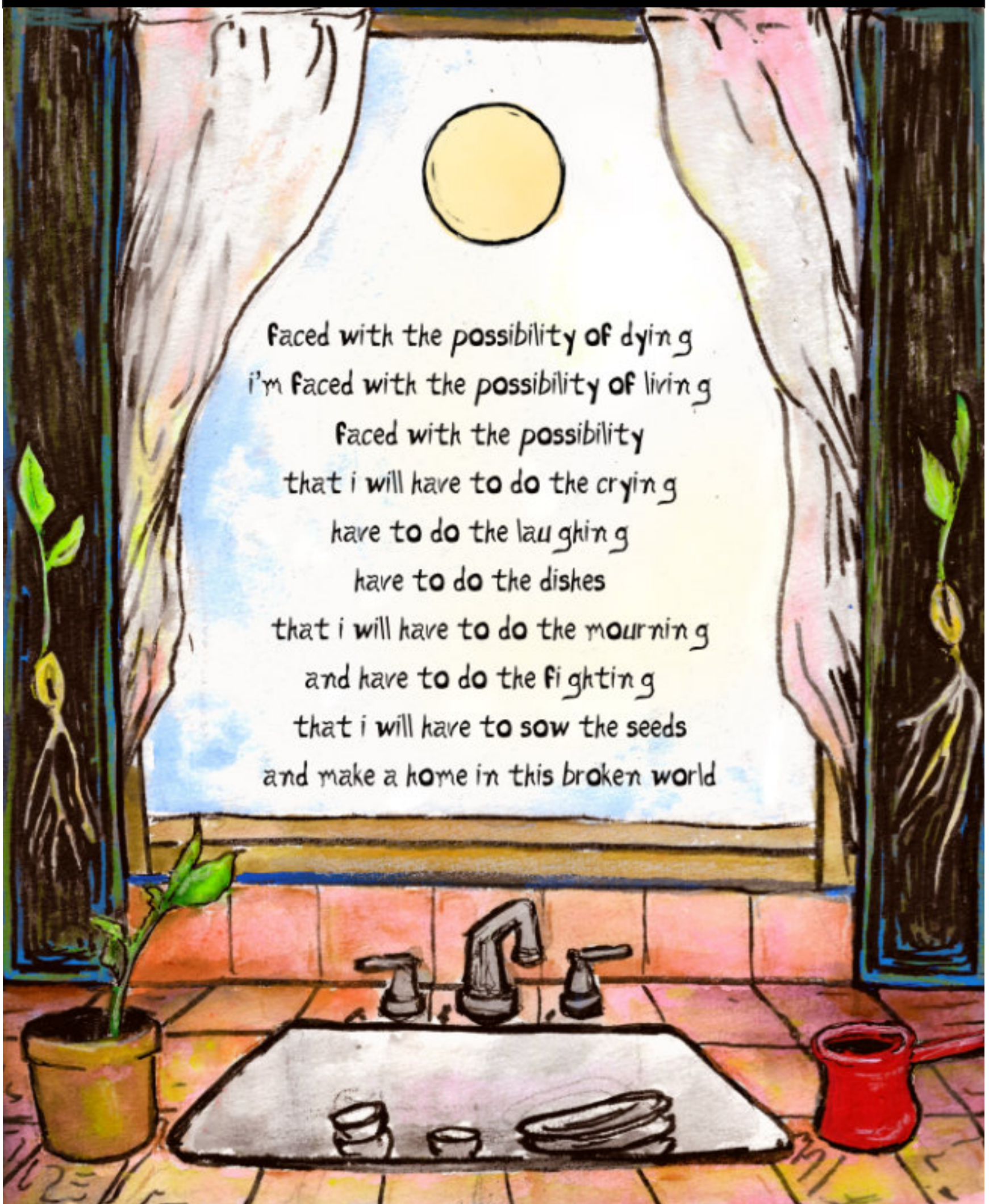


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It's Been A Year Already?

By: Joy Santiago

Thank you so much to all of you who attended our One Year Anniversary Benefit Show last weekend! Thanks to your support we raised \$2,000 to go towards our newsprint and radio station funds.

We are so proud to say that, with the help of our friends and broader community participation, we've put out an issue every month since our launch in April last year. Happy first birthday, our beloveds! Thank you for being part of this journey.

