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Coalition of Immokalee Workers Fair Food Parade and Concert



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by Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice

On Saturday, March 21, Gainesville Coalition of Immokalee farm worker supporters will drive to St. Petersburg for a first-ever Fair Food Parade and concert. For those folks who traveled to Lakeland two years ago in support of the 100 farm workers and allies who fasted for a week at the Publix headquarters, or who joined us eight years ago in a march where hundreds joined in from all over the country for Fair Food and dignity for farm workers, it is time to celebrate.

Though we continue to protest at Publix and Wendy's locally in an attempt to get those corporations to join the Fair Food tsunami, we are ready to celebrate the successes of pressuring 13 retail food giants to join the campaign, ensuring their commitment to better wages, working conditions, freedom from slavery and sexual exploitation of farm workers who work in their supply chain. We will also celebrate the plans for expansion of the Fair Food Program into other states and crops.

We will be leaving Gainesville by 8:30 am to arrive in time to join the parade at noon at Bartlett Park. The concert will start at 3 pm.

If you would like more information and to join us, please contact Sheila Payne, 831-334-0117, sheilapayne56@hotmail.com, or on Facebook at Gainesville's Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice. 🐾

Iguana supports Harvey Budd and Chris Weaver, election on March 17

by Joe Courter

Another election cycle for the City of Gainesville has come around, with voting scheduled for March 17 and the runoff for April 14. And with multiple candidates in both the District 1 and At-Large races, a runoff seems likely for both.

Never does your vote have more weight than in a local election, and with the typical unfortunately low turn out (15-20 percent) that adds to it more.

The three leading contenders in the At-Large race are Jay Curtis, Adrian Hayes-Santos, and Harvey Budd. All three have strong monetary support (\$32K, \$16K and \$21K respectively)

and have received endorsements from various community organizations. For this race we endorse Harvey Budd, whose long service and active presence in our community gives him a valuable perspective. He is a longtime Certified Public Accountant and resident since 1965, and has served numerous Boards in the City. His endorsements come from the North Central Florida Central Labor Council, the African American Accountability Alliance and a co-endorsement from the Sierra Club.

In the District 1 race, the person who rises to the top for us is Chris Weaver. Weaver, while younger and having a fraction of the money his principle opponents have, is

avored because of his education in public finance and budgeting, his public service and his being a recently honorably discharged military veteran, all of which mark him as good commissioner material.

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Economist Nancy Folbre to discuss importance of ‘care economy’

An emerita scholar of economics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst will give a free talk on Monday, March 16 at the University of Florida. Her lecture will examine how feminist social science applies to, and has the potential to change, traditional economic theory. The

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The incumbent Yvonne Hinson-Rawls is up for re-election, but after disappointing votes by her on the 8th Avenue lane changes and the ill-thought proposal for bicycle licensing we have drifted away from her and our prior endorsement from when she ran the first time.

There has developed in this town with the last election in the city a rather negative “attack your opponent” mentality, including rumors and even outright lies. This is a shame, and not what we should see in this city. More disturbing is that these tactics have come from within the Democratic Party against other Democrats, such as what went on against Annie Orlando from Helen Warren supporters last election. Some of this has started against Harvey Budd. I would strongly advise checking the facts, and even talking to the candidates themselves about things that seem negative that you’ve heard about them. 🐢

talk will be held at 5:30 pm in the Ustler Hall Atrium. This event is free and open to the public and includes time afterward for questions and discussion.

This lecture is the fifth in a series of six organized by the UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere entitled The Work of the Humanities: Critical Thinking in Life and Labor during the fall 2014 and spring 2015 semesters. This series will show how the humanities play a key role in understanding and shaping the future workplace.

In her talk, “Unpaid and Unpriced: Toward a Feminist Political Economy,” Nancy Folbre will focus on the importance of unpaid labor motivated by compassion and care.

Although domestic, volunteer, and other care oriented tasks are difficult to quantify and often excluded from market projections, they have real economic and social costs. By studying the relationship of quantifiable market exchange and the less quantifiable care economy, we can raise new questions about the relationship of self-interest and obligation and the distinction between private and public goods.

Folbre is Professor Emerita of Economics at the University of Massachusetts

Amherst. Much of her research focuses on the economic dimensions of care work and its impact on gender inequality. She recently edited For Love and Money: Care Provision in the U.S. (Russell Sage Foundation, 2012), and has authored many articles and books, including Greed, Lust, and Gender: A History of Economic Ideas (Oxford, 2009). Between 2009 and 2014 she was a weekly contributor to the New York Times Economix blog.

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From the publisher: Principles and practicality

As we humans live our lives, we all determine, consciously or not, some values and principles to live by. Within that is the balance we pick for doing things that benefit our selves and doing things that benefit others.

In reading about and watching “Selma,” it got me thinking about the level of self-sacrifice shown during the Civil Rights Movement. Not just the risks and pressures put on the leadership, but the dedication of so many who marched, whether in their own town, or to pick up and travel to another place, such as the students who went south and joined SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee), or the people from all over the country who went to Selma for that second march after the first had been so brutally repressed.



Joe Courter

Choosing to live a conscious, intentional life in the service of a greater goal involves sacrifices but also provides a sense of purpose and satisfaction that can provide riches far different than money and material pursuits. It is a deep sense of being part of a history of struggle for a better world, and a recognition that, while we stand on the shoulders of those who went before, we too may be continuing such work, which may not be evident now, any more than those who sat in at lunch counters in Greensboro and elsewhere in the ’50s knew the historic impact of what they were doing.

Adhering to high principles is often impractical. As individuals we have to find that balance. Within us all, genetically we are programmed for empathy, otherwise we would not have succeeded as a species. But now our cleverness as humans has set in motion some rather destructive collective behaviors that are having negative effects on our environment and the quality of life of so many people. Their lives are impacted by a global economic and trade system, and the production and use of weaponry which has proliferated into horrible devastating conflicts around the world.

On principle, we as a species should see that things need to change. But to do that is impractical, because the very systems which have set all this into motion have a huge momentum. It will not turn around easily. We live in a country addicted to high energy use, on a quest to continue this addiction, jones-ing for other countries’ oil. Our capitalist system has a layer of extreme wealth at the top (Koch Bros. and others) who are calling the tune on our media and our governmental operations. Its reach is global. Even change through the ballot box has been compromised. There is a feeling that this a runaway train that we are on. What can one do?

You do what you can. And, at this point, local actions — building community and connections — is the best way to put your principles into action. One of the great things about our community is the amount of people doing just that. Grassroots efforts not done with profit but people in mind — the HomeVan, Gainesville Compost, Girls Rock Camp, the South Main block that includes Citizens Co-op (now settled with its fired workers, see page 17), the CMC, Sequential Artists Workshop and Wild Iris Books, our locally owned bars and restaurants who give back so much to the community, all the artists and musicians whose dedication enrich us all, the people who prioritize preservation and use of our natural resources like Alachua Conservation Trust. Even if not directly involved in these efforts, supporting them with attendance at their events, their shows, and maybe bringing a friend along.

If you’ve got kids, hook up with other parents, and if you love kids but don’t have your own, give others a hand.

Kurt Vonnegut, in a speech at UF years ago, talked about the insanity of the idea of the nuclear family, that kids need a variety of adults in their lives. As he put it: “Get yourself a gang.” Same is true for us all. The struggle for positive social change does not rise from individuals; it come from organizations and activities, humans coming together in common cause. Going out in the evening to events, going to meetings, may not always seem practical, but it is those things that can give joy, meaning and purpose to our lives. 🐢

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Dr. Sami A. Al-Arian’s farewell statement on being deported

EDITORIAL NOTE: Thirteen years ago, on April 10, 2002, there was a lecture at UF featuring a little known professor from the University of South Florida, Dr. Sami Al-Arian. The topic of his talk covered Palestine and Middle Eastern issues, but particularly about how in the post 9/11/2001 hysteria, his brother had been picked up by authorities and subjected to rather repressive detainment. Dr. Al-Arian and his wife were charming people, and came back to the CMC after the event. In 2003 what happened to his brother was dwarfed by Dr. Al-Arian’s own arrest. See the movie “USA vs. Al-Arian” for the story. It is great that he is now, at last, free.

Professor Al-Arian is a Palestinian American civil rights and Palestine solidarity activist who was indicted in 2003 and put on trial for aiding the Palestinian resistance organization Islamic Jihad. At the time of his arrest U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft held a press conference announcing the professor’s arrest to the nation. In the U.S. war on terror, Sami Al-Arian was the big test case.

The U.S. government spent more than ten years spying on Al-Arian and intercepting more than 400,000 phone calls. However the U.S. prosecutors could not get a guilty verdict from jurors on any of the 17 charges.

After spending two years in jail while on trial, and faced with another trial and more years away from his family, Al-Arian made a plea deal, agreeing to leave the country and going into political exile. Then U.S. prosecutors tried to use their power to punish Al-Arian. Instead of letting professor Al-Arian serve time and leave the country as agreed in negotiations, U.S. prosecutors demanded Al-Arian testify at a federal grand jury in Virginia, which he refused to do based on his agreement with the government. He then was charged with contempt and jailed.

Since 2008 he has lived under house arrest, and in 2014 the charges against him were dropped. He was deported in early February and now lives in Turkey.

Following is a statement he made on Feb. 5.

To my dear friends and supporters,

After 40 years, my time in the U.S. has come to an end. Like many immigrants of my generation, I came to the U.S. in 1975 to seek a higher education and greater opportunities. But I also wanted to live in a free society where freedom

of speech, association and religion are not only tolerated but guaranteed and protected under the law. That’s why I decided to stay and raise my family here, after earning my doctorate in 1986. Simply put, to me, freedom of speech and thought represented the cornerstone of a dignified life.

