA. There is no infrastructure in place at either site to humanely house thousands of human beings for indefinite lengths of time, but we know that is the last priority of this fascist deportation machine. IF THESE CENTERS ARE BUILT THEY WILL BE FILLED WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. THE PROXIMITY OF THESE CENTERS WILL BRING MORE DANGEROUS, MURDERING ICE AGENTS INTO OUR STREETS.  
**HOI POLLOI SAYS CHINGA LA MIGRA.**

You may say, "THIS IS AWFUL. WHAT CAN WE DO?" Well, first off, tell everyone you know. Say something like, "Hey, man, this is a big fuckin deal. They're building ACTUAL CONCENTRATION CAMPS RIGHT DOWN TH' hohrs there." Second, go to the next **Athens Immigrant's Rights Coalition (AIRC)** meeting on **March 20 at 5:30** at the church on Carr's Hill. People have been involved in this struggle their whole lives, by necessity and conviction, and you can learn from those people there. It ain't just a group where you sit around and talk hopelessly - you can actually do real shit to protect and feed your neighbors.

Thirdly...  
**HOI POLLOI SAYS JOIN THE WEEKEND OF ACTION.**  
 MARCH 20-22 THERE SHALL BE ACTION. Protests, vigils, concerts, cook outs, teach-ins, actions of the disruptive persuasion, pot lucks, artist markets. But don't just wait around until then. **PLAN SOMETHING YOURSELF. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT EVENT TO PLAN.** Only you know which of your weird niche interests to incorporate and which of your weird friends can help you plan it. Together we can make sure that there is no business as usual until this horrific deportation machine is dismantled, and lastly...**TAKE THIS SHIT SERIOUSLY. BEHAVE LIKE A REVOLUTIONARY. FIND COMRADES. READ A BOOK. TAKE CARE OF YOUR COMMUNITY. RISK SOMETHING FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN. AND NEVER PAY MORE THAN \$3 FOR A HIGH LIFE. HOI POLLOI SAYS ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE.**  
**HOI POLLOI SAYS ABOLISH ICE.**

# GET ICE OUT FOR GOOD

VISIT [iceoutga.noblogs.org](http://iceoutga.noblogs.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO HELP PLAN YOUR WEEKEND OF ACTION. SEND YOUR PLANNED ACTIONS TO [ICEOUTGA@pm.me](mailto:ICEOUTGA@pm.me) TO ADD THEM TO THE CALENDAR.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

- Upcoming Events (Mar '26)**
- 3/2 @ 8pm - Stage Hand, Wilting Pages, Evvey May @ Flicker (\$5)
  - 3/3 @ 8pm - Strumbrush Live in the Lobby @ WUOG (FREE)
  - 3/4 @ 8pm - Woah Nelly, SerLords @ DBC (\$10) (release show), Tommygun @ Flicker (\$10)
  - 3/5 - *Attaboy presents* Josey, Viv and the Things, Derby and CGI Joe and the Doo-Dad Crew (A Benefit for SIFIC) @ Normal Bar (\$10 - 20)
  - 3/5 @ 8pm - The Deslondes w/ Sabine McCalla @ Flicker (\$30)
  - 3/6 @ 9PM - Bolt Swallower, Bootprint, Call Mercy Mortuary Ritual @ PBJ (\$5 notafol)
  - 3/7 - Dri and the Violence, Kit, Jackie Hales and Athens Middle East Orchestra (A Benefit for SIFIC) @ Normal Bar (\$10 - \$20)
  - 3/8 - *Attaboy presents* Generifus (K rees), Dipper Grande and Spitehood @ House Show (\$10)
  - 3/8 @ 6pm - Shehehe, Wolvesx4, BADKILL @ Hendershots (\$15)
  - 3/8 @ 9PM - Yankee Bastard, UAV, Arms Dealer, Abuse SS, Big Trouble @ Famo (\$5 notafol)
  - 3/9 @ 8pm - Penny Loafer, Bedrumor, Lucid Amethyst @ Flicker (\$10)
  - 3/10 @ 8pm - *Indecent Artistry presents* Balachava, DD Island, Honeyypuppy, Derby @ Nowhere Bar (\$10)
  - 3/11 @ 7pm - Gary Numan @ 40 Watt (\$38)
  - 3/11 - babybaby\_explores, Your Ex's Pets, Miracle House @ Cine
  - 3/12 @ 8pm - *DESROW presents* Fatal Error, Critter Fritter, Bumbulum @ Flicker (\$10)
  - 3/14 @ 7pm - Slow Runner, Mountain of Youth @ DBC (\$15)

