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How Noam Chomsky is discussed

by Glenn Greenwald

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One very common tactic for enforcing political orthodoxies is to malign the character, “style” and even mental health of those who challenge them. The most extreme version of this was an old Soviet favorite: to declare political dissidents mentally ill and put them in hospitals. In the US, those who take even the tiniest steps outside of political convention are instantly decreed “crazy”, as happened to

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in the United States: to make the Morning-After Pill available over-the counter without any restrictions on age or how it can be sold.

In this photograph, Stephanie Seguin, National Women’s Liberation leader and *Tummino v. Hamburg* plaintiff, delivers a press statement at the FDA headquarters in January 2005. Photo courtesy of National Women’s Liberation.



To learn more about the ruling, see the full story on p. 4.

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Noam Chomsky is coming... again

The Civic Media Center first opened its doors on Oct. 18, 1993—a date coinciding with a speaking engagement by Noam Chomsky at UF, and a couple of roundtable discussions with Chomsky were our first events on that afternoon. Ten years later, the CMC brought Chomsky back to Gainesville and co-sponsored a talk by him at the O’Connell Center attended by over 6,000 people.

Well, it’s ten years later, and guess what? The CMC will be helping bring Professor Chomsky back again. If all goes according to plan, the talk will be again at the O’Connell Center on Wednesday, Oct. 16. And obviously, more information to come. 🐸

From CHOMSKY, p. 1

the 2002 anti-war version of Howard Dean and the current iteration of Ron Paul (in most cases, what is actually “crazy” are the political orthodoxies this tactic seeks to shield from challenge).

This method is applied with particular aggression to those who engage in any meaningful dissent against the society’s most powerful factions and their institutions. Nixon White House officials sought to steal the files from Daniel Ellsberg’s psychoanalyst’s office precisely because they knew they could best discredit his disclosures with irrelevant attacks on his psyche. Identically, the New York Times and partisan Obama supporters have led the way in depicting both Bradley Manning and Julian Assange as mentally unstable outcasts with serious personality deficiencies. The lesson is clear: only someone plagued by mental afflictions would take such extreme steps to subvert the power of the US government.

A subtler version of this technique is to attack the so-called “style” of the critic as a means of impugning, really avoiding, the substance of the critique. Although Paul Krugman is comfortably within mainstream political thought as a loyal Democrat and a New York Times columnist, his relentless attack against the austerity mindset is threatening to many. As a result, he is barraged with endless, substance-free complaints about his “tone”: he is too abrasive, he does not treat opponents with respect, he demonizes those who disagree with him, etc. The complaints are usually devoid of specifics to prevent meaningful refutation; one typical example: “[Krugman] often cloaks his claims in professional authority, overstates them, omits arguments that undermine his case, and is a bit of a bully.” All of that enables the substance of the critique to be avoided in lieu of alleged personality flaws.

Nobody has been subjected to these vapid discrediting techniques more than Noam Chomsky. The book on which I’m currently working explores how establishment media systems restrict the range of acceptable debate in US political discourse, and I’m using Chomsky’s treatment by (and ultimate exclusion from) establishment US media outlets as a window for understanding how that works. As a result, I’ve read a huge quantity of media discussions about Chomsky over the past year. And what is so striking is that virtually every mainstream discussion of him at some point inevitably recites the same set of personality and stylistic attacks designed to malign his advocacy without having to do the work of engaging the substance of his claims. Notably, these attacks come most frequently and viciously from establishment liberal venues, such as when the American Prospect’s 2005 foreign policy issue compared him to Dick Cheney on its cover (a cover he had framed and now proudly hangs on his office wall).

Last week, Chomsky was in London to give the annual Edward W. Said lecture, and as always happens when he speaks, the large auditorium was filled to the brim, having sold out shortly after it was announced. The Guardian’s Aida Edemariam interviewed him in London and produced an article, published Saturday morning, that features virtually all of those standard stylistic and personality critiques:

“When he starts speaking, it is in a monotone that makes no particular rhetorical claim on the audience’s attention; in fact, it’s almost soporific Within five minutes many of the hallmarks of Chomsky’s political writing, and speaking, are displayed: his anger, his extraordinary range of reference and experience Fact upon fact upon fact, but also a withering, sweeping sarcasm – the atrocities are ‘tolerated politely by Europe as usual’. Harsh, vivid phrases – the ‘hideously charred corpses of murdered infants’; bodies ‘writhing in agony’ – unspool until they become almost a form of punctuation.

“You could argue that the latter is necessary, simply a description of atrocities that must be reported, but it is also a method that has diminishing returns. The facts speak for themselves; the adjectives and the sarcasm have the counterintuitive effect of cheapening them, of imposing on the world a disappointingly crude and simplistic argument. ‘The sentences,’ wrote Larissa MacFarquhar in a brilliant New Yorker profile of Chomsky 10 years ago, ‘are accusations of guilt, but not from a position of innocence or hope for something better: Chomsky’s sarcasm is the scowl of a fallen world, the sneer of hell’s veteran to its appalled naifs’ – and thus, in an odd way, static and ungenerative. . . .

“But he answers questions warmly, and seriously, if not always directly – a surprise, in a way, from someone who has earned a reputation for brutality of argument, and a need to win at all costs. ‘There really is an alpha-male dominance psychology at work there,’ a colleague once said of him. ‘He has some of the primate dominance moves. The staring down. The withering tone of voice.’ Students have been known to visit him in pairs, so that one can defend the other. . . .

“Chomsky, the son of Hebrew teachers who emigrated from Ukraine and Russia at the turn of the last century, began as a Zionist – but the sort of Zionist who wanted a socialist state in which Jews and Arabs worked together as equals. Since then he has been accused of antisemitism (due to defending the right to free speech of a French professor who espoused such views, some 35 years ago), and been called, by the Nation, ‘America’s most prominent self-hating Jew’. These days he argues tirelessly for the rights of Palestinians. . . . Does he think that in all these years of talking and arguing and writing, he has ever changed one specific thing?” 🐶



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From the publisher ... Can we overcome intolerance?

by Joe Courter

What follows is not meant to offend anyone, or anyone's belief system, but I have reached a point where I need to say it. The topic is religion, and in particular, religious intolerance. It could have been a number of things to set me off on this, as I have a lifetime of being an atheist/humanist. My skepticism began early when I was told little kids my age in Africa who never heard of this "all knowing" God would go to hell when they died, simply because they, well hadn't heard. That did not compute. Then seeing my Protestant neighbors eat meat on Fridays and skip church in the summer while we couldn't as Catholics—that made no sense either. And on and on...



But what got me was Iraq 2003 and the continued killing in the aftermath of the war the U.S. launched. Before the U.S. invaded, Iraq, though saddled by an authoritarian strongman, was a highly functioning society, Sunni and Shia co-existed, intermarried, lived in mixed neighborhoods. By regional standards it was way ahead on education and women's rights. The aftermath of the invasion of Iraq in 2003 unleashed sectarian killing, and it was one day, one report, that just made me scream. "ENOUGH!! It is madness!"

But oh it runs deep in the human animal, that tribalistic desire to divide into "we" and "they," and nothing greases the skids on intolerance like fundamentalist religion. You would think we humans, with all our science and knowledge, could move beyond it to a deeper understanding and perspective, but old ways die hard.

I went to a talk by Kathleen Deegan of the Florida Museum of Natural History, on Ponce De León and his world of the early 1500s in Spain and the New World. Spain had just driven out the Moslems after centuries of occupation, and I asked her if the repression and dehumanization of the native people over here might have its roots in racism rooted in the occupation. She said no. It wasn't race; it was religion. It was "adopt our religion or die," basically.

So now here in 2013, we have rampant oppression against women, against the LGBT community, justified by religious dogma. We have denial of evolution. We have religiously justified wars and terrorism. As a non-believer, I just want to request some sanity. Is that too much to ask? Yet I know my voice won't go far. We atheists are seen as quite unpopular and untrustworthy according to surveys.