Today, freedom of expression has become a defining feature in the struggle to realize our humanity and liberty. The forces of intolerance, hegemony, and exclusionary politics tend to favor the stifling of free speech and the suppression of dissent. But nothing is more dangerous than when such suppression is perpetrated and sanctioned by government.

As one early American once observed, “When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty.”

Because government has enormous power and authority over its people, such control must be checked, and people, especially those advocating unpopular opinions, must have absolute protections from governmental overreach and abuse of power.

A case in point, of course, is the issue of Palestinian self-determination. In the United States, as well as in many other western countries, those who support the Palestinian struggle for justice, and criticize Israel’s occupation and brutal policies, have often experienced an assault on their freedom of speech in academia, media, politics and society at large. After the tragic events of September 11, such actions by the government intensified, in the name of security. Far too many people have been targeted and punished because of their unpopular opinions or beliefs.

During their opening statement in my trial in June 2005, my lawyers showed the jury two poster-sized photographs of items that government agents took during searches of my home many years earlier.

In one photo, there were several stacks of books taken from my home library. The other photo showed a small gun I owned at the time. The attorney looked the jury in the eyes and said: “This is what this case is about. When the government raided my client’s house, this is what they seized,” he said, pointing to the books, “and this is what they left,” he added, pointing to the gun in the other picture. “This case is not about terrorism but about my client’s right to freedom of speech,” he continued. Indeed, much of

the evidence the government presented to the jury during the six-month trial were speeches I delivered, lectures I presented, articles I wrote, magazines I edited, books I owned, conferences I convened, rallies I attended, interviews I gave, news I heard, and websites I never even accessed.

But the most disturbing part of the trial was not that the government offered my speeches, opinions, books, writings, and dreams into evidence, but that an intimidated judicial system allowed them to be admitted into evidence. That’s why we applauded the jury’s verdict. Our jurors represented the best society had to offer. Despite all of the fear-mongering and scare tactics used by the authorities, the jury acted as free people, people of conscience, able to see through Big Brother’s tactics.

One hard lesson that must be learned from the trial is that political cases should have no place in a free and democratic society.

But despite the long and arduous ordeal and hardships suffered by my family, I leave with no bitterness or resentment in my heart whatsoever. In fact, I’m very grateful for the opportunities and experiences afforded to me and my family in this country, and for the friendships we’ve cultivated over the decades. These are lifelong connections that could never be affected by distance.

I would like to thank God for all the blessings in my life. My faith sustained me during my many months in solitary confinement and gave me comfort that justice would ultimately prevail.

Our deep thanks go to the friends and supporters across the U.S., from university professors to grassroots activists, individuals and organizations, who have stood alongside us in the struggle for justice.

My trial attorneys, Linda Moreno and the late Bill Moffitt, were the best advocates anyone could ask for, both inside and outside of the courtroom. Their spirit, intelligence, passion and principle were inspirational to so many.

I am also grateful to Jonathan Turley and his legal team, whose tireless efforts saw the case to its conclusion. Jonathan’s commitment to justice and brilliant legal representation resulted in the government finally dropping the case.

Our gratitude also goes to my
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2015 GAINESVILLE ELECTION INFORMATION

Monday, March 9th through Saturday, March 14th - Early Voting
Tuesday, March 17, 2015 - Gainesville Election

WHERE DO I VOTE?

● **Polling Places/Precincts:** On Election Day, Florida Law requires you to vote in the precinct of your residence. **It is illegal to vote in a precinct where you no longer live.** Be sure the Supervisor of Elections has your current address and signature on file.

● **Early Voting:** Anyone may vote at one of the **3 Early Voting locations** from March 9th thru March 14th: Supervisor of Elections Office County Administration Building at 12 SE 1st Street, Millhopper Branch Library at 3145 NW 43rd Street, and Cone Park Library at 2841 E. University Avenue.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

● **Be Sure Your Registration Information is Current:** To check your registration status, update your address, name, signature, or locate your precinct polling place and view your sample ballot, go to **www.VoteAlachua.com** and click on “My Registration Status”.

● **Your Voter Information Card:** Check your voter information card now to be sure it contains your current and correct information.

● **Signature Update:** If your signature has changed since you registered to vote, you need to update your record. If you vote by mail **your ballot may not count** if your signature is different than the signature on record. To update your signature go online to **www.VoteAlachua.com**.

● **Voter Identification:** FL Law requires voters to present current and valid picture and signature ID at the polls and early voting sites or you will need to vote a provisional ballot.

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● **Vote by Mail:** Request online at **www.VoteAlachua.com** or call (352)374-5252. Your request must be made by **5 PM on March 11th**. Absentee ballots must be received in the Elections Office by 7 PM on March 17th, Election Day.

● **Vote Early:** Early Voting is available **March 9th thru March 14th from 9 AM to 5 PM.**

● **Vote At Your Precinct:** Polls open **7 AM to 7 PM on Election Day, March 17th.**

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immigration lawyers, Ira Kurzban and John Pratt, for the tremendous work they did in smoothing the way for this next phase of our lives.

Thanks also to my children for their patience, perseverance and support during the challenges of the last decade. I am so proud of them.

Finally, my wife Nahla has been a pillar of love, strength and resilience. She kept our family together during the most difficult times. There are no words to convey the extent of my gratitude.

We look forward to the journey ahead and take with us the countless happy memories we formed during our life in the United States. 🐢

Veterans for Peace announces college scholarship for Alachua County students



Gainesville Veterans for Peace Chapter 14 announces its annual Peace Scholarships for the spring of 2015. We are awarding two scholarships of \$500 each for eligible high school seniors, college students or adults

who need financial support to succeed in college and who have demonstrated a commitment and leadership in activities involving: peace and social justice and/or nonviolent social change.

To be eligible to apply for the Peace Scholarship, the applicant must either be: 1) a high school senior planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in the United States for the 2015-16 academic year; 2) a college student currently enrolled and in good standing; or 3) an adult student enrolling in higher education who needs financial assistance.

Peace Scholarship applicants will also be asked to provide a brief autobiographical statement and evidence of leadership and/or personal initiative in activities in an organization (including volunteer or paid work) relating to peace and social justice, conflict resolution and/or nonviolent social change. Applicants will also need to provide two letters of recommendation.

The application (PDF file) must be downloaded from the Gainesville Veterans for Peace website, printed out, completed and postal mailed to the address on the application. The deadline for the scholarship application is April 2, 2015.

Peace Scholarship recipients will be honored at the Gainesville VFP Peace Poetry Awards Ceremony on May 9. For questions, contact Paul Ortiz at: ortizprof@gmail.com or 352-373-3435.

The full announcement and instructions for applying may be found at the Gainesville Veterans for Peace website, at <http://www.vfpgainesville.org/>. 🐢




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March 10 Hippodrome Film: 'She's Beautiful When She's Angry'

The Hippodrome Cinema will be showing "She's Beautiful When She's Angry" for the March Cinema Lounge on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 pm and 10 pm, for one night only!

"She's Beautiful When She's Angry" resurrects the buried history of the outrageous, often brilliant women who founded the modern women's movement from 1966 to 1971. The film takes us from the founding of NOW, with ladies in hats and gloves, to the emergence of more radical factions of women's liberation, from intellectuals like Kate Millett to the street theatrics of WITCH (Women's International Conspiracy from Hell!).

It does not shy away from controversies over race, sexual preference and leadership that arose in the women's movement, and brilliantly captures the spirit of the time—thrilling,

scandalous, and often hilarious.

Carol Giardina, the co-founder for Gainesville Women's Liberation, is featured in "She's Beautiful When She's Angry."

The Gainesville Women's Liberation was the first female liberation group in the South. GWL has now expanded to become National Women's Liberation.

In addition, there will be a discussion following the first showing featuring second wave feminist pioneer Kathie Sarachild, SNCC veteran Zoharah Simmons, and NWL member Kendra Vincent.

Seating for "She's Beautiful When She's Angry" is limited, and tickets are \$10. Advanced reservations are recommended.


This documentary is not rated and is 92 minutes long. 🐢

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Garage bands, bar bands and the singer-songwriter 1965–2015

by Gary Gordon

Gainesville has an extensive rock music history, and I was glad to be part of it. So when the Matheson Museum called and asked me to participate in their series of evenings about that history it took me about ten seconds to say yes.

Who am I? Well, I was well known locally several years ago, but I’m not nationally famous. I titled this event as I did because my history in Gainesville was to play in garage bands and bar bands, and to write and perform as a singer-songwriter. It was not a career; it was a journey.

Some people reading this know I served on the Gainesville City Commission from 1983 to 1986 and was Mayor-Commissioner from 1985 through 1986.

Others remember I worked against nuclear power in the Catfish Alliance. Some know I was manager of Hyde & Zeke Records in the early 80s. Some know I had a comedy radio show on WGGG then, for almost two years, on WUFT-FM, or that I wrote and produced satirical plays like “North By Mideast,” “Primary Colors,” and “Chief Micanopy’s Revenge” and the play “The Life & Times of Abbie Hoffman,” or that my first novel, “Crossfire Canyon” came out when I was in office.

And some know I left Gainesville for L.A. in 1991, just after I produced a huge benefit concert for the Vets For Peace as we geared up to oppose the first Gulf War, and that I’ve returned to Gainesville a few times since and have performed at benefits for the Civic Media Center.

And although the politics and music intersect at some points, the event at the

Matheson is primarily about my life in music in Gainesville (with a bit of what I’ve done in L.A.). That is, I may talk about writing and performing protest songs and rallies but I’m not going to talk about zoning codes and the police budget.

