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The attack on women's right to reproductive freedom rages on, and this time it's in the form of a concerted effort to ban abortions after 20 weeks (a significant decrease from the 24 weeks set as precedent in Roe v. Wade).

The most notable of these efforts is in Texas where State Senator Wendy Davis and the people of Texas attempted to stop the passage of the restrictive bill through a 10-plus-hour filibuster. We've also seen similar legislation introduced in North Carolina and passed in Ohio in the last couple weeks. This is no coincidence, as you'll read below.

And don't be surprised if (when?) a similarly oppressive abortion bill comes to Florida. It wouldn't be the first time Gov. Rick Scott followed Gov. Perry's lead. And, reportedly, Sen. Marco Rubio is working with other legislators on a bill in the U.S. Senate banning abortions after 20 weeks. You can read more about this in "20-week ban latest assault on abortion rights," published by the Sun-Sentinel on July 8 at http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2013-07-08/news/ft-editorial-abortion-gs-20130708_1_20-weeks-abortion-rights-24-weeks.

The article below was originally published on July 3 by the San Antonio Current. Read more at sacurrent.com.

Notorious abortion bill inspired by draft legislation for national anti-abortion group

by Mary Tuma

When questioned by colleagues about legislation that, if enacted, would destroy abortion access in Texas, bill authors state Rep. Jodie Laubenberg (R-Parker) and state Sen. Glenn Hegar (R-Katy) of-

tentimes fumbled their responses, evaded definitive answers or simply didn't have the knowledge or data to back them up, making for some cringe-worthy exchanges under the Capitol dome.

The two lawmakers appeared flummoxed at what most would consider basic facts of the content and context of their legislation as well as the state's reproductive health care environment altogether—so much so that, in the middle of a series of questions about abortion regulation, an astonished state representative asked Laubenberg outright on the House floor, "How do you not know this?"

The lack of knowledge had some wondering how authors of a bill with so much weight and such a devastating impact

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For more info, check out LABOR DAZE FEST 2013 on facebook. Holler if you want to help out. 🐢

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by Citizens Co-Op

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From the publisher ...

Knowledge and Power

by Joe Courter



As the summer of 2013 unfolds, I'm reminded of the Phil Ochs song, "Cops of the World," which is a pointed criticism of U.S. foreign policy circa 1965.*

Well, the weapons, tactics and geographic locations have changed, but still this nation's large, self-righteous footprint is all over the world. Another difference, though, is that the rest of the world is noticing, and through information-sharing, beginning to collectively object and in numerous cases resist.

We saw a preview of this on February 15, 2003, when up to 30 million people in over 100 nations around the world demonstrated against the imminent U.S. invasion and war in Iraq. At that time, I remember comments being made that if the U.S. was now that globe's sole superpower, then the counter-balance must be everybody else.

That is what is driving the U.S. government crazy about Julian Assange and WikiLeaks; it has exposed international meddling and surveillance practices—probably long-running practices—to the light of day. Those exposed practices helped spark the uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. What Bradley Manning helped expose was the true face of the war in Iraq, a distant helicopter "lighting up" civilians on the ground with jocular commentary. Edward Snowden is another crack in the facade of this "exceptional" nation, for what he has revealed is not all that new but it was largely unseen and unreported.

Look, the reason the government has been scooping up all this meta-data is because the technology allows them to. Fact is it is easier to scoop it all up and then look for specific things, than it is to target someone away from the whole. It is a fact of modern times, and it's been with us since pre-2001. Bill Moyers had Larry Lessig on a recent show (5/21/13), and it showed Lessig testifying before Congress about it in 1998!

That they do it is not an issue; what they do with it is, and how we as a nation can guard against even further losses of our civic liberties.

Arrogance and impunity are the hallmarks of a bully, and with our exposed spying, our drones, our internal meddling in other nations for our benefit—the world is starting to resist. They are resisting the draconian austerity measures required by the U.S.-led finance system. In other cases, they have learned how their authoritarian leaders have been propped up by the West, and are overthrowing them. In the short term, this has led to some less-than-good outcomes, as abundant weaponry, political squabbling, and unleashed religious rivalries have created chaotic situations. (Authoritarian governments do have a handle on keeping the peace; Iraq was a high functioning society in 2003 prior to the invasion, even with the sanctions imposed by the U.S.)

We are also seeing Republican State legislatures going after abortion rights, and these bully tactics being met with energized opposition from women and men. We are also seeing organized labor asserting itself; not just in Madison, WI, but by fast food workers, hotel workers, and even Wal-Mart workers. North Carolina's "Moral Mondays" are an impressive, broad-based response to reactionary legislative activity.

Bullies have always existed. When we hear about the resistance to bullying in schools now, its not because bullying has been on the rise; it is because the bullied are organizing and speaking out. Victims of rape, of torture, of environmental degradation, of financial exploitation, are speaking out and organizing. And the bullies know it, and fear it.

* (And please, if you don't know who Phil Ochs was, find him on YouTube.) 🐸

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A monument to atheism ... in Starke?

by Pierce Butler ments (mostly death).

Starke, Fla., Bradford County seat, now has another claim to fame beyond its notoriety as a speed trap.

Starke hosts the nation's first atheist monument on government property, a combined pillar and bench at the Bradford County courthouse installed on June 29 by American Atheists, Inc. (AA). Between 200 and 300 people attended the dedication ceremony, along with Confederate-flag-bearing protestors and a noisy "Honk for Jesus" crew across the street.

In the spring of 2012, a local Community Men's Fellowship spent an estimated \$20,000 to place a 3-ton marble slab bearing an abridged Ten Commandments in the courthouse entrance area, promptly triggering a lawsuit from Starke resident Daniel Cooney and AA. The plaintiffs charged that parking the large display of a religious message in that location violated the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, favoring one group of believers while alienating all others, and asked that the monument be removed.

A year later, a settlement emerged: the monument would stay, but part of the courtyard was declared a "free speech zone" so that other groups could express differing viewpoints. Making lemonade from their loss, AA commissioned "a monument to our secular nation"—a 1,500-pound synthetic granite bench marked with AA's name and logo, joined to a 5-foot pillar, bearing quotations from three "Founding Fathers," the first U.S. foreign treaty, and Madalyn Murray O'Hair (who founded AA 50 years ago), plus a brief analysis of biblical punishments for violating the command-

The dedication went fairly smoothly, with morning rains auspiciously clearing up as the event began. The "League of the South" marched quietly away, deputies persuaded the Jesus-honkers across Highway 301 to turn down their Christo-country music, and a



An atheist believes that a hospital should be built instead of a church. An atheist believes that a deed must be done instead of a prayer said. An atheist strives for involvement in life and not escape into death. He wants disease conquered, poverty banished, war eliminated.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair

The American Atheists, Inc. dedicated the nation's first monument to atheism in Starke on June 29. For a full video of the dedication ceremony, search for "Atheist Monument Dedication - Starke, Florida" on YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UUSBVML-JpGSXfieLidTu8Q&v=BpPg19WXXNw>. Photos by Brigitta Cuadros.

selection of Florida freethought leaders, plus one Bradford County commissioner, gave brief talks. An evangelist from Canada attempted to "complete" the bench by adding a toilet seat; another, Eric Hovind (son of Pensacola creationist Kent Hovind, now in federal prison for tax evasion), leapt atop the pillar to yell a few slogans; both were quickly shouted down by the crowd. (Nothing comparable by protestors was reported at the dedication of the first monument last year.)

None of the speakers observed that the original monument, which had caused all the turmoil, was a "For Dummies" version, and arguably an insult to both Jewish and Christian traditions. Though written in imitation 17th-century English ("Thou shalt..."), the Bradford County Decalogue has a mere 67 words—the King James version of the same text [Exodus 20:3-17] has 297.

David Silverman, president of American Atheists, announced that an anonymous donor had contributed enough money to build about 50 more such monuments.

Given the rash of territory-marking by Christianists in north central Florida—similar shrines dominate the entrances to courthouses in Dixie and Levy counties, just to name two — we can expect repeats of this event around the area in the near future. Meanwhile, open space remains in front of the Bradford County Courthouse — perhaps Thor, Aphrodite, or the Flying Spaghetti Monster will be honored there next. As Steve Benen observed on Rachel Maddow's blog:

"The alternative is the government remaining neutral, and leaving these monuments for private property, but Ten Commandments activists said that's not what they want. They opened the door, and it's going to get crowded as others walk through it." 🐉

"... the government of the United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion ..."

(From the Treaty of Tripoli, negotiated under George Washington, signed by John Adams, and unanimously approved by the U.S. Senate in 1797.)

Senate immigration bill: unfair, unjust, unwise

by United Methodist Women

This statement regarding the Immigration “reform” bill passed by the U.S. Senate on June 27 was originally published by United Methodist Women on July 5 at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/news/press/item/index.cfm?id=1178&pv=1>.

