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I AM IN IT,
AND WHILE THERE IS A
A CRIMINAL ELEMENT
I AM OF IT,
AND WHILE THERE IS A
A SOUL IN PRISON,
I AM NOT FREE

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Some Good News: Weirdos and the Wild Ones

By: A Mutant

During the Summer Solstice hundreds of anarcho weirdos gathered for the annual Autonomous Mutant Fest (AMF), a 15 day long DIY renegade festival where money is imaginary and the police (mostly) don't exist, except where they assert fire codes, unable to crack down on the dubiously legal festival with so little notice. AMF has existed since the 90's, surviving repression during the green scare, one attendee I spoke to described dropping acid right before the FBI ruined the party that year. Every year the dates and location of the festival are different, and are posted on the website with short notice. Still hundreds of Mutants gathered, this year in the woods of Northern California high up near Mount Lassen where it hailed on the solstice and the beats kept bumpin' and the party kept pumpin'.

This year's AMF featured more than 10 different soundstages from crews such as SPAZ (Oakland) and 3RD-KLTR (Portland), and many more. During the day there were free stores, zines, a diy hot tub, twerk shop, sushi from scratch, served with mimosas, and a tree climbing skill share. At night the festival kicked off with searchlights, impressive sound systems and decorations stretching high into the trees, a 30ft three person wide swing, tea house, and communal campfires where people gathered to battle the subfreezing temperatures of the Mt. Lassen nights.

I hope to see more of the Dissonant readers there next year. The world we fight for already exists in places waiting to be discovered.



Confronting Hate: An Urgent Call to Action for Lane County

By: Pastor Reb

Friends, neighbors, and comrades,

You've likely seen them. They appear at the Saturday Market, brandishing anti-abortion signs at Planned Parenthood, and anti-gay rhetoric at Pride events. They set up their pulpits, one comically tall, and bring their own children to shout hate speech at ours, traumatizing everyone involved. The common refrain is that these are random pop-ups, impossible to stop, best ignored. But I'm here to tell you that this is simply not true.

These aren't random acts. This is a well-organized and well-funded hate group. And while their machine is fueled by emotional reactions, it also thrives on our silence and non-engagement. Effective strategies exist to disrupt them, and it's time we put them into action.

Unmasking the "UnHoly Trinity"

This group operates as an intertwined, unholy trinity, all based out of Roseburg, Oregon.

First, there's Wellspring Bible Fellowship, led by Pastor Bryan Carver. Bryan is known for his aggressive megaphone preaching,

even bizarrely offering to adopt fetuses outside Planned Parenthood clinics. He recently had a very public, and seemingly very fake, falling out with Mason Goodnight over the "Satanic nature" of Halloween. Despite their supposed rift, they've been seen gleefully spreading hate across the tri-state area.

Then we have the Reformed Baptist Church of Roseburg, Oregon, founded by self-proclaimed Evangelist Mason Goodnight and Pastor Ryan Clark. Mason, notably, was fired from the Douglas County Sheriff's office years ago for refusing to participate in trans rights training. Ryan Clark, however, is the quiet force truly running this operation behind the scenes.

Completing this trifecta is the RV Saltshakers, an unregistered nonprofit seemingly headed by Jon Clement. It's worth noting that in 2020, Jon and Ryan Clark were arrested in Grants Pass for illegally using shotguns against waterfowl, with witnesses reporting stray bullets flying dangerously close

What Do They Really Want? (Spoiler: It's Not Your Soul)

Do these individuals genuinely care about the eternal fate of our souls? Unlikely. This is a money-making venture, and apparently



This is Mason. He actually posted this pic of himself because he thought he looked good, no need to search for an unflattering screenshot. Thanks Mason!



Ryan Clark aka Big Daddy. Runs things semi-quietly from the shadows. Gives off even creepier vibes in person than he does in this picture.



Bryan Carver: Will offer to adopt your fetus. Goes around with a giant pulpit like he's trying to compensate for something.



Jon Clement. He's old but feisty. Needs to take a nap or something.

a lucrative one. They display signs with QR codes, encouraging other bigots to donate. They wear body cameras, posting carefully curated video clips online to solicit donations from haters worldwide. They feed off emotional reactions, yes, but also off the very passivity of our community, which has allowed them to terrorize our streets for far too long.

Their "Christianity" is a facade, but the harm they inflict is profoundly real. At Pride 2024, they wreaked havoc, preventing access to an HIV testing booth and ultimately contributing to the decision to move Pride indoors for 2025. Local artists and farmers at Saturday Market report significant revenue losses due to their disruptions. And tragically, people are afraid to seek vital healthcare at Planned Parenthood because of the threatening presence of Well-spring and Company.

Our Response: Organized Action, Not Passive Acceptance

These men are not locals; they are invading our town with hate. The police have, at times, proven feckless in their response, even appearing to protect Mason and his crew. This hate group's presence demands a large, organized community response aimed at making them unequivocally unwelcome in Lane County and beyond.

Here's how we can push back:

Avoid Emotional Reactions: This fuels their agenda and their coffers. When you engage, do so directly and confidently, and only if there's a clear purpose.

Strategic Engagement: I've successfully distracted them with everything from theological arguments to sing-offs of popular hymns. The goal is to keep them from engaging with and upsetting vulnerable members of our community and to disrupt their funding opportunities.

Document and Be Prepared: Know that they are always filming you. If you have a camera, wear it.

Show Up, Be Visible, Be Louder: We have successfully blocked them out when enough people show up with Pride flags and signs that counter their messages. They will bring noise-amplifying devices, and may even have permits. We must be louder than them. Bring your own megaphones and speakers, and consider obtaining a permit for them – otherwise, local law enforcement may quickly shut you down.

Get Creative: The tactics are as endless and diverse as your imagination. Think outside the box to disrupt their activities and reclaim our public spaces.

How to get directly involved:

In Douglas County, the RV Pepper Shakers (rvpeppershakers.org) have been doing the Lord's work for multiple years now, following the Salt Shaker crew and countering their hateful narrative in their home base of Roseburg, Oregon. Here in Lane County, the Neighborhood Anarchist Collective is organizing against the group's intrusions into Eugene and Springfield. Join us by going to neighborhoodanarchists.org and attending a Welcome Gathering. Ask about the "Wellspring Welcoming Committee."

As Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wisely said,

"Those who love peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love war."

Let's organize, Lane County. Let's stand together and make it clear that hate has no home here.

In solidarity,

Pastor Reb (sometimes known as Rodney)

Just Trust Us: We are "really, really very reliable"¹

The continued manipulation of the masses by Flock Safety and EPD

By: Joy Santiago

¹ Quote from EPD Chief Skinner's "Copy Up" podcast: 07/11/25 episode

On July 10th over two dozen community members attended a Eugene Police Commission meeting to express outrage over the Eugene Police Department's recent installation of Flock Safety¹ cameras across town. In the meeting, commissioners reviewed EPD's Policy 1204 concerning their contract with Flock Safety, a Georgia-based company that advertises their automatic license plate readers (ALPR) to police departments nationwide.

Commissioners read the policy and questioned EPD Captain Jake Burke

about how the cameras operate and Flock's security practices. However, the commissioners neglected to interrogate Burke's PR-coached reassurances derived from Flock's own talking points. Despite the Police Commission's express purpose to hold EPD accountable, the commissioners took Burke's lies at face value.

Lie #1: We own the data

Captain Burke stressed that he and Chief Chris Skinner confirmed with Flock that EPD, and EPD alone, own the data. The contract states that the captured data is

stored for 30 days in cloud storage, and Burke claims that after those 30 days the data disappears forever if it is not saved as evidence.

But that's not how data works. And as concerned citizens conveyed in the Police Commission meeting, Burke is not a cybersecurity expert and it shows with his weak technical arguments.

Actual cybersecurity expert, software engineer, and Springfield resident Rob Sheldon has been in the tech and cybersecurity field since 1998 and is

¹ <https://dissonanttimes.org/lets-leave-the-flock/>

speaking out against Flock in Eugene.¹ Sheldon met with Dissonant Times to debunk some of the misinformation EPD is spreading about Flock Safety.

EPD's understanding of Flock's practices derives solely from their contract and public messaging. Flock emphasizes that end users, like EPD, are the sole owners of any data collected via the cameras. The issue with this assertion is that Flock's very design guarantees that Flock can access their own infrastructure at any point.

According to Sheldon, end-to-end encryption is the tech world's gold standard for data security and the only form of encryption that guarantees users own their private data (such as text messages sent over the app Signal). Flock does not use end-to-end encryption, though per Sheldon, it would have been quite easy for them to. Instead, they use two less secure forms of encryption called transport layer security and encryption at rest.

Transport layer security is what our browsers do when we visit websites, they protect things like our browsing activity from internet service providers. Encryption at rest, simply put, is where data is protected when it's stored in the data centers it ultimately ends up in. Most service providers today do not operate their own data centers, those roles fall to companies like Amazon, who own around a third of data centers worldwide.²

Data held in these centers can be hacked more easily than in end-to-end encryption. Flock's use of these forms of encryption suggest that the company values retaining access to the data its cameras collect (which end-to-end encryption would prevent) more than the digital security of innocent commuters' every move.

If EPD is truly only using the data to catch "bad guys" on the NCIC hot lists, then Eugene could do what states like New Hampshire require³ and delete data after three minutes if no crime matches a recorded license plate.

So no, Flock's architecture does not guarantee safekeeping of sensitive data, and 30 days is actually the longest possible window to store ALPR data using Flock's services. Both of these facts alone puts innocent people's privacy at risk.

Lie #2: We are not legally required to cooperate with the federal government if they subpoena our data, and there are no backdoor avenues for this to happen

Burke claims that EPD would need to authorize the release of its data if Flock was subpoenaed by federal agencies such as ICE, which is happening in cities across the country. To this point, Flock assures its skeptics that there is neither a digital nor legal backdoor into their data.

But Rob Sheldon points out that the 2001 Patriot Act authorized a tool called a national security letter⁴ that, if issued, service providers such as Flock Safety would be required to provide whatever the federal government requests-- and may be issued a gag order to boot. For example, if the Trump administration federally outlawed gender-affirming healthcare, the FBI could in theory seek out any practitioner or recipient of such care within EPD's jurisdiction and EPD would potentially not even know about "their" data being used this way.