Don't get me wrong. I think religious belief can be a great asset for many people in terms of inner peace, social justice, and joyous cultural rituals. My personal belief is that we humans have an inherited predisposition to adopt belief systems as a core paradigm around which we make sense of the world, much as we have an inherited capacity for language acquisition. It would be evolutionarily advantageous. And now, here in the 21st Century, with all the problems we face; can't we all just get along? 🐢

"First you push into territories where you have no business to be, and where you had promised not to go; secondly, your intrusion provokes resentment and, in these countries, resentment means resistance; thirdly, you instantly cry out that the people are rebellious and that their act is rebellion (this in spite of your own assurance that you have no intention of setting up a permanent sovereignty over them); fourthly, you send a force to stamp out the rebellion; and fifthly, having spread bloodshed, confusion and anarchy, you declare, with hands uplifted to the heavens, that moral reasons force you to stay, for if you were to leave, this territory would be left in a condition which no civilized power could contemplate with equanimity or with composure."

—From a speech by John Morley (1823 -1923), British Member of Parliament on England's imperialism

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Feminists Win Landmark Birth Control Victory

by *National Women's Liberation*

On April 5, a U.S. federal judge in *Tummino et al. v. Hamburg* ordered that the Morning-After Pill be made available "without a prescription and without point-of-sale or age restrictions within thirty days."

Until the court's ruling today, emergency contraception was kept behind a pharmacy counter, only available without a prescription for women 17 and older, forcing all women to prove their age to buy it. With this court ruling, the Morning-After Pill can be stocked on any shelf in any store, right next to the condoms, aspirin, or shampoo. No prescription or identification will be needed to buy it.

The Morning-After Pill (also known as Plan B One-Step™, Next Choice®, or "emergency contraception") works to prevent pregnancy up to five days after sex, however it is most effective within the first 24 hours. The Morning-After Pill (MAP) is not the same thing as RU-486, which induces an abortion. If you are pregnant, the Morning-After Pill will not work. (For more on how the Morning-After Pill works, go to www.not-2-late.com.)

The Decision

Judge Edward R. Korman (U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York) found that "[t]hese emergency contraceptives would be among the safest drugs sold over-the-counter."¹

On Dec. 7, 2011, the FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg issued a statement that "Plan B One-Step™ is safe and effective and should be approved for nonprescription use for all females of child-bearing potential," but the Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, in an unprecedented move, immediately overruled the FDA's decision.

Referring to this as "political interference" from the White House, the judge stated "the motivation for [Secretary Sebelius'] action was obviously political. ... [I]t was an election year decision that many public health experts saw as a politically motivated effort to avoid riling religious groups and others opposed to making birth control available to girls."

Citing the Obama administration's "unjustified departures" from established policy to make safe medications available to the public, the court found that the administration invoked arguments that were an "excuse to deprive the overwhelming majority of women of their right to obtain contraceptives without unjustified and burdensome restrictions." This ruling is a significant victory in the fight for reproductive rights, in line with the landmark Supreme Court decisions *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965) and *Eisenstadt v. Baird* (1972), which together legalized birth control in the United States, first for married couples in *Griswold*, and then for everyone else in *Baird*.

Plaintiffs Speak Out

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit included nine grassroots feminist activists with National Women's Liberation (NWL) plus 15-year-old Gainesville resident Anaya Kelly. Organizational plaintiffs include: the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals and

the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health.²

"National Women's Liberation believes that any female old enough to get pregnant is old enough to decide that she doesn't want to be pregnant. This decision to grant immediate access to the Morning-After Pill is a huge step forward in the fight for women and girls to be able to control the course of their lives," said Plaintiff Stephanie Seguin, NWL-Gainesville Chapter organizer.

Plaintiff and NWL-New York Chapter organizer Jenny Brown said, "Women and girls have won a landmark victory today for reproductive justice. The denial of full access to the Morning-After Pill has been an outrageous political decision and wholly without scientific basis—under both the Bush and Obama Administrations. The court's decision dramatically expands access to a safe and effective form of birth control and is a ruling in favor of science and for justice for women."

Plaintiff and NWL New York Chapter organizer Erin Mahoney said, "The Morning-After Pill was already available without a prescription in at least 63 other countries, including the United Kingdom, France, Denmark and Ghana. We are glad the U.S. has finally caught up to women around the world, but it shouldn't have taken over a decade of pressure from feminists, our allies and a lawsuit."

Long-Running Fight

Feminists in the University of Florida (UF) chapter of the Campus National Organization for Women (NOW) first worked for increased access at the UF Infirmary in 1991, where a pharmacist was refusing to dispense the Morning-After Pill—which was then prescription-only—to women who had prescriptions. UF Campus NOW leaders were sparked by feminists then working at the feminist-run abortion clinic Gainesville Women's Health Center, who first taught them how the MAP actually worked and why women needed it,

Campus NOW organized a campaign to force the resignation of this pharmacist, Michael Katsonis. This experience meant that these NOW activists, who later became organizers in Gainesville Women's Liberation and National Women's Liberation, were wary of pharmacist-controlled dispensing and opposed the half-measure of putting the morning-after pill "behind the counter."

National Women's Liberation's Role

For over a decade, grassroots feminist activists with National Women's Liberation (NWL)—who include lead Plaintiff Annie Tummino—have been waging the most important fight in decades to expand access to birth control in the United States: to make the Morning-After Pill available over-the counter without any restrictions on age or how it can be sold.

NWL led the grassroots fight for unrestricted access to the Morning-After Pill in the U.S., from sitting in at the FDA, sending the FDA thousands of petition signatures, speaking out at Health and Human Services, to filing this lawsuit. NWL members, working with NOW chapters in Gainesville and New York, have been at

the forefront of this struggle to win unrestricted access to the Morning-After Pill in the United States. Due to this organizing, all women won a huge victory in 2006 when the FDA agreed to eliminate the prescription requirement for women over age 18, and another in 2009 when the judge ordered the FDA to eliminate the prescription requirement for girls aged 17.

In 2001, NWL members active with the NOW-New York City chapter noticed that the Center for Reproductive Rights had launched a national petition, asking the FDA to switch Plan B™ from a prescription medication to an over the counter product, with no restrictions. Because NWL believed that birth control should be available without restriction, the group decided to join the campaign.

Starting early in 2003, NWL members also active as leaders in the NOW chapters at the University of Florida, the Gainesville community, and in New York State petitioned and held workshops within state NOWs and National NOW to encourage all NOW chapters around the country to participate in a national campaign of speakouts—women testifying from our own experience about why we needed the Morning-After Pill to be over-the-counter.

In December 2003, over a dozen women from New York City and Gainesville testified at the hearing where the FDA advisory committees were considering granting over-the-counter status for the Morning-After Pill. These women spoke out from their own experience about why they needed the MAP, and how in dozens of other countries, the MAP was already available without a prescription. The advisory committees voted 23-4, that the FDA put the MAP over-the-counter, but due to Bush administration pressure, the FDA decided to keep the MAP prescription-only.

In January 2004, deciding to up the ante on the FDA, a conference of members of Gainesville Women’s Liberation and Redstockings Allies & Veterans agreed to launch a campaign of civil disobedience. This organizing was carried out under the tongue-and-cheek name, “The Morning-After Pill Conspiracy” (www.mapconspiracy.org, see Timeline3). MAP Conspiracy organizers gathered thousands of signatures of people willing to defy the FDA’s prescription requirement; all signers pledged to “give the morning-after pill to a friend” any time she needed it.⁴

Later in 2004, because NWL had waged nearly two years of an organizing campaign for the MAP, the Center for Reproductive Rights approached members to be plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the FDA to remove the prescription requirement on the Morning-After Pill.

Throughout history, social movements have established court cases to help advance people’s rights. The *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court ruling was an example of where a civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Persons (NAACP), specifically developed a court case in order to advance the civil rights movement goal of integrated education. Labor unions and social justice groups, including the National Organization for Women, have long-used this strategy as well.

Similarly, the *Tummino* case is an example of the organized

feminist movement choosing to wage a legal battle to advance a grassroots organizing campaign for women’s freedom. A court case alone will not win freedom for women; a strong and active dues-paying feminist membership⁵ is the key element in the freedom fight, and it is needed to capitalize on the victory of a court case. If the Obama administration chooses to appeal the current decision, the need for an organized and dues-paying movement standing up to defend women’s rights will be crystal clear.

Join Us!

To protect hard won gains for birth control and to join the fight for women’s freedom,

- Contact National Women’s Liberation at phone (347) 560-4695, nwl@womensliberation.org, www.womensliberation.org, or on our chapter Facebook pages.

- Make a donation, become a member, or come to a meeting of NWL chapters in Gainesville, Florida, and New York City, open to all women.