United Methodist Women has deep concerns with “The Border Security, Economic Opportunity & Immigration Modernization Act” (S. 744) passed by the Senate on June 27. Hailed as a historic vote in advancing comprehensive immigration reform, the legislation offers a grueling pathway to citizenship for a limited number of immigrants while authorizing unprecedented militarization of the U.S.-Mexican border.

“We desperately need immigration reform, but this is not the reform we need,” stated Harriett Jane Olson, United Methodist Women’s general secretary and CEO. “As we pause this week to celebrate Independence Day, it is a moment to look deeply into the vision and meaning of this nation.”

We understand the national debate on immigration as part of this ongoing civil rights agenda in the United States—an agenda that calls us to live up to the vision of a just and inclusive nation. Our nations’ leaders are prioritizing military spending over the health and well-being of our communities.

Brutal elements of border security

Brutal new elements of border security changed the character of Senate Bill 744. As amended, the bill:

- Requires law enforcement to apprehend 90 percent of the people coming across the border without proper papers.
- Escalates the enforcement budget from \$4.5 billion to \$46 billion.
- Doubles the number of border patrol officers from 20,000 to 40,000.
- Requires construction of an additional 700 miles of double border fencing, waiving environmental protections regarding wall construction.
- Expands drone and other forms of surveillance through a 24 hour “virtual fence.”
- Makes the E-verify system obligatory for all employers.

Women and children will not benefit from bill

This is unfair, unjust and unwise. United Methodist Women sees the faces of those who will not benefit from this bill:

- Families served by our National Mission Institutions near the border who fear seeking services because of harassment by the border patrol.
- A domestic worker who cannot get on the pathway to citizenship because an employer laid her off and she hasn’t been able to find a job in less than the 60-day unemployment window.
- A woman with provisional status ineligible for Medicaid so cannot afford to take her children to the doctor.
- An older woman, working and paying taxes in the United States for decades, who won’t access Social Security during a minimum 13-year wait for citizenship.
- The thousands of families divided due to an intensification of detention and deportation policies.

- An immigrant woman incarcerated because of lack of papers, forced to give birth in shackles.
- An unauthorized immigrant woman who arrived after the cut-off date for legalization who fears detention and losing custody of her children.

Toward humane immigration policy

United Methodist Women rejects the disciplinary nature of the current Senate immigration bill and proposals in the House of Representatives. “Rather than target and criminalize immigrants for coming to the United States without papers, we must address the reasons that migrants are forced to come. Human rights and racial justice must be at the core of both U.S. economic and immigration policy,” said Janis Rosheuvel, executive for racial justice....

United Methodist Women National Office reiterates our core concerns for just immigration reform:

- Offer a rapid and affordable pathway to citizenship for all unauthorized immigrants.
- Offer public services, including health care, to immigrants regardless of status.
- Reunite families and keep families together.
- Protect the labor rights of both immigrant and U.S. workers.
- Guarantee due process and protect the civil and human rights of all immigrants.
- Demilitarize the U.S.-Mexico border
- End enforcement practices that criminalize migrants because of their status.
- Address migrant women’s rights: precarious work conditions, protection and redress from violence.
- Develop humane economic, trade and foreign policies to reduce forced migration.
- Suspend detention and deportation of migrants and shift resources to underserved communities.

“United Methodist Women has worked tirelessly for justice for immigrants,” said Carol Barton, executive for community action and coordinator of United Methodist Women’s Immigrant and Civil Rights Initiative. “These turn of events makes it more urgent for us to continue our advocacy for positive immigration reform.” 🐾

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Whistleblowing 2.0

From the Pentagon Papers to Bradley Manning to PRISM

by Patrick McCurdy

This article was originally published by Waging NonViolence on June 19. Read the original at <http://wagingnonviolence.org/feature/whistleblowing-2-0-from-the-pentagon-papers-to-bradley-manning-to-prism/>.

With computer technician Edward Snowden's bombshell revelations about the extent of state snooping—coupled with the ongoing court martial of Private Bradley Manning — 2013 is the year of the whistleblower. These ongoing cases also highlight the perennial plight of the whistleblower along with the state's enduring efforts to prosecute them as a means to reinforce rank and file obedience.

Information has always been a battleground. But, in an age of networked communication, the whistleblowing game is changing what information is leaked and who has the opportunity to leak it. What has changed little are the consequences for those who dare to become whistleblowers.

Few aspects of our lives remain unaffected by the ascent of the information society. Equally, the NSA leaks suggest there are few aspects of our digital lives which are not subject to mass surveillance of some kind. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange recently and accurately quipped that Facebook was "the most appalling spying machine that has ever been invented."

The information hungry security-state cannot (yet) be run by computers alone.

Its vast networks require architects, admins, analysts, auditors, developers, engineers and others. These high tech trades do not work exclusively for the government. Instead, many are brought into the fold in a neoliberal partnership where work is contracted out to multimillion dollar consulting companies and private security firms.

Nowhere is the scale of the security state more apparent than the vast numbers of people authorised to access classified information. For example, while the U.S. government will not confirm numbers, the BBC has conservatively estimated that "2.5 million U.S. military and civilian personnel" can access SIPRNET, the source of the Cablegate diplomatic cables. Thus Manning's SIPRNET access—along with at least 2.5 million fellow security-cleared individuals—is not exceptional but typical of military work in the network society.

Whistleblowing is no longer the sole domain of key-holding, Harvard-educated elites at the top of the information food chain. Both Bradley Manning and Edward Snowden held low-level positions relative to their chain of command and security clearance. In a vast system where millions of government and contracted personnel have access to troves of data, leaking is an opportunity available to anyone with clearance, opportunity and motive.

In the age of Whistleblowing 2.0, not only are the whistleblowers different; the

data is different too. Digital information is promiscuous. In the bygone days of analog leaking, paper memos or photograph negatives could be incinerated, leaving little evidence of their existence. While leaks can still come in the form of detailed secret reports, they may also appear as unwieldy datasets requiring specialised computer and analytical skills to unpack and interpret them.

As the Snowden case attests, leaks can also be as banal as a PowerPoint presentation. Yet, as Slavoj Žižek has argued, the value in such disclosures isn't necessarily in their actual content—how surprising is it, really?—but in pushing the public to a point where it can no longer pretend not to know.

Aware of this fact, in 2008 the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Center penned a classified report on WikiLeaks — eventually, in turn, released by WikiLeaks — which stated: "Web sites such as Wikileaks.org use trust as a center of gravity by protecting the anonymity and identity of the insiders, leakers, or whistleblowers. The identification, exposure, or termination of employment of or legal actions against current or former insiders, leakers, or whistleblowers could damage or destroy this center of gravity and deter others from using Wikileaks.org to make such information public."

In short: If you can't denigrate the message, denigrate the messenger. Indeed, there has been no shortage of malicious

Whistleblower Resources

There's too much going on to fit it all in one issue. So we've provided links to information we think is worthwhile. Take a look!

Bradley Manning Support Network:
www.bradleymanning.org

Glenn Greenwald and The Guardian (where Snowden's leaks were initially published):
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/profile/glenn-greenwald>

The Dissenter at FireDogLake.com:
<http://dissenter.firedoglake.com>

Statement by Julian Assange after One Year in Ecuadorian Embassy:
<http://wikileaks.org/Statement-by-Julian-Assange-after,249.html>

Democracy Now! Whistleblower Special, July 4:
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2013/7/4>

Whistleblowers Kevin Gosztola, Thomas Drake, and Jesselyn Radack at the Left Forum:
<http://dissenter.firedoglake.com/2013/06/10/video-kevin-gosztola-on-the-left-forum-panel/>

"Snowden Made the Right Call when He Fled the U.S.," weditorial by Pentagon Papers whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/daniel-ellsberg-nsa-leaker-snowden-made-the-right-call/2013/07/07/0b46d96c-e5b7-11e2-ae3f-339619eab080_story.html

Florida Whistleblower Act:
http://fchr.state.fl.us/complaints__1/florida_s_whistleblower_s_act

misgiving lobbed at WikiLeaks' Julian Assange; Vice President Joe Biden once likened Assange to a "high tech terrorist." State efforts to defame the messenger are nothing new, and there are striking parallels with Daniel Ellsberg's 1971 unauthorized leak of the Pentagon Papers.

Like Manning and likely Snowden to come, Daniel Ellsberg was charged under the 1917 Espionage Act. White House tapes released in April 2001 reveal that President Richard Nixon was keen to seek retribution in the Pentagon Papers case stating, on June 15, 1971: "Goddamn it. ... Somebody has got to go to jail [pounding desk]. Somebody's got to go to jail, that's all there is to it. Our people here can't just [unclear] anything about the war. ... You've got to fight it."

President Nixon also wanted to go beyond the criminal courts and try Daniel Ellsberg in the media, as an extract of a conversation between President Nixon, Henry Kissinger and U.S. Attorney General John N. Mitchell makes clear.