Despite Flock Safety and EPD's claims, the federal government can force Flock to cooperate, assuming Flock isn't already friendly with the feds-- something their funding sources indicate a strong possibility of. Flock is a venture capital (VC) funded start up, meaning their Silicon Valley investors expect a large return on their investment. One could argue their millions of start up capital implicitly demand Flock founders' loyalty to venture capitalists such as Peter Thiel.

Palantir founder, Trump advisor, and real-life sci-fi villain⁵ Peter Thiel's own VC firm the Founders Fund⁶ is one of Flock's largest funders. We already know we can't trust Palantir⁷: the biggest name in private security that's contracted with ICE⁸ since the Obama administration. Currently valued at \$7.5 billion, can we trust Flock's leadership to hold the public

interest above some of the biggest names in the private security sector?

Lie 3: Flock is transparent and so are we

Flock founder Garret Langley once wrote,

*"We strongly believe that LPRs...are best used in concert with responsible policies...That is why I have a team at Flock that has stood in front of more than a thousand city councils to answer their questions before voting to approve using our technology."*⁹

More than a thousand city councils had this opportunity, but not Eugene's. According to the memorandum of understanding between Flock and EPD, the only bureaucrats that appear to have known about and/or authorized the installation of the cameras was then city manager Sarah Medary and the Eugene Police Department. The public wasn't informed of Flock cameras until they starting popping up in our neighborhoods.

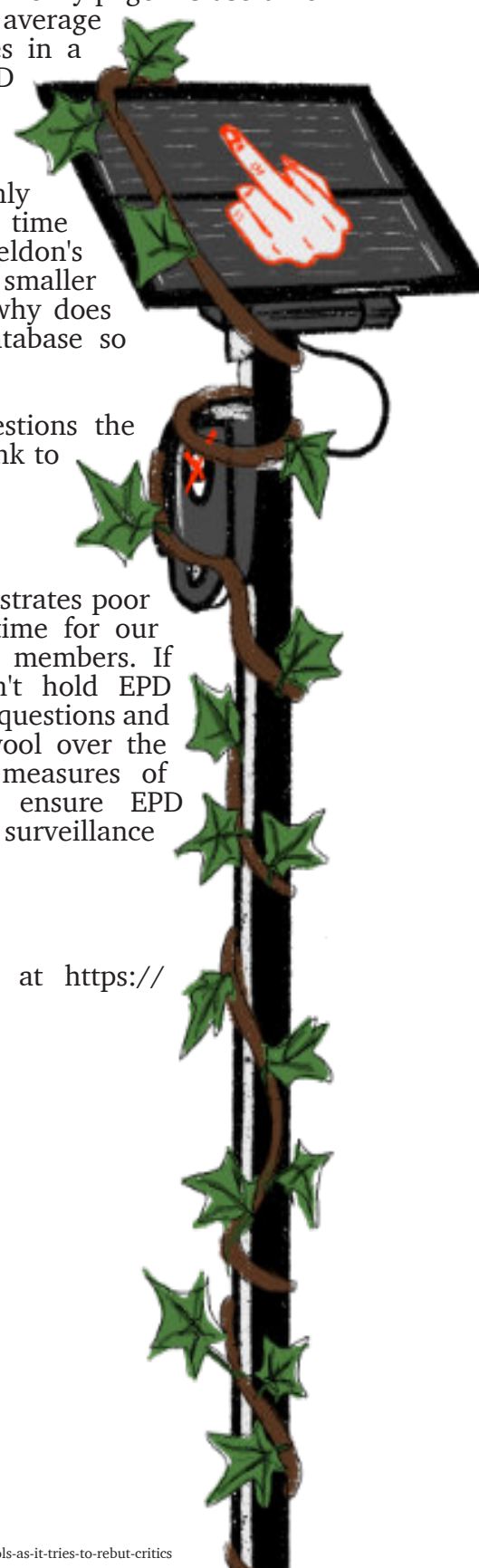
Beyond this breach of public trust, EPD reportedly took down the portion of their transparency page¹⁰ (which has since been reinstated) that showed which other non-Oregon departments they shared data with. But before public records requests flooded in and they took down that portion of the page, their transparency page hosted on Flock's website showed that they shared data with 38 other jurisdictions as far as Nevada (which is not a sanctuary state).

There have been no neutral third party audits of EPD's handling of Flock data so far, instead, this task is left to the public. But hey, Flock's transparency page¹¹ is useful for *some* things, like showing us the average number of database searches in a given 30 day period. EPD averages between 1,100-1,300 searches a month. Meanwhile in West Sacramento, there were only 236 searches over the same time period according to Sheldon's research. Eugene is a much smaller place than Sacramento, so why does EPD need to search the database so frequently?

These are the kinds of questions the Police Commission didn't think to ask.

EPD's deal with Flock demonstrates poor risk assessment in a risky time for our most vulnerable community members. If the police commission won't hold EPD accountable to these tougher questions and they continue to pull the wool over the eyes of the public, what measures of accountability are left to ensure EPD handles AI-powered surveillance responsibly?

Learn how to take action at <https://eyesoffeugene.org/>



¹ <https://eyesoffeugene.org/>

² <https://www.cloudzero.com/blog/cloud-computing-market-size/>

³ <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/how-to-pump-the-brakes-on-your-police-departments-use-of-flocks-mass-surveillance-license-plate-readers>

⁴ https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/national_security_letter

⁵ Behind the Bastards October 29, 2024 episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfxbyQ9KFdg>

⁶ https://www.crunchbase.com/funding_round/flock-safety-series-f-12aa3413

⁷ <https://truthout.org/articles/security-wars-inside-the-militarys-big-messy-fight-with-palantir-the-company-they-pay-to-spy-on-you-online/>

⁸ <https://truthout.org/articles/immigrant-rights-activists-renew-push-against-palantir-to-cancel-ice-contract/>

⁹ <https://www.govtech.com/biz/flock-safety-offers-new-tools-as-it-tries-to-rebut-critics>

¹⁰ <https://eyesoffeugene.org/why-flock-is-bad/>

¹¹ <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/eugene-or-pd>

A Thousand Tiny Cuts

reporting on the loss & absence of vital
community services & programs

Thousand Acres Stops The Sweeps... For Now

By: Azria Raventhorn

"I've never seen people load up a bulldozer so fast and disappear. From dead set on destroying this place and cleaning it up and hauling it off to invisible, they turned to smoke you might say, they disappeared so fast." Says 'Hippie', who has lived with the 'Thousand Acres' encampment for more than six years. Matted locks wrap around his head like snakes and an eclectic array of carvings and crystals hangs around his neck.

Hippie is one of a half dozen residents of the encampment I've spoken to about their ongoing struggle to remain on the land they've occupied for years. Trenches dug into the soil and makeshift barricades dot the encampment: remnants from their stand against Springfield, Oregon-based Northwest Hazmat and NW Enforcement, a Portland based private security group. Contracts were obtained via open records requests with the state of Oregon courtesy of KATU news, revealing that NW Hazmat was contracted for up to \$139,000 and NW Enforcement contracted for up to \$200,000. The Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) hired both to conduct a 'clean up' of the forest on June 2nd, and facilitate the 'willing' removal of the residents. Residents would be forced to leave or be trespassed beginning June 9th. This timeline was derailed after DSL postponed the cleanup indefinitely on June 8th after a private contractor allegedly maced a protestor unprovoked. Video of the altercation can be viewed [here](#).

Over the years the Thousand Acres encampment has been visited several times by Kevin Dahlgren, an "independent journalist" who was hired as a consultant by the city of Gresham as a "homeless specialist" in a botched \$18,000 contract with their police force in 2023. He has since been indicted twice in the same year, first with nineteen charges and again for six more, for a total of twenty five separate charges relating to theft, identity theft, and misconduct towards people on the streets and the city of Gresham totaling thousands of dollars in damages. Dahlgren toured the Thousand Acres encampment several times with city and state officials to encourage the sweeps going as far back as 2021 when he visited the encampment with Mayor Lauer of Troutdale, Mayor Stovall of Gresham, and former Mayor Cooper of Fairview.

None of these mayors have jurisdiction over the Sandy River Delta. According to the City of Troutdale, the presence of the Thousand Acres encampment is a "concern and frustration," but they lament, "there is very little the city can do... and [they] have no jurisdiction over it." Instead they say the woodlands are divided between the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) and the US Forest Service (USFS).

"Kevin Dahlgren is a propaganda King," according to Hippie. Another resident named Danny added, "To me he's a thief, he's a crook. He claims he's a social worker but he comes and takes your stuff and throws it away." Danny claims to be the longest running resident of the Acres for over thirty years, which has earned him the mock title of 'mayor' of Thousand Acres. Since the encampment doesn't keep written records



it's impossible to confirm the complete timeline of the Acres community except through their own oral history. Residents of the Acres claim the encampment has been going for around forty years, longer than anyone claims to have been a part of it. Over that time Danny says he's seen the community at acres change a lot, "Thirty years I've met thousands of people. People that needed help, had nowhere to go. People just keep coming back to say thanks and

helping us out." Those I interviewed referred to those like Danny and Hippie- those who stay-as "the family."

Danny explains how the group has survived all this time, "Every time they'd do a sweep we'd move over to another part of the park, wait thirty days, and move again." But this time rather than fleeing to another area of the park, residents say they're prepared to stand their ground. A hip hop artist who goes by the stage name Mention1 said he finds the Acres 'sacred', "We fight for what we believe in. Acres is our home, and they've accepted me as well, so yeah, I will continue to fight for acres." This sentiment was echoed among everyone I spoke to, most emphatically from a woman who goes by Trish who said she spent the week of the sweep building a patio on her "property" to prove her commitment to fighting for the Acres. The "land pirate", Clinton Bell Philips, who says he's running for president in 2028 with his tongue in his cheek and a wink in his eye said, "I'm gonna stay here as long as I can.... What's happening here at Acres has never happened before*¹, it's special because it worked. Anarchy worked. We govern ourselves."

I asked what the self governance of Thousand Acres looked like, and Hippie responded, "We don't really have a government, we call him [Danny] 'mayor,' but if we have a problem, we make it known and it gets solved."

After video of one of the contractors macing a nonviolent protestor was shared around social media, a spokesperson for DSL wrote to KATU news regarding the incident, "We respect and support the right of individuals to express their views through protest. What's depicted in the video does not reflect our values or the expectations we set for contractors working on our behalf. We are actively investigating this incident and will seek an immediate remedy with the contractor."