The last TWELVE months of publishing work from neighbors near and distant has helped determine our voice and direction as a publication: we are uncompromising in our values in social justice and community-powered, participatory journalism—journalism where those most effected by a story are the ones to tell it.

Since our launch, we've published over 170 news stories, culture and creative writing pieces, write ups on community events and resources, and monthly contributions from incarcerated writers in addition to our other columnists. In case you haven't been able to make time to read them all, we most recently have begun publishing audio versions of our stories, so check out featured pieces from the last few issues in the audio files on our website.

The last year has been a proving ground on our ability to publish consistently, hone in our scope and our position in the local news and media landscape, and build up a community around Dissonant Times. So now we're eager to really focus our efforts on getting Dissonant Times in print, and on the radio!

A sister project to Dissonant Times, we are heavily involved in completing a construction permit for a local radio station 96.5fm (KRVW). But before we can get to the fun stuff like music and other programming, we need to raise \$6-7k for the necessary equipment to get on the air. As for print, we're eager to adopt a vendor model for print and distribution, where housing insecure folks can purchase Dissonant Times at cost, and sell it for profit that they keep for themselves. Street Roots in Portland and Real Change News in Seattle are examples of this model, collaborating with the unhoused community in their economic model as well as the content they feature every issue. We really feel like Eugene-Springfield could benefit from a similar project, and this was a motivating factor in launching Dissonant Times to begin with.

There's still a lot of room for development in this project and directions it can take, here are some ways you can get involved:

-Submit your work: we have open submissions, and we're always looking for more writers to contribute monthly. Check out dissonanttimes.org/submissions for more information.

-We also host monthly collaborative editing sessions and pitch meetings ahead of each issue, reach out to us if you're interested in joining!

-You can join us for comic making or other workshops we plan to host throughout 2026

-If you have other ideas for DT: send us an email (editor@dissonanttimes.org) or come chat with us at Eugene May Day!

We can't thank you all enough for your support in the last year; to many more!



Daisy CHAIN Unlinked: *The Dissolution of A Yet Another Local Nonprofit*

By: Joy Santiago



On February 19th, 2026 an email sent to Daisy CHAIN community members, including employees and clients, abruptly announced that the organization's last day of operations would be February 20th-- giving employees and clients less than 48 hours notice of the termination of employment and doula services. The email vaguely cited a difficult financial climate as the reason for the closure, and the entire staff of more than 20 employees were laid off as a result.

Daisy CHAIN was a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 2012 that provided free pregnancy, lactation, parenting support and doula care from both professionals and peers with the aim of "increasing equitable access to high quality, person-centered, cultural and trauma-informed services that improve reproductive and parenting experiences and immediate and lifelong health outcomes," according to their website.

The decision to close comes from Daisy CHAIN's board following the departure of co-founder and executive director Jaclyn Mahoney at the end of 2025. Her departure coincided with financial and cultural challenges that complicated the transition for those inheriting the reigns. This autopsy of Daisy CHAIN's final years -- meant to dissect the conditions that led to its closure and help understand why social service nonprofits collapse-- is the result of conversations with Jaclyn Mahoney, former board members, leadership team members, and staff.

A Recent History: Changes at Daisy CHAIN

Daisy CHAIN staff and leadership all agreed that the organization --which began as a small, volunteer-powered nonprofit-- had grown rapidly following the COVID-19 pandemic with the help of emergency relief government funding, Measure 110, and several other large grants awarded at that time. The funds that allowed for Daisy CHAIN's COVID increase in staffing has decreased substantially as the grant landscape became increasingly competitive.

Amidst the organization's changing fiscal circumstances, Mahoney announced her plan to move home to California to tend to familial obligations in February 2024 and later moved in June 2024. Mahoney, heeding the advice of mentors and nonprofit consultants, created a 6-9 month transition plan to find a new executive director.

A year later, in January 2025, the board vetoed Mahoney's slow transition plan and neglected to implement any alternative proposed by consultants. This occurred despite a consultant determining that the board was overly reliant on Mahoney as the executive director. At this point, Mahoney had been working remotely in California for six months, and was eager to find a replacement --or even just a co-director-- to help with the transition. In July that year, after the board had stalled on searching for and hiring a candidate, Mahoney announced her official departure would be December 31st, 2025. Rather than find a replacement in time, in December the board instead nominated Daisy CHAIN's human resources team lead to be the interim ED following Mahoney's departure-- leaving Mahoney with only three weeks to train her successor.