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Notes

1. Read the court’s full opinion in *Tummino v. Hamburg* at the Partnership for Civil Justice Fund’s website, www.justiceonline.org/docs/tummino-order-on.pdf.
2. See also press release from Partnership for Civil Justice Fund, dated April 5, 2013: www.justiceonline.org/commentary/court-orders-fda-remove-restrictions-morning-after-pill.html
3. See www.mapconspiracy.org/timeline.html.
4. “Feminists promise civil disobedience to get Morning-After Pill over the counter,” *The Gainesville Iguana*, Jan./Feb. 2004. See www.afn.org/~iguana/archives/2004_01/20040102.html
5. See buttons tab on Redstockings website at: www.Redstockings.org. 🐾



Celebrate Our Springs

A panel discussion on April 20

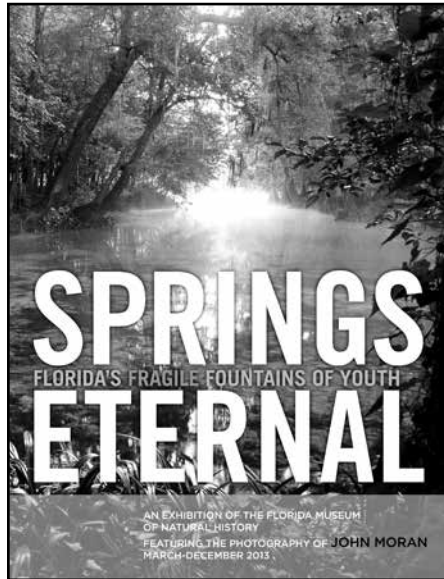
As part of the Florida Museum of Natural History Earth Day observance on Saturday, April 20, Springs Eternal and Finding the Fountain of Youth exhibit principals John Moran, Lesley Gamble and Rick Kilby will participate in a panel discussion to be moderated by journalist and author Cynthia Barnett.

There is no charge to attend the event and the exhibits are open to the public. The panel discussion begins at 11 a.m. Barnett is the author of *Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis*, which was named one of the top 10 science books of 2011 by The Boston Globe.

The Springs Eternal: Florida's Fragile Fountains of Youth exhibit is a 30-year retrospective of Florida nature photographer John Moran's love affair with the springs of Florida. The exhibit mixes stirring text with dramatic then-and-now pairings of photos, showing the changes to our springs that many of us have seen. The project channels joy and beauty and grief and anger and is a sobering wake-up call for every Floridian who uses water. Plus the ex-

hibit features a very cool and dramatic 60-foot-wide backlit translucent clerestory window photo of a pair of manatees at Crystal River.

The exhibits run through Dec. 15. The Florida Museum of Natural History is located in the University of Florida Cultural Plaza off SW 34th St. and is open six days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. 🐘.



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Iguana endorses Craig Lowe for Gainesville Mayor Run-off election April 16

by Joe Courter

With early voting already in progress, the *Iguana* strongly endorses Craig Lowe for Mayor of Gainesville, and encourages support for his campaign in getting out the vote. Craig is part of a team of forward-looking individuals on the Commission, and, while not a gifted public speaker and encumbered by the fallout of a recent DUI arrest when he dozed off behind the wheel and ran off the road, all this pales compared to his opponent Ed Braddy, a right-wing talk radio jock with his own DUI history (a 2006 accident where he blew a .18—double the legal limit). According to other Commissioners who served with Braddy his first time around, he was very bad on civil rights and homelessness issues, slack on attendance, and generally difficult to work with, both with fellow commissioners and staff. This isn't just the *Iguana* talking; in a recent letter to the *Gainesville Sun*, 19 (nineteen!) present and former elected officials sent in a letter endorsing Craig Lowe. This is the opening paragraph:

“As mayors, city commissioners, county commissioners, legislators and school board members who have served collectively more than 150 years in office, we recognize that like most normal people, neither of our current candidates for mayor is without flaws. Both have violated the law, and both have apologized and accepted the consequences the legal system has assigned. The difference is that Mayor Craig Lowe has been an active ad-

vocate for the positive efforts of the City of Gainesville for the past decade, and Ed Braddy has been a relentless, inflammatory, and often dishonest critic.”

You can read the full letter from elected officials on the *Iguana* website at www.gainesvilleiguana.org.

The idea of a glib and abrasive Tea Party libertarian as a Gainesville mayor is not an attractive picture. A mixed bag of anti biomass activists have jumped into the Braddy campaign to continue their bashing of the Commission and Lowe in particular, but we hope the big picture and common sense will prevail.

Run-offs are all about getting out the vote, and that's what we hope happens on Tuesday, April 16. 🐢

To read the full letter submitted to the *Gainesville Sun* and signed by 19 present and former elected officials, visit the *Iguana's* website at www.gainesvilleiguana.org.



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Farm Worker Awareness Week in Gainesville

by Richard K. MacMaster

One week in early Spring, we remind ourselves that we depend on the farm workers who plant and harvest the fruits and vegetables we eat every day of the year. Theirs is the most hazardous, worst paid, and most essential job in the United States. Over the past century, natives and immigrants—Bahamans, African Americans, Appalachian whites, Jamaicans, Mexicans, Haitians, Guatemalans and Salvadorans—have followed the harvest from South Florida to Michigan, living and working in oppressive conditions, not infrequently held in debt peonage or slavery by labor contractors.

Farm workers have made remarkable gains in the last few years. The Fair Food Agreement negotiated by the Coalition of Immokalee Workers with 95 percent of Florida tomato growers and a long list of big tomato buyers is one outstanding example. Buyers and growers agreed to an extra penny a pound for the workers and better working conditions, including an end to sexual harassment. But these real gains are fragile, as long as some growers and some buyers refuse to sign. Within the past year, Trader Joe's and Chipotle signed the agreement, but Publix and Wendy's still refuse to even talk with farm worker delegations.

Better wages and working conditions secured by United Farm Workers, Farm Labor Organizing Committee, as well as Coalition of Immokalee Workers are threatened by some versions of a Guest Worker program under consideration in Congress that will not assure the same wage scale and working conditions as U.S. farm workers or permit portability, so that a worker is free to leave an employer who does not live up to their contract.

Growers as well as workers in Immokalee had a narrow escape when the U.S. Department of Commerce refused recently to allow Mexican tomato growers to undercut Florida growers by eliminating fair labor standards, but lobbyists for Wal-Mart will be back pushing for this change.

Farm Worker Awareness Week is not a time to be sentimental about farm labor. It is a call to action! They need all the allies they can get!

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice joined with Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at UF for a panel discussion on "The Human Rights of Farm Workers in American Life" at the downtown library on April 3. Nico Gumbs, youth and young adult (YAYA) organizer, and Dr Sam Trickey, board member, both representing National Farm Worker Ministry, spoke of the real life situation of farm workers and their struggle to assert their rights. UF students Scott Kraff, Anna Jiminez, Genesis Lara, and Isht Vatsa shared stories of young activists from Student Action with Farm Workers in the frontlines of efforts to improve wages and working conditions.

Sam Trickey and other IAIJ members raised concerns about proposed Guest Worker programs at Congressman Ted Yoho's town hall on April 4.



At least 40 people protested at the Publix at the corner of University Avenue and 34th Street as part of Farmworker Awareness Week. Photo by Phil Kellerman.

An effort was made to provide information about farm workers to all UF students, faculty, and staff with materials distributed in dorms and classroom buildings. UF students in CHISPAS presented a "Theatre of the Oppressed" performance on April 4 depicting modern-day slavery, poor working conditions, and sexual harassment.

More than fifty students and activists picketed Publix at SW 34th Street on April 5 calling on the supermarket giant one more time to at least meet with representatives of the men and women who harvest the tomatoes they sell. Father Les Singleton of the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Micanopy made the case for the Fair Food Agreement at the rally and in a segment of TV-20 News.