Contractors on site that day were not authorized to use force to remove people. Several days later according to the Portland Mercury DSL would write that "they will be halting and reevaluating the project for now, citing "the safety and security of our staff, contractors, and the public, including those currently in the area." KATU reports this move was directed from the office of Oregon Governor Tina Kotek herself. The pause has been criticized for increasing the cost of the project by Troutdale City manager, Ray Young, who says he's been pushing for the camp to be cleared for six years.

Governor Tina Kotek is emphasizing a 'humane' sweep, her office's statement to KATU news says in part that she has

¹ *Note that Philip's statement that Acres has never happened before is hyperbole. There are many cases of self governing encampments, squats, and other "occupations" throughout even just modern history



Eugene Public Works recently proposed new restrictions to the city's Park and Open Space Rules.

Public comment on the proposal ends this Tuesday, July 22 - swipe to see the proposed changes and find out how to help.



Some of the language appears to specifically target our homeless comrades, by...

- Expanding the ban on public bathing to include any water feature.
- Expanding the definition of "encroachment" to include those on any "open space."
- Banning any entering into or use of "landscaped planting areas."



Some of the language will make it difficult to enjoy public spaces with your pets, by...

- Requiring that pets' leashes be held in the hand at all times and not including exemptions for emergencies or reasonable accommodations.
- Expanding the ban on securing (tying) pets to include all structures.



Some of the language is unclear and may lead to questionable or unfair enforcement, by...

- Banning "micromobility devices" on pedestrian trails without a specific definition or an exemption for wheelchairs and other disability aids.
- Banning the creation of trails without defining what counts as one.

"assigned her State Resiliency Officer to work closely with the agency to bring together the necessary NGO, local, and state partners that can help accomplish a successful outcome. Onsite work will begin again with those resources in place." Partners which were previously involved in this process include Portland Police Bureau's HOPE team (Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement), as well as the Salvation Army in order to provide the occupants of the encampment with resources within the "proper channels".

Many of the occupants I spoke to described being distrustful of the HOPE team. The outreach the Salvation Army has done is also seen as inadequate by the people in the camp. An article from the Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP) wrote in regards to these efforts, "Outreach has consisted of referrals to shelters, such as

Bybee Lakes, but all the beds are full. Many residents have dogs which make it even more difficult to access shelter."

In June of 2024 the Federal Supreme Court sided with Grants Pass, Oregon in the case of Grants Pass v Johnson, deciding that the constitution does not protect against sweeping unhoused people without offering adequate shelter beds.

Included in WRAP's article is a cooperative stewardship proposal developed alongside residents of the Thousand Acres encampment, which claims to offer a different path forward. One which claims to address "cleanup needs and combines cost-effective, modular housing with robust community governance," claiming to create a, "system of environmental and community stewardship."

The future for Thousand Acres remains

uncertain, diverging paths juxtapose the peaceful cooperative stewardship model proposed by activists and residents; or continuing the pattern of sweeps and the destruction of people's personal belongings that characterizes the state's kneejerk approach to dealing with people without homes-- albeit with dubious promises of a "humane" solution which never seems to meaningfully materialize. If readers would like to get involved, the Acres is fundraising through @thousandacresdefense on venmo and can follow the Instagram account with the same name to stay up to date as the encampment continues its struggle.

Continued Resistance of ICE Deportations in Portland: *Varied Tactics, Shared Goal*

By: Dime Reid

Escalating Violence Towards Protesters from Feds

In Portland, Oregon, protests are held nightly at the ICE field office, located at 4310 S Macadam St. By day, the community holds barbeques, vigils, marches, sewing circles, sign-making sessions, and demonstrations of support for immigrant neighbors and community members. By night, federal agents emerge from the building and a violent struggle ensues. Feds deploy escalating rounds of toxic gasses, pepper balls, rubber bullets, and carry out targeted arrests. Since early June, these clashes between ICE and their opposition have happened nearly every night, with more than fifty arrests made over time.

Protesters report that federal agents are consistently escalating the intensity and radius of their attacks. On July 4th, there was a call to show up to the federal office location, under the banner "No Celebration under ICE Occupation". One demonstrator, Sam (using a pseudonym to protect their identity), described the scene.

"Around 8:30pm, there was still a large crowd. On that night, people were leaving the street open to traffic. There were even protesters directing traffic." They described the "usual arc" of a community event at the ICE field office: People were hanging out casually for a few hours, and when it got dark the DHS officers came out. "They started with tear gas in front of the building, and this continued in waves as the night went on. Each attack from the agents targeted a larger area, with gas and arrests escalating with every wave." The toxic gasses, varying in color between green, orange, and black, were deployed not only in front of the gate to the property, but onto the road and neighboring streets. Agents chased people down the road for targeted arrests, with one person requiring emergency medical care following the arrest. On the Ice Out of Portland instagram, protesters have been documenting and sharing photos of wounds from police arrests, munitions and physical attacks, many of which also required medical attention. This account also shares updates, events, and calls to action at the ICE office.

Portland protesters are committed to making deportation operations as difficult as possible to carry out. If appointments are cancelled, or delayed even for a month, people would have an opportunity to make a plan for their life and community in the event of deportation.

"It feels important to continue to stand our ground, despite high levels of repression," Sam said. "To continue to hold that space and make it unusable by ICE and the feds. We refuse to treat this as normal or okay. Even if we don't have the power to fully stop what's happening, we will refuse to accept it, and will make it as hard as possible."

Direct confrontations with ICE, such as are taking place daily at the Portland field office, are also a tactic to tie up as many of their resources as possible, reducing their harm elsewhere. Border Czar Tom Homan said in an interview on FOX Business that cooperation in republican-led states enable more resources to be deployed in sanctuary cities, naming Portland, New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. He told reporters at the White House, "We're going to double down, triple down on sanctuary cities."

Criticism of ICE Field Office Closure

Some are skeptical of the tactic of forced ICE field offices closure, as it can result in more difficulty and logistical complications for those with required appointments, especially for those at risk of deportation. Street Roots published an article detailing ways the closure of ICE building blocks immigrants' access to critical legal aid, quoting board member of Portland Immigrants Rights Coalition Natalie Lerner:

"PIRC is an organization that believes ICE should not exist," Lerner said. "It's more a question of, what are the steps that we take toward abolition? In what order does that abolition need to happen? If we could snap our fingers and all of ICE is just gone tomorrow, that would obviously be the best."

Lerner believes the closure of the Portland ICE field office has created confusion for attorneys and community organizers working to support people through their legal processes. Sandy Chung, executive director for the ACLU of Oregon, was also quoted in the article, voicing opposition to a petition urging Portland City Council to revoke a permit for the building where ICE operates.

"To be honest, the organizations that have been doing this work, they're not dumb," Chung said. "If strategically taking down that ICE building would be super beneficial, we also have plenty of organizers and policy folks who would have already been working on that."

Though ICE will not confirm if they are still using the field office on Macadam St. for appointments (only citing in a sign on the building that they are "Closed to the Public") lawyers and advocates report that there have not been immigration-related appointments held there since June.

ICE Budget Increase and National Escalation

People of varying groups and backgrounds are building strategies to combat the onslaught of attacks on immigrant communities. Detentions, raids, and deportations are only expected to escalate as ICE receives massive budget increases. According to the American Immigration Council, the so-called big beautiful bill allocates \$45 billion for building new immigration detention centers, including family detention facilities, a 265 percent annual budget increase to ICE's current detention budget. It is a 62 percent larger budget than the entire federal prison system and could result in daily detention of at least 116,000 non-citizens. There will also be \$46.6 billion put into border wall construction. This is the largest investment in detention and deportation in U.S. history.

As the administration continues to escalate its war on immigrant communities, Portlanders are using a wide variety of strategies to protect themselves and one another, and interfere with the federal government's attacks on immigrant communities. Interruption of detentions at court proceedings, the prevention of detainee transport, provision of legal aid, advice and accompaniment for people with court appointments, community defense centers for rapid response, or neighborhood-wide plans for responding to feds - these are just some of the ways people all over the country and the world are demonstrating their resolution to resist.

THE PEOPLE'S BLOTTER

Submissions from the public documenting abuses of institutional power

Eugene, Ore. On July 1st, I was at the Call Out Sick protest downtown outside the Eugene Federal Building in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors being arrested at their routine ICE check-in appointments while also being denied access to their attorneys.

Despite about 40 people chanting and holding it down at the ICE field office on East 6th Ave and Pearl St from 1-5:20pm, four ICE terrorists in masks and vests were seen forcing five kidnapped people with their hands behind their backs from the building to two unmarked black SUVs parked on East 7th away from the crowd. ICE is most likely driving them to the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma.

An unmarked silver SUV leaving the Pearl St exit drove through the crowd as well, not injuring anyone but surely trying to intimidate.

Finally, Eugene Police Department was seen staged at the Good Times parking lot to the east of the Federal Building in what appeared to be a backup of ICE's detention and transfer of people. This violates city and state sanctuary policies.

So tell your friends and family, show up against ICE in Eugene at the Federal Building next time! And be on the lookout for these fascists out in our community. Follow the SALUTE guide (see right) and submit your reports to <https://dissonanttimes.org/submissions/>



Have a people's blotter submission? Make sure it follows the guidelines of SALUTE!

No, seriously, trust us: We're still a sanctuary city –EPD

By: Brignoni-Ponce

On July 7th the Eugene Police Department released a Department Command Directive (No. CD25-013) with the subject "Guidance for Requests for Assistance at the Federal Building Involving Immigration." The document, signed by Chief of Police Chris Skinner, is supposed to provide guidance for EPD officers and insight to the public. The Eugene Police Commission met on July 10th and received further comment from Captain Jake Burke. Both the directive itself and Captain Burke's comments raise rather than alleviate concerns.

First, let's look at the relevant sections of Oregon law (ORS 181A.826) which are binding on EPD as well as all other city, county, and state employees.

Public facilities, property, moneys, equipment, technology or personnel may not be used for the purpose of investigating, detecting, apprehending, arresting, detaining or holding individuals for immigration enforcement. ORS 181A.826.

"Supporting or assisting a federal agency in immigration enforcement, including but not limited to... [e]stablishing traffic perimeters for the purpose of supporting or facilitating immigration enforcement." ORS 181A.826(2)(b).