I was lucky living in Gainesville during the cultural revolution of the 60s. The Beatles went on Ed Sullivan and several of us started forming bands. So I formed The Controls with a friend and it morphed into The Airemont Classic, which then morphed into Uncle Funnel & The Push. We played high school dances and frat parties as Gainesville became an epicenter for great live music.

None of these bands became famous, but these bands and others were the training grounds and proving grounds for musicians like Tom Petty, Don Felder, Stan Lynch, and Marty Jourard (who was in Uncle Funnel).

In the mid to late 70s I was in one of the most popular bands, The Archer Road Band, playing covers and originals. We started as a duo playing for free at the base of the steps at the Reitz Union and for a few bucks and sandwiches at Joe’s Diner; we graduated to a biker/law student bar called Cockneys, then became popular, drawing larger and larger audiences at the Alibi and Backstage Bar and became popular enough at the time to make an album and sell it so that we made money on it.

Near the end of the 70s I shifted gears into political activism, started writing protest songs and singing at every rally on and off campus. After serving on the City Council I returned to rock n roll, reconstituting The Archer Road Band and forming other bands like Buffalo

Springsteen, The Band That Never Was, and playing in the house band for the BlueMonday Jam at Richenbacher’s and forming The Luca-Gordon Band with Nancy Luca. And I created and produced the Urban Folk nights at the Thomas Center.

Here in L.A. I have The Gary Gordon Band, which plays my original songs.

I intend for the evening to be a more detailed presentation about the times as things changed from the 60s to the 70s to the 80s, tell some stories, show a bunch of photos and maybe a couple of videos, and play pieces from a few of my songs that were popular.

There’ll be a Q.&A. moderated by my good friend Bob McPeek, which will be punctuated with his remarks, as he has an extensive music history in Gainesville, too, including starting Hyde & Zeke Records and Mirror Image Studios and playing in several bands: his current band is the Erasables.

For those attending I hope it will be an enjoyable and insightful evening with elements of memory lane; for those who weren’t there or who may be younger, if you have an interest in that period and want to hear from someone who played music, took some of that music in political activism, was a politician, and returned to rock n roll, well ... I’m one of the survivors.

And maybe it will be inspirational— but having it be fun is my goal.

Gary Gordon will be performing at the Matheson Museum at 513 E. University Ave. on April 10 as part of the “Florida’s Got the Blues Exhibition.” 🐼

Chomsky on ISIS, Iraq, Israel, Guatemalan immigrants, climate justice

Following is an interview with journalist David Barsamian and Professor Noam Chomsky that originally appeared on Jacobin on Feb. 16. You can read the full interview at jacobinmag.com. In it, Chomsky explains the roots of ISIS and why the United States and its allies are responsible for the group’s emergence. In particular, he argues that the 2003 invasion of Iraq provoked the sectarian divisions that have resulted in the destabilization of Iraqi society. The result was a climate where Saudi-funded radicals could thrive.

The interview also touches on Israel’s most recent massacre in the Gaza Strip, putting it in the context of the vital role Israel has always played for the United States. Chomsky then turns to today’s racist scapegoating of Guatemalan immigrants, tracing the conditions that lead them to leave their homes to the Reagan administration’s brutal destruction of the country.

Finally, Chomsky shares his thoughts on the growing movement for climate justice and why he thinks it is the most urgent issue of our time. The full exchange will be broadcast by Alternative Radio (www.alternativeradio.org).

THE MIDDLE EAST IS ENGULFED IN FLAMES, FROM LIBYA TO IRAQ. THERE ARE NEW JIHADI GROUPS. THE CURRENT FOCUS IS ON ISIS. WHAT ABOUT ISIS AND ITS ORIGINS?

There’s an interesting interview that just appeared a couple of days ago with Graham Fuller, a former CIA officer, one of the leading intelligence and mainstream analysts of the Middle East. The title is “The United States Created ISIS.” This is one of the conspiracy theories, the thousands of them that go around the Middle East.

But this is another source: this is right at the heart of the US establishment. He hastens to point out that he doesn’t mean the US decided to put ISIS into existence and then funded it. His point is — and I think it’s accurate — that the US created the background out of which ISIS grew and developed. Part of it was just the standard sledgehammer approach: smash up what you don’t like.

In 2003, the US and Britain invaded Iraq, a major crime. Just this afternoon the

British parliament granted the government the authority to bomb Iraq again. The invasion was devastating to Iraq. Iraq had already been virtually destroyed, first of all by the decade-long war with Iran in which, incidentally, Iraq was backed by the US, and then the decade of sanctions.

They were described as “genocidal” by the respected international diplomats who administered them, and both resigned in protest for that reason. They devastated the civilian society, they strengthened the dictator, compelled the population to rely on him for survival. That’s probably the reason he wasn’t sent on the path of a whole stream of other dictators who were overthrown.

Finally, the US just decided to attack the country in 2003. The attack is compared by many Iraqis to the Mongol invasion of a thousand years earlier. Very destructive. Hundreds of thousands of people killed, millions of refugees, millions of other displaced persons, destruction of the

archeological richness and wealth of the country back to Sumeria.

One of the effects of the invasion was immediately to institute sectarian divisions. Part of the brilliance of the invasion force and its civilian director, Paul Bremer, was to separate the sects, Sunni, Shi’a, Kurd, from one another, set them at each other’s throats. Within a couple of years, there was a major, brutal sectarian conflict incited by the invasion.

You can see it if you look at Baghdad. If you take a map of Baghdad in, say, 2002, it’s a mixed city: Sunni and Shi’a are living in the same neighborhoods, they’re intermarried. In fact, sometimes they didn’t even know who was Sunni and who was Shi’a. It’s like knowing whether your friends are in one Protestant group or another Protestant group. There were differences but it was not hostile.

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Art Lab is for artists who continually expand skills and knowledge. Comprised of makers from a range of mediums (e.g. forged iron, spun wool, graphic design). Technique workshops, artist talks/critiques, professional practices meetings, critical thinking discussions. GainesvilleArtLab@gmail.com. <http://GainesvilleArtLab.org>

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

Alachua County Green Party Part of a worldwide movement built out of four interrelated social pillars that support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. alachuagreens.weebly.com, alachuagreens@gmail.com, 352.871.1995.

Alachua County Labor Coalition meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaign for universal, single-payer health care. Memberships are \$20/year. Contact: FloridaLaborParty.org, ACLP@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 a new chapter, or ACLU info, contact Jax office 904-353-7600 or bstandly@aclufl.org

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

Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI) Non-profit research organization working to stimulate conservation action to save threatened species of birds in the southeastern U.S., www.arcinst.org.

Citizens Climate Lobby (Gainesville Chapter) provides education/activist opportunities to bring about a stable climate. Meetings are on the Wednesday after the first Saturday of each month at 12:30, at 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

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 held the second Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium of the County Administration Building at SE 1st St. and University Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, alachuadems.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 Independent, critically thinking outlet for political, social and arts coverage through local, in-depth reporting for Gainesville's students. www.thefineprintuf.org.

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

Florida Defenders of the Environment are dedicated to restoring the Ocklawaha and preserving Florida's other natural resources. 352-378-8465 FlaDefenders.org

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

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to Death Penalty works to abolish the death penalty. Join vigils when Florida has an execution. Meets first Tuesday every month at St. Augustine Church & Catholic Student Center (1738 W. Univ. Ave.) 352-284-1749, www.fadp.org.

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

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ) meets biweekly at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. to discuss relevant immigration issues and ways to bring political education to the community through workshops, presentations, advocacy, action. gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com or www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Harvest of Hope Foundation Non-profit provides emergency and educational financial aid to migrant farm workers around the country. [\[harvestofhope.net\]\(http://harvestofhope.net\), email: \[kellerhope@cox.net\]\(mailto:kellerhope@cox.net\).](http://www.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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

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

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

Industrial Workers of the World Local union organizing all workers. Meetings are at the Civic Media Center the first Sunday of the month at 6 pm. Gainesvilleiww@gmail.net. www.gainesvilleiww.org

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd Mondays at 6 pm at La Casita, 1504 W. University Ave. (across from Library) GainesvilleIAIJ@gmail.com; 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 pm. gainesvilleiso@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Move to Amend, Gainesville is an organization dedicated to amending the US Constitution to establish that money is not speech, and that only human beings have constitutional rights. movetoamend.org/fl-gainesville

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

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

NCF AWIS is an advocacy organization championing the interest of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors. Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month (except holidays) from 5:30 -7:30 PM Millhopper Branch, Alachua County Public Library. All meetings open to the public. Email ncfawis@gmail.com or go to www.ncfawis.org for more information.

Occupy Gainesville is about engaging local people in grassroots, participatory democracy, diversity and dialogue; we stand in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street Movement and the rest of the people peacefully occupying public space across this county and the rest of the world. www.occupygainesville.org and <https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville>.

Our Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee Alliance are two of a number of grassroots environmentalist groups campaigning to protect and restore the rivers and springs. See: <http://www.oursantaferiver.org/> and <http://www.ichetuckneealliance.org/>

PFLAG (Parents and Families of Lesbians and Gays) meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Gainesville (1624 NW 5th Ave.) at 7 pm with a programmed portion and informal meeting with opportunity to talk and peruse their resource library. pflaggainesville.org. Confidential Helpline 352-340-3770 or email info@pflaggainesville.org.

Planned Parenthood Clinic Full-service health center for reproductive and sexual health care needs. Offering pregnancy testing and options counseling for \$10 from 10am-noon and 2-5pm. Located at 914 NW 13th St. 352-377-0881.