UF Institute of Hispanic-Latino Culture closed the week with Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta Day of Service on April 6, providing opportunities to learn more about their work and legacy and follow their example in organizing for justice for farm workers and others here in Gainesville and Alachua County. 🐾

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- Every Wed. Zine Workday, 12pm-2pm
Yoga, 7am
- Every Tue. Yoga, 9am
- Wed., April 10: "Know Your Rights: Police Encounters" Workshop with Local Criminal Defense Attorney Thomas Almquist, 7pm
- Fri., April 12: Radical Press Coffee Collective Grand Opening, light fare and drinks, 7pm, music, 9pm
- Sat., April 13: Burlesque Show and Charity Singles Auction at Boca Fiesta, benefits ovarian cancer research and the CMC, 10pm, \$5
- Mon., April 15: Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to the Death Penalty presents: "West of Memphis," new documentary about the West Memphis Three, 7pm
- Tue., April 16: Alachua County Green Party meeting, 7pm
- Wed., April 17: Queer Prom, a prom for all persons, identities, and relationships, 7:30pm-10:30pm
- Fri., April 19: "Dove World War," a new play by Shamrock and Michael McShane about Terry Jones and his flock, 8pm, \$5-20 sliding scale donations. Also playing April 20, 26 and 27
- Mon., April 22: Alachua County Green Party presents: "3-11: Surviving Japan," a new documentary about the ongoing aftermath of the Fukushima disaster, 7pm
- Mon., April 29: Citizens Co-op presents:
- "Ingredients," film about the local food movement, 7pm
- Tues., April 30: Free HIV Testing and Safer Sex Kits Distribution by The Well Florida Council, 6:30pm-8pm
- Wed., May 1: May Day! in CMC Courtyard and at Repurpose Project, March from 13th St. and University Ave., 4pm, Puppetry, May Pole, Music and more, 5pm
- Fri., May 3: PainterZ Productions presents: An Americana Folk Show with Michael O'Meara, Evan Davis and H.R. Gertner, 7pm to 10pm, \$7-10 sliding scale donations
- Sat., May 4: DIY Family Herb Fest, in CMC and Courtyard, 12pm-5pm, herbal marketplace, workshops, and family friendly activities
- Mon., May 6: Stonewall Democrats of Alachua County presents: "Angels in America" Chapters 3 and 4, award winning miniseries, set in 1985, about two couples facing the AIDS epidemic during the Reagan administration, 7pm
- Fri., May 10: Music with Cicada Shell (Lars Din's new project!) and others TBA, 9pm, \$5
- Sat., May 11: Stetson Kennedy Folklife Festival & Floridiana Show at the Matheson Museum, 10am-5pm
- Sat., May 11: Music with Kathleen Taylor and Cracker the Box, in CMC Courtyard, 8pm, \$5

Hugo Chavez, R.I.P.

by Joe Courter

That Hugo Chavez was controversial is an understatement. That the powers that be in the U.S. disliked him is undeniable. That the U.S. corporate media put forth a one-sided negative image of him is also undeniable. So with that, we offer the following links as a counterbalance, because he brought great changes to Venezuela's poor, through education and healthcare. He was no dictator; he won election after election despite a strong opposition media and outside (i.e., U.S.) assistance to his opponents. If you only read one of the suggested readings, read Tariq Ali's reflective piece from the Guardian. And if you care about Venezuela, read venezuelanalysis.com for coverage of the April 14 election.

"Hugo Chavez and Me" by Tariq Ali — venezuelanalysis.com/analysis/8189

"Chavez's Death, Like His Life, Shows the World's Divisions" by Mark Weisbrot — venezuelanalysis.com/analysis/8350

"President Chavez: A 21st Century Renaissance Man" by James Petras — venezuelanalysis.com/analysis/8281?nocache=1 🐞

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Art Lab is a group for artists who are continually expanding their skills and knowledge. Comprised of makers from various backgrounds encompassing a wide range of mediums from forged iron to spun wool to graphic design. We hold technique workshops, artist talks and critiques, professional practices meetings and critical thinking discussions. GainesvilleArtLab@gmail.com. <http://GainesvilleArtLab.org>

Alachua County Labor Party meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaign for universal, single-payer health care. Annual memberships are \$20/year. Please contact us to join or for the most updated info: FloridaLaborParty.org, ACLPL@FloridaLaborParty.org, 352.375.2832, 14 East University Ave., Suite 204, Gainesville, FL PO Box 12051, Gainesville, FL 32604

American Civil Liberties Union Currently no local chapter. For info on forming new chapter, or ACLU info, contact Jax office 904-353-7600 or bandstandly@aclufl.org

Amnesty International UF campus chapter of worldwide human rights movement; www.facebook.com/ufamnesty or UFAmnesty@gmail.com.

Bridges Across Borders Florida-based international collaboration of activists, artists, students and educators supporting cultural diversity and global peace. office@bridgesacrossborders.org, 352-485-2594,

Citizens Climate Lobby (Gainesville Chapter) provides education and activist opportunities to bring about a stable climate. Meetings are the first Saturday of each month at 12:30, usually at the downtown library's Foundation Room. 352-672-4327, www.citizensclimatelobby.org, cclgainesville@gmail.com

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

The Coalition of Hispanics Integrating Spanish Speakers through Advocacy and Service (CHISPAS) Student-run group at UF. www.chispasuf.org

Coalition to End the Meal Limit NOW! Search for Coalition to End the Meal Limit NOW on Facebook. www.endthemeallimitnow.org

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

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

Democratic Party of Alachua County Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7: p.m. in the second floor auditorium of the County Administration Building at SE 1st St. and University Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, AlachuaCountyDemocraticParty.org

Edible Plant Project Local collective to create a revolution through edible and food-producing plants. 561-236-2262 www.EdiblePlantProject.org.

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

The Fine Print An independent, critically thinking outlet for political, social and arts coverage through local, in-depth reporting specifically 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 An organization dedicated to restoring

the Ocklawaha and preserving Florida's other natural resources. 352-378-8465 FlaDefenders.org

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to the Death Penalty concerned people in the Gainesville area who are working to abolish the death penalty in Florida. Participate in vigils when Florida has an execution. Meet the first Tuesday of every month at St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center (1738 W. University Ave.) 352-332-1350, www.fadp.org.

Gainesville Food Not Bombs is the local chapter of a 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 are at 3 p.m. every Saturday at Bo Diddly Community Plaza. Prep starts at 11am. Get in touch if you'd like to help. gainesvillefnb@riseup.net. www.facebook.com/#!/groups/143660782367621/

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ) meets biweekly to discuss relevant immigration issues and ways to bring political education to the community through workshops, presentations, advocacy and action. gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com or www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com

Gainesville Loves Mountains works in partnership with Appalachian communities to end mountaintop removal coal mining and create a prosperous economy and sustainable future for the region and its people. We believe that the single, best path our community can take toward a stronger economy, better jobs, and a healthier environment for all is energy efficiency. We are also building a campaign for a local ordinance requiring all rental properties to meet basic energy efficiency standards. gainesvillelovesmountains@gmail.com <http://www.facebook.com/GainesvilleLovesMountains> 352-505-2928

Gainesville Women's Liberation The first women's liberation group in the South, formed in 1968, the organization is now part of National Women's Liberation. WomensLiberation.org

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

Green Party Part of worldwide movement built out of four different

interrelated social pillars, which support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. www.GainesvilleGreens.webs.com

Grow Radio Non-profit company that will provide the opportunity for community members to create and manage unique, engaging, educational, locally-generated programming to promote fine, musical and visual arts and humanities for the enrichment of, but not limited to, the Gainesville community. www.growradio.org. PO Box 13891, Gainesville, 32604, 352-219-0145 (v), 352-872-5085 (studio hotline)

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

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

Industrial Workers of the World Local union organizing all workers. Meetings are at the Civic Media Center the first Sunday of the month at 7 p.m.. Gainesvilleiww@riseup.net. www.gainesvilleiww.org

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice Organizing faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6 p.m. at La Casita 1504 W. University Ave. (across from Library) GainesvilleIAIJ@gmail.com; 352-215-4255 or 352-377-6577

International Socialist Organization Organization committed to building a left alternative to a world of war, racism and poverty. Meetings are every Thurs. at the UF classroom building at 105 NW 16th St. at 7 p.m. gainesvilleiso@gmail.com.

Kindred Sisters Lesbian/feminist magazine. PO Box 141674, Gainesville, FL 32614. KindredSisters@gmail.com, www.kindredsisters.org.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of advocates who protect the rights of elders in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. Special training and certification

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

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

Planned Parenthood Clinic Full-service medical clinic for reproductive and sexual health care needs. Now offering free HIV and free pregnancy testing daily from 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.. Located at 914 NW 13th Street.

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida Resources for the gay/lesbian community, open M-F, 3-7, Sat. noon-4 p.m.. 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.

RiverPhoenixCenterforPeacebuilding provides innovative ways to resolve conflict in Gainesville and provides services like mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. www.centerforpeacebuilding.org. 2603 NW 13th St. #333, 352-234-6595

Queer Activist Coalition Politically motivated activist group at UF fighting for full civil and social equality for the LGBTQ community. queeractivistcoalition@gmail.com.