"If a public body receives a communication or request from a federal agency that relates to immigration enforcement, other than a judicial subpoena described in ORS 181A.823 (Prohibitions related to immigration enforcement) (1)(c)(A), the public body shall decline the request and document the communication or request." ORS 181A.826(3)(a).

EPD acknowledges that effectuating or assisting federal law enforcement's abduction of community members is facilitating immigration enforcement in the directive.

"The Watch Commander will assess the situation to determine whether the request for assistance facilitates immigration enforcement, such as the transport of detainees," states the directive. Oregon law is clear on the illegality of providing such assistance.

"Public facilities, property, moneys, equipment, technology or personnel may not be used for the purpose of investigating, detecting, apprehending, arresting, detaining

or holding individuals for immigration enforcement." ORS 181A.826. Yet EPD isn't directed to not intervene but rather to only do so after receiving orders from the Patrol Captain.

This can be seen in the section of the directive which reads, "[i]f request for assistance does implicate immigration enforcement, but there is no imminent safety threat, approval from the Patrol Captain is required before any EPD personnel respond or engage further." Captain Burke, in his comments before the Police Commission, said EPD would not engage if the sole purpose of their intervention was to facilitate immigration enforcement. He finds himself on the wrong side of the divide created by this law. His position is that EPD will not act if immigration enforcement is the only reason that assistance has been requested. The law, however, defines when public facilities, property, moneys, equipment, technology and personnel may not be used. In other words, EPD can act only if immigration enforcement is not a reason their assistance has been requested.

This is made clearer in section (3)(a). The relevant piece here is:

If a public body receives a... request from a federal agency that relates to immigration enforcement... **the public body shall decline the request.**

Oregon law compels EPD to decline requests relating to immigration enforcement. Not deny them when immigration enforcement is the sole reason for the request or after consideration by a Watch Commander. Exceptions for judicial subpoenas hold no relevance to protests outside the federal building. EPD are bound by statute to not interfere if doing so assists with immigration enforcement. How EPD plans to crack down on demonstrators without effectuating the transportation of detainees in any way is a logistical nightmare I happily leave to them.

Establishing traffic perimeters is both an explicitly forbidden and non-exhaustive restriction on city, county, and state

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has signed off, it is not a warrant.

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Whither Pride: Takeaways from two Pride events

By: lump

Eugene commemorated Pride last month with a variety of events throughout June. I attended two of these on the 28th, the march to Eugene Pride in the morning and Pride Was a Riot! in the afternoon. This report back will loosely cover what I experienced at each event and some reflections pertaining to Pride in Eugene.

The March

Kesey Square is filled with people. Official speeches compete with megaphoned street preachers bloviating on the sinfulness of we, the queers. The atmosphere is chaotic yet muted. The noise has all combined into a dull patois lacking ears to inspire. The heat of the morning is finally interrupted by the marching band coming into formation. A drumline is, as always, a joy to encounter. My hopes of disruption by a Palestine Contingent that have lured me to the event are waning. Three separate groups in three distinct official vests watched as the march took shape behind the now advancing band. The march is on, it's route protected by EPD officers who have been instructed this obstruction of a public way is not a threat.¹ Not that I could disagree. The march passes an applauding Saturday Market and proceeds up 8th. Signs, banners, and flags decorate the crowd as a member of PSL leads chants. At "Down, down, co-optation! Up, up, liberation!", I balk. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 A group of young folk with a Queer Intifada banner raise my spirits but it remains galling to hear calls-and-response invoking Stonewall flanked front and back by EPD vehicles and security on each side. The crowd winds its way through neighborhood streets, finally arriving at Lane County Fairgrounds. We pass a ticket booth and I split off from the group, headed home. At least tickets for Eugene Pride were offered on a sliding scale for as low as \$1.

Pride Was a Riot!

Sladden Park is warm and murmurs with casual conversation. An effigy, perhaps a piñata, in an ICE uniform with a J.D. Vance meme face is resting on a tree. A variety of local orgs and people have set up tables to distro from as well as blankets and chairs for enjoying the shade. Food Not Bombs has Cake Pops! The initial crowd is on the smaller side but who amongst us hasn't spend an afternoon tabling to other tablers? More people arrive and pick through various zines on offer before settling in for a set by locals The Big Scare. Speeches are made connecting struggles for queer liberation to anti-imperialism and anti-capitalism. Good! A reference to the people's war of Peru² leaves me more skeptical. Then someone tells me not to prioritize identity; I need liberation as a worker, not a queer. Speeches go on for a bit and the event wraps up with what was in fact a piñata(!) being smashed, a raffle call, and a DJ set.



Whither Pride?

I am left feeling that both Pride events lacked precisely that, pride. The long (and ongoing) history of anti-queer violence from police³ and their co-conspirators² puts me firmly in the "no cops at Pride" camp. I am not, nor am I interested in being, queer in a way police want to protect. I have no desire to be accepted or understood by a regime of the Normal. I want attack,

not legibility. A day meant to remember police violence against our queer ancestors and celebrate the queer violence they returned is betrayed by capitulation to the Normal.⁴ If we cannot be proud enough of our forebearers fighting bigoted cops in the streets to keep them alive in our hearts, I fear we will never have the strength to be proud of ourselves, of our own queerness, either. We should be proud of our antagonism, proud of our negativity. Liberation, like queerness, is a positive project but also one of negation.⁵ We aren't just building a new world in the shell of the old, we're throwing bricks through the shell and looting the detritus for parts.

Queerness is not something allowed by a regime of liberal tolerance. It is not a spoiled enfant terrible throwing a tantrum at the end of history.⁶ Queerness, in its creative desire and its creative destruction, crashes against the limits of liberalism's attempt to totalize and discipline. It cannot be simply tolerated because it is a desire for things intolerable by a liberal regime. The hollowness of the supposed acceptance of the queer goes beyond the continued existence of reactionary animus and disgust. The inherent instability of the queer is unacceptable to the liberal. Destabilizing categories like family, intimacy, even the human itself, queerness refuses a type of legibility demanded by a normalizing state apparatus. Disrupting and diverting flows of capital, reputation, and desire in ways both unpredictable and untraceable to power is far too threatening to be allowed. Thus a Pride which refuses the visceral authenticity of its own past, present, and future is made to paint over, to bury, queerness. We are offered nostalgia and branding in place of lives.

For me, a Pride parade should

¹ <https://itsgoingdown.org/report-back-a15-blockade-and-arrests-in-eugene-or/>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4rUrovOn1k>

³ <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/no-cops-pride-how-criminal-justice-system-harms-lgbtq-people>

⁴ <https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/mary-nardini-gang-toward-the-queerest-insurrection>

⁵ <https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/baedan-baedan>

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_End_of_History_and_the_Last_Man

encompass a more genuine and complete celebration of queers, modern and past. Not just a recognition of what victories have been achieved but a celebration of the battles that won those victories. It should be joyous, yes, but I want my ancestors to be with me in that joy. I want to celebrate antagonism and bravery and blood. And I definitely don't want any cops.

This hostility can't be reserved only for exterior threats, though. You don't have to cash a cop check to do cop work.¹ Anti-queerness persists, sometimes even thrives, within our own spaces too. Lateral and internalized bigotry continue to wreak havoc in countless lives and cisheternormative structures like rape culture plague our movements. These are not merely features of capitalistic exploitation. Patriarchy is a co-conspirator of Capital, not its child. Repression and violence based on gender and sexuality have existed and continue to exist outside of capitalist frameworks. Decentering queerness in liberation can invisibilize the violence done to queers within our own spaces. That's not a front I am willing or able to sacrifice.

Queerness does not emerge from class relations and cannot be reduced to a superstructural relationship. It does not simply emerge from production because it is itself productive. The destabilizing effect of queerness is a result of its productive nature. True, Capital wants to rewrite queer desire to make it legible to its own goals and modes of productive relations. But Capital is not the only form by which power attempts to inscribe regulation and conformity into queer bodies. The defining and disciplining of particular genders, sexualities, and relationships has been happening since long before the enclosure drove people to cities in which proletarian relationships formed. Queer revolt does not stop at Capital because queer production includes more than proletarian relations. Queer liberation entails more than victory over the bourgeoisie because the destabilizing production of the queer extends to further and more immanent horizons than that. Subtracting queerness from our fields of analysis and struggle both impoverishes the fight against economic exploitation and excuses, even permits, bigoted violence. As the Combahee River Collective wrote:

We realize that the liberation of all oppressed peoples necessitates the destruction of the political-economic systems of capitalism and imperialism as well as patriarchy. We are socialists because we believe that work must be organized for the collective benefit of those who do the work and create the products, and not for the profit of the bosses. Material resources must be equally distributed among those who create these resources. We are not convinced, however, that a socialist revolution that is not also a feminist and anti-racist revolution will guarantee our liberation.²

We need a queer liberation because only it can and will liberate queerness. I hate cops and bosses, but I hate transphobes and rapists too. I will gladly cheer the fall of the bosses but I want much more than that and am unwilling to compromise. That's what I was celebrating; that more, and the beautiful, brave, and hungry queers who have refused to give up the fight for it. That's what I wish we had all been celebrating.

I am proud to be queer, proud of my queer ancestors, and proud of my queer comrades. I am proud of their queerness and want them to be as well. When offered a choice between a hollow Pride and a dequeered revolution I find both alienating. In both, even when present, I am absent. To attack together, to hold each other, we have to embrace our love for ourselves and each other. Our whole selves. The Combahee River Collective again, "Our politics evolve from a healthy love for ourselves, our sisters and our community which allows us to continue our struggle and work."

We must not just take pride, but seize it.

¹ <https://truthout.org/articles/why-misogynists-make-great-informants/>

² <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/combahee-river-collective-statement-1977/>



An Uncritical Media is Worthless

By: James Croxton

I'll just go right out and say it: I was appalled when I read the transcript of KLCC's Michael Dunne's interview with newly sworn-in Springfield Police Chief Jami Resch that was published on July 9. So much so that I published a brief thread on the social media app Bluesky about the interview's complete lack of actual journalism the following day.

You see, when I was starting out as a scrappy college newspaper journalist at Lane Community College's The Torch, notably the home of KLCC, one of the first things I learned is to never take a person in power's words at face value. Do your background research, talk to other sources, think critically, and always have a follow-up question.

This is our job. We hold those with power accountable.