Mahoney states she was as stunned as everyone else in the Daisy CHAIN community when she received the email announcing its closure. The exact reasons for the nonprofit's closure remain unclear even to its founder, let alone its many employees.

Dissonant Times reached out to the board for comment on the specific financial circumstances they say justified closing, and board President Jillian Drewes declined to comment beyond the email circulated at the end of February. Questions remain over why the board and those with institutional power over Daisy CHAIN's financial situation did not try other fundraising avenues before closing on such short notice, leaving employees and clients scrambling.

"I share in the frustration and the heartache. ..I want to know what happened," Mahoney said. The loss of Daisy CHAIN is close to home for her-- Daisy was her stillborn daughter's name and Mahoney's inspiration for starting an organization to help other mothers through their pregnancies and post-partum.

"I think my baby Daisy was done sharing her magic," Mahoney said of the closure.

More Money, More Problems: The Financial Landscape and Workplace Culture

Following the closure, a memo was published by the Eugene Revolutionary Women's Committee wherein former staff alleged that Mahoney negligently failed to set up Daisy CHAIN with a qualified new executive director to take her place, further stating that,

"not only did Jaclyn Mahoney know about and attempt to conceal the financial situation the organization was truly in, she actively participated in it's [sic] sabotage, targeted staff who challenged her, and aimed to greedily squeeze as much money from the sinking ship as she could before abandoning it." — Eugene Revolutionary Women's Committee on Instagram.

According to Pro Publica, financial data from the most recently available year showed that in 2024, the organization's total revenue was \$2,483,788. The vast majority of the organization's 2024 revenue came from donations and grants. Most of the expenses went towards salaries and wages for staff, with Mahoney's salary comprising 4.6% of total expenses.

A former member of the leadership team, who for fear of retaliation has asked to go only by Penny, gave more insight on the financial circumstances she learned about in early 2026, and what made continued operation untenable. Regarding the worker's memo, she denies that there was any financial mismanagement or profit skimming, stating that the finance manager performed her role with the utmost integrity. Those privy to the books instead blame human error in communication and strategy that snowballed and became too difficult to overcome. The consensus gleaned through testimonies from former staff show that Daisy CHAIN succumbed to the kinds of hardships many small nonprofits confront as federal funding for social services is mangled by the Trump regime.

Despite leadership's plans to pause operations in early 2026 to work towards financial sustainability, Penny says, "as we dug deeper into the budget, we noticed the deficit was just too high." This deficit resulted from losing grants they had expected to be awarded, coupled with a significant loss of insurance revenue. In their financial review, the finance manager discovered that one of their most beneficial insurance contracts had not been renewed, which meant that three months of submitted claims were going to be rejected. This revenue was critical to Daisy CHAIN's operational overhead.

Laid off staff brought up a lack of transparency on finances and decision-making from executive leadership in recent years. Sources all corroborate that --like many nonprofits-- Daisy CHAIN's leadership was simply not equipped for the massive expansion of staff and programs, and as more responsibility and different funding sources piled on, leadership failed to establish systems that ensured efficiency, transparency, and accountability.

Staff testify to what increasingly became a dysfunctional work environment. They noted patterns where executive leadership often de-prioritized necessary operational and financial tasks; and that despite the leadership's expressed intentions, they failed to implement systemic changes. Penny recounts that "oftentimes it seemed like they [leadership] were mitigating problems rather than being able to be proactive about the future."

Staff and leadership all agree that the board had little grasp on Daisy CHAIN's day-to-day workplace culture, including staff and programming needs. Efforts to bridge the gaps between the staff and the board were

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ineffective, according to both staff and board members. Leadership was too distracted by what they called a "spinning hamster wheel" of problems that often made long term strategy, and cohesion between staff and leadership, an afterthought. Beyond the organization's descent into financial turmoil, the workplace culture was fraught with division and distrust.

"Without clear decision making and a bad workplace culture, it's really just a recipe for disaster— even if our best intentions are put out there. So I think fast growth made it really difficult to focus on those things," said Penny. These growing pains were difficult to overcome, as the organization's foundation itself was too fragile to support rapid change. By February it became clear that Daisy CHAIN lacked the money, and therefore the time, needed to make long overdue changes. At that point, Penny says, the board and interim ED became convinced that dissolution was the most responsible path forward.