Sierra Club Meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian

Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville - 4225 NW 34th St. 352-528-3751, www.ssjsierra.org

Sister City Program of Gainesville. Links Gainesville with sister cities in Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iraq, and Haiti. 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). For more information, see: <http://www.gnvsistercities.org>.

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

Students for a Democratic Society Multi-issue student and youth organization working to build power in our schools and communities. Meetings are every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall 32 on the UF campus.

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

United Faculty of Florida Union represents faculty at University of Florida. 392-0274, president@uff-uf.org, www.UFF-UF.org.

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

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

Veterans for Peace Anti-war organization that works to raise awareness of the detriments of militarism and war as well as to seek alternatives that are peaceful and effective. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.. 352-375-2563, www.afn.org/~vetpeace/.

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

They Were Here First

Gainesville's indigenous history

As a response to our article last month on *Viva 500*, the Iguana received to following history of native peoples in our Alachua County area's first encounters with Europeans. You can access last month's issue at www.gainesvilleiguana.org to see the March issue.

by Vincent Lipsio

In August 1539, Alachua County first encountered Europeans when Hernando De Soto and his army, on their northward march in their quest for gold, passed through Gainesville. They spent their third night in Utinamocharra and forced villagers to give up stored food to them. That village was one of the villages in a dense cluster east of Moon Lake; it later became the mission of Santa Ana. Today it has been covered as part of a residential neighborhood in the suburban sprawl at the northwestern edge of Gainesville, near the Devil's Millhopper. The cruelties that the villagers had suffered from De Soto's men were recorded in 1606 by the resident priest from the recollections of the chief who had been a boy the day De Soto stopped by.

The Potano tribe of the Timucua were the residents of our area at that time. Their population had already been reduced to a fraction of its former size by diseases brought by the Spaniards—16 years after Ponce De León chanced to stumble across Florida in 1613 on the feast of Paschua Florida, smallpox and the like had spread inland. The number of villages decreased and the chief moved his capital from the shores of Orange Lake to the hammock that became the mission of San Fransisco, or, as the native folk pronounced it, San Felasco.

The Potano were at war with another Timucuan tribe, the Utina, in 1564 when the French established Fort Caroline in present-day Jacksonville. Spain, after brutally expelling the French from Florida, supported the Utina and helped defeat the Potano. Twenty years later, the Potano killed

a Spanish captain leading an invasion into Potano territory. To punish them, a second Spanish expedition attacked and killed many Potano and drove the rest from their towns. After that, the Potano chief moved to Fox Pond near the Devil's Millhopper.

The remaining Timucua were converted to Roman Catholicism and organized into missions overseen by Franciscan priests. Five of these missions were in present-day Alachua County and three of them in or adjacent to Gainesville.

Father Francisco Pareja, during his 31 years with Timucua, devised a writing system making the Timucuan Language the first indigenous American language to be written by the Europeans. Pareja published a grammar for their language and side-by-side Timucuan and Spanish church books and documents from which their language is known. He identified 10 dialects, including Potano. Timucuan is a language isolate, i.e., it is not related to any other known language.

In 1656 the Potano participated in the Timucuan rebellion against the Spanish who burned most of the Timucuan towns and missions. Then in 1672, many Potano died from an unidentified disease. By 1675, only 160 Potano survived at the two remaining settlements.

The Yamasee Native Americans (who were Protestants) with colonial soldiers from the Province of Carolina invaded Florida and killed or carried off nearly all the remaining native inhabitants. 10,000 to 12,000 were taken to Charleston where they were sold in the market as slaves.

In 1763, when Spain traded Florida to Great Britain, the Spanish took the 89 surviving Timucua with them as they sailed away to Havana. (Note that as a Spanish territory, Florida was an outpost of the colony of Cuba and was governed from Havana.)

"Our wise men are called Fathers, and they truly sustain that character. Do you call yourselves Christians? Does then the religion of Him whom you call your Savior inspire your spirit, and guide your practices? Surely not.

"It is recorded of him that a bruised reed he never broke. Cease, then, to call yourselves Christians, lest you declare to the world your hypocrisy. Cease, too, to call other nations savage, when you are tenfold more the children of cruelty than they.

"In the government you call civilized, the happiness of the people is constantly sacrificed to the splendor of empire. Hence the origins of your codes of criminal and civil laws; hence your dungeons and prisons. We have no prisons; we have no pompous parade of courts; we have no written laws and yet judges as highly revered among us as they are among you, and their decisions are as much regarded.

"We have among us no exalted villains above the control of our laws. Daring wickedness here is never allowed to triumph over helpless innocence. The estates of widows and orphans are never devoured by enterprising swindlers. We have no robbery under pretext of law."

—Chief Joseph Brant (1742–1807) *Thayendanegea* (Mohawk) tribe, upstate N.Y.

This month's Oral History article has been postponed for space reasons: look for selections from the Samuel Proctor Program's 1996 interview with Gainesville organizer Rosa B. Williams in our May-June issue. Find more from the SPOHP at oral.history.ufl.edu/access.html.

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Support the Alachua County Wage Theft Ordinance

by James Ingle, Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force

Wage theft is all too common in our society. There is the server whose only pay is what he or she collect in tips, or the store clerk who is told to clock out before cleaning up at the end of the day, or the construction worker who never gets his last check when the project is finished. Wage theft doesn't just rob workers of money they have earned; it also sends a ripple effect throughout our society. Everyone's wages are pushed lower when legitimate businesses are forced to compete with businesses that lower their costs by not properly paying employees. Social services are bearing the burden of helping people who would be more self-sufficient if paid the money they had earned.

Wage theft is already illegal, but there is little enforcement of these laws. The state Department of Labor was disbanded under Governor Bush. People who are victims of wage theft have only two options: either call the federal Department of Labor or take the employer to court. Most victims don't have the time or resources required to file a lawsuit. And the Federal Department of Labor is overburdened and understaffed, often taking months to even begin a new investigation. The result is that the system in place to help victims of wage theft is so slow and ineffective that most victims feel they have no protection. They end up accepting these illegal practices, or quitting their jobs, with the unscrupulous employer keeping the money the victims rightfully earned. This adds up to billions of dollars in wage theft annually in our country.

Communities across the nation have begun making enforcement of wage laws a local issue. Wage theft ordinances give local governments the ability to enforce existing wage laws quickly and efficiently, usually without lawyers or extra penalties or fees. Now Alachua County is in the process of creating a Wage Theft Ordinance to protect our workers and responsible businesses from such thievery. The ordinance has had broad support from our community, local businesses, and religious institutions. The Wage Theft Ordinance also has had near-unanimous support from the County Commissioners with only Susan Baird opposed. The County Commission voted to move forward with the ordinance and have the first public hearing April 16 by a vote of 3-1. (Commissioner Pinkoson voted against the ordinance because of one section but repeatedly emphasized his support for the rest of the ordinance at the meeting. Commissioner Baird was absent.) Despite the need for this ordinance and the support from both the local community and government, the ordinance may be revoked almost as soon as it is passed.

Senate Bill 1216 is currently working its way through the Florida legislature. This bill, written by a "Big Business" lobbying group (Florida Retail Federation), and sponsored by Alachua County's State Senator Rob Bradley, would take away local government's right to meaningfully address wage theft. The bill, if enacted, would take away enforcement abilities from local governments, allowing only a non-binding arbitration. It would push victims of wage theft back into the ineffective system that has already been failing them. It would also place a cap on what a judge could award a victim if they were fortunate enough to

make it through the court system. The bill also provides additional protections for large corporations (the biggest offenders!). We can take real action to stop wage theft locally but not if this bill passes.

What you can do

Appear in support at the April 16 public hearing in front of the County Commission.

Contact Senator Bradley and tell him how much you are opposed to Senate Bill 1216

Alachua office: (352)264-4004
Tallahassee office: (850)487-5007

Contact your County Commissioner and tell them how much you support a strong Wage Theft Ordinance.

Join the Wage Theft Task Force or get more info at Acwttf.wordpress.com



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Penrod “Brigadas” Award presented at SpringBoard

by Jessica Newman

For the third year running, the John A. Penrod “Brigadas” Award for Peace and Justice was presented at the Civic Media Center’s SpringBoard fundraising event on March 22. The Brigadas Award went to Gainesville activist Sheila Payne for her dedication to a strong labor movement for all working people, her impassioned leadership in the struggle against exploitation of immigrants and farmworkers, and for a lifelong commitment to building a just and peaceful world.