So when I read the 21-minute-long interview with Resch, I was not just disappointed, but angry, that at no point did Dunne bring up the chief's prior controversies. Not once. And Resch is far from without.

I know this because, in light of her promotion to interim-chief in Springfield, I published an article with Left Coast Right Watch four months ago, on March 12, specifically about Resch's controversies as the short-lived chief for Portland Police Bureau.

One thing about police departments is they can, and will, perform what they believe to be grandiose actions in the name of "progress" and these can often lead to an amnesia of prior controversies. In Resch's case, she resigned but not before promoting Chuck Lovell into the position, making him the fourth Black man to ever lead the department and one during a time of great civil unrest. These actions, much to the detriment of the general public, can be successful—especially when aided by an uncritical press.

According to KLCC, Springfield residents shouldn't even be remotely concerned about Resch, who authorized her PPB officers to obscure their name tags and badge members—a tactic now regularly seen in use by federal agents during ICE raids—during the beginning of Summer 2020 protests for George Floyd, leading what was already known to be a violent police department. One that recently wrapped up one lawsuit from 2022 and is still in the middle of another from 2020.

Nor does KLCC think Springfield residents should be concerned that Resch, herself, was at the center of an \$85,000 settlement to a PPB captain who sued the department in 2020 for discrimination and retaliation after Resch promoted her then-fiancé against recommendation.

KLCC also doesn't want Springfield residents to know that she was at the helm of PPB when they deployed over 140 munitions over a few short hours in what would later be infamously known as "Tear Gas Tuesday." The events of that night were even covered by renowned London-based research agency Forensic Architecture.

All of this, apparently, isn't even history for KLCC, for history is something that journalists would look to for guidance and for context. None of Resch's prior controversies, based on KLCC's reporting, apparently matter to Springfield residents, even one iota, as long as it meant that the city got its first-ever female police chief.

That's "progress," right?



Jailbreak is an abolitionist column broadly devoted to supporting political prisoners & all who resist the prison world. No revolutionary movement will ever succeed that doesn't fight state repression & support all who face it. We have so much to learn from our imprisoned comrades inside & so much support to give in our collective struggle for liberation that will be stopped by no prison wall. None are free until all are free! Write to a prisoner today!

Rattling The Cages & Editing the Pages:

an interview with Josh Davidson and Eric King [Part 4]

By: Joy Santiago

Note from the editor: I love breaking rules. And one rule I was taught at another publication was to never let an interview for a feature exceed 20-30 minutes. Well, I couldn't resist and I ended up talking to Josh and Eric for over an hour and a half. So, this interview will be published in smaller parts over the next few issues. You can read the whole interview on our website, dissonanttimes.org/jailbreak.

Josh Davidson is an abolitionist and member of the Certain Days collective, an educational fundraiser raising awareness about North American political prisoners. Eric King is a political prisoner who was incarcerated from 2014-2023 for an attempted firebombing of a (vacant) congressman's office in Kansas City, MO in solidarity with the Ferguson Uprising of 2014. The pair co-edited Rattling the Cages, an anthology of oral histories from political prisoners that spans movements and decades. In our interview, we discuss the process of publishing the book, life in prison, and abolition.

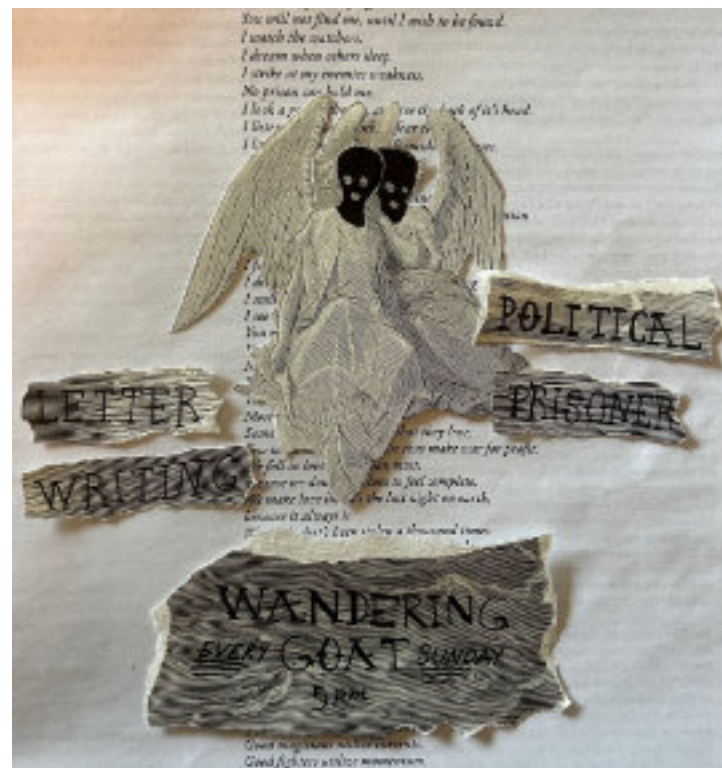
DT: Do either of you have thoughts on how to get more eyes on political prisoners and prison abolition in general?

EK: Yeah. Yeah. So something like that I think about sometimes is that sometimes in America, even amongst like the activist left I think there's still a stigma about prisoners. I think in the back of people's minds, they're still like, "Burn prisons. Well, except for rapists or murderers" and so they still buy that government line that like only some people should be freed. Only some people should... get out of prison.

And I feel that, like, I feel that when I talk to people, because I was around like the most infamous killers in American history just about like and I still didn't feel like that was the solution. This sort of like crushing imprisonment, and so I think people think and this might be a fact. I don't know. I'm very smart, I think people... what they do with their actions indicates what they care about. You can say anything, but what you do shows like where your heart's really at and the lack how do I say this? The lack of direct action, protest, and creativity in the abolitionist circle, which would draw in more people indicates that not that many people care like they say they do.

We saw with the Palestinian stuff, people were mobilized. Like hundreds of thousands, it seemed like globally, and I thought to myself, if we had half of this for the political prisoner movement... You don't see people on the streets for Oso. Maybe 10. You don't see people marching so that Kojo can go home... because they're abstract ideas. They're not people. They're abstract. And if you're one of the few people who do see them as a human, you also recognize like how alone you are in that, because Josh can't take to the streets and start shooting wardens and like expect anything to change. But if 30, let's say 3,000 people in Eugene rolled up on Oregon State Prison and sat down in that parking lot so the guards couldn't show up, that would start a discussion. That would bring new people in because they would hear perspectives they'd never heard. It would bring eyes and ears and that brings action. So we don't see a prison BDS movement... We don't see it. No one cares. And so like this lack of creativity and lack of like, large appeal, I think shows that like we are still buying the government sign on prisoners and that's why it's still like a niche topic and still like a moderately small movement, forreal.

JD: With Rattling the cages, I'll just say we tried to make it as accessible as possible. It was difficult because I wanted to like I wanted my parents to read it who have no idea what like what I do you know or supporting political prisoners, that doesn't mean anything to them really, so I wanted them to be able to read it and like have some understanding of what I spend the majority of my time doing. But I also wanted like David Gilbert, Herman Bell, or Susan Rosenberg, these people who have been involved in this movement for decades and decades. I wanted them to read it and learn something or find some-



thing new in there as well. So I think just making these things as accessible as possible is only going to benefit us. One of the first book talks I did was in Baltimore and a friend's daughter came up and said,

"Great book talk," She was like nine years old and she was like, "that was a great book talk. Do you have any books that would like help me understand what political prisoners are?"

And there aren't, you know, there's not really that stuff out there. But if there were, you know, if people understood from a younger age, like the connections of movements and people fighting back in the history of resistance then I think that we would have like you see in Ireland or Palestine, greater levels of support for political prisoners and also people realizing the just the centrality of political prisoners within any movement for liberation.

EK: Your answers are always so much better than mine. I hate you.

DT: It's not a competition.

EK: No, it is.

DT: You all get participation trophies at the end.

EK: I better. Just real quick, like my mom didn't take, like, she didn't understand my situation at all, until my wife had to teach her basically. When the book came out like she felt pride, I think, in me, for that. For doing something that she recognized as an accomplishment. And then now like she watches every rattling in the cages. She's there live... And so like that goes to the accessibility. Like if nothing else at least one like MAGA lady sees prisoners as humans and so that's a small victory in itself.

DT: Totally. I mean, it's hard, especially -going back to your earlier point- where it's not visible and then like the visibility that you do get around prisoner issues is like so often very tokenizing, and, I mean, it's part of the function of the prison is to make it so concealed, to like actually understand what's going on in there. And like, I think that's why we've seen such mass mobilization around Palestine since October 7th in 2023 because like it is the atrocities going on there are like on so many news networks. And you don't get that type of coverage and you don't get that type of like publicity for prisoner issues. And I think that's like why we need to like really in our media and our grassroots media like have like dedicated space for just platforming incarcerated people.

EK: If only there was a newspaper that could do that.

Someone needs to get on that.

DT: *People need to get off their lazy asses and get to work..hey, if we had it my way but...* anyways, Josh, you kind of segued into this point [with] the [bringing up the] Firestorm talk with James Kilgore. When James was talking about the book he worked on, the Warehouse and Visual Primer on Mass Incarceration and how like a big intention behind that book was to create more visibility and make the realities of inside prisons more accessible to people, I thought that was really awesome...But yeah, I was just kind of curious like if you guys wanted to dive in a little bit more into like your intentions behind Rattling the Cages, if there's anything that hasn't been touched on so far. Or your own like personal motivations and like hopes and like publishing this work, whether it's like, I just want my mom to understand, I want everybody to understand who reads this book, or whatever.

EK: I touched on it earlier, of course, but the number one thing for me was the humanization and honoring of our elders. Like Josh made it a full compass thing of like every generation ever to but for me, I was desperate for people to see the humanity behind our elders so that like they could have that. I wanted them to be honored when they were here and when they're gone. And I wanted them to be honored for who they were, not what they did. Because we see those people, we see them and I don't know if every single person in the abolitionist movement understands what Laura did, like who they were. I don't know if every single person understands like what makes Linda happy, or what David lost by doing the Brinks thing, like what was lost? And then what was gained? And so that was like radically important to me that just for posterity's sake if nothing else, like my grandkids can know that like Herman Bell was fucking amazing as a human.