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida Resources for the gay/lesbian community, open M-F, 3-7, Sat. noon-4. Located at 3131 NW 13th St., Suite 62. 352-377-8915, www.GainesvillePride.org.

Protect Gainesville Citizens Group whose mission is to provide Gainesville residents with accurate and comprehensible information about the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site. 352-354-2432, www.protectgainesville.org.

River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding provides innovative ways to resolve conflict and provides services like mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. www.centerforpeacebuilding.org. 2603

NW 13th St. #333, 352-234-6595

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). <http://www.gnvsistercities.org>.

Stand By Our Plan is committed to informing the public about the critical differences between the Comprehensive Plan and Plum Creek's proposal. We do not support Plum Creek's Plan. Alachua County's Comprehensive Plan is the best blueprint for future growth in the unincorporated areas of our county; it protects our valuable wetlands. standbyourplan@gmail.com; <http://standbyourplan.org/>.

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

Students for a Democratic Society Multi-issue student and youth organization working to build power in schools and communities. Meetings held 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 Univeristy of Florida. 392-0274, president@uff-uf.org, www.UFF-UF.org.

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

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

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



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

8 "Ask A Scientist: Geology" Fla Museum of Natural History, 1-4 pm.

Fla Coalition for Peace & Justice weekly potluck & eco-village tour, 4 pm: fcjp.org.



1950: Volkswagen manufactures 1st VW buses.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

15 Gvl Record Fair - tons of vinyl at The Woolly (20 N. Main St), 11 am-4 pm.

Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play final performances at The Hipp, 2 & 7 pm.

Keep up with the CMC at www.civicmediacenter.org for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future (also see pg 18).

22 5th Jewish Film Festival opens at Hipp, runs thru 3/31, 7 pm - see thehipp.org/Calendar/special-events/1577.

Joshua Bell & Sam Haywood in concert, Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm.

1972: US Congress passes Equal Rights Amendment.

1972: National Commission recommends marijuana legalization.

29 Jest Fest! 2015 at Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th Ave), free, noon-6 pm.

If you appreciate this calendar, please consider supporting the *Ig* with a donation &/or subscription: PO Box 14712, Gainesville FL 32604.

1973: Last US combat troops leave Vietnam.

Monday
Lunes

9 Free Tax Law workshop, downtown library, 6 pm.

The Red Detachment of Women presented by Gvl Socialists at Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm.

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice meets, Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 6 pm.

1959: Mattel sells 1st Barbie dolls.

16 Feminist Economics talk by Nancy Folbre, UF Ustler Hall Atrium, 5:30 pm; see pg 2.

"7 Years a Hostage" - Terry Anderson, UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm.

Science Café: Fla Archaeology, Blue Gill Foods (1310 SW 13th St), 6:30 pm - RSVP: flmnh.ufl.edu/calendar/grid/science-cafe-spring-3/

Made in Dagenham - film sponsored by Alachua County Labor Coalition, CMC, 7 pm.

Talking Service for Veterans reading/discussion group, Beltram Peace Ctr (1236 NW 18th Ave), 3rd Mondays, 7 pm.

Gvl Food Security Group meets 3rd Mondays, Highlands Church, 7 pm.

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

23 Women & Drug Trafficking talk, UF Ustler Hall, 4 pm.

Is the Man Who Is Tall Happy: An Animated Conversation with Noam Chomsky, CMC documentary, 7 pm.

30 Rosa Luxemburg presented by Gvl Socialists, CMC, 7 pm.

IGUANA Deadline for April issue is Mar 31st; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

1746: Francisco Goya born.
1853: Vincent van Gogh born.

Tuesday
Martes

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

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

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

G'ville Poets & Writers meet Tuesdays at Books A Million, 2601 NW 13th St, 6:30 pm.

Gvl Socialists, CMC, 7 pm.

FULL MOON

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

She's Beautiful When She's Angry - feminist history at Hipp, 7:30 pm - see pg 7.

Wax Wings & GUTS at Loosey's.

1993: Dr. David Gunn murdered by "pro-lifer" in Pensacola.

17 Gvl City Election - VOTE!

School Board meets, 6 pm.

Alachua County Labor Coalition meets, ACEA Hall (618 N 13th Ave), 6:30 pm.

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

G'ville Socialists reading/discussion group meets every other Tues at CMC, 7 pm.

1992: 68% of white South Africans vote to end apartheid. **ST PATRICK'S DAY**

24 Alachua County Comm meets - see 3/10.

Alachua Cty Labor Coalition meets, ACEA Hall, 6:30 pm.

Gvl Socialists, CMC, 7 pm.

1989: Exxon Valdez spills oil on Alaska coast.

31 Rosalynn Carter on "Pathways to Recovery: the Mental Health Crisis", sponsored by ACCENT, Phillips Center (315 Hull Rd), 8 pm.

1918: USA institutes Daylight Savings Time.

Wednesday
Miercoles

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

Downtown Farmers' Market every Wed, new location while downtown plaza is renovated: SW 1st St & 1st Ave (across from Market St Pub), 4-7 pm; **Edible Plant Project**, 2nd Weds.

Vets for Peace meet - see 4/1.

1789: U.S. Constitution takes effect with George Washington's inauguration.

11 Citizens Academy series of 7 free classes in Gvl City functions begins, 8:30 am - register at academy/cityofgainesville.org.

Citizens' Climate Lobby meets, downtown library, 6:30 pm.

Democratic Executive Committee meets, County Commission meeting room, 7 pm.

Just Health Care meets, 14 E. University Ave, Ste 204, 7 pm.

"Where am I Eating?" w/ Kelsey Timmerman, UF Reitz Union, 7 pm.

Ground Operations: Battlefields to Farmfields, Menno Church, 7 pm.

18 Abortion/Privacy law lecture, UF Holland Hall 180, noon.

Martha Barnett & Bob Graham on Citizenship, UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm.

Humanists, UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 7 pm.

Net Neutrality talk, League of Women Voters, Jason's Deli (6791 W. Newberry Rd), 7 pm.

West Side Story opens at SFC Fine Arts Hall, thru 3/21, 7:30 pm.

25 "Children of the Incarcerated: Collateral Victims of Crime" law panel, UF Holland Hall 180, 11 am.

1850: Edward Bellamy born.
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1874: Robert Lee Frost born.
1911: Thomas Lanier "Tennessee" Williams born.

1826: Matilda Joselyn Gage born.
1934: Gloria Steinem born.

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

Please support Citizens Co-op, a community resource. Shop Co-op first & keep your \$\$\$ local!

Thursday
Jueves

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

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

SSJ Sierra Club meets; UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 7:30 pm..

Kimberly Akimbo preview, Acrosstown Rep, thru 3/22, 8 pm.

Open Poetry every Thursday at CMC, now at 8 pm: Gvl's longest-running poetry jam, open to all; informal & welcoming to both readers & listeners.

1871: Rosa Luxemburg born.
1953: Joseph Stalin dies.

12 Civil Rights Restoration workshop, Tower Rd Library (3020 SW 75th St), 5:30 pm.

Stan Lynch (1st drummer w/ Tom Petty & Heartbreakers) multimedia presentation at Matheson Museum (513 E. Univ Ave), \$5, 6 pm.

"Yes Means Yes" seminar, UF Ustler Hall, Thu thru 4/9, 6:30 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

Ghost Mice, Super Famicom, Gutless, others at CMC, 10 pm.

19 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm.

Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 3rd Thursdays, 6 pm.

"Find Your Lucky Charm" Humane Society fundraiser w/ Endless Pool at 1st Magnitude Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St), \$15, 6 pm.

Land and Water Conservation Forum, UF Pugh Hall, 7 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

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

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Civil Rights Restoration workshop, Library Partnership (1130 NE 16th Ave), 5:30 pm.

SSJ Sierra Club meets; UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 7:30 pm.

Open Poetry, CMC, 8 pm.

1513: Ponce de León claims Florida for King of Spain.

Friday
Viernes

6 "A Community of Calling In" intervention skills workshop, CMC, 6 pm.

"Restoring the Suwannee River" talk by Robert McKnight, Great Outdoors Ballroom (65 N. Main St, High Springs), 7 pm.

"Pathways to Freedom" Black History Month exhibit by Rev. Leroy Chandler, Marion County DEC Bldg (601 SW 1st Ave, Ocala), through 3/8, 10:30 am - 8 pm.

1965: Civil rights marchers beaten by police in Selma, Alabama.

13 GAU "End Fees" rally, UF Turlington Plaza, 1 pm; pg 19.

Transgender Movie Night, 2nd Fridays, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 7 pm.

Hip Hop Family Tree Comics creator Ed Piskor at CMC, 7 pm.

Telomeres, Wax Wings, others at CMC, 9:30 pm.

D.P., 9th Ring, & others in hip-hop & rock show at Loosey's.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

1925: Tennessee bans teaching evolution.

20 Amy Howe of SCOTUSBlog on personalities of Supreme Court, UF Holland Hall 285C, 11 am.

CMC Springboard w/ Terry Anderson at The Woolly (20 N. Main St), \$25 adv/\$35 door, 6-10 pm; see pg 24.



1928: Fred "Mr." Rogers born.
1957: Shelton J. "Spike" Lee born.
SPRING EQUINOX

27 CHISPAS Art Auction, CMC, 5-8 pm.

Gvl Artwalk, 7 pm - see pg 21.

Gay Movie Night last Fridays, Pride Ctr, \$2, 7:30 pm.

Doubt opens at Actors Warehouse (608 N. Main St), runs thru 4/19, 8 pm.

Masquerade Merriment social justice groups' fundraiser at The Hipp with music by Captain Lovely, \$45, 9 pm.