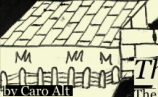
- 3/15 @ 6pm - Atticus Roness, The Wraps @ Hendershots (\$10)
- 3/15 @ 6pm - Goodhost, Day One, Horsehell, Jeun @ DBC (\$10)
- 3/19 @ 8pm - The Falling Spikes, Parking, TV Buddha, The Touch @ Flicker (\$12)
- 3/19 - Tim Denson for Mayor Fundraiser w/ Women in STEM, Dog Person and Iain Cooke @ Normal Bar (\$10 - \$20)
- 3/19 @ 8pm - Taylor Griffith, Ian Andrew White, Rudy Montyayr @ DBC (\$88)
- 3/19 @ 9pm - Volumes Hip Hop presents DK, Cardinal, Cozy FR, TeeJae@High, Tryv & the Enemy @ World Famous (\$10)
- 3/20 @ 8pm - *Nousense presents* Caroline Tebbis, Ava Wilds, Lunestars @ Flicker (\$10)
- 3/20 @ 7pm - XMAGNETO, TH3R4, Tattoo Logic @ House show
- 3/21 @ 1pm - Asymptotics vinyl unplugged acoustic set @ Wuxtry records roof (FREE)
- 3/21 @ 8pm - *Attaboy Tapes presents* Good Flying Birds, Tough Girl Apple Blossom, The Falling Spikes, Evvey May @ Flicker (\$12)
- 3/21 @ Midnight - Good Flying Birds afterparty: Bone Bag album release show w/ Cara Piss mutilation set, Sugarpill @ PBJ (FREE show)
- 3/21 @ 7pm - Cannon Rogers Album Release party @ Starboro @ 40 Watt (\$25)
- 3/22 @ 7pm - Catalyst Collective Spring Showcase @ Hendershots (\$10)
- 3/26 @ 8pm - Knelt, Slopping, Spithound, Chairs @ Flicker (\$10)
- 3/27 @ 8pm - *Nousense presents* Tribal Night 05: Fractals @ Flicker (\$5)
- 3/28 @ 9pm - Regulator, Spoil @ Flying Squid (the new comedy club)
- 3/28 @ 7pm - Valley of Giants, Perfect Animal, Michael Carnes, Snap @ Nowhere (\$15)

## Release Rundown February-March

- Bayou Princess - Burger in My Mouth* (EP out 2/6): Big-Mac, Extra sauce.
- Max's Fable - Hand Me Down* (EP out 2/13 assoc. *Indecent Artistry*): *Magiciancore Grungepop Bee-Bop*
- Sloan Brothers - Love & Other Diagnoses* (LP out 2/13 via *Science Project Records*): *Love-crazed Heartbreak Power-Pop*
- Ryan Beresh - Alive and Alone* (EP out 2/13): *single track depressive*
- Bech - "Insurance"* (Single out 2/18 via *Indecent Artistry*): *Boogzeee Shoocore Birdbath*
- Nicholas Mallis - "A Program To Invent In"* (Single out 2/18 via *Borealis Industries*): *Corporate Lounge Singer*
- Cannon Rodgers - "Puppies, Pretty Girls, and Cold Beer"* (Single out 2/19): *Guitarmony Protest Rock*
- Dipper Grande - "Sunset Provisions"* (Single out 2/20): *New-fangled jangle jangle*
- Reed Winckler - "Happy 9"* (Album out 2/20 via *Primordial Void*): *Happy Cry Soundtrack*
- Trip - "Watch Me"* (Single out 2/20): *90's meets 2010's*
- Arms Dealer - New Tape* (New Tape out 2/26 via *Hard Tack*): *Mutually Assured Destruction*
- Howdy, Fellow Traveler! - Snow Day Demos* (Digital Demo Tape via *Indecent Artistry* out 2/26): *Carrot-plickin' sugarheart farmongs*
- Nash Parish - Autschurk LP* (LP out 2/27 via *Pallidula Records*): *How-the-hell-does-it-do-that-acoustic-guitar music*
- Nina Garbus - Secrets of the Fifth Angel* (LP out 2/27 via *Candlepin Records*): *Noir Prog Epic*
- Alley Rain - Red Clay Desert* (album w/ tapes out 3/1): *slowcore w/ hooks*
- Zach Ritter & the Eternal Soup - Sweet Songs* (Tape via Attaboy Tapes out 3/2): *Century-pot spoon-stirring tunes*
- Nightout - "Kissmark"* (Single w/ B-Side Remix by Kaitlin Simotics out 3/3): *Tragic Romance Wave*
- F.P. Mitchell & the Pagers - Pre-Packaged* (EP out 3/3): *Laminated Alt Rock*
- Bone Bag - "snuff"* (EP out 3/5): *put-the-money-in-the-bag kamikaze lover - "your own little moment in time"* (Single out 3/6): *It's kinda breakcore-ish*
- Johnny Falloon - "Bob Dylan's 116th Dream"* (Single out 3/12): *Apocalyptic Dance Sludge*
- The Falling Spikes - "He's Still in Love With You / Kicking On The Can"* (Double Single out 3/20): *"Rock and Roll"*
- Bone Bag - 88am/02* (Album out 3/21 hopefully): *fuck off prick*