"We've got to get him," Nixon said of Ellsberg. "Don't worry about his trial. Just get everything out. Try him in the press. Try him in the press. Everything, John, that there is on the investigation, get it out, leak it out. We want to destroy him in the press. Press. Is that clear?"

Kissinger and Mitchell agreed. Nixon knew the information could not be discredited, so he had to discredit the messenger. At minimum, character assassination must also be anticipated. (In Assange's case, his physical assassination was actually called for.) State power, especially for government workers, is premised on obedience. Thus Nixon wanted to send a clear message to any possible whistleblowers that they could expect the full force of the law if they followed their conscience instead of government codes of conduct.

In the midst of the unfolding leaks making headline news we must not lose sight of symbolism laden in the public shaming and punishment of whistleblowers. Manning's prosecution in the public eye, and the yet-to-be-determined government response to Edward Snowden, will no doubt be constructed to visibly convey the seriousness of betraying state secrets. It is not only Bradley Manning who is on trial but the very act of leaking and whistleblowing. While the U.S. government is not seeking the death penalty in its charge

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In their own words:

Bradley Manning

The court martial of PFC Bradley Manning finally began on June 3, more than three years after his initial arrest in May 2010, and is still ongoing as of press time. During the time of his incarceration, Manning, the 25-year-old Army intelligence analyst arrested for allegedly leaking classified material to WikiLeaks, was charged with 22 offenses and has been prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and beyond for his dedication to transparency and truth in government. Below is an excerpt from testimony he gave before the judge at his arraignment in February; the testimony was transcribed by the Bradley Manning Support Network. Read the full testimony at <http://www.bradleymanning.org/news/bradley-mannings-statement-taking-responsibility-for-releasing-documents-to-wikileaks>.

For me, the SigActs [Significant Activities reports] represented the on-the-ground reality of the conflicts in both Iraq and Afghanistan. I felt that we were risking so much for people that seemed unwilling to cooperate with us, leading to frustration and [hatred? anger] on both sides.

I began to become depressed with the situation we found ourselves increasingly mired in. The SigActs documented this in great detail and provided a context of what we were seeing on the ground. In attempting to conduct counter-terrorism or CT and counter-insurgency COIN operations we became obsessed with capturing and killing human targets on lists and on being suspicious of and avoiding cooperation with our Host Nation partners, ignoring the second and third order effects of accomplishing short-term goals and missions.

I believed that if the general public, especially the American public, had access to the information contained within the CIDNE-I and CIDNE-A tables it could spark a domestic debate on the role of the military and our foreign policy in general as it related to Iraq and Afghanistan.

I also believed the detailed analysis of the data over a long period of time by different sectors of society might cause society to reevaluate the need or even the desire to even to engage in counter-terrorism and counterinsurgency operations that ignore the complex dynamics of the people living in the affected environment everyday. 🐱

Edward Snowden

Edward Snowden came forward in June as the man who leaked details about the National Security Agency's extensive surveillance of Americans, foreign governments and individuals around the world. As of press time, he remained in the Moscow airport, where he has been since June 23. Snowden was offered asylum in Nicaragua, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador and Russia. On July 12, he released a statement accepting all offers of asylum. An excerpt of his statement is below. Read the full statement on CommonDreams.org at <http://www.commondreams.org/view/2013/07/12-6>.

I believe in the principle declared at Nuremberg in 1945: "Individuals have international duties which transcend the national obligations of obedience. Therefore individual citizens have the duty to violate domestic laws to prevent crimes against peace and humanity from occurring."

Accordingly, I did what I believed right and began a campaign to correct this wrongdoing. I did not seek to enrich myself. I did not seek to sell US secrets. I did not partner with any foreign government to guarantee my safety. Instead, I took what I knew to the public, so what affects all of us can be discussed by all of us in the light of day, and I asked the world for justice.

Since that time, the government and intelligence services of the United States of America have attempted to make an example of me, a warning to all others who might speak out as I have. I have been made stateless and hounded for my act of political expression. The United States Government has placed me on no-fly lists. It demanded Hong Kong return me outside of the framework of its laws, in direct violation of the principle of non-refoulement — the Law of Nations. It has threatened with sanctions countries who would stand up for my human rights and the UN asylum system. It has even taken the unprecedented step of ordering military allies to ground a Latin American president's plane in search for a political refugee.

These dangerous escalations represent a threat not just to the dignity of Latin America, but to the basic rights shared by every person, every nation, to live free from persecution, and to seek and enjoy asylum. 🐱



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This inaugural Summit will consider the
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What are we doing, what needs to be
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PFLAG Summer Summit

By Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Can things be the same in the Gainesville area? Homelessness among the LGBTQ youth population is disproportionate compared to its heterosexual counterparts.

Statistics in urban areas of the United States report that about 10 percent of the youth population identifies as LGBTQ; however, up to 40 percent of the homeless youth identify as LGBTQ. Why is there such a disparity?

Many families will not accept an LGBTQ youth, and the youths find themselves kicked out of the family home. Studies also report that LGBTQ youth are more likely to experience sexual, physical, and emotional abuse.

Many LGBTQ youth consider themselves "throw-a-ways." They face humiliation and discrimination from the places that most youth find the most support: families and schools. Agencies that provide services to homeless youth in Gainesville report that they serve approximately 700 youths between the ages of 13 to 18 per year.

What can be done to help this population?

Well, this is a question that PFLAG Gainesville (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will be discussing at the first Summer Summit.

PFLAG Gainesville began its chapter in January 2012. The Board of Directors saw a need in the LGBTQ youth population in the Gainesville area and began planning the Summer Summit. It will be held Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Straughn IFAS Extension Professional Development Center in Gainesville.

The event is free to interested parties and registration can be completed through the website www.pflaggainesville.org.

Civic Media Center events - July/August 2013

- Every Tue Morning Yoga, 9am
 Every Wed Zine Workday, 12pm-2pm
 Every Thu Weekly Volunteer Meeting, 5:30pm
 Poetry Jam, 9pm
- Mon, July 22 Gainesville IWW presents: "Who Bombed Judi Bari?"- new film about Judi Bari & Darryl Cherney, the Earth First! and IWW members who survived an assassination attempt, 7pm
- Fri, July 26 CMC Art and Rummage Sale for ArtWalk, 6pm to 9pm
 Music Show with Die Hoffnung (Local Punk Band) & Julie Karr, Doors at 9pm
- Sat, July 27 Rad Press presents: "Coffee with Quinn," an informational series about coffee, YOU BREW IT!: A mini-barista course on hand-brewing coffee: methods and flavor profiles, 10am
 Humanist Society of Gainesville Potluck and Showing of "Religulous," 6pm
- Sun, July 28 Radical Press presents: "Naked Lunch," David Cronenberg's film adaptation of the William S. Burrough's novel, drinks, baked goods and popcorn available, 7pm
- Mon, July 29 TPB-AFK: The Pirate Bay Away From Keyboard"- learn about The Pirate Bay, the largest & most famous torrent site and its founders who faced a multi-million dollar lawsuit, 7pm
- Tue, July 30 FREE HIV Testing, 6:30pm-8pm
 Beatles Night, a collection of rare footage of John, Paul, George and Ringo together and apart, concerts, promos and unreleased treasures, 8pm
- Sat, Aug. 3 Memorial for Charles Scales, beloved musician and owner of Hyde N' Zeke, 6pm
- Mon, Aug. 5 Lost Angels: Skid Row is My Home"- a documentary on one of the largest homeless populations in the United States and the means by which residents stick together and fight back to make lives for themselves, 7pm
- Sat, Aug. 10 Rad Press presents: "Coffee with Quinn," an informational series about coffee, YOU PULL IT!: A mini-barista course on espresso and alternative milks, 10am
- Mon, Aug. 12 Gainesville NOW presents: "The Brandon Teena Story," the true story "Boys Don't Cry" was based on, a transgendered young man is the victim of a hate crime which culminates in their murder and that of two other innocents in Nebraska
- Wed, Aug. 14 Consensus is Awesome, consensus workshop facilitated by Lars Din, 7pm
- Sun, Aug. 18 Radical Press Movie Night, film TBA, 7pm
- Mon, Aug. 19 "Searching for Sugarman," two fans attempt to track down Sixto Rodriguez, a folk singer whose music never took off in the US but was widely popular in South Africa, benefiting and co-sponsored by WGOT, 7pm
- Tue, Aug. 20 Alachua County Green Party Meeting, 7pm
- Wed, Aug. 21 Intervention Skills Workshop/Discussion, 7pm
- Sat, Aug. 24 Radical Press Coffee Collective Benefit Show, 9pm
- Mon, Aug. 26 "Chasing Ice," new film about a photographer's mission to provide undeniable evidence of climate change by documenting the melting of Arctic glaciers over the years, 7pm
- Tue, Aug. 27 FREE HIV Testing, 6:30pm-8pm
- Fri, Aug. 30 ArtWalk, 7pm to 10pm
- Sat, Aug. 31 Bang Bang Suckas Hip Hop Show, 9pm