3 The Comedy of Errors, UF Constans Theatre, Fri & Sat, 7:30 pm.

Farm to Family is back in action at a new location: 3349 NW 110th St in Bradford, Fla - runs 3rd-5th, starting Fri evening; many bands listed and more information at www.farmtofamilymusic.com.

PASSOVER BEGINS

Saturday
Sabado



7 Uhuru Solidarity Movement Nat'l Convention, Paramount Plaza, 12:30-8 pm (also Sun, 10 am-3 pm) - see uhurusolidarity.org/.

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

My So-Called 90s Burlesque Show & Dance Party Fundraiser for Gvl Roller Rebels, Market St Pub (112 SW 1st Ave), \$10 before 10 pm, \$5 after; starts 8:30 pm.

Sunshine State plays at 1982, 10 pm.

14 Muslim-Christian Dialog, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 10 am.

CMC Spring Fundraiser Concert, at Akira Wood, 3-8 pm - see pg 21.

Conservation Stewards Awards at Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE County Rd 234), 5:30 pm.

Renée is a Zombie, Flossie and The Fox, Victor Florence, others, CMC, 8 pm.

PI DAY (3/14/15!)

21 Great American Cleanup, Westside Park, 8 am-noon.

Coalition of Immokalee Workers parade/concert in St Pete: carpools leave UF Gale Lemerand parking lot 8:30 pm; info, 831-334-0117; pg 1.

Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival (4700 S.W. 58th Dr), \$8, 9 am-5 pm.

Gvl Barter Project, Highlands Presbyterian Church (1001 NE 16th Ave), 3rd Saturdays, 1-4 pm.

Green Party meets, dntn library (401 E Univ Ave), 3rd Saturdays, 3 pm.

Swamp City Sirens vs North River Rolling Renegades, Cty Fairgrounds, door 5 pm, bout 6 pm; see pg 20.

To Write Love On Her Arms benefit show, CMC, 8 pm.

28 Chili Cookoff & Springs Celebration w/Weeds of Eden, O'Leno State Park, 9 am-3 pm.

Muslim-Christian Dialog, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 10 am.

Fermentation Festival, WJ Ctr (321 NW 10th St), workshops, 3-9 pm.

"Celebrating the Labor & Lives of Trans Women" BBQ, CMC, 6 pm.

Gatorbone Trio, Prairie Creek Lodge.

4 Rad Press Café Re-opening, now dairy-friendly, CMC, 10 am; see pg 18.

Veg For Life vegan potluck: see 3/7.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF MOON BEGINS JUST BEFORE DAWN

History and the people who make it: Medea Benjamin

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler
This is the 25th in a series of transcript excerpts from the collection of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida.

Medea Benjamin was interviewed by Derrick Gomez [G] in 2014.

G: You’ve been an activist for several decades now, and it’s impossible not to admire your strong code of morality, your strong code of ethics. Can you tell me a little bit about where that came from?

B: It’s funny, just coming into here, I saw the students outside with the ROTC, and they were practicing their different maneuvers with guns. It made me very sad to see, and I just kind of flashed back to many decades ago when I was in school and there was a draft, and people didn’t have a choice. They were forced to go into the military and to be sent over to Vietnam to fight. My older sister had a boyfriend who was drafted into the military. And he would write her letters. The letters got more and more disturbing as the months went by. And then maybe six months into his deployment in Vietnam, he sent her back an ear of a Viet Cong, and he said that this was a souvenir that she could put around her neck and wear as a necklace. I was just so shocked by it, just the whole concept that this nice boy who six months earlier was just one of us, had suddenly turned into kind of a monster, who would think that another human being’s body part would be a souvenir.

I got involved then, started an anti-war group in my high school, started looking out to connect with tother grops. Got involved in politics ‘cause there was a congressman who was running for office on an anti-war ticket and I started volunteering on his campaign. So at the age of 16, I was suddenly an activist, and I guess I’ve been an activist ever since.

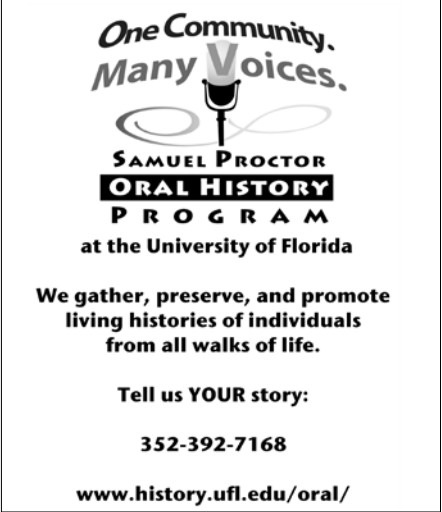
G: Do you think that the fact that there’s not a draft now makes a lot of youth more disengaged from anything that’s a peace movement and anything that’s activism?

B: It makes all the difference in the world. When I was young, the heart and soul of the peace movement was young people because we had a stake in it. Now the heart and soul of the peace movement is people my age in their sixties. It’s Vietnam War veterans and it’s been so hard to build a movement.

Now I must say that during the years when George Bush was president, it was easier

because there was the effort to drag us into a war, not only in Afghanistan, but in Iraq. There were people who thought, wait, Iraq had nothing to do with the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11. Why are we invading Iraq? And so we gained momentum and we got people out, hundreds of thousands of people out, and that included a lot of young people.

But after the U.S. went to war anyway,



young people got disillusioned. I remember young people coming up to me and saying, I’ve been out on the streets like for two years now and we haven’t gained anything! The U.S. is involved in the war and so I don’t think it’s worth continuing to go to protests or to organize on campus.

I thought, wow, you know, it took us a long time in Vietnam to stop that war, and it’s gonna take a long time to stop these wars. But since the youth don’t see directly the connection to their lives and they want immediate gratification and it’s not there, they dropped out.

We have in my organization—called Code Pink, which is a play on the color-coded terror alert system that George Bush put in place. It doesn’t exist anymore, but it was code yellow, orange, red, to make people aware that there was a more or less danger of a terrorist attack. But it didn’t make any sense because our government didn’t know when there was going to be a terrorist attack. People didn’t know what to do when the color code changed, and we thought it was just a way to keep people at a constant state of fear, and that we should have a different color-coded alert system. So we created this Code Pink alert.

Today, a new crop of young people have joined Code Pink who said we have to cre-

ate a youth movement. They started out by writing a manifesto called “There is no Future in War” and it’s really a very beautifully written document that goes through how the wars are affecting their lives, but it’s hidden from people. For example, they talk about student debt and say, we could all be going to school for free if we weren’t spending all this money on war. They talk about the lack of jobs for young people when they finish college or when they get out of high school and say we could be creating so many jobs.

Studies show that the military is the worst job creator. If you put a billion dollars into the military, you’ll only get about 11,700 jobs, according to a University of Massachusetts study, but if you put it into education, healthcare, green energy, or any other sector, you’ll create twice as many jobs, in some cases even more.

They look at different ways that militarization of our society has affected youth with the high level of criminalization [and] imprisonment of young people, the violence in our society in general and how war contributes to that, and they end up saying that their generation has basically only known war. Since the time they were aware, it’s been a constant state of war, and that for many, this has become normal.

They say war should not be the norm; peace should be the norm. So they’ve been going out to college campuses and trying to recruit young people to get involved around trying to stop militarization of their campuses, of their local police forces, trying to get ROTC off of campus, and other ways that they’re exposing the campus connections to war.

For example, the universities, often in engineering departments, get contracts from the military, and a lot of those contracts are to create more new and more lethal weapons for higher-tech wars. Or they find that their campus’s endowment fund is invested in Northrop Grumman or Lockheed Martin or some of the major weapons manufacturers.

There’s a lot of research to be done on campuses about the connections to what Eisenhower back in the 1950s called the military industrial complex, which is stronger than it ever was. Students are getting more involved now in finding those connections and seeing ways that they could start moving their universities away from being part of that.

G: What would you say to students who are disillusioned with the system since

both the Democratic and Republican Parties haven’t spoken out about drones and are on the same page about that issue?

B: Students, in this last election, voted in very low numbers because they’ve become very disillusioned and cynical, and they see that the two parties aren’t all that different. They’re somewhat different on social issues, they’re somewhat different on how they wanna spend taxpayer money, but when it comes to issues like war, they’re both part of the military industrial complex. It’s really better to call it the military industrial congressional caucus.

The weapons manufacturers are very smart. They put some part of their weapons manufacturing in every single congressional district. That way if there’s threats to cut the Pentagon budget, the congresspeople will say, oh no, you can’t cut that because it will affect jobs in my district. They lobby and they give money to the congresspeople in their districts. So there is this symbiotic relationship between the congress people, the weapons manufacturers. And there’s also a very symbiotic relationship between the Pentagon and the weapons manufacturers themselves because when they leave government office, they become board members or they get high-paid jobs, not only the weapons

manufacturers but the contractors ‘cause that is huge business now with privatization of many of the functions of the military. Under the period of George Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney was head of a company called Halliburton that got a five billion dollar no-bid contract, which means nobody else got to try to get this contract before the war in Iraq even started, and then afterwards got billions. So there’s a lot of money to be made and unfortunately, the Democrats and the Republicans are part of the problem.

There has to be another countervailing force, somebody else that gets the ear of the president as much as the Pentagon does, and there isn’t. That’s why we need this grassroots movement of activists, who are out on the streets organizing rallies saying, no war, who are in the offices of their congresspeople saying, spend money on books not bombs, who are calling up the hotline of the White House to say, don’t drag us into more wars. We have yet to build up a strong, effective citizen movement against war.