JD: Yeah, I think for me, a lot of it was the same. You know, it's just like, these are amazing people that are more often than not overlooked and neglected, whether they're inside or outside you know and and whatever we can do to help raise their voices, not only to benefit them and to like help people understand the significance of their part in the struggle, but also to motivate people, to make people realize that these are humans just like you or I, you know that like it's not something special that they have that like enables them to stand up and fight back, but it's something that we all share. But I think that was really important. And also, yeah, came through in all the different interviews.

EK: Man, I wish that God, we could have got Maroon. Maroon and Dr. Shakur.

JD: Yeah, Mutulu. I wish, yeah, same here. Eddie Conway, I think, would have been amazing.

EK: When I think about the elders we lost like leading up to it, Tom, Seth, Eddie. Like these dudes that like carried with them hundreds of years of history and loves and feelings and hurts. They just would have added so much. It would have been so great to hear their stories.

JD: That's true. And one interesting aspect that I think probably most people don't have when reading Rattle in the Cages, but I definitely do is that each chapter for me reminds me of a prison visit. It humanizes it for me but it also like every prison visit I've had has just been like this amazing, humanizing and also just like insanely historical and inspiring story. Every time. It doesn't matter which political prisoner I visit. You know, just like having face-to-face contact and sharing these stories that weren't known before, it's really amazing. And for me, I, yeah, I just kind of see it as an extension of that.

EK: The last prisoner you visited, that was the QAnon shaman, you said?

JD: No. The last prisoner I visited was a trans prisoner here in Oregon, which was an interesting visit.

EK: God damn it, don't do that to me. Don't do that to me.

DT: One-upping you with goodness.

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EK: I love spending time with Josh. Me and Josh have spent so much time like doing these different talks and interviews and some shit in person, most of it over the computer, and it's just given me a chance to like really appreciate the value that some people have and like the heart they put into the movement. And also into their friends. So I love these things for that reason.



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all of us is love



Dear Darling,

Darling's outlook on life, relationships, conflict, and crime can best be described as whimsical. She values care for self and community, feeling good, looking good, and fucking s@! up. There are no questions too bold, topics too old, and anything you're thinking is conversation gold.*

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Dear Darling,

I have a friend who feels like a stranger now. We still eat lunch together, talk, and smile at each other, but it doesn't feel like there's anything left of substance. We're part of a friend group of four, and she's definitely close to the other two than I am. This leads to everyone taking her side in arguments, which makes me feel like I'm always in the wrong. I apologize to these people when they all agree I'm in the wrong, but sometimes I feel like I shouldn't be apologizing. I also try to change so that we don't fight again, but seems like I can never change enough. Me and this person have been friends for a long time, but it feels like our friendship is a tiny cucumber that got put in a jar, and then it grew, and grew, and now the jar is about to break. Others have told me that I should stop being friends with this person, but if I stop being friends with her, I'll lose my two other friends, and I'm scared of being alone. What should I do to try and fix our friendship?

Sincerely,

Cucumber Stuck in a Jar

Dearest Cucumber,

Wow, this sounds like a real pickle you've found yourself in, I'd be feeling salty if I was in your shoes. I'm hearing a few different things in here that I'd like to name, and then maybe we can parse each of them out. It sounds like one piece of this is that you are maybe grieving the friendship you used to have with this person? And another is that you're feeling fear around what might happen to the rest of your relational ecosystem if you make any drastic changes to this specific relationship? And in the middle of it all, it sounds like you're doing a lot of really intense fermentation to try and adapt yourself to these changing dynamics, and maybe not seeing any kind of reciprocity? When you put all that together, I can see why you might feel

like this is a really big dill! Anyways, let's tackle each of these points in reverse order.

First of all, I honestly think that if you're changing yourself for others, that's a pretty big red flag. My dear, I understand the desire to shapeshift from cucumber to pickle, the depth and complexity of flavor is unbeatable. However, I really must stress that when undergoing such a delicious transformation, it is of the utmost importance that you are doing it for YOURSELF first and foremost. So, I would encourage you to check in with yourself - are the changes you're making truly because YOU want to be this person you're becoming in the process, or is it so that this person (or someone else) will like you more? The reason this is so important is that, as much as we would like to have forever friends, Octavia Butler reminds us that "the only constant is change," and our communities, relationships, networks do change organically.

If you put all of this effort into changing yourself for others, when those dynamics do inevitably shift, you're going to be the one living with the changes you've made. It's one thing if you've had a conversation with this other person and you've both agreed to examine your behaviors within your relationship and you're both putting in the work to shift things to a healthier place (more on this later), but even in this situation, I think it's vitally important to be crystal clear on your goals and motivations for change. Don't let others choose your jar. Better yet, smash all the jars and free all the pickles. You are infinite, my dear.

Second, and I think this ties into my last point, you can absolutely have relationships with your other friends that are independent of this individual in question. Our social networks are like the vines of an overgrown cucumber plant, we are all deeply interwoven and connected (even those of us who sometimes feel really isolated!). Like a mess of trelised and tangled vines, if one vine is broken, the rest of the plants can remain intact and continue to grow. It may seem really intimidating, but I would suggest softly approaching each of your other friends about how things have felt when you hang out as individuals and as a group. It's possible that they have no idea you feel this way, and they may be willing to shift their positions within the friend group to make more space for your opinions and feelings. They may even be appreciative of your vulnerable sharing, and this may even strengthen your bonds with them.

On the other hand, they may double down and choose to back your other friend instead of you. If this happens, though, that may be valuable information as to whether or not this friend group is really the one for you. You deserve to be in a commu-

nity that respects your feelings and needs (as long as those feelings or needs don't come at the expense of others' wellbeing). Remember, a pickle is only as good as the brine it's soaking in. If you're not getting the respect you deserve in this group, it may be time to cut your losses and find yourself a new brine.

Finally, maybe you're grieving the loss of this initial person's friendship as it once was. (I mean, maybe not too, I'm a columnist, not a telepath.) Regardless of what specific emotions you are or aren't holding towards this person, you might want to think about talking to them openly and directly about it. It doesn't have to be accusatory or escalatory, it can just be a little friend check-in, something along the lines of, "Hey, I relish our friendship, and lately I feel like our dynamic has changed a bit. I'd like for us to talk about why that might be and what we can do together to preserve our relationship and steer it in a direction that feels better for me and for us." Just like with your other friends, this could go a few different ways, but either way, the information you'll gain from this exchange can make a huge impact on what your next moves may be.

I sincerely hope that you and your friend will be able to recognize your mutual responsibility to feeding the relationship, and I hope that, with trust, care, and reciprocity, you can bring back some of that effervescence to your friendship crock. If that ends up not being the case, I would encourage you to really tend to your grief - put energy into honoring the times that you had with this friend before you felt the dynamic change, and lean into accepting, and even welcoming, that change is a natural and necessary part of growth. Sometimes, that's the real beauty of pickling - finding out what surprising flavors await you on the other side of your transformation.

The last little bit of advice I'll offer you is to try to not be too salty. I can tell you from personal experience that adding too much salt to the brine will absolutely spoil your ferment - it's easier to add salt as needed later in the ferment than it is to take the salt out once it's added. This is actually just as true in home pickling as it is in building strong relationships.

Happy bubbling,

Darling Tonia

Events & Free Resources

Ways to plug into some of the mutual aid projects around Eugene

By: A. Crumb

A new project has emerged from recent Mutual Aid Town Hall meetings with an aim of increasing collaboration and sharing resources between some of the many mutual aid organizations in town. During the first of our monthly meetings we heard from Food Not Bombs, Barefoot Defenders, Free Skool, Neighborhood Anarchist Collective (NAC) family group, Medics for Action Collective Eugene (MACE), the jail sit group, and Eugene Community Fridges about what they're currently up to and what support they could use to keep things moving. A lot of cool ideas for collaboration between groups came out of the meeting, but there are still a number of needs that different organizations could use the community's help with meeting. If you want a way to plug in to some of these projects, check out the list below for some brief descriptions of the work they do and how to help out!

Food Not Bombs serves food and basic needs supplies at the park blocks on Fridays from 4-5pm. They're looking for more Friday volunteers to help cook and inventory supplies before they start distro at 4pm. If you're not free on Fridays and/or need a low key way to help out, they could also use support assembling their supplies into various kits (first aid, hygiene, etc.) If you've got a show you've been meaning to watch and need something to do with your hands, or you wanna join the cooking party, reach out at eugenefoodnotbombs@proton.me or on Instagram [@foodnotbombs_eugene](https://www.instagram.com/foodnotbombs_eugene)

Barefoot Defenders provides food and material support for unhoused neighbors on Tuesdays and Fridays and could use more volunteers to help distribute. They also regularly need more tents, sleeping bags, and tarps to replace what gets taken by city workers. If you want to help with either of these needs, DM them on Instagram [@barefootdefenders](https://www.instagram.com/barefootdefenders) or email at eugenebfd@protonmail.com

Free Skool is a free skill sharing project organized by NAC that puts on a variety of classes based on feedback from community members about skills that they want to share and those that they want to learn. They currently want to be able to offer more supplies for people to take home and practice the skills they learn from the workshops, but they need more storage space to make it happen! If you have a space in Eugene or Springfield that you'd like to offer, hit them up at freeskooleugene@gmail.com or on Instagram [@eugenefreeskool](https://www.instagram.com/eugenefreeskool) (they are also always seeking locations for workshops and people who have skills they want to share)

NAC also has a homeschool and family meetup group that encourages more families to join so there's a larger pool of families to coordinate play dates and share advice and resources. If you're interested in joining, reach out to [@nac_eugene](https://www.instagram.com/nac_eugene) on Instagram or email them

at contact@neighborhoodanarchists.org to get connected!

MACE is an action medicine collective that provides safety, treatment, and crisis management during political action, and also collaborates with other mutual aid organizations to provide medical support at their events when requested. If you have medical experience and want to reach out about working with them, you can email mace.eugene@proton.me

The jail sit crew provides food, bus passes, and other jail support to people being released from the county jail between 1 and 6pm on Fridays. If you're interested in finding ways to help, you're encouraged to come down to the front of the jail during that time frame to chat with folks and plug in.