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

Alachua County Labor Party meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaign for universal, single-payer health care. Annual memberships are \$20/year. Please contact us to join or for the most updated info: FloridaLaborParty.org, 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 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gainesville Area AIDS Project provides toiletries and household cleaners at no cost to people living with HIV/AIDS. Hot meals and limited frozen food are also

available at no cost, www.gaaponline.org, info@gaaponline.org, 352-373-4227, Open Tuesdays 10-1 and last Friday of month 5-71

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

Gainesville Food Not Bombs is the local chapter of a loose-knit group of collectives worldwide who prepare and share free, vegan/vegetarian, healthy, home-cooked meals, made from local surplus, with all who are hungry. Meals are at 3 p.m. every Sunday 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 to discuss relevant immigration issues and ways to bring political education to the community through workshops, presentations, advocacy and action. gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com or www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com

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

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

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

Green Party Part of worldwide movement built out of four different interrelated social pillars, which support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. www.GainesvilleGreens.webs.com

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

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

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

Industrial Workers of the World Local union organizing all workers. Meetings are at the Civic Media Center the first Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.. 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 p.m. 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 p.m. gainesvilleiso@gmail.com.

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

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

call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

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

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

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

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

Occupy Gainesville is about engaging the people of our community in grassroots, participatory democracy. We are about 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>

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

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

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

River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding provides innovative ways to resolve conflict in Gainesville and provides services like mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. www.cemterforpeacebuilding.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). For more information, see: <http://www.gnvsistercities.org>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



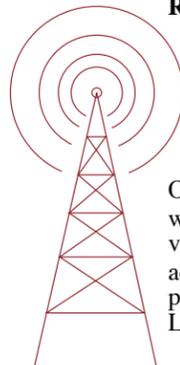
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On the music side of things, those on the east side or with antennas might appreciate the music on Jacksonville's public radio station at 89.9 FM, ranging from acoustic to electronic, jazz and blues, in an eclectic and pleasant mix in the evenings and night. LISTEN TO AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY RADIO!

For more events, event details, and irregularly updated calendar entries, see www.gainesvilleiguana.org/calendar.

Monday Lunes

21 Dolphinbreth workshop, River Phoenix Ctr for Peacebuilding, 2603 NW 13th St, #375; 9:30 am; \$65-100: 352-234-6595, centerforpeacebuilding.org. Moyers & Company on WUFT-TV, Sundays, 1 pm. Fla Coalition for Peace & Justice weekly potluck & eco-village tour, 4 pm: fcj.org.

22 Artifacts Extraordinary & Exquisite exhibit at Thomas Ctr, 306 NE 6th Ave, thru 9/28. "Hands Around Castillo San Marcos" AIM protest in St. Augustine, 3 pm: floridaaim@aol.com. Who Bombed Judi Bari?, CMC, 7 pm. M-S-N-R-A & others in concert at the Atlantic pm. FULL MOON

28 Naked Lunch presented by Radical Press, CMC, 7 pm. Performance Night for all-woman band roulette competition, all to benefit Girls' Rock Camp: Boca Fiesta backyard, 8 pm: www.girlsrockcampgainesville.com

29 TPB AFK: The Pirates Bay Away From Keyboard - documentary on European file-sharing project members arrested and jailed; CMC, 7 pm. 1972: US Supreme Court finds death penalty unconstitutional.

4 IWW meets 1st Sundays, CMC, 6 pm. Women's Movie Night, 1st Sundays, 7 pm, Pride Ctr, 3131 NW 13th St. 1792: Percy Shelley born. 1901: Louis Armstrong born.

5 Lost Angels: Skid Row Is My Home, documentary on homeless in Los Angeles; CMC, 7 pm. 1955: Carmen Miranda dies. 1962: Marilyn Monroe dies.

11 If you appreciate this calendar, please consider supporting the Ig with a donation &/or subscription: PO Box 14712, Gainesville FL 32604. 1833: Robert Ingersoll born.

12 The Brandon Teena Story, documentary of transgender youth (basis of film Girls Don't Cry) CMC, 7 pm. 1961: East Germany begins Berlin Wall construction.

18 Radical Press movie tba, CMC, 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 9).

19 Searching for Sugarman, Oscar-nominated documentary on search for obscure Detroit singer who became famous in South Africa; cohosted & co-benefit for WGOT low-power FM radio; CMC, 7 pm.

25 Chasing Ice, amazing doc on glacier melt: CMC, 7 pm.

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Sept 1 Labor Daze at downtown plaza: music, food info - see pg 1.

1941: Barbara Ehrenreich born.

Tuesday Martes

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

Morning Yoga, 9 am at CMC, 433 S. Main St, every Tuesday.

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

Citizens' Climate Lobby meets, dntn library, 6:30 pm. PFLAG meets, United Church, 7 pm.

1862: Ida B. Wells born. 1911: Ginger Rogers born.

23 Alachua County Comm meets, 2nd & 4th Tues, 9 am & 5 pm, County Admin Bldg; citizens' comment, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm. Free HIV testing, 4th Tuesdays, CMC, 6:30-8 pm.

30 Wild Iris Feminist Open Mic Night, CMC Courtyard, 7 pm. Beatles Night, rare footage of Fab 4 solo & collectively, CMC, 8 pm; see pg 17. Medicare birthday, dntn farmers market, 4-7 pm; pg 16. 1818: Emily Brontë born.

6 School Board, 6 pm. 1945: US A-bombs Hiroshima.

13 Alachua County Comm meets - see 7/23. 1818: Lucy Stone born.

20 School Board, 6 pm. PFLAG 3rd-Tuesday meeting at United Church, 1624 NW 5th Ave, 7 pm. Greens meet, CMC, 7 pm.

27 Alachua County Comm meets; see 7/23. Alachua County Labor Party meets: 6:30 pm, ACEA Hall; info, 375-2832. Free HIV testing, 4th Tuesdays, CMC, 6:30-8 pm. Wild Iris Feminist Open Mic Night, CMC Courtyard, 7 pm.

Wednesday Miercoles

17 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. Zine Workday, CMC, noon-2 pm every Weds. Downtown Farmers' Market every Wed, Dntn Plaza, 4-7 pm; Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds. Move to Amend meets, Pride Ctr, 6 pm, every Wednesday. Humanists meet, UUFG, 4225 NW 34th St, 7 pm.

1821: Florida ceded by Spain to US.

1918: Nelson Mandela born. 1979: John Glenn born.

24 Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm. Fantastic Planet, The Wooly, 8 pm. Political folksinger Bryan McPherson at Loosey's, 9 pm. 1783: Simon Bolivar born.

31 Charlie Scales Memorial at Sandy's Place, 4001 NW 34th St, 8-11 pm; see pg 18. 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.

7 NASA expert Peter Chitko on space history & current projects, downtown library, 6 pm. Veterans for Peace meet, 7 pm: call 352-375-2563 for directions.

14 Civil War Symposium, Matheson Museum, 6 pm. DEC meets, County Commission meeting room, 2nd Weds, 7 pm. "Consensus is Awesome" workshop led by Lars Din, CMC, 7 pm. Diabolique at The Wooly, 20 N. Main St, \$3, 8 pm; pg 9.

21 Humanists meet, UUFG, 4225 NW 34th St, 7 pm. Intervention Skills Workshop, CMC, 7 pm. 1958: Hawai'i becomes state. FULL MOON

28 Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 6 pm, 4th Wednesdays. Interkosmos, The Wooly, \$3, 8 pm; pg 9.

Thursday Jueves

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

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

Internat'l Socialist Org. meets Thursdays, 7 pm, 105 NW 16th St.

Open Poetry every Thursday at CMC, 9 pm: Gvl's longest-running poetry jam, open to all; informal & welcoming to readers & listeners.

Col. Bruce Hampton & Captain Lovely in concert at High Dive; doors open 9 pm.

1918: Nelson Mandela born. 1979: John Glenn born.

25 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. Open Poetry at Civic Media Center, 433 S. Main St, 9 pm. 2010: Wikileaks releases 90,000 documents of US war on Afghanistan.

August 1 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. Green Drinks Meets Cinema Verde, film tba, Oaks 4 Plaza, 6 pm. Civil War movie tba, Matheson Museum, 513 E. Univ Ave, 7 pm. Open Poetry at CMC, 9 pm.

8 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. Sierra Club meets at UUFG, 7:30 pm: see ssjsierra.org. Open Poetry, Thursdays at CMC, 9 pm. AVOSB (Japan), Alien Summer - estrogen punk at High Dive.