G: What is the relevance of the grassroots movement after Citizens United when money has infiltrated the political systems so deeply?

B: We have to see these things not as im-

pediments that make it impossible to make change, but as obstacles for us to overcome. In some ways, I think it’s exciting that we have these obstacles [laughter] and that we have to overcome them. And we will, because citizens’ movements really change history, whether you look at how slavery ended, how women got the vote, how gays and lesbians gained rights to something unthinkable a couple of years ago -- the right to marriage. It’s because of citizens’ movements. How did we get an 8-hour day in this country? How did we get vacation time? How did we get these gains that workers have today? It’s through grassroots movements. There is only really one answer and that is organizing.

Search for “Medea Benjamin” at <http://oral.history.ufl.edu/collection/> for the full transcript of this interview.

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Doctors’ group hails reintroduction of Medicare-for-all bill

by Physicians for a National Health Program

On Feb. 14, a national physicians group hailed the reintroduction of a federal bill that would upgrade the Medicare program and swiftly expand it to cover the entire population. The “Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act,” H.R. 676, introduced on Feb. 13 by Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., with 44 other House members, would replace today’s welter of private health insurance companies with a single, streamlined public agency that would pay all medical claims, much like Medicare works for seniors today.

Proponents say a Medicare-for-all system, also known as a single-payer system, would vastly simplify how the nation pays for care, improve patient health, restore free choice of physician, eliminate copays and deductibles, and yield substantial savings for individuals, families and the national economy.

“The global evidence is very clear: single-payer financing systems are the most equitable and cost-effective way to assure that everyone, without exception, gets high-quality care,” said Dr. Robert Zarr, president of Physicians for a National Health Program, a nonprofit research and educational group of 19,000 doctors nationwide. “Medicare is a good model to build on, and what better way to observe Medicare’s 50th anniversary year than to improve and extend the program and its benefits to people of all ages?”

Zarr, a Washington, D.C.-based pediatrician, said: “An expanded and improved Medicare-for-all program would assure truly universal coverage, cover all necessary services, and knock down the growing financial barriers to care – high premiums, co-pays, deductibles and coinsurance – that our nation’s patients and their families are increasingly running up against, often with calamitous results.

“Such a plan would save over \$400 billion a year currently wasted on private-insurance-related bureaucracy, paperwork and marketing. That’s enough money to provide first-dollar coverage for everyone in the country – without increasing U.S. health spending by a single penny.

“Such a program would also have the financial clout to negotiate with drug and medical equipment suppliers for lower prices, and would further save money through lump-sum budgeting for hospitals.

“In short,” Zarr said, “the enactment of Rep. Conyers’ bill would take us much further down the road to a humane, just and sustainable health care system than the 2010 health law, which, despite its modest benefits, will not be able to control costs and will still leave 31 million people uninsured in 2024, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Millions more will be inadequately insured, with skimpy coverage.” Zarr pointed out that the Census Bureau reports there were 5.9 million uninsured children in 2013.

“Surveys have repeatedly shown that about two-thirds of the public supports a Medicare-for-all approach,” he said, “and recent surveys show physician support is also strong and growing. Hundreds of labor, civic and faith-based organizations have endorsed this model of deep-going reform.

“As a doctor who sees the children of hard-pressed parents every day, I can tell you that the need for fundamental health care reform has never been greater,” he said. “It’s time to stop putting the interests of private insurance companies and Big Pharma over patient needs. It’s time to adopt a single-payer, improved-Medicare-for-all program in the United States.” 🐸

CHOMSKY, from p. 9

In fact, for a couple of years both sides were saying: there will never be Sunni-Shi'a conflicts. We're too intermingled in the nature of our lives, where we live, and so on. By 2006 there was a raging war. That conflict spread to the whole region. By now, the whole region is being torn apart by Sunni-Shi'a conflicts.

The natural dynamics of a conflict like that is that the most extreme elements begin to take over. They had roots. Their roots are in the major US ally, Saudi Arabia. That's been the major US ally in the region as long as the US has been seriously involved there, in fact, since the foundation of the Saudi state. It's kind of a family dictatorship. The reason is it has a huge amount oil.

Britain, before the US, had typically preferred radical Islamism to secular nationalism. And when the US took over, it essentially took the same stand. Radical

Islam is centered in Saudi Arabia. It's the most extremist, radical Islamic state in the world. It makes Iran look like a tolerant, modern country by comparison, and, of course, the secular parts of the Arab Middle East even more so.

It's not only directed by an extremist version of Islam, the Wahhabi Salafi version, but it's also a missionary state. So it uses its huge oil resources to promulgate these doctrines throughout the region. It establishes schools, mosques, clerics, all over the place, from Pakistan to North Africa.

An extremist version of Saudi extremism is the doctrine that was picked up by ISIS. So it grew ideologically out of the most extremist form of Islam, the Saudi version, and the conflicts that were engendered by the US sledgehammer that smashed up Iraq and has now spread everywhere. That's what Fuller means.

Saudi Arabia not only provides the

ideological core that led to the ISIS radical extremism, but it also funds them. Not the Saudi government, but wealthy Saudis, wealthy Kuwaitis, and others provide the funding and the ideological support for these jihadi groups that are springing up all over the place. This attack on the region by the US and Britain is the source, where this thing originates. That's what Fuller meant by saying the United States created ISIS.

You can be pretty confident that as conflicts develop, they will become more extremist. The most brutal, harshest groups will take over. That's what happens when violence becomes the means of interaction. It's almost automatic. That's true in neighborhoods, it's true in international affairs. The dynamics are perfectly evident. That's what's happening. That's where ISIS comes from. If they manage to destroy ISIS, they will have something more extreme on their hands. ✨

Lesson in deference

by Ameena Khan

To the stranger who stopped me today while I was out with my friend and our kids at the museum:

Before asking me what I think about ISIS, and then implying oh-so-politely that I am not American, please know the following: my first breath was of the air in Gainesville FL, my first steps were on the ground in Gainesville FL, my first solid foods were tasted in Gainesville FL, I was educated in Gainesville FL from preschool through grad school, I spent my summers swimming in the FL springs and floating down the Ichetucknee, I spent my springtimes playing in the warm FL rain, I spent my free time at my friends' houses eating pop-sicles and watching Nickelodeon. I have no connection to the violent political ideology that is terrorizing so many people (Muslims, more than any other group of people), and I have no answer when asked what you "as an American" can do.

Perhaps today I was not in the best of form when we spoke, and so I apologize if I seemed upset or was unable to respond eloquently. I didn't expect you to ask the questions that you did when you wandered over to us, and I wasn't prepared. On top of that, I am tired. I am tired of being expected to apologize every single day for something horrific and unimaginable that someone else does, I am tired of being expected to be a walking political science lecturer, I

See LESSON, p. 23

Citizen's Co-op Dispute Ends

by Joe Courter

The following was released to email, Facebook and the media in late February; it was welcome news:

Our Apology: We at Citizens Co-op have made mistakes in the past, but have recently been working to rectify them. In the past few months we have been meeting with the members of the Union who were fired on March 24, 2014 in order to make amends and come to resolution.

Some policies set in place did not protect our workers and did not live up to the standards that all members could support. Right now we are actively working to change policies including formal recognition of the union.

We are officially and publicly apologizing for terminating the unionized workers: Kelsey Naylor, Ryan O'Malley, Sylvia Arnold, and Teresa Burlingame. We apologize as well for the abrupt termination of our two longest standing employees: Julie Matheney and Kathy Whipple. In the future we hope that those who have lost faith will join us again and help this store continue to be a prosperous part of the Gainesville community.

Sincerely,

Citizens Co-op Board of Directors & General Manager

Just under one year after the controversy began, there is finally a resolution to the Co-op workers' situation. After a National Labor Relations Board ruling favorable to the workers on all counts, the Citizens Co-op has agreed to a settlement of back pay (originally \$17K, negotiated down to \$10K) and an offer of reinstatement to the four fired workers. The workers will receive a percentage of the payment up front, and then a combination of store credit and payments of 1 percent of the store's gross until paid up, which could be a year or less if business picks up. So SHOP CO-OP!

It is time to move forward. I have had conversations with the current store manager, Kim Drummond, and it has made me realize that there are different aspects to a Co-op which I had not been taking into account as I looked at the situation.

My personal experience with a Co-op model goes back decades to the Hogtown Granary, which provided a great social hub as well as good food. The pre-firings period of the Co-op had a similar feel with the leadership of Julie Matheney.

What Kim stressed to me is the other aspect of the Co-op that this store is striving toward, and that is the relationship of the store to local suppliers, making that farm to consumer connection which great benefits the local growers. That takes a lot of work to coordinate, and can mean some irregularity in product, but there is much higher percentage of local product than, say Wards or Lucky's.

So whether that social hub aspect can regenerate is really up to its members and the community, but Citizens Co-op has come out of its unfortunate bunker mentality and dealt with the errors made regarding the former workers. Great credit should go to Kim Drummond for keeping the store going after hiring into a very difficult situation. The Co-op Board owes her a great debt.

Congrats to the workers who stayed strong and positive through the long process, it was in the Co-op's interest that they raised their voice last year, and their flexibility in the settlement terms were done to keep the store vital. And let it be said again: SHOP CO-OP! ✨

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 20, 2015

Entries should be emailed to vfpeacepoetrycontest@gmail.com or mailed to:

VFP Peace Poetry Contest
2115 NW 7th Lane
Gainesville, FL 32603

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION: Please include the poet's name; grade level; school; parent/guardian and/or teacher's name; and two preferred methods of contact (e-mail, phone number and/or mailing address). Submission deadline is flexible; please contact us if you need more time.