Eugene Community Fridges hosts a number of free food fridges around town, and they are also currently setting up cooling stations around town and seeking out more locations to do so. If you have a spot that is visible to somewhat high traffic areas and you want to host a cooling station (which mostly means set up, refilling drinks if you're offering them, and occasionally monitoring to make sure your canopy doesn't fly away), reach out to [@eugenecommunityfridge](https://www.instagram.com/eugenecommunityfridge) on Instagram to see what supplies they can help you with. Or if you want to go rogue and do it yourself, check out this infographic with tips for set up



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living creatively



Submission from April 2025

No, seriously, trust us: *We're still a sanctuary city continued from pg 7*

officials’ ability to facilitate immigration enforcement. ORS 181A.826(2)(b). This language is especially relevant to police interacting with a justly angry public. Blocking demonstrators, kettling marches, and restricting access to public spaces are well-worn police tactics for disrupting resistance. EPD has signaled an approach in which they do not intervene if there is not a threat of imminent harm, sort of.

“Requests that involve demonstrations, where there is no imminent threat to public safety, shall be directed to the on-duty Watch Commander or designee.” CD25-013. This section, again, creates ambiguity by leaving it up to the Watch Commander or designee to decide if the Eugene Police will act in accordance with Oregon law. By law such requests must be denied. “If low level crimes such as vandalism or trespass are reported, we will take a report and follow up.” CD25-103. Trespass is a Class C misdemeanor. ORS 164-245. Obstructing a public way is only a Class B misdemeanor. ORS 166.025. Vandalism is a Class A misdemeanor. ORS 164.354. If it is EPD policy to not provide assistance in the case of a Class A misdemeanor like vandalism one would expect them to be equally hands-off in dealing with a Class B misdemeanor like disorderly conduct in the second degree (obstructing a public way), especially as that is also required by state law.

We will have to wait to see what, if any, effects this new command directive has on EPD’s response to future actions resisting the federal government’s ongoing racist attack on our community. Regardless of any official pronouncements I put no faith in police, local or otherwise, restricting themselves to repression only within legal bounds. Readers should contemplate and prepare for repression of protests and targeting of agitators as best they can. While not by any stretch of the imagination a full solution it is worth noting the final sub-section of the law prohibiting the use of public resources for immigration enforcement: “[a]ny person may bring a civil action against a law enforcement agency or public body that violates subsection (1) of this section to enjoin the violation. [2021 c.550 §3]” ORS181A.826(5).

A Cozy Pregame for Saving the Planet

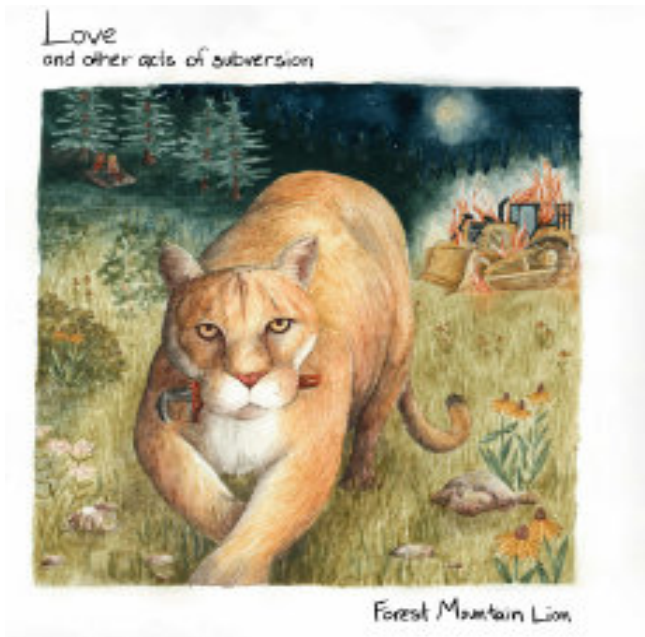
New Album from Eugene Locals Forest Mountain Lion



Love and Other Acts of Subversion, out July 25th, is the product of three years of writing and six months of intensive recording. Forest's lyrical themes of love, spirit, and environmentalism are front and center, along with harmonies by Courtney Renea and Jacob Sellars.

Intricate guitar and piano instrumentation supports the lyrics, with a strong foundation of drums and bass, clothed in electric guitar and live string arrangements. Recorded with meticulous attention to detail, the tracks preserve the original raw and honest character of the live performances.

The lyrics revolve around two main themes: Unconditional love and environmentalism, asking the question: **What kind of world do we want to live in?**



The songs hold a central belief that we are powerful beings, capable of creating any kind of future we want. The album's tone remains unabashedly optimistic and empowering, even while questioning some of the harshest realities of modern civilization – exploitation, loneliness, environmental destruction, and control. Radical environmentalist ballads like Songlines and Earth Back demonstrate a vision of a more beautiful world where we find healthy, reciprocal relationships with each other and the earth, while tracks like I'll Meet You There and Wolves explore the deeper interpersonal struggles we face today to make these changes possible.

For Your Summer Reading List: Holler

By: Cipher

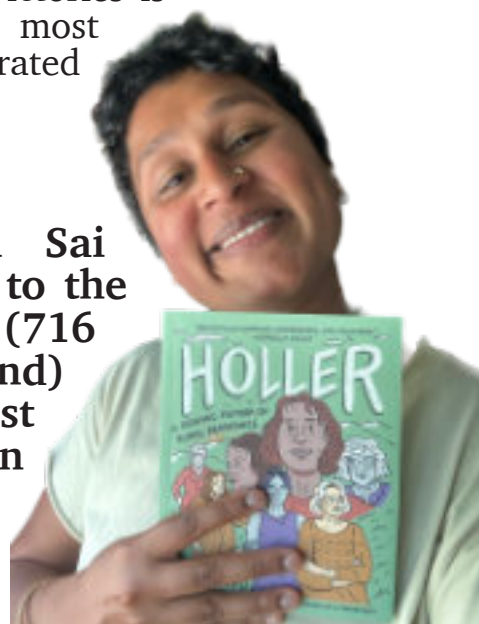


Released this spring, *Holler: A Graphic Memoir of Rural Resistance* offers a raw and personal look into every day Appalachians and their decade-long resistance of the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Author and climate organizer Denali Sai Nalamalapu invites their readers into the living rooms, workplaces, encampments, and sites of

protest of six community members who dared to stand up to the pipeline construction, as each recounts their inspirations, victories, struggles, and learnings. Through endearing illustrations and dialogue, Denali captures the familiar pain and vulnerability of getting consumed by movements, and teases out the complexity of the motivations and hope that fuel activists' persistence.

At a time when many of us are completely engrossed by the defense of our own communities and land and forests, it can feel impossible to divert attention to anything outside of the daily battles in front of us. With the wins and losses of the pipeline fresh in the collective memory, *Holler* invites us to bring our heads above water for a moment, take a breath, look around. As we heal our own wounds here in the Pacific Northwest, consider our next moves, and resist the urge to run without pause from one fight to the next, we must ground ourselves in inter-generational and intersectional movements that precede us. So the next time you find yourself dreading a community meeting or lacking the energy for the upcoming demonstration, take a reading break, and replenish yourself with this intimate look into our southeast comrades' most recent campaign. Learning from one another's tragedies and finding ourselves in one another's victories is essential to building the most powerful and integrated resistance we can.

Holler author Denali Sai Nalamalapu is coming to the Literary Arts Bookstore (716 SE GRAND Ave., Portland) for a book talk on August 17! Follow them on instagram @denalisai for event details.



You can also order a copy of the book here: <https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/titles/denali-sai-nalamalapu/holler/9781643265230/?lens=timber-press>

Auntie Steph's Fab Vegan Recipes

Cornbread

Preheat oven to 400°F or 375°F for muffins

- 1 ¼ cups flour
- 1 cup yellow corn meal
- Approx. ½ cup sugar (not quite to the top)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 ¼ cup unsweetened non-dairy milk
- ⅓ cup oil
- ½ cup unsweetened apple sauce

In a large bowl, combine the flour, cornmeal, sugar, salt and baking powder and stir well.

Add non-dairy milk, oil and applesauce and stir until well combined.

Let sit for 5 minutes.

for cornbread:

Lightly grease 8 x 8 square or 9 inch round pan.

Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Should be golden brown on top.

for muffins:

1 bowl of above recipe makes 12 muffins.

Lightly grease muffin pans. Do not fill cups up to the top; leave about ¼ inch space.

Bake for 30 minutes. Tops should be golden brown.



Disabled Love

What happens when we tell the whole truth about the parts of us we've been taught to pretend don't exist?



Laura-Marie Strawberry Nopales is a queer disabled art witch who lives in community. Find them at listeningtothenoiseuntilit-makesense.com and [@xtrikeslutsx](https://twitter.com/xtrikeslutsx).

BEAUTY AS HEALING

Last night I dreamt that I was holding a baby. It was Candice's baby. In my dream, Candice was still alive, as vibrant and beautiful as ever, but having "a hard time."

So I was helping care for her baby. Often in my baby dreams, the baby has an unrealistic shape, or ways of being that are strange. So many times the baby is tiny, but can talk.

I'm carrying a baby around a party. I'm showing the baby—look at this food, look at these flowers, look at this art, look at this couch color—trying to help the baby have experiences. That seems like a big part of parenting. There's logistical care work like changing someone's diaper, bathing, feeding. There's emotional work like being responsive and sympathetic, kissing owies. There's taking kids places here and there.

But when I think about parenting the thing that I like the most is showing them stuff. I thought it would be fun to show my kid plants and rocks, to play outside with little things I love. Seeing roly polies and snails, adoring the frogs, worshipping horny toads.

possum kingdom

When I think of Possum Kingdom, I think of the front part and the people I met there who used names different from their regular names. I think of the outdoor kitchen. I wondered, "Are these foods being gone through, or are they just sitting here getting rancid?"

I remember the first aid supplies, the little library with zines I contributed. Seating areas. A birthday party where a queer punk band played, and I danced under the huge walnut tree.

My favorite thing was bringing flowers. At the time, I was living in community with my spouse Ming near the University. We had beautiful gardens as well as lawn that was full of wild carrot / Queen Anne's lace. When the lilacs were blooming I would cut a lilac flower off the tree, put it with Queen Anne's lace and whatever dandelion-like yellow flowers were around. Then I would stuff the rest with mint and lemon balm, blooming or not, calendula, some rosemary for safety and protection. Sometimes I would put lavender. It was a gift and a spell.

I put the flowers in an old pasta sauce jar I found in the recycle bin. Then Ming and I would drive over to Possum Kingdom and drop off the flowers. Sometimes we'd go in to pick up previous jars and take the old wilted flowers. It wasn't just us; I would see other people's flowers sometimes.