## A Brief List of Things the Songs from Sweet Songs by Zach Ritter and the Eternal Soup Can Soundtrack

- type of way:** Those like three 75-degree days we had in the middle of February, when every patio downtown was full.
- evrlyght:** When the car in front of you just won't pull up at the drive-thru like it's their first day on Earth or something, and then you remember it literally doesn't matter that much, so you just turn up the radio and wait.
- funny boy:** Watching a little deer eat leaves from that bush by your parked car, and you have to get to work like right now, but there's no way you're going to interrupt them.
- real lovin':** Slow dancing in a smoky bar, and they keep kinda kicking your shins, but it's okay because you keep stepping on their toes, and it's nice that you like each other so much.
- hello:** Fishing out the last beer in your cooler after a day in the sun, and it's still cold.
- sweet love song:** The song you play on repeat while you try to put together a mixtape of love songs for that one person, and you're trying to be chill about it but you hope they like it (and think your music taste is cool).
- lemons:** Deciding you actually don't want to mow the lawn because you like that the grass is getting kind of long.
- stunt man:** Throwing random bullshit into a campfire, then remembering something about dangerous fumes, so you stop.
- into the blue:** Driving home after a late night, and your car finally stops making that weird noise.
- bright girl:** The like nine 80-degree days we will have in March, when every patio downtown will undoubtedly be full again.



## The best kept secret is FLUKE by Mild Pain

The south isn't known for its indie comics scene. Athens even less so. And yet, Athens has been home to the longest running small press fest in the southeastern region for **24 years!** Maybe you've heard of FLUKE, or you went that one time bought a zine (*pronounced zeen*). All across the world, there are comic/zine/small press fest, and these shows are the life blood of the indie publishing scene. FLUKE was founded in January 2002 by cartoonist T. Edward Bak. The fest formed in response to the cancellation of Small Press Expo (a mainstay in the indie show circuit) in the wake of 9/11, with the help of the late local legend **Patrick Dean & Robert Newsome**. The show took place at Tasty World from 2002-2009, it was at Cine one. Then it was at the 40 Watt for over a decade, only taking one break in 2020. Newsome describes the show as a glorified zine swap. It's small on purpose. The focus is the work exhibitors bring and the connections they form. No merchandising or mainstream noise. **Just weird, DIY printed matter.**

I've been making comics and zines since 2017. I've been in big indie shows like SPX and tiny shows in the middle of nowhere, but FLUKE will always be the best fest. FLUKE will be at **Live Wire Athens** this year on **Saturday, 4 March 28 from 10am-5pm**. I'll be hosting the pre-party live reading at Bizarro Wuxtry on Friday, March 27 from 6-9pm. **The best kept secret in Athens** is that we're really good at making comics and zines, and we always have been. If you ever wanna table, keep an eye out for the exhibitor lottery in early January. <https://flukeisawesome.blogspot.com>



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