15 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm. Please support Citizens Co-op, a growing community resource. Shop Co-op first & keep your \$\$\$ local! (see pg 2)

22 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. Open Poetry, CMC, 9 pm. IGUANA Deadline for Sept issue is Aug 30th; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

29 CMC Volunteers, 5:30 pm. Open Poetry at CMC, 9 pm. 1915: Ingrid Bergman born. 1982: Ingrid Bergman dies.

Friday Viernes

19 Uncle Morty's Rhythm Cream at Free Friday concert, Bo Diddley Downtown Plaza, 8 pm - see pg 17.

David Russell at Lightnin' Salvage.

Nook & Cranny, Wild Shiners, & others at The Atlantic.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

1809: Edgar Allan Poe born.

26 Critical Mass Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, UF Plaza of Americas.

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

Artwalk all over town & especially down at S. Main arts & culture center, 7 pm; CMC Art & Rummage Sale.

An Triúr at Free Friday concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm; pg 17.

Die Hoffnung & Julie Karr, 9 pm, CMC.

No Fraud, The Post Teens, & others at The Atlantic, 10 pm.

2 Acrosstown Rep Season Gala: The Wooly, 20 N. Main St, 7 pm.

Little Mike & the Tornados, Free Friday concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm; ad, pg 17.

Toga-oke toga party/karaoke fundraiser for G'ville Roller Rebels, High Dive, 9 pm, \$5.

9 Transgender Movie Night, 2nd Fridays, 7 pm, Pride Center.

12 Angry Jurors opens at Acrosstown Rep, runs thru 8/25; 8 pm.

Chris McCarthy, Free Friday concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

1945: US A-bombs Nagasaki.

16 Tom Shed plays folk & country at the Bo Diddley Plaza for Free Friday series, 8 pm; pg 17.

1938: Robert Johnson dies. 1977: Elvis Presley dies.

23 Irie Ones play reggae at Bo Diddley Plaza for Free Friday series, 8 pm.

1814: Dolley Madison evacuates White House.

30 Critical Mass - see 7/26. Gay Movie Night - see 7/26. Artwalk - see 7/26.

Crooked Counsel rocks Bo Diddley Plaza Free Friday concert, 8 pm.

Saturday Sabado

20 Sierra Club meets at Poe Springs, 11 am-2 pm; pg 22.

Alternative Radio by David Barsamian airs Saturdays on WGOT, 4 pm.

Farm to Table Dinner - fundraising banquet for barn-raising, Seven Stars Farm, Melrose, 5:30 pm, \$65 - farmtotablejuly20.eventbrite.com.

Creature of the Black Lagoon, Fla Museum of Natural History, 7 pm.

Benefit Singles Auction, Boca, 9 pm.

27 Christians & Muslims read Koran together, Emmanuel Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave, 10 am, 2nd & 4th Saturdays.

Feminist Brunch & CR, 11 am, women only: 256-3127.

Hyde & Zeke's Thank You & Closing Sale, 420 NW 10 Ave, 11 am-6 pm (1-6 pm Sundays) thru 8/4 - see pg 18.

Religulous presented by Humanist Soc of Gvl, CMC, 6 pm (w/ potluck).

Trail of the Skunk Ape, Fla Museum of Natural History, 7 pm.

3 "Fla Ecology & Megatrends" at Tower Rd Library, 3020 SW 75th St, 2 pm.

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

Charlie Scales Memorial potluck & music jam: CMC, 7 pm-midnight; see pg 18.

10 Girls' Rock & Roll Camp Showcase, 1982 (919 W. Univ Ave) - early show, check Scene for time.

17 PFLAG Summer Summit workshop on homeless LGBTQ youth - 2142 Shealy Dr, 9 am-4 pm: pflaggainesville.org; pg 8.

Civil War mini-reenactment, Matheson Museum, 10 am; free.

24 March on Washington for jobs & freedom: see pg 2.

"An Evening with Marilu Henner", Fine Arts Hall, Santa Fe College NW, 7:30 pm (ticket price tba).

Radical Press benefit, CMC, 9 pm.

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History and the people who make it: Sue Legg

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler

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

Dr. Sue M. Legg was interviewed by Stuart Landers [L] in 1992; bracketed interpolations are by SPOHP.

L: When and where were you born?

In Oakland, California, in January 1940. There was a big dock in Richmond. It used to be a whaling station. Then in the Second World War the Kaiser Aluminum Company built the Minute Men ships there. Those ships brought in enormous numbers of semiskilled and unskilled labor, both black and white. Richmond went from essentially a Standard Oil company town with relatively small population (I think under 20,000) to a town of around 100,000 in about three years.

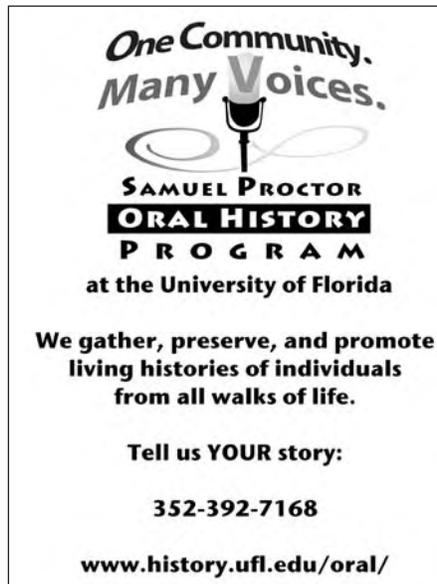
After the war those people did not leave, and they hit the school system about the same time I hit the school system. For that reason, Richmond was integrated – not residentially, but through the schools – right after the war.

L: You went to college.

Yes, at Berkeley. The first year I lived at home. Then the second year I pledged a sorority, because that was the only way my parents would let me live on campus. That gives you a notion of the difference, culturally, of what it was like and then what it was like, say, five or ten years later. We, the girls, were pretty sheltered.

When I came to Gainesville, there was the Sears store and not much else, so I knew right away that I was not in Berkeley anymore. [laughter] It was Governor [LeRoy] Collins that got us here, and that was how you rationalized your reason for coming here. Florida was the “New South.”

The Gainesville Women for Equal Rights [GWER] thing was because of Pat. Pat Farris had come here from Alabama, and her husband had been forced out at [the University of] Alabama because he participated in the faculty demonstrations over the integrations of the University of Alabama. Pat recruited me.



Kindergarten Alert was [a GWER program for] helping families get their kids registered for school. We would go out in our cars and pick up mothers and their children. There were all these problems associated with getting low-income kids into school, like they had to get their shots and have their birth certificates. [There were] just these mechanical things that were rather large things for families to deal with, especially when the [head of the] family was a single mother. We just viewed it as sort of a voter registration drive except that we were registering kids for school. We did whatever it took.

L: Racial tension in Gainesville had been rising steadily throughout late 1967.

The police advisory board came out of that. The feeling of real frustration that we had [stemmed from the fact] that [William S. “Tiny”] Talbot, the superintendent, was going to take care of his constituency, which was not the black community, at the expense of the black community. To do that, plans were made to close the schools that were easy to integrate, like A. Quinn Jones and Sidney Lanier and those kinds of schools.

L: The black [schools].

Or the white schools that were on the border line of the black areas. They would be easy to integrate because both whites and blacks could go to school there, so they

were just going to be made into special-use schools, vocational schools and this kind of stuff.

The notion [was] that if schools had to integrate [it was] the blacks who had to be the ones to do it. That was wrong as far as we were concerned. It would have very dire consequences for the town in the long run.

L: How did the commission react?

My impression at the time was that they were pretty desperate. There was real concern by responsible people, regardless of their racial attitudes, that the town was going to come apart. They were looking for any idea that could possibly be acceptable to both sides. They actually did fund some token stuff. But at the time, that they would do anything was amazing.

L: So you felt that this was a success?

A long-term success? No. At the time, as a way to make people in the black [community] feel that somebody was listening [and] that there was some voice, it was useful. I think we had an impact that helped defuse some of that violence, because it was so intense that it could have erupted so that it would have been years to heal.

L: A lot of black women were members of GWER. Do you recall any that were especially active?

Vivian Filer and Rosa Williams. Of course, Cora Roberson. She ran for city commissioner. I think the first black that ever ran for city commission. There is a whole list of them who were very active. Ann McGhee was the one who tried to pull me off the street when I was arrested.

L: That was April 7, 1968.

[It all happened] in context of [Robert] Kennedy’s being shot and [Martin Luther] King’s being shot. If you are involved in organizations, and if they are going to work, it is going to take the right personalities at the right time. King was one of those people. The impact of his death seconding. Kennedy’s death was kind of this whole notion of the end of hope. When that happened, we had the demonstration downtown. It was a march in honor of King. There was nothing intended in any way to be destructive.

L: It was purely memorial.

That is right. Except in Bev[erly] Jones's mind and a few other people. I knew nothing about that ahead of time. Bev approached Pat Farris and asked her to participate in what was to be a symbolic sit-down downtown. I do not remember the street.