Disproportionate Impacts: The Staff and The Clients

Daisy CHAIN workers were left reeling after the announcement that their workplace would close in a matter of days. They had no choice but to call clients scheduled to give birth in just a few weeks and inform them that they could no longer provide service, and that their office phones would be disconnected by the end of the week. In what felt like the blink of an eye, a community of both staff and clients were now figuring out a life without Daisy CHAIN.

The abrupt announcement of the closure felt like the grand finale in a series of blows the staff had taken in recent years. Last March, most employee's hours were decreased and they were enrolled in Oregon's Work Share program. Then, they were informed that Daisy CHAIN was likely to shut its doors by June 2026 if circumstances didn't change. Mahoney's bumpy exit from leadership only created more hardship and uncertainty.

Staff that did not work closely with Mahoney struggled with feeling connected to leadership and couldn't trust that their concerns would be meaningfully addressed. They cited issues ranging from a general lack of transparency to tokenism of employees; and felt overall that Mahoney struggled to delegate and ensure that staff, board, and leadership had an adequate understanding of Daisy CHAIN's many moving parts.

In response to former staff and leadership's reactions to the memo they published, the workers I spoke with clarified that, "it's not an isolated vacuum where she [Mahoney] was the sole reason [for the dysfunction and financial strain], but as a person in charge of the organization who had all the information, she absolutely had a duty to make more informed decisions that weren't gonna cause harm to people," said JT, a laid off staff member. They clarified that not everyone who worked at Daisy CHAIN had negative experiences, but are speaking on behalf of those who did.

Johnny, another laid off staff member shared that, "at some point the intentions

don't matter anymore if you're harming people and harming the organization. But I will acknowledge that Jaclyn's intentions in starting this organization were beautiful.. And also, it was very much time for new leadership."

The staff recall their excitement that their HR manager was appointed interim ED, as she had a reputation as a bridge between staff and leadership in her human resources role. They wish she had more time to turn things around, not just for their employment, but for their clients.

"Obviously, it sucks on a personal level to lose your job, but also, the reality is that this is a huge devastation to the community, because some of the people that we serve were some of the most underrepresented people," JT recalled, sharing how low-income mothers depended on Daisy CHAIN's services, and that there are few organizations able to replicate the low-barrier work they do.

The workers are now eager to renew their work through establishing their own practices. Johnny and five other members of Daisy CHAIN's lactation team are starting a group lactation practice called Empowered Lactation and plan to begin offering services soon. Music program team lead Kelani Larsen is continuing her work uniting childcare and music with her Baby Pop music program. It's clear that the work Daisy CHAIN did will endure beyond the nonprofit itself. Daisy CHAIN staff will be updating their Instagram account, @formerdcworkers with next steps and ways to support.

Staff I spoke with expressed gratitude for the training they received through their work at Daisy CHAIN, including lactation, peer support, and doula work. Nearly everyone expressed plans or desire to continue their careers in maternity support. More than just continuing to support new parents, staff have continued to support each other through a difficult time. Nearly everyone who's been laid off has stayed in touch: coordinating potlucks, financial support, moving help, or just planning for what's next.

"I'm excited to see what people do. I'm really, really grateful that we still have this community, because it was scary to think that that was something we were losing. There is, of course, an aspect of community that was lost especially because of the way that our community was involved with clients... but like this part of it [the staff's peer support system] we get to we still have. It's really sweet." —Johnny

Autopsy Results: The Pitfalls of Nonprofits

Audre Lorde once said that "the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house," a phrase I often hear when discussing the shortcomings of the 501(c)3 nonprofit system. Nonprofits that depend on government funding, grants from wealthy and powerful foundations, and other capitalist purse-strings are precariously beholden to ever-shifting policy and elite interests. Because of this, critics of the nonprofit industrial complex* argue that nonprofits are incapable of transforming the systems that necessitate their very

existence. By participating in a capitalist political economy via their donors and leadership structures, oftentimes nonprofits replicate the very forms of harm and exploitation that created the need for whatever social service it offers in the first place.