In 2008, three progressive groups created the Brigadas Award to honor the legacy of John A. “Jack” Penrod, who dedicated his life to the fight of the people for dignity, freedom and a peaceful society.

Gainesville Veterans for Peace, the Alachua County Labor Party and the United Faculty of Florida wanted to honor and encourage activists in the community for their consistent track record of movement work.

In his day, Jack Penrod, a veteran of the MacKenzie Papineau battalion in the Spanish Civil war, worked with the Congress of Industrial Organizations and helped organize the first faculty union at the University of Florida, United Faculty of Florida. He was a member of Veterans for Peace and a vocal opponent of the Iraq War; he helped found the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, worked closely with the National Organization for Women and Gainesville Women’s

Liberation, and also dedicated time to the Alachua County Labor Party. Jack devoted his life to peace and justice, and he didn’t stop until his death in 2008 at the age of 94.

Sheila Payne, this year’s Brigadas Award recipient, has been an activist all her life—in the Central American solidarity movement, immigrant justice, labor, civil rights, women’s rights, and anti-war movements—much like Jack.

After meeting Cesar Chavez as a teenager, she became involved in the farm labor movement, and she later worked with the United Farm Workers in Washington state during its historic struggle to unionize in the fields of Chateau Ste. Michelle wineries. She also worked with the Farm Labor Organizing Committee and currently fights alongside the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in the Campaign for Fair Food.

In Gainesville, Sheila has been an organizer with Gainesville Veterans for Peace, the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force, the Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice, the Coalition to End the Meal Limit NOW, and Porters’ Community Farm, among other efforts.

You can support the Penrod Award and the hard-working activists in the community by mailing donations to Gainesville Veterans for Peace, P.O. Box 142562, Gainesville, FL 32614. For more information, call 352-375-2832. ☎

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Bob Zieger, Presente!



Bob Zieger. Photo courtesy of the University of Florida History Department.

by Paul Ortiz

Our dear friend, colleague, and comrade in the labor movement, Dr. Robert Zieger, Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Florida, passed away on March 6.

Labor history is a field of scholarship renowned for its support of working class struggles from the time of John Commons and the Wisconsin School of progressive historians in the early 20th century to the New Labor History inspired by the social movements of the 1960s. You become a labor historian because you have a commitment to social justice; not because you expect get rich. Bob Zieger ranks as one of the greatest scholars in the century-long sweep of labor history.

Dr. Zieger was intimately concerned about the state of the labor movement. He grieved over labor's losses in the wake of deindustrialization; he was overjoyed by the 2006 International Workers' Day struggles led by the emerging Latino working class. Bob's writings are animated by spirits of the nation's great freedom fighters. The Zieger approach to labor history is marked by a kind of gritty pragmatism. There is a touch of "Fighting Bob" La Follette (Bob's concern for the political representation


of working people), A. Philip Randolph (his conviction in the centrality of organizing), and Martin Luther King, Jr. (his passionate belief in racial equality).

Bob Zieger was a two-time recipient of the Philip Taft Labor History Book Award for the best book in labor history. He was a prolific writer and authored classic works including, *For Jobs and Freedom: Race and Labor in America since 1865*, and the magisterial *The CIO, 1935-1955*. Bob felt that the Committee for Industrial Organization and the labor upsurge of the Great Depression had much to teach us today. "The CIO was a fighting organization," Bob reminded his audiences. "It took the struggles of the sit-down strikers, picket line walkers, wildcatters and police-defying militants to bring such powerful corporations as General Motors and U.S. Steel to the bargaining table."


Bob was a spirited and rigorous historian who introduced countless scholars, students, union members, and community organizers to the field of labor history. Understanding that younger labor historians faced an uphill struggle in the academy, Bob organized several edited anthologies designed to present the best new work in the field as well as to give graduate students and newly-minted Ph.D.'s publishing credit.

Dr. Zieger talked the talk, and he walked the walk. Bob was a longtime member and leader of the United Faculty of Florida, FEA, NEA, AFT, AFL-CIO. On the job, Dr. Zieger conducted scores of office visits beginning in the 1990s to encourage faculty and instructors to join the United Faculty of Florida. His

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energy and knowledge of the labor history was an important element in our union's recent growth.

I treasured the moments we shared together. Bob would pick me up every first Monday of the month to attend the North Central Florida Central Labor Council meetings at the Carpenter's Union Hall on 53rd. Honestly, I learned more about labor history during these car trips than I did in three years in graduate school. Dr. Zieger was the United Faculty of Florida's delegate to the North Central Florida Central Labor Council for many years, and he gave the keynote address at the CLC's Annual Dinner in 2012. His message was: "Fight. Unite. Connect. Vote."

Bob used the CLC's annual Spaghetti Dinner to introduce new people to labor's progressive culture. He recruited the dinner's participants to bring canned food donations that he would in turn deliver to the St. Francis House or Catholic Charities. This was Bob's way of teaching us that the House of Labor must care for the entire working class, especially the poor and the unorganized.

Bob was always a great partisan on my behalf. He lobbied for me to come to the University of Florida, and his encouragement of our students at the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program was deeply humbling. Even though he was incredibly busy reviewing manuscripts, and serving on numerous university committees, Bob would often show up at the Proctor Program office and exclaim: "Put me to work, Paul!" He was especially joyful to learn that university students were demonstrating a newfound interest in learning about the history of union organizing.

One day barely a month ago, Bob sat down with one of our undergraduate interns and gave a jaw-dropping interpretation of the Reagan-era PATCO strike that signaled a turning point in American labor history. Our students loved Bob Zieger for the same reason that our brothers and sisters in the building trades did: Bob never carried himself above his students or fellow unionists. In spite of his numerous awards and accolades Dr. Zieger saw himself as a lifelong student, and a member of the

labor movement. He was one of us, a treasured ally and fellow traveler in our perennial search for historical truth, social justice and economic equality.

Bob Zieger began teaching on the college level at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1964, and he moved to Kansas State University in 1973. Subsequently, he served as a professor of history at Wayne State University, and his labor history courses were immensely popular with union members in Detroit. Dr. Zieger moved to the University of Florida in 1986, and in 1998 he received the appointment of Distinguished Professor of History. Bob was a beloved teacher at the UF and his favorite courses were the History of American Labor and The United States, 1914-1945. Scores of Bob's students went on to become union organizers and leaders in the labor movement.

Bob Zieger was born in 1938 in Englewood, NJ, into a union family. He is survived by his wife, Gay Pittman Zieger, a retired college instructor, his son Robert, daughter-in-law Sheira, and his granddaughter Persephone. He enjoyed taking long walks, playing with Persephone, and promoting Gay's second career as an artist.

In honor of Bob's years of service to the labor movement and to his students the Southern Labor Studies Association has created an award in his honor titled the Robert H. Zieger Prize for Southern Labor Studies. This prize will be awarded bi-annually to the best essay in labor studies written by an early career scholar, journalist or activist. You can contribute to this fund by visiting the SLSA web site at southernlaborstudies.org/ or you can make a check to the SLSA and mail it to: Robert H. Zieger Prize, SLSA, c/o Evan Bennett, Treasurer, Dept. of History, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Bob Zieger will be sorely missed by his colleagues in the history profession, his comrades in the labor movement and by the countless students that he mentored over an exceptional career of teaching, research, and service. Bob Zieger, Presente! 🐾

“Dove World War”

Director Mike McShane, with several recent hits in “Death of a Salesman” and “Christmas Belles” (HSCT) to his directing credit, now takes on a new work by Shamrock McShane. It is labeled as a new playmovieeventment. Live on Stage and Dead on Screen and Happening Now. The process of the play is to create a movie. The movie is part of the play is part of the movie; it's interactive. The audience plays its part both during the performance and after – because Dove World War is also a War against Time.

“Dove World War” opens at the Civic Media Center on Friday, April 19, and performances follow on April 20, 26 and 27. Curtain at 8p.m. Tickets are \$5-\$20 on a sliding scale.

Featuring: Shamrock McShane, Gregg Jones, Sara Morsey, Tom Miller, Scot Davis, Josh Lederman, Arturo Escamilla, Carolyne Salt, Chanterelle Davis, God, Jesus, Satan, Moloch, The Prophet Mohammad, and Gainesville's progressive Mayor Craig Lowe. 🐾

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Chapter 14

Radical Press Coffee Collective opens shop April 12

Radical Press Coffee Collective will be having their GRAND OPENING complete with drinks, light fare, live music and dance party on Friday, April 12, from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the Civic Media Center, 433 S. Main Street in Gainesville, Florida.