Pat did not want to do it by herself. I said: "All right, Pat, I will do this, but on the condition that we have a long discussion afterwards about what the point is, because we are not going to accomplish anything by this."

She said: "It is just going to be a protest, and it will be broken up immediately, and that will be the end of it."

Well, that is not what happened at all. Evidently, Bev and Marshall had distributed fliers all around ahead of time. The police were all waiting for this thing to happen. We got out into the street, and we were not out there more than two minutes when the police cars came. They literally dragged us into the cars. We were treated in a way that you would not believe. I was not beaten, but these policemen were loaded for bear. We went squealing off to the police station so fast it was lucky we did not get into an accident. It was not very far, and there was no hurry. But this guy was in a hurry. That was the intensity and the emotion about it all.

Ann McGhee said, "Sue, don't do this," and she was trying to drag me off the street. I said: "Ann, I have told Pat I will do it. It is a symbolic thing. Do not worry about it." Of course, right at that moment the police came.

L: Did you go to trial?

I got to pay the fine.

L: Had you been very active in people's campaigns?

Yes. GWER had a group of us. Shirley Conroy, Joan Henry, Pat Farris, Jean Chalmers, and I were the core group that actually organized people's campaigns: Cora's and Neil Butler's and Ed Turlington's. We did leafleting and got volunteers and raised money and wrote letters and did all of those things.

There were a series of television programs done [by the] public TV station in

town. We were asked to do one on school integration.

I read a statement on the air that the executive committee of GWER and I had written, and that had to do with the feasibility of a 70/30 racial balance integration of the schools.

What we were concerned about was if you had only a relatively few whites integrating into the black areas of town and a few black students integrated into the whites, you were going to disrupt housing. You were going to have a lot of "white flight" from those areas that were going to be integrated on the east side of town, and the whole town was going to end up going north, which is exactly what happened.

My argument at the time was [that] this was a small town. Bussing was no big deal in a town like Gainesville. It was relatively easy to integrate the schools. If you have the parents and the community involvement, kids would be just as safe in one school as in another. So I thought it was better to balance things out as well as we could.

L: So in the mid 1970s you are back in school, and the Gainesville Women for Equal Rights seems to be sort of falling apart.

Jean went back to college. Others went to work. I did both. The thing that bound us together – the school integration – was down to [small problems]. The issues then were things like, in some of the rural schools they painted a stripe down the middle of the hallways. [They had] a black side of the hall and a white side. There was asinine stuff like that going on. But it was not the kind of thing for an organization to deal with.

L: How would you judge what GWER accomplished, looking back on it now?

It is wrong to think that the organization failed because it did not survive. It was created because of the need of the time, [and] it served that need extraordinarily well. I do not know what would have happened if there had not been a GWER, but I like to think that we kept some communication open and helped defuse at least some tension.

We were faculty wives and black school teachers. We were all going to have small

children that had to go into these schools, and we wanted these schools to be a lot better than they were. We certainly did not want them full of a lot of racial tension and everything else. This was home; this was where we were going to raise our families.

We were effective because we were thorough in our homework.

I remember specifically when Jean [Chalmers] and the rest of us went to Tallahassee for the welfare reform lobbying effort. We were invited to go up there and do a presentation. Jean did that. She sat down at the table with the others, and the men there clearly were uncomfortable and almost at the point of contempt. By the time she finished, there was genuine respect in their voices. That happened to us in a number of situations...

I cannot remember a time when we were caught off guard by someone being able to tell us that we were misinformed. Maybe there were times, but I cannot remember them. We made people very uncomfortable because when there would be question-and-answer sessions [it became quickly evident that we were prepared to respond to even the toughest questions].

We used to have these panel discussions. When you get a couple hundred people coming to them [there are a lot of questions, and] we had the answers, and people would make statements that we could refute. People just were not used to that-informed a community group.

A full transcript of this interview is available at <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00093318/00001>.

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The major provisions of the ACA are due to take effect in January 2014, almost four years after the legislation was signed in March 2010, but problems are emerging. The Health Care Exchanges to be established for those without other insurance are so complicated that people are being enrolled to explain them. Employers of more than 50 people who are not already providing health insurance benefits have been granted an extra year to work out how to do it.

The ACA did bring some good things. It prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions, and from applying lifetime or annual caps on payments for treatment. It prescribed coverage of some protective measures and allowed adult children to remain on their parents' policies. But all these provisions give insurance companies grounds for raising premiums, deductibles or co-payments.

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The prison industrial complex gets another break in Florida

by Richard Fowler

This article originally appeared on Politic365.com on July 10. See the original at politic365.com/2013/07/10/the-prison-industrial-complex-gets-another-break-in-florida/.

Have you heard of Corizon Inc.? According to their website, Corizon is the nation's leader in correctional health care solutions. In reality, this Tennessee-based company has a disturbing history of prisoner abuse and human rights violations. This information has not stopped Florida Governor, Rick Scott, from selecting the company to become a major health care provider to the state's penitentiaries.

After a controversial court battle and public outrage, Governor Scott will fire 1,756 state-employed prison healthcare providers on August 1, paving the way for Corizon Inc. to run the state's penal healthcare system. This deal is slated to be the largest outsourcing of prison medical care in the nation, coming in at \$230 million. Ultimately, Corizon Inc., a known human rights violator, will have direct control of the health care of thousands of Florida inmates.

Corizon Inc. is responsible for negligent actions in the death of two inmates in Kentucky. In Idaho, a separate inquiry shows that Corizon was responsible for the inhumane treatment of prisoners. In Philadelphia, it was found that the company was using a "sham contractor" to run the prisons in the city.

Yet still, Governor Rick Scott thought it would be wise to have this company to do business with the state of Florida. Or perhaps, Gov. Scott made his decision based off of the more than

\$100,000 he received in contributions from the private prison industry for his reelection campaign?

This is another clear example of Republican "fraud, waste and abuse." In an attempt to be "Governor Cost Saving," Gov. Scott will gut state prison employees in exchange for a company with a horrible history of abusing prisoners, committing fraudulent sub-contracting processes, and profiteering off taxpayer dollars.

For information on the privatization of Florida prison health care system, see "Massive privatization of prison health care looms in Florida" published by the Tampa Bay Times on June 29 at <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/stage-set-for-massive-privatization-of-prison-health-care-in-florida/2129248>. 🐿

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Noam Chomsky to speak Oct. 16

Noam Chomsky is coming back to Gainesville Wed., Oct. 16. The event will be free and held on the UF campus (most likely O'Connell Center) More details will be posted on the Civic Media Center website at www.civicmediacenter.org. Photo by John Soares.

Editorial board's picks for reading, perusing

Local attorney & Occupy activist Geoffrey Mason's online articles about Florida's junior senator – not a pretty picture: <https://www.facebook.com/MarcoRubioDrinkingWater>

Geoff's Occupy Gainesville contributions provide a handy running update on multiple political developments - highly recommended: <https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville>

Supreme Court makes history: Two steps forward, one step back by Amy Goodman: http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/the_supreme_court_makes_history_two_steps_forward_one_step_back_20130626/.

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Remembering Charlie “Chaz” Scales

By Bob McPeck

On July 2, 2013, long-time contributor to the vibrancy of Gainesville music Charlie “Chaz” Scales passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the far-too-early age of 59.

Known to many as the owner of Hyde and Zeke Records, Chaz devoted his life to performing and appreciating music in many forms. His passion for and knowledge of music were a gift to many friends and customers of Hyde and Zeke’s, Gainesville’s longest-lived music store now destined to be shuttered. His recommendations helped shape the music tastes of two generations.

Chaz came from a military family, with a high ranking career officer for a father and a brother, Robert Scales, who is a retired army major general and frequent television military analyst. Chaz took a dramatically different route, devoting his considerable talents to music, following the destiny implied in his surname Scales.

“I could never understand how he thought about guitar,” notes his long time friend, former Hyde and Zeke cohort, and one time Gainesville mayor Gary Gordon. “It’s like he started in the middle of a solo and worked his way to the end and the beginning at the same time. Totally unpredictable, but always brilliant.”

Chaz succeeded Gary as the lead guitarist of the popular late 1970s group, the Archer Road Band. When Gary became manager of Hyde and Zeke’s (which I founded with my friend Ric Kaestner way back in 1977), Chaz’s encyclopedic knowledge of multiple genres and his amiable enthusiasm made him a natural hire. He was hands down the premier guitarist on a staff full of guitar players, some quite accomplished musicians (one employee, J.D. Foster, later played with Dwight Yoakam for years).



Photo by Michael Marino

Chaz stepped in to rescue Hyde and Zeke’s from the ruins left by the store’s second owner, who locked the doors and took all the records home one day without a word to the staff. Chaz nurtured the business back to health, keeping the store going as the Internet, Napster, and iTunes ravaged the music business. He found time to play in an astonishing list of bands and to make a great family with his wife Jan and two kids (now grown).