Winners will receive a valuable prize and have their poems published in the 2015 Peace Poetry Contest Book. Winning poets will have the opportunity to read their pieces aloud at the public Peace Poetry Reading on May 9 in Gainesville. All poets will be notified, whether their poems place or not.

For additional information, email vfpeacepoetrycontest@gmail.com or call Sheila Payne at 352-373-3435.

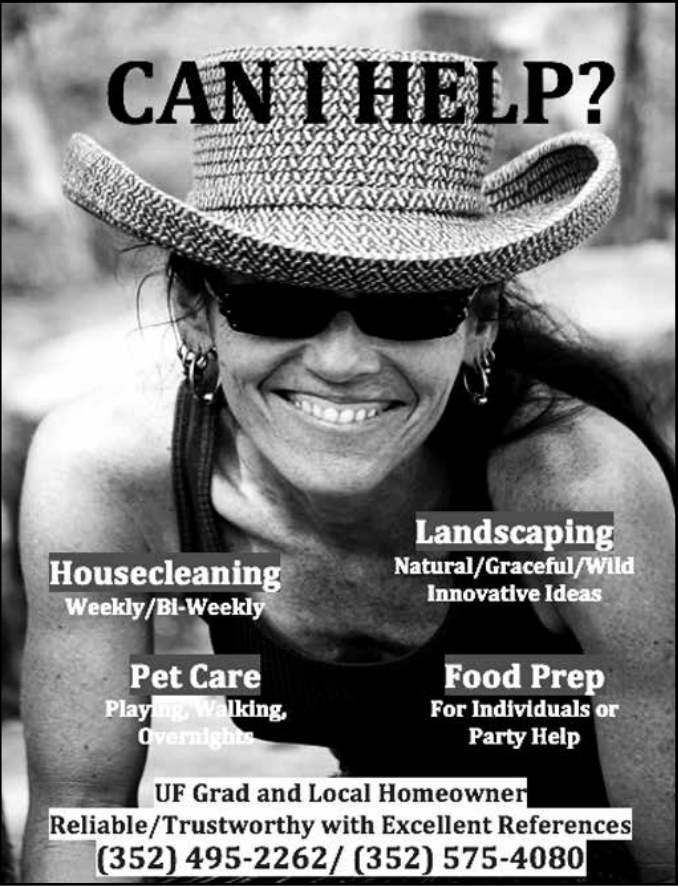


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Civic Media Center events - March 2015

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Every Thu:	Poetry Jam, 8 pm
Fri, Mar 6:	A Community of Calling-In, Intervention Skills Workshop at 7 pm
Mon, Mar 9:	Screening of “The Red Detachment of Women” sponsored by Gainesville Socialists
Thu, Mar 12:	Live Music with Ghost Mice, Super Famicom, Gutless and more at 10 pm
Fri, Mar 13:	Hip Hop Family Tree Comics Creator, Ed Piskor at 7 pm
Fri, Mar 13:	Live Music: Telomeres, Wax Wings and more at 9:30 pm
Sat, Mar 14:	Spring Benefit Concert at Akira Wood 3-8 pm (see page 21)
Sat, Mar 14:	Live Music: Renee is a Zombie, Flossie and The Fox, Victor Florence and more at 8 pm
Mon, Mar 16:	Alachua County Labor Coalition Presents “Made in Dagenham” at 7 pm
Tue, Mar 17:	Gainesville Socialists meeting at 7 pm
Fri, Mar 20:	CMC Annual SpringBoard Fundraiser at 6 pm at The Wooly (see page 24)
Sat, Mar 21:	To Write Love On Her Arms Benefit Show at 8 pm
Mon, Mar 23:	“Is The Man Who Is Tall Happy: An Animated Conversation with Noam Chomsky” at 7 pm
Tue, Mar 24:	Gainesville Socialists at 7 pm
Fri, Mar 27:	CHISPAS Art Auction 5 pm to 8 pm (part of Art Walk)
Sat, Mar 28:	Celebrating the Labor and Lives of Trans Women BBQ In Courtyard at 6 pm
Mon, Mar 30:	“Rosa Luxemburg” Presented by Gainesville Socialists at 7 pm

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Check website for details and additional events.

“It is futile to be ‘anti-Fascist’ while attempting to preserve capitalism,” George Orwell wrote. “Fascism after all is only a development of capitalism, and the mildest democracy, so-called, is liable to turn into Fascism.”

CIVIC MEDIA CENTER

Rad Press Cafe re-opening in CMC!

April 4 will mark the re-opening of Rad Press Cafe, formally Radical Press Coffee Collective.

The worker-run collective located inside the Civic Media Center has taken several months off to regroup and is now set to re-open, paying a set hourly wage to collective members for the first time.

Offering espresso drinks, drip coffee, shop-made lemonade and sodas, pre-made sandwiches, Strongtree’s fair trade organic coffee and Zapatista grown beans, you can expect the top quality product now with faster service.

In addition, Rad Press Cafe will now be carrying local dairy. Check the Radical Press Facebook page for more updates including hours. ☘

DUI TAI CHI - 4/1/15

In an effort to provide peace, enlightenment and practical skills training all in one seminar, a special one time only class will be offered on Wednesday, April 1.

Taught by the team of Wanda Notherwon and Mark O’Dibeiste, this will be a chance to improve balance, flexibility and hand-eye coordination and as well as learning to gain a sense of tranquility while in stressful situations.

Participants will gain experience in remaining centered and focused, blotting out auditory and visual distractions, and obtaining greater control of their personal performance levels in exercises developed from years of study by the team leaders.

In addition to classic Tai Chi movements, there will be heel-toe line walking, one legged stands, and eyes closed nose touching. Verbal skills such as backwards alphabet recitation and precise pronunciation will be taught as well.

This is a true sensory experience, and will include bright and flashing multicolor lights as well as simulated background radio chatter.

Contact class@yagetityet.com. ☘

ALACHUA COUNTY LABOR COALITION

Female workers push boundaries in ‘Made in Dagenham’

The Alachua County Labor Coalition is screening the film ‘Made in Dagenham’ as part of their on-going series of monthly labor film showings in the Alachua County community.

The film will be shown on Monday, March 16, at 7 pm at the Civic Media Center, 433 S. Main St.

The Gainesville area National Women’s Liberation and Gainesville NOW will co-sponsor the event.

‘Made in Dagenham’ is the 2010 film about female workers at the Ford Dagenham (England) car plant who walked out in protest against sexual discrimination.

Their actions played a major role in the battle for equal pay, both nationally and internationally.

Although the women are skilled upholstery seamstresses, they are classified as unskilled labor and paid a fraction of what the men make.

While trying to address their grievances with the company, the women become outraged by the lack of respect shown by the company. When their grievances go unanswered, the 187 women workers go on strike.

With humor, common sense and courage the women take on their bosses, and increasingly belligerent local community, and finally the government. Daring to stand up and push boundaries, the women changed a system that no one wanted to admit was broken.

Actors include Bob Hoskins and Rosamund Pike.

Free, donations accepted. ☘

UF Graduate Student Labor Union pushes for graduate assistant fee relief

By: Kevin Funk, Co-President, Graduate Assistants United (GAU)

Every semester, the University of Florida’s 4,000 graduate, teaching, and research assistants are responsible for paying exorbitant university fees. This spring 2015 semester, most of us will pay around \$700 back to our employer. For many, this is more than the amount of their biweekly paycheck.

That the university would charge its graduate assistants such a significant amount in fees—hundreds of dollars higher per semester on average than its peer institutions—is especially ironic given the recent campaign, which Graduate Assistants United (GAU) supports, to turn the University of Florida into a Top 10 public research institution.

Graduate Assistant poverty is a very real but hidden problem that affects many members of the Gator Nation. At a time in which the university’s budget is increasing, and university administrators are receiving substantial raises, GAU calls on the University of Florida to make Graduate Assistants a priority and ease the significant fee burden that is pushing so many of us below the poverty line.

On Friday, March 13, our Graduate Assistant community will gather together at Turlington Plaza to push for fee relief and remind our administrators that the University of Florida only works because we do. It is time for the administration to recognize our fundamental contributions to the university’s mission by providing Graduate Assistants with fair and livable compensation packages. ☘

Paying those fees ain't no joke! UF GAS are flat spring broke!

A cartoon piggy bank with a sad face, standing next to the words "SPRING BROKE" in large, bold, block letters.

Join GAU in rallying for change on March 13!

Who: Graduate Assistants and anyone who cares about UF's quality of education

What: Rally against GA fees

Where: Turlington Plaza

When: Friday, March 13 (time TBA)

Why: Because we are tired of paying to work!

The logo for Graduate Assistants United, featuring the text "Graduate Assistants United" in a stylized font, with "YOUR UNION. YOUR VOICE." written in smaller text below it.