Let's open this thing RIGHT! Meet and mingle with us over drinks and light fare from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. followed by LIVE LOCAL MUSIC and we will DANCE 'til the wee hours! We will be servin' up LOCAL coffee, tea, fun, treats, and beverages all night long.

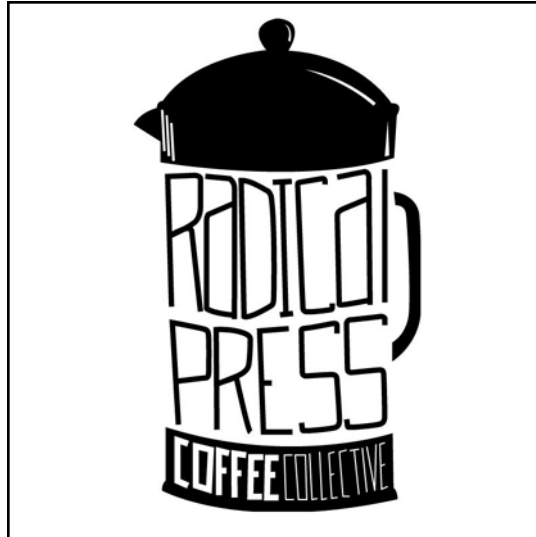
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- Gluten Free and vegan baked goods
- Shop-made sodas and daily specials



- Cozy environment for reading, studying, meeting and organizing. We are providing the community with high-quality, DEElicious all-vegan coffees, teas and baked goods. We hope to strengthen the community by using fair economic practices and ingredients and creating a model for sustainable worker cooperatives.

*When: 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.,
Friday, April 12*

*Where: 433 South Main
Street*

Cost: \$5-\$7 sliding scale

Where's the liberal talk radio?

by Joe Courter

Right wing talk radio is severely over-represented in Gainesville—The SKY at 97.3, the Star 99.5, and on the AM side is Fox News Radio at 980 with all spew their hate and paranoia in pungent streams.

This probably is similar to the spread elsewhere. The fear-mongering and character attacking style works, whereas liberal talk is a lot harder to do for many reasons.

Well, there are attempts at liberal talk. Air America was a major national effort that collapsed, but syndicated programming exists.

One effort at carrying that programming has begun in Gainesville at a daytime only station located at WAJD 1390AM. It is still firming its schedule up, but as of now, you can find Bill Press 6-9a.m., Stephani Miller 9a.m.-noon, Ed Shultz noon-3p.m., and Tom Hartman 3-6p.m. Give it a listen if talk is your bag. ☘

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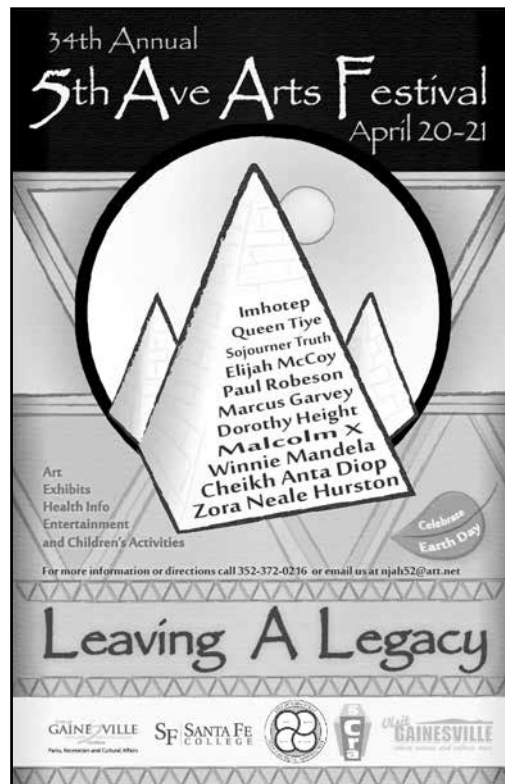
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Gainesville's 34th Annual 5th Avenue Arts Festival

The 34th Annual 5th Avenue Arts Festival is presented by the Cultural Arts Coalition and will run Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21. The festival features art, entertainment and music, which celebrates the rich culture of African-Americans in Gainesville.

The Festival is a two-day street event, which hosts gospel, blues, jazz, R & B, Rap, modern and African dance performances throughout the day. There are activities for children and information relevant to the health and welfare of the community. Food booths line the streets of the Festival that ranges from barbecue to Jamaican to seafood. There will also be information booths from local organizations. The festival is located on the corner of NW 5th Avenue and NW 6th Street in Gainesville. 🚗



GROWRADIO.org programming schedule

Grow Radio is a listener-supported, Gainesville-based Internet radio station that provides community members an opportunity to create and manage engaging, educational, informative, locally-generated programming to promote fine, musical and visual arts and humanities for the enrichment of the Gainesville community.

Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. Buffalo Girls
- 1:00 p.m. Left of the Dial
- 3:00 p.m. The Atomic Age
- 5:00 p.m. Joe and Craig Show
- 7:00 p.m. The A.M.H. 2 Hour ...
- 9:00 p.m. The Sum of Your Life

Monday

- 11:00 a.m. Dr. Bill's Super Awe ...
- 1:00 p.m. The Kitchen Sink
- 3:00 p.m. Ecstasy to Frenzy
- 5:00 p.m. The Four Passions
- 7:00 p.m. Maïum
- 8:00 p.m. New Day Rising
- 10:00 p.m. The Residents Radio Hour
- 11:00 p.m. The Culture Wars

Tuesday

- 10:00 a.m. The Root
- 12:00 p.m. Spaghetti Tape
- 4:00 p.m. Partly Classic with a ...
- 6:00 p.m. America in the Evening
- 8:00 p.m. river rail rhythm
- 10:00 p.m. The Experiment

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. Sax and Violins
- 11:00 a.m. The Barefoot Sessions
- 1:00 p.m. Groovallegance
- 3:00 p.m. The Quiet City
- 5:00 p.m. A Brazilian Commando
- 7:00 p.m. Downtown Sound
- 9:00 p.m. The Otherness
- 11:00 p.m. Radiodeo

Thursday

- 11 a.m. Get on the Right Thing ...
- 12 p.m. Things Be Blowin' ...
- 2:00 p.m. The 2nd Ave. Shuffle
- 4:00 p.m. Hope & Anchor
- 6:00 p.m. Erosion
- 8:00 p.m. florida rules
- 10:00 p.m. Lost Sharks

Friday

- 11:00 a.m. The Breakup Song
- 1:00 p.m. 4D Meltdown
- 3:00 p.m. Swamp Boogie & Blues
- 5:00 p.m. Da Funk
- 7:00 p.m. The Narain Train
- 9:00 p.m. The Bag of Tricks

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- 11:00 a.m. Jazzville
- 1:00 p.m. Paradox Press
- 3:00 p.m. Boots and Cats
- 5:00 p.m. Alewife Outbound
- 7:00 p.m. Planet of Sound



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Margaret Parrish, 1943–2013

by Linda Bassham

Margaret Anne Parrish was born in Gainesville in 1943, the youngest of four children of Charles and Margaret Fitzpatrick Parrish. She grew up here and in the surrounding area, member of a large extended family. Her mother's progressive politics gave her a foundation on which to build her lifelong commitment to fighting for justice—especially for children and women.

Margaret was in high school during the early '60s when the Thalidomide scare led to public discussion on abortion. This was her first exposure to the issue. In 1965, she went to meet a college roommate at the Waldo train station and had to carry her from the train. Her friend was the victim of a botched illegal abortion and rape. Margaret found a doctor who would treat her and not report to the authorities, saving her from arrest and expulsion. Within two years, Margaret was working with Clergy Consultation Services referring women to New York, Puerto Rico and elsewhere for legal abortions.

Margaret went to work at the Children's Mental Health Unit at Shands in 1966. History was made when she met Judy Levy and Byllye Avery in 1970 and the "Feminist Mafia" was formed. They went to the National Labor Relations Board to win salary parity for women faculty and helped the faculty union get started. They got the city to include marital status in its anti-discrimination ordinance. They did this and much more with the support of their boss Dr. Paul Adams, a Quaker and pacifist whom Margaret credited for providing the environment and support that made it all possible.