There are more bands who benefitted from Chaz’s glorious playing than I can remember, but a short list includes the Jane Yii Band, Legal Tender, Ten Feet Tall, Gonzo Gators, Root Doctors, Young Republicans, dblWide, The Band That Never Was, and Couch Messiahs. Messiah bandmate Mick Marino marveled at Chaz’s facility with all styles, but particularly loved his slide playing, adding “He loved music and was always up for playing, on time, prepared, with a sweet spirit. He was inspiring to me. It’s a devastating shock that he’s gone so soon.”

Bill Perry, also a Hyde and Zeke hire from the early 1980s, continued to work part time at Hyde and Zeke’s as the store moved from University Avenue to its current 10th Avenue location. He knew the side of Chaz that few others outside his immediate family glimpsed. “He was so smart he could do anything, from growing vegetables to fixing cars. He also loved wildflowers—he’d take a walk away from work and come back with a handful that he’d put in a vase in the store.”

Only a few knew that that big heart beating inside Chaz’s chest was a source of concern. Following doctor’s recommendations faithfully, Chaz ate an exceptionally healthy, vegetarian diet, stayed rail thin, and exercised religiously.

His discipline may have kept him here with us longer than neglect would have... but that just means his passing leaves an even bigger void: a missing husband, father, friend, mentor, supporter, astute observer of current affairs and history, and scion of a store that has been part of Gainesville for over 36 years. For Bill Perry, the hardest loss is “his smile. That ‘I’m having the most fun in the world’ smile.”

So long, Chaz, we won’t forget you. Ric Kaestner says to tell Jimi “hi.” I’m sure you’ve got a few tricks to teach him. 🐾

Memorial shows for Charlie Scales

There will be two memorial shows for Charlie Scales; open to all who knew him, cared for him, or who simply want to pay respect to this Gainesville music legend. The first will be at Sandy’s Place (5001 NW 34th St) as part of the weekly Wednesday music night that Charlie often played at. That will be on Wednesday, July 31 from 8-11pm. The second will be at the Civic Media Center on Saturday Aug. 3 from 7pm to midnight. For that bring food and drink to share, and lend your words and musical talents to the evening. There will also be a close out of the inventory at Hyde & Zekes from Sat., July 27, through Sun., Aug. 4, from 11-6 Monday-Saturday, and 1-6 on Sunday. Sales will be cash only. For more information, contact Bill Perry at 352-575-6723.



Photo by René Merino

Matthew Marsh, 1949-2013

by James Ingle

The labor movement in North Florida has lost a long time ally.

All those who fight for the rights of working people have lost a great friend and ally. Matthew Christopher Marsh worked tirelessly for decades in the local labor movement. He spent his life trying to make things better for others. He did this quietly, without public recognition or fanfare.

Matthew graduated from the University of California, Riverside and then dedicated his career to the Social Security Administration, where, as a Claims Representative, he served and assisted the public in filing for their benefits. He told me stories of tracking down rural families in Appalachia making sure they got the benefits they were entitled to.

Matthew advocated for his co-workers in tireless and dedicated efforts as an officer and representative of the

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE). He was a charter member of Local 4056 and served as the Local Executive Vice President, Local Treasurer, and eventually Florida State Council President. He was involved in the local Central Labor Council for decades. He was heavily involved in the local democratic party and was a part of innumerable campaigns, always with an eye towards working class issues.

Matthew recently passed away. He died before he reached his retirement, and never got to enjoy the benefits he worked so hard to ensure others received. His passing will not receive the attention it deserves, there will be no streets or foundations named for Matt. His memory will be honored by the fact that working people's lives will continue to be better because of efforts he made and fights he was a part of.

Farewell, brother, may you rest in a well-deserved peace. 🐾

Save Loblolly Woods

by Melissa Elliott

“Every path begins with passion.”

Though Gainesville's new(ish) city motto has had its detractors in the past, it does seem to capture the spirit of its citizens. And, with the resounding public and private backlash against Nathan Collier's bid to purchase a parcel of Loblolly Park, the phrase has never rung so true.

Earlier in May, Collier formally brought that bid to the city commission. The \$1 million offer for 5.7 acres of land, lobbied by former Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, won a 4-3 vote for future consideration by the commission, after three hours of debate. The approved plan would constrain the parcel to 4.99 acres or less, and is completely dependent on the council declaring that portion of Loblolly as surplus before it could be considered for sale.

A surplus of land is a portion of a parcel that is more than the amount needed to support the current highest and best use. However, the surplus, by definition, must have no value apart from the main parcel. In similar instances, surplus land has been declared so by land managers, and not in response to a singular private citizen bidding for a sale of said property.

Save Loblolly Woods, a group formed by residents focused on preserving that portion of the park, started a Facebook page three weeks ago. Within that short time, the page has inspired hundreds of locals to voice their opposition of the sale, and garnered nearly 500 followers. Posts range from personal stories of daily trail hiking, photos of indigenous plants and wild life, to warm remembrances of fort building as children—children who grew to build new forts with their own children. These stories all center around the

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of “aiding the enemy,” the thinly veiled public torture of Manning during his pre-trial detention, and his stalled and extended prosecution, are intended to make a brutal example out of him.

The Manning case must also be seen as symptomatic of the bigger crackdown by the Obama administration on the unauthorized leaking of information. His administration has charged an unprecedented six whistleblowers under the Espionage Act, double that of all past presidents combined. Moreover, the recent activities of the Department of Justice subpoenaing phone records from the Associated Press and the personal emails of journalists provide further evidence of the current administration’s stance towards leaking.

The fates of Bradley Manning and Edward Snowden remain to be determined. The one certainty in the Snowden case is that the Obama administration will not take his brazen act of leaking lightly. If anything, Snowden could put even more pressure on the court martial of Manning, a leaker whom the government at least has in custody. Manning faces a military court concerned only with the act of leaking and not the motivations behind it. And while a military judge will ultimately pass judgment on him, history will be another judge. Perhaps with the benefit of hindsight and having the fog of war lifted, Manning will be seen as following in the footsteps of the likes of Daniel Ellsberg, who has been one of Manning’s most high-profile public supporters.

Unlike Manning, Snowden purposefully stepped into the spotlight to take responsibility for leaking information with the public good in mind. Those who have watched the full interview between Snowden and Glen Greenwald will have no doubt noticed the preemptive line of questioning designed to refute any future charge of aiding the enemy. Moreover, it clearly establishes Snowden as a textbook whistleblower. The outpouring of public support for him has indeed been encouraging.

As technology changes, the means, forms and faces of whistleblowers change, even while their value to a democratic society is clear. Being a whistleblower often comes with harsh consequences, yet what is even more dangerous is a society whose citizens are afraid to speak truth to power. From the Pentagon Papers to the PRISM leak, whistleblowers continue to play a vital role in keeping power in check.

Long live the whistleblower. 🐞

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same area, located off the 3300 block of NW Fifth Avenue. The parcel does indeed have value of its own, apart from the remaining 57.3 acres of the North section of the park. It is not useless, nor indistinguishable from the rest of Loblolly, or rarely used. It is defined, by many, as ecologically valuable and a high priority.

Sandra Friend, a board member of the Florida Outdoor Writers Association, agrees. “The sale of public land is a dangerous precedent to set, no matter the good intentions, when that public land is already is use for the public good.”

The city has yet to put the final vote on its agenda, but that hasn’t stopped concerned residents from checking the commission’s calendar on a weekly basis. Many have expressed a determined excitement for the opportunity to protect a part of Gainesville’s history. Learn more at <http://saveloblollywoods.com>. 🐞

Radio Junkie

by Joe Courter

National Public Radio is truly a mixed bag, and each station selecting from the many offerings in varied time slots. As many of us can hear the Jacksonville station, 89.9 WJCT, as well as Gainesville's 89.1 WUFT, and because they both repeat programs at different times, I thought a little guide might help. These are more the feature programs as opposed to news and talk, and they do reflect my personal favorites. We'll do something more on music next month.

- **This American Life:** 89.1 Sat. 2 p.m., Sun. 6 p.m. / 89.9 Fri. 1p.m., Sat. 2 p.m.
- **TED radio hour:** 89.1 Sat. & Sun. 7 p.m. / 89.9 Sun. 2 p.m., Mon. 1 p.m.
- **Radio Lab:** 89.1 Sun. 3 p.m. & 10 p.m. / 89.9 Tues. 1 p.m.
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- **Back Story:** 89.1 Sun. 4 p.m.
- **The Takeaway:** 89.1 Mon.-Fri. 10 p.m. / 89.9 Mon.Thur. 2 p.m.
- **Q:** 89.1 Mon.-Fri. 11 p.m.
- **The World:** 89.9 Mon.-Thur. 3 p.m.