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http://www.wmnf.org/news_stories/report-exposes-link-between-dirty-money-and-floridas-dirty-waterways


 **5 Ways Fraternities Are Wielding Major Influence Over University Administrations**
Their power is growing ...
<http://www.alternet.org/education/5-ways-fraternities-are-wielding-major-influence-over-university-administrations>



 **Florida Senator Submits Bill to Legalize Recreational Marijuana**
Amid a long-running debate about legalizing medical marijuana, South Florida Senator Dwight Bullard wants to go a step further and allow the recreational use of pot.
<http://naturalrevolution.org/florida-senator-submits-bill-to-legalize-recreational-marijuana/>

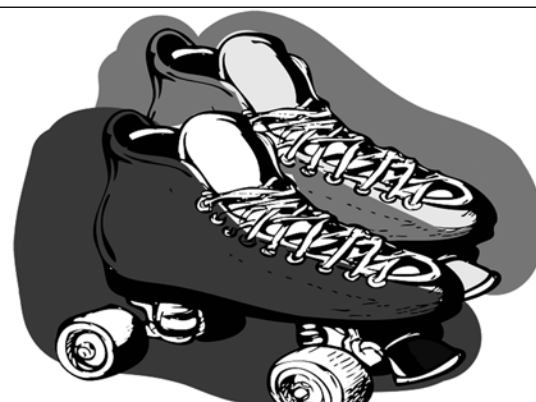

 **George Zimmerman won't face civil rights charges in Trayvon Martin's death**
"The death of Trayvon Martin was a devastating tragedy," Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. said in a statement. "It shook an entire community, drew the attention of millions across the nation, and sparked a painful but necessary dialogue throughout the country."
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2015/02/24/george-zimmerman-wont-face-civil-rights-charges-in-trayvon-martins-death/>










 **What ISIS Really Wants**
The Islamic State is no mere collection of psychopaths. It is a religious group with carefully considered beliefs, among them that it is a key agent of the coming apocalypse. Here's what that means for its strategy—and for how to stop it.
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 **Power and "Political Correctness"**
Stephanie Zvan weighs in on "callout culture" and "political correctness."
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The following schedule is subject
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Sun 5 pm Joe and Craig Show

Mon 5 pm Street Nuts
7 pm Malum
8 pm The Sum of Your Life

Tue 10 am The Serene City
4 pm Copyright Issue
6 am Your Used To Be
8 pm Lost Sharks

Wed 12 am Pyramid Society 64
9 am Sax and Violins
1 pm The 2nd Ave. Shuffle
3 pm The Quiet City
5 pm An Average Day
9 pm The Otherness

Thu 12 pm Things Be Blowin'
2 pm The Breakup Song
4 pm Hope & Anchor
6 pm The Kitchen Sink
8 pm florida rules
10 pm Eagle Death

Fri 3 pm Ectasy To Frenzy
5 pm Artichokeification
7 pm Jazzville
9 pm Bag of Tricks

Sat 3 pm Brazillian Commando
7 pm Planet of Sound
9 pm Reality Bites 🐶

B is for billion: What military cuts?

by Raed Jarrar

*This article was originally published on
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This week we'll hear proposals to massively
increase military spending in the face of last
year's outcries about "draconian" cuts to our
defense budget and criticism of "out of con-
trol" spending on public services. But don't
be fooled by the hyperbole. In fact, our mili-
tary budget, still at historically unprecedented
highs, was cut by less than one percent last
year. The president's proposed FY16 budget
again preserves our outsized military spend-
ing while continuing a long, dangerous trend
of underfunding human needs.

I might describe cuts that will displace
thousands of children from Head Start
programs as ugly, or cuts to low-income
families already struggling to survive
as brutal. And cuts to the Supplemental
Nutrition Assistance Program that might
send millions of kids to bed hungry could
be described as draconian. But the mili-
tary spending cuts that we've had so far
are as gentle and easy as cuts come. A bet-
ter grasp on how much our government
is actually spending on the military might
be the first step to an honest debate about
our spending priorities.

It's hard to follow the money, even for
those of us who study the budget process.
For example, the original cuts slated for
military spending under the Budget Con-
trol Act in FY14 amounted to around \$56
billion. However, there was a \$20.3 bil-
lion reduction in cuts through the Bipar-
tisan Budget Act of 2013, then another
\$20 billion of non-war funding that was
requested by the Pentagon, and an addi-
tional \$10.8 billion from a Congressional
war funding account (read slush fund) to
cover regular military expenses. The final
Pentagon reduction: \$3.6 billion.

Is that a big cut? Not to an overall mili-
tary budget of well over half a trillion
dollars annually, a mindboggling amount
that represents nearly half of the entire
world's military spending. But the money
we spend on the military in the name of
security becomes even more astounding
when you consider what we're not will-
ing to invest federal dollars in.

I recently started attending meetings with
other community members to discuss the
U.S. non-military budget, and the newly
imposed cuts in this sequestration era.
In my first meeting, the chair began list-
ing the millions of dollars in cuts on the
table to several domestic human needs

programs. "Excuse me," I said. "Didn't
you mean billions with a B?" Everyone
laughed and said it would be a dream for
even \$1 billion to be spent on any of the
programs being discussed.

It's hard for most of us to understand the
difference between a million and a bil-
lion. But think about it this way: a million
minutes ago it was March of 2013. A bil-
lion minutes ago was just after the time of
Jesus. What a difference a letter makes!

Not many Americans realize that the vast
majority of the U.S. discretionary bud-
get goes to military spending. This is the
spending that Congress has authority to
determine every year — a good indica-
tor of our priorities as a nation. Although
the official Pentagon budget in 2015 is
"only" \$495 billion, the actual budget
for all Pentagon expenses is \$645 billion.
If we add the cost of nuclear weapons
(usually classified under the Department
of Energy) the total is around \$665 bil-
lion, which is more than 57 percent of
this year's discretionary spending. The
rest — less than 43 percent — will cover
a broad set of public services, including
education, environmental protection, job
training, scientific research, transporta-
tion, economic development, and a bunch
of low-income assistance programs.

No sticker shock yet? Wait until you hear
about our so-called "National Security
Budget." When you add the Pentagon ex-
penses to all the other money we spend
on veteran's affairs, non-Department of
Defense national security, and the share
of interest on our national debt attributed
to military spending, the number in 2015
is \$1,009.5 billion. That is one trillion —
with a "t" — and 9 billion bucks. It looks
like this: \$1,009,000,000,000.

Meanwhile, since 2011, members of Con-
gress from both sides of the aisle have
scrambled to add billions back to the mili-
tary budget, even as they've cut a further \$87
billion — a staggering 15 percent — from
regular non-defense discretionary spending.
These programs are now in the fifth year of
an austerity drive that is a true security crisis.

I'll leave you with this: While a million
seconds adds up to less than two weeks, a
trillion seconds ago is almost 32,000 years
to date. This is right around the time Ne-
anderthals were discussing their national
security (no offense to creationists).

It's about time for us to mind our Ms, Bs,
and Ts and bring our budget priorities into
the 21st century. 🐶

LESSON, from p. 16

am tired of being held to a standard that I
usually fall short of. I am just tired.

So, I am sorry that I could not give you the
answers you were seeking, but next time
may I suggest that you save your ques-
tions for an appropriate venue, rather than
asking a random stranger who is with her
friend and their children playing in a mu-
seum.

Sincerely, Ameena

*Editor's Note: It should be noted that the
person who asked about ISIS was a polite
older woman. Inappropriate questions
need not be aggressive to be offensive. A
lesson for us all. 🐶*

SPRINGBOARD, from p. 24

Award, which is given to local organizers
in recognition of their contribution to
the movement in which Jack Penrod
dedicated his life. Penrod fought in the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the
Spanish Civil War. The awardee is chosen
by the Penrod Committee, made up of
members from United Faculty of Florida,
Alachua County Labor Coalition and
Veterans for Peace. The year's award will
go to Jason Fults, long-time activist with
the Alachua County Labor Coalition and
with Gainesville Loves Mountains.

The event will be held from 6 to 10 pm
at the Woolly, 20 N. Main St. In addition
to the program speakers, there will be a
raffle, a silent auction, and a wide array of
food offerings from The Top Restaurant.

Advance tickets are available at the
Civic Media Center, 433 S. Main St.,
at McIntyre Stain Glass in Thornbrook
Village and at Arrow's Aim Records, next
to the Woolly at University and North.
Main. Tickets will be \$25 (\$45 for 2)
and \$35 (\$65 for 2) at the event. Tickets
may also be purchased online at www.CivicMediaCenter.org. 🐶

*"Here in America we are
descended in blood and in
spirit from revolutionists
and rebels - men and women
who dared to dissent from
accepted doctrine. As their
heirs, may we never confuse
honest dissent with disloyal
subversion."*

-- Dwight Eisenhower

Journalist Terry Anderson to speak at CMC's SpringBoard, March 20

by Nancy Jones

On Friday, March 20, the Civic Media Center will present its 16th annual SpringBoard fundraising event with veteran journalist, Terry Anderson, addressing "Journalists: You May Not Like Us, but You'd be Sorry if We Were Gone." In Terry's words: "Journalists have popularity ratings lower than any other profession except lawyers. People accuse them of bias, of inaccuracy, of rudeness and arrogance.

But without them, you likely wouldn't have many of the freedoms you do, and you would have even less control over your government."

Anderson is an adjunct professor of International Journalism at the University of Florida. His bestselling book, "Den of Lions," recounts the years he spent as a hostage in Lebanon where he was kidnapped while serving as bureau chief for the Associated Press. Anderson was one of 92 mostly western European and American individuals kidnapped between 1982 and 1992 by Islamic

Jihad, a cell of the Lebanese militia, Hezbollah, who had longstanding ties to the Iranian government. In 1985, when Ronald Reagan's aide, Marine Colonel Oliver North, tried to secure the release of Anderson and fellow hostages by persuading the Iranians to arm the Nicaraguan Contras, the resulting scandal embroiled the administration and led to the conviction of several high-ranking officials of Reagan and George W. Bush.

After his release in 1992 and the publication of his book in 1993, Anderson engaged in a variety of pursuits including horse ranching, running a restaurant, political campaigning, starting philanthropic organizations and teaching. Throughout his various activities Anderson kept close ties with his first passion, journalism, in part through his participation with the Committee to Protect Journalists, of which he is honorary chairman.

The celebration will also include the presentation of the Jack Penrod Brigadas

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