That was the main way we checked in and gave love and support. Beauty is important. Happiness and moods are affected by flowers. I couldn't be part of organizing meetings and didn't want to directly resist cops. But I could bring flowers and food.

How deeply Possum Kingdom's values are part of who I am. I'm fascinated by community. I wish there was rent resistance on every block.

I'm exhausted and burned out from pain that I've endured in community, yet I can't stop trying. I cry and keep doing it—study power, look at relationship from all different angles, ask for help when it gets acute, and find ways to get along when our most tender, sensitive places are activated: money, respect, family, home.

disability in community

At Possum Kingdom, disabilities were a given. The disabled people who spent a lot of time at Possum Kingdom were loved and respected, I hope no less than anyone else.

The Disability Justice workshop that happened there made me believe it might be real—Possum Kingdom included disability justice at the center. Not just tacked on or lied about, the way it's tacked on or lied about in most communities.

When I was bringing flowers to support the dream, support the rent strikers and everybody who was there trying to build a better world, the flowers were my small contribution to the sacred work.

Long ago I was a teacher; I taught community college and university, and I taught kids on a reservation. Last year a new friend and I were sitting on a bench at Maurie Jacobs park, talking about Waldorf schools because we're both into education, liberation, and alternatives.

A premise of Waldorf education is beauty. My friend said Waldorf education was developed for kids who survived World War 2. They needed rest and deep healing. The way students have to play recorder or some other instrument, have eurythmy movement that's not dance but like dance, and do art—that's all about nurturing their souls.

healing

Beauty is crucial for everyone. Children today are not survivors of World War 2 but have endured agonies in their families, in their schools, through systemic harm of racism, medical harm due to disability.... We all need beauty in order to heal. I'm not talking about a beauty that belongs to capitalism in order to make more money, the scam of beauty that we can find in advertisements.

We deserve a type of beauty that makes sense for all of us. Beauty doesn't belong to money or hierarchies—high cheek bones, thin frames, small bones, and able bodies. Beauty is for all of us.

I'm happy I could bring flowers to Possum Kingdom—happy for the beauty of libraries, outdoor kitchens, and gathered medical supplies so that we can care for each other. Let's tend each other's wounds outside the confines of mainstream medicine.

Most of all I'm grateful for the beauty of Candice herself. Her smile, the way she moved, her gorgeous body. She helped me learn another way of being. I'm sorry that in reality Candice is on the other side, but I'm grateful I can help care for her dream baby. The last thing the baby said to me is, "I trust you."

On my altar at home I keep Candice's picture tucked behind something else, because it hurts to see her picture with my eyes. But the energy of her beauty glows along with the candles.



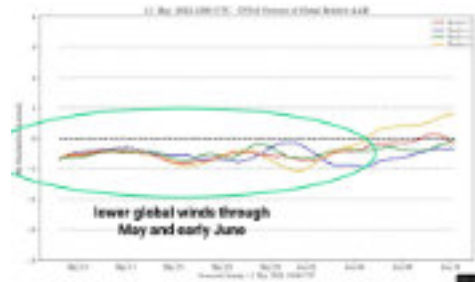
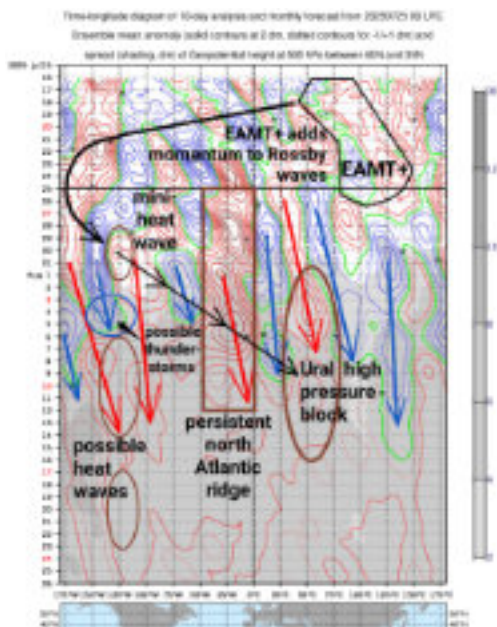
DISSONANT WEATHER

Meet our resident dissident meteorologist, Praise: "I bring a raised-poor, working class, and Native raised-white perspective to this work. I am Chickasaw and Cherokee and feel a deep love for animals, plants, trees, clouds, the night sky, gurgling brooks, the ocean, and our exquisite, unique, precious, irreplaceable planet Earth. Though I have no formal climate science education, I studied astrophysics as a young person. I became interested in ecology in 1977, then moved close to Glacier National Park, Montana in 1980 and fell in love with cryospheric science...I've been a climate activist since the mid-1990s and also bring that perspective to the amateur weather forecasts for the Eugene area...Given the increasing attacks on the climate sciences, it's perhaps no surprise that I am beginning to see myself as something of a dissident amateur meteorologist"

MAY–AUGUST SUMMARY

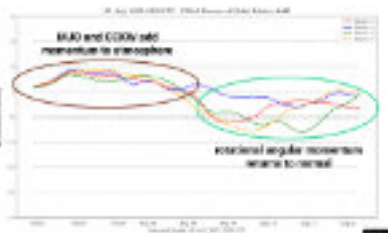
I apologize for not posting a forecast last month. I was busy after June 16 preparing for a big conference and also had some ongoing personal struggles.

One glance at this first chart should tell you there's a lot going on in the atmosphere, and there's going to be a significant shift in about 10 days.

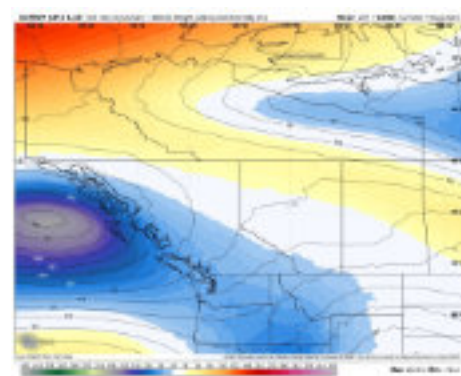


Through May & early June, global atmospheric winds had swung negative, which set us up for more stagnant weather patterns through much of June.

This pattern generally continued into late June, exemplified by the lack of a strong heat wave—just as I suggested in my late May forecast. (I had meant to say that we could see a decent heat wave at the end of June, but I wasn't very certain.)



Near the end of June into early July, global winds began to rebound, inducing a weakly positive east Asian mountain torque (EAMT+), thus inducing a stronger Pacific Jet



Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) and a convectively-coupled Kelvin wave (CCKW).

By the end of July, MJO and CCKW-induced global mountain torque will likely produce more regular Rossby wave flow. And this could help to prevent wildfire smoke from moving back towards Eugene until sometime after August 5–6, or so.

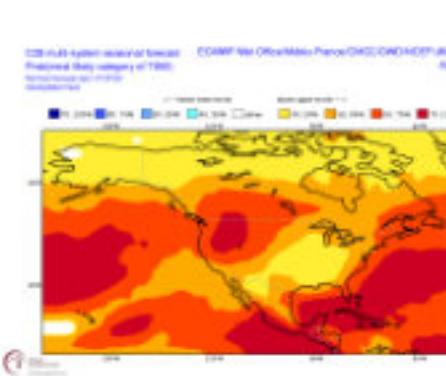
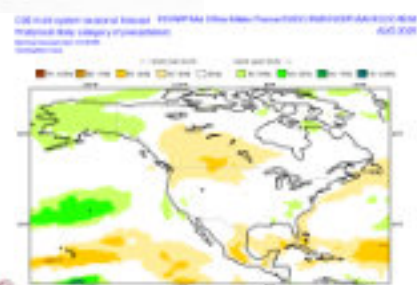
But, heading into the second week of August, global winds are very likely to drop back to more normal levels. Velocity potential charts also suggest persistently dry conditions will continue through the last three weeks of August.

FOUR-WEEK FORECAST

Monday through Friday, July 28 to August 1 will bring a mild heatwave, along with a 15–35% chance of thunderstorms, mainly for the far eastern portions of Lane

and Linn counties roughly from Monday afternoon, July 28 through Thursday evening, July 31.

Then, from August 3–7, a trough is predicted to drop down from the Gulf of Alaska along the British Columbia coast, bringing another welcome cooling trend and another mild chance for mountain thunderstorms. Parts of east Lane and Linn counties could see occasional precipitation around then.



Temperatures are then predicted to warm up again roughly August 5–6. This could be the beginning of two heat waves, and there may not be much relief in between. The first heatwave looks a bit stronger, with some potential for highs above 92°.

Temperatures could even remain generally above average until near the end of August, which has been predicted to be warmer and drier than average since April/May 2025.

LATE SUMMER AND EARLY AUTUMN SEASONAL TRENDS

The August 2025 C3S multi-system precipitation forecast, for example, suggests generally dry conditions will persist, particularly away from the more northern coastal areas and heading east into the northern Plains.



For August temperatures I want to highlight the C3S 850 millibar temperature probability forecast. This basically shows a classic La Niña-like pattern of persistent heat centered over the northern Great Basin and northern Rockies.

More importantly for Lane County, this chart is also heavily influenced by the major marine heatwave in the northern Pacific. Nobody knows for sure how that marine heatwave will evolve in the next three months, but I would expect it to begin shifting a little bit north in the next several weeks and extend a little farther east as we approach genuine La Niña conditions.

Closely aligned with the August precipitation forecast, wildland fire potential should stay significantly above normal for most of northern California, all of Oregon and Washington, and most of Idaho and Montana.

While the persistent August heat dome is predicted to contract and move a little farther east, please NOTE that surface temperatures in the northeast Pacific are predicted to surge heading into September.

I would guess that atmospheric instability will probably increase over western Oregon, that summer-like temperatures could persist into a big chunk of September, and that mostly DRY conditions could persist for most of the Pacific Northwest, particularly away from the more northern coastal areas.

But, while the overall region of above normal wildland fire potential is predicted to contract slightly in September, the more southern coastal areas may actually become MORE at risk as soils and vegetation continue to dry out before Autumn rains arrive.

But again, as I mentioned in May, the expected weak La Niña conditions heading towards Autumn bodes well for promoting lower global temperatures. What this upcoming La Niña brings us in the heart of Autumn, however, could involve more rain than we usually get.



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