The late '60s and '70s were a magical time in Gainesville for activism and especially feminism. Margaret was there at the Vietnam War protests when police shot tear gas into the crowd and beat demonstrators. When Betty Friedan led women into the Blue Key Banquet at 1971 UF Homecoming, it was Margaret who had first contacted her about appearing here. This invasion forced the all-male Blue Key, the door to Florida politics, to admit women. The Free Speech Movement led to tenure fights for faculty members

whom she supported. Margaret was involved with Conscientious Objector and Selective Service counseling.

After Judy and Byllye presented a seminar on the fledging women's health movement where they discussed women's inability to obtain abortions in Gainesville, the "Feminist Mafia" was approached by women who wanted safe legal abortions. The three would gather in Judy's kitchen and dream of opening a health center in Gainesville. With guidance from Joan Edelson, they opened the Gainesville Women's Health Center (GWHC) in 1974, soon after Roe v. Wade made abortion legal. Margaret and Judy were asked to appear before the Alachua County Medical Board because they hadn't requested permission to open the facility. The board had no choice but to grant permission after the center was written up positively in the Gainesville Sun and welcomed by the community.

Joan wrote protocols that were about educating and counseling women so they could make informed decisions. Joan also saw to it that the clinic was warm and welcoming for women. A Jacksonville clinic had a poster over a procedure table that stated: "To Err Is Human, To Forgive Divine." At GWHC, it was the Sojourner Truth "Ain't I A Woman" poster. Margaret, Byllye and Judy took out personal loans of \$12,000 to open the clinic and paid them off in nine months.

Also in 1974, women were organizing Rape Information and Counseling Service (RICS), which evolved into Sexual and Physical Abuse Resource Center (SPARC), which morphed into Peaceful Paths. Organizers replaced board members who didn't recognize the need to address the root cause of violence against women with Margaret and Judy. According to Sharon Bauer, "They were our philosophical and political leaders." When SPARC had trouble paying the rent on the house the city was renting them and the city manager proposed renting it to Metamorphosis, Margaret and Judy came up with the idea to go to ask neighbors if they'd rather have drug addicts or battered women and their children living next to them. SPARC kept the house.



This photo of Margaret Parrish ran on the front cover of the Iguana in February 1994. It was her campaign photo from when she ran for City Commission. She was honored at the Gainesville Womens Club on March 30. A partial recording of Margaret giving a firsthand history talk in 2002 can be heard at www.archives.org/details/margaret-parrish.

In 1978, Margaret, Byllye and Judy opened BirthPlace. In a taped interview Margaret said, "It was the most fun I ever had," going on to say that the more say so people have over their lives, the happier and healthier they are. Again they borrowed money to provide services for women and quickly paid it back. This time they got little opposition from the medical establishment. They all expected it would be the alternative community who would use BirthPlace, but it turned out that most of the families were blue collar or healthcare professionals. Today the tradition of BirthPlace lives on at the Birth Center.

In 1978 as the fight to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment was nearing its end of life date, Margaret was on the Human Rights Ad Hoc Committee which organized the Mother's Day March for Equal Rights. There was a caravan of cars from Key West to Tallahassee, a march, and a group of about 200 women who entered the Florida House of Representatives, sat

in legislators' seats and passed the ERA in Florida, one of three states needed for ratification. In 1979, having failed to secure the needed three states' votes the ERA died.

Margaret never stopped. She was a Guardian Ad Litem for many years and also counseled young people informally. She helped found Stop Child Sexual Abuse in the '80s when Garnett Harrison was fighting for children and their protectors in Mississippi. In 1994, she ran for City Commission, losing the run-off after right wingers distributed flyers to churches branding her a lesbian abortionist the Sunday before the election. She was a co-founder of Judy Levy NOW in 2000 and helped begin a Court Watch program to ensure better treatment of women in the courts. Margaret received numerous recognitions including the 1993 Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women's Susan B. Anthony award and Planned Parenthood of North Florida's 2010 Margaret Sanger Lifetime Achievement Award.

If it involved making Gainesville and the world a better place, especially for women and children, Margaret was probably there. From the '60s to last month, she made history and we are all better for it.

In an interview by the Southern Lesbian-Feminist Activist Herstory Project for a special issue of Sinister Wisdom, Margret wrote: "Like Flo Kennedy said, 'Kicking ass is the greatest high.' We did a lot of that!"

Thanks to Byllye Avery, Sharon Bauer, Emily Browne and Sallie Ann Harrison for sharing their memories. To Joe Courter for past issues of the *Iguana* and his 2002 Civic Media Center "First Hand History" taped interview with Margaret. To the Southern Lesbian-Feminist Activist Herstory Project for sharing. 🐿

Immigration Overhaul A True Amnesty?

by Phil Kellerman
President, Harvest of Hope Foundation

The last time this country had a full-scale amnesty for undocumented persons was when Ronald Reagan was president. "One thing is certain in this hungry world; no regulation or law should be allowed if it results in crops rotting in the fields for lack of harvesters." Thus, with his urging, three million undocumented persons were offered a path to citizenship.

Today there are an estimated 10 million undocumented persons in the U.S. There is a good chance that Congress will pass an overall immigration reform bill, but will it be real reform? A true amnesty?

The bill is detailed and complicated but in general terms it proposes a 10-13 year path to citizenship for the undocumented. This will include thousands of dollars in fees and restrictions along the way such as an initial fine of \$1,000, payment of back taxes, proficiency in English and passage of a difficult civics exam. In addition, a person on the path will not be entitled to any federal benefits or health coverage under Obamacare until they are approved for citizenship.

In my experience advocating for migrant farmworkers and other immigrants, there are two major positives in the bill. First, during the 8-year period towards obtaining a green card ("permanent legal residency") a person will be eligible to apply for two 4-year "provisional legal status" periods in which they will be allowed to work legally, and very important, not fear deportation. Second, the bill contains the "Dream Act" in which undocumented students who manage to get through college or military service will be granted an expedited path to citizenship.

Is the bill a true amnesty? No. However, with Congressional republicans and democrats at loggerheads, the proposed bill is a step, and I am advocating for its passage. Inhumane deportations must be reduced as I have seen how employers lose employees and families are destroyed when the sole breadwinner is deported. The "Dream Act" section will provide a window for the hundreds of thousands of children brought here to get on a path if they complete college. In an effort to help undocumented students to afford college, 12 states offer in-state tuition. Florida though does not consider undocumented children to be residents even if they have lived in the state for the majority of their lives. I encourage readers to contact their Florida representatives for passage of in-state tuition for the state's undocumented high school graduates. This country needs highly educated and qualified workers, and our undocumented students, if given in-state tuition and a path to become legal, can help fill the gap. 🐿



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South Main Arts and Culture Center/fire station update

by Joe Courter

There is not a lot of news on the South Main fire station front, but first a clarification, because folks seem to be under a misconception about the situation. The new fire station is proposed for the block just south of the buildings that comprise the Civic Media Center, Citizen's Co-op, Display, Sequential Artists Workshop and very soon, Wild Iris Books, which we can call the S. Main Arts and Culture Center (SMACC).

On the block to the south, between 5th and 6th Avenues, are the art space Church of Holy Colors, Gainesville Compost, the up-and-running Repurpose Project, and most importantly for all of the neighbors to the north, the 30-space parking lot which also has the dumpster and recycling units.

It is the retention of adequate parking and dumpster space that these stakeholders in SMACC are trying to preserve as we move into the purchase of the land by the City. Also of concern is the hope to retain the Repurpose Project building as both a historic relic and providing urban connectivity on S. Main, and assistance to the Repurpose Project itself should they need to

move. Repurpose Project established itself in that location believing there was a secure lease arrangement on the land. That lease was sacrificed in good faith to the City for the fire station deal, which leaves the Repurpose Project in a vulnerable spot.

As of now, the sale is not finalized, and the contracts are still not ready to be signed as the wheels of bureaucracy have been turning slowly. No construction will begin until October 2014, but there will be an in-between period when the City owns the land between 5th and 6th Avenues.

The stakeholders in SMACC and Repurpose Project know they've added greatly to the neighborhood since they moved in, and have been assured of continued operations until construction begins and input to the design process leading up to construction. The stakeholders like the fire station as a neighbor, and only request fair treatment in return for their cooperation in the process. Early meetings with City Commissioners have been positive, but community support will be of great help as things move forward. 🐢

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