Many other radio offerings are available online, of course — almost everything with the exception of David Barsamian's Alternative Radio. That can be heard over WGOT's Low Power 94.7 FM on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m.

David makes his living by selling his recordings, but one work-around is streaming from one of the many stations he's broadcast on by checking on his website and picking a station which broadcasts at a convenient time and listening there.

It's a damn shame that WUFT dropped it a couple years ago; we should have raised a stink when that happened. The essential Democracy Now!, hosted by Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez, is on WGOT and is broadcast at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. It's also on demand and transcribed at www.democracynow.org. Check out the "Past Shows" link for earlier programs you may have missed.

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- 4 p.m. Left of the Dial
- 5 p.m. Joe and Craig Show
- 7 p.m. The A.M.H. 2 Hour ...
- 9 p.m. The Sum of Your Life
- 11 p.m. Seoulmates-Kpop Radio

Monday

- 12 a.m. Seoulmates-Kpop Radio
- 11 a.m. Dr. Bill's Super Awe ...
- 1 p.m. The Kitchen Sink
- 3 p.m. Ecstasy to Frenzy
- 5 p.m. The Four Passions
- 7 p.m. Mauium
- 8 p.m. New Day Rising
- 11 p.m. Female Trouble

Tuesday

- 8 a.m. Narcolexi
- 12 p.m. What's the Story?
- 2 p.m. Street Nuts
- 4 p.m. Patina and Gold
- 6 p.m. America in the Evening
- 8 p.m. river rail rhythm
- 10 p.m. The Experiment

Wednesday

- 9 a.m. Sax and Violins
- 1 p.m. The 2nd Ave. Shuffle
- 3 p.m. The Quiet City
- 5 p.m. A Brazilian Commando
- 7 p.m. Homebrew Talk
- 8 p.m. Downtown Sound
- 9 p.m. The Otherness
- 11 p.m. Radiodeo

Thursday

- 12 a.m. Radiodeo
- 11 a.m. Get on the Right Thing ...
- 12 p.m. Things Be Blowin' ...
- 4 p.m. Hope & Anchor
- 6 p.m. Erosion
- 8 p.m. florida rules
- 10 p.m. Lost Sharks

Friday

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

Saturday

- 11 a.m. Jazzville
- 5 p.m. Alewife Outbound
- 7 p.m. Planet of Sound
- 9 p.m. Reality Bites



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could be this unaware of legislation they ostensibly wrote.

Perhaps it's because they may have gotten some help from an ally in the crusade to eradicate abortion, Americans United for Life (AUL).

The group touts success in getting model legislation — Mad Libs-style drafts of anti-abortion bills — passed in statehouses nationwide, and the all-in-one Senate Bill 5 reads like a veritable greatest hits of AUL's 2013 "Defending Life" legislative policy playbook.

For instance, part of SB5 (now known as SB1 and HB2 for the second special session) appears heavily inspired by an AUL draft bill called "The Women's Health Protection Act," which requires abortion centers to comply with the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers — a costly upgrade that most medical professionals consider unnecessary and in the end harmful to women as the rule would likely shutter 37 out of the state's 42 abortion clinics upon enforcement.

The Act, which mistakes all abortion as "an invasive, surgical procedure," also says physicians must have admitting privileges at a hospital no further than 30 miles of the clinic, another stipulation found in SB 5.

To find the possible influence for the bill's ban on abortion after 20 weeks post-fertilization, look no further than the "Women's Health Defense Act," which prohibits

abortions at or after 20 weeks gestation, in part, because of the supposed capacity for the fetus to feel pain. The model draft cites a disputed 1987 study, the findings of which run counter to today's prevailing consensus from the medical community.

Last but not least, requiring doctors to follow strict guidelines when administering abortion drugs that would increase dosage and cost for women, directly parallels a "drug safety" model bill that completely fails to include the well-documented recommendations against the outdated process by major medical organizations like the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the World Health Organization. (AUL directly took credit for that one in 2011, also authored by Laubenberg last Legislative session.)

If opponents hit back with pesky facts and medical evidence to prove otherwise, don't fret because lawmakers also get a defense script in the cookie-cutter legislation: "More specifically, the State of [insert name of state] has a legitimate concern with the health of women who undergo abortions," a line we heard on repeat from anti-choice lawmakers.

With a pre-abortion sonogram law in place and the recent dismantling of Planned Parenthood and abortion providers through budget cuts, Texas lawmakers seem to have already drawn from other draft bills and a strategic joint resolution that lays out how and why to cripple the reproductive health provider, recommending "that the [Legislature] immediately freeze any currently allocated state funding for abortion providers, in par-

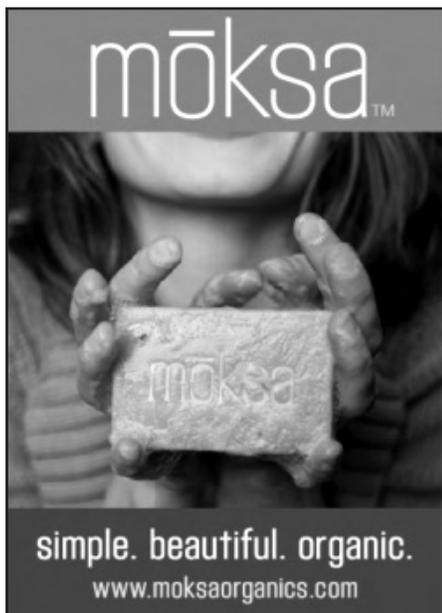
ticular Planned Parenthood," a move state GOP leaders certainly made last year.

The Texas authors may just have a knack for tying themselves to groups that draft model legislation. AUL's process is much like the American Legislative Exchange Council, a shadowy coalition of businesses which drafts bills for statehouses that benefit their interests. Turns out, both lawmakers are members — in fact, Laubenberg was selected as ALEC state chair earlier this year.

While the highly publicized all-day filibuster by state Sen. Wendy Davis (D-Forth Worth) killed the abortion-restrictive bill, Gov. Rick Perry is reviving the now twice-failed zombie legislation for a second special session, started on Monday, which is already attracting thousands of livid protestors — or "unruly" mobsters, as our GOP leadership has characterized them — who are fed up with the perceived assault on women's rights.

In this round, we can anticipate the same lack of understanding and dismissal of fact from the bill architects and the same lackadaisical responses about a bill that would effectively outlaw abortion in Texas, leaving some women hundreds of miles from the nearest clinic and endangering them by requiring less safe drug protocols.

Considering the enormously high stakes and potential for physical harm, it's a [insert adjective here] shame that some legislators don't know what the [insert choice expletive] they're actually saying. 🐞



**Suwannee-St. Johns Sierra Club
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South Main/ Fire Station Update

by Joe Courter and Chris Fillie

It appears, at this point, that the purchase of the land south of 5th Avenue, which currently houses Repurpose Project, Vibrant Community Development, Church of Holy Colors, Gainesville Compost, and the Civic Media Center/Citizens Co-op/Wild Iris parking lot, as well as the Everyman Sound Company property, will be bought by the City of Gainesville and become the location of the new Fire Station Number 1. This change will not affect the use of the parking lot or other entities using the land until January 1, 2015.

Preliminary drawings of the site show at least 20 and up to 60 public parking spaces on the land, which should lessen the impact on the current operations of the various South Main Center's businesses.

In the mean time, over the next 18 months, events and operations can continue as before.

Is this the best outcome? Ideally, many of us feel the answer is no; but realistically, the two owners wanted to sell, the stakeholders of the Co-op, CMC and others could not make the financial arrangements needed to bring forward a counter offer as leaseholders. The idea of mounting a huge capital campaign in a very limited time frame proved simply unfeasible.

This is certainly not the worst fate for the property. The fire station has been a member of the community there for over 50 years, and they intend to build their building with the highest green LEED status as feasible. In a nod to our efforts revitalizing the area, the City has agreed to allow us to stay on the property until construction begins, as well as allowing us direct input into the site planning of the Fire Station and guarantee that it would fit into the urban fabric in a way that did not damage the gains in walkability and public use we have made there to date.

So we stakeholders will move forward. With Wild Iris now open, the next piece to be brought up to speed will be further improvements to the courtyard area and renovations to the metal building east of the Co-op back room, now currently used as a combination workshop and storage by building by owner Chris Fillie. Agreement has been reached through a creative arrangement between the City and Mr. Fillie, also a LEED-certified contractor, to salvage as much as possible from the Church of Holy Colors and Repurpose Project buildings to help the city with their green building goals. Look for a very eventful year as we wind down our stewardship of the property. We will count on community support as we move into the next phase of the evolution of South Main Street. 🐾

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More than 700 people have been arrested at the "Moral Mondays," organized by the North Carolina NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), and the numbers of demonstrators continue to grow each week.

To learn more, visit www.naacpsc.org.

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