Within this system, many small nonprofits lack the material sustainability to persist through unexpected hardship, despite how desperately their services are needed. Looking around at the state of nonprofit healthcare in Lane County, is it any surprise that Daisy CHAIN fell victim to the same tsunami of budgetary mismanagement and cultural dysfunction that wiped out programs such as White Bird's Front Rooms and CAHOOTS? It's also a curious pattern that both Daisy CHAIN and White Bird's flagship programs were closed shortly after employees became vocal against exploitation, mismanagement, and began exploring unionization.

While Daisy CHAIN's ED Jaclyn Mahoney's intentions appear more innocuous than Jeremy Gates', former ED of White Bird, there still exist legitimate critiques of hierarchical leadership models in small nonprofits wherein a passionate executive director (and/or founders) is a linchpin to the operation. This, coupled with an ill-equipped and detached board of directors, Mahoney herself admitted the risks associated with her departure and, for many reasons, those risks unfortunately were not successfully navigated by leadership.

Projects are weakest when institutional knowledge is siloed to a few individuals with the most experience and power. In this sense, a project's sustainability and resilience rests not only on financial circumstance but also on how equipped people within its network are to take on various roles. Sheltering vital operational knowledge within hierarchical roles often results in the failure to delegate tasks and share information, which weakens an organization's adaptability for when leadership inevitably changes. More lateral decision-making can foster resilience and overall organizational well-being, making it easier to weather an unfavorable economy or set of policies. Without a look into Daisy CHAIN's books and board meeting minutes, there are still some unknowns on the specific circumstances that led to the closure of a vital community organization. But certainly what can be diagnosed is that Daisy CHAIN succumbed to the same pitfalls that are epidemic in the nonprofit system.

The sudden closure of Daisy CHAIN as described here can serve as a warning to other organizations that lack the kinds of resilience that spelled this nonprofit's downfall. While employees, clients, and the community at large mourn its sudden end, many lives and future generations have been bettered because of Daisy CHAIN's mission. Reproductive health justice is an idea and movement that transcends the bounds of any one nonprofit, one that will prevail regardless of grants, boards, and other bureaucracies.

Contribute to former Daisy CHAIN workers in need at their GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/dfab1f662>

**The non-profit industrial complex is defined by Dr. Dylan Rodriguez as "a set of symbiotic relationships that link political and financial technologies of state and owning class control with surveillance over public political ideology, including and especially emergent in progressive and leftist social movements." He argues that the "NPIC manages and controls dissent by incorporating it into the state apparatus." (The Revolution Will Not Be Funded, pg. 8-9)*

THE KOT! THE KOT! THE KOT! THE KOT!

Eugene Anti-Zionist Jews Say Not in Our Name: *Protest Against Celebration of Genocide*

By: dime reid

Eugene, OR - On Sunday, April 19th, Temple Beth Israel (TBI) hosted a celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, or what they call Israel Independence Day, in collaboration with groups including the UO Hillel, the Israel on Campus Coalition, The Jewish Federation, and a Stand With Us campus chapter. The event was a commemoration of the official UN resolution that granted Israel statehood on May 15th, 1948, after settlers forced Palestinians en masse to leave the land. At the time of the resolution in May of 1948, more than 300,000 Palestinians had already been forced to leave their homes by Zionist military forces, and 400,000 more would be violently expelled and forced to flee by 1949. This was the first Nakba, or "great catastrophe" in Arabic.

Sunday's protest began at the corner of 30th and University in South Eugene. A call to action had gone out for people in the community to disrupt the celebration of the Nakba being held at Temple Beth Israel just a block away, and a variety of people assembled. Among those gathered was a group of anti-Zionist Jewish people who marched to the synagogue with a banner reading "No Palestinian Genocide in Our Name." Anti-Zionist Jews oppose the installation of a Jewish ethno-state in the region of Palestine, and reject any right to do so in their name.

Upon arriving outside TBI, protesters stood facing the entrance, and all who came and went from the building walked past them. At the base of the stairs was an armed security guard, and a few police vehicles were positioned around the area. There were also a few de-escalators staged outside, who, according to one, had been asked by TBI to come to the event to "keep kids from getting kicked." One de-escalator for TBI identified themselves as a priest from the local Lutheran church. A number of the protesters also identified themselves as trained de-escalators, and assured the attendees multiple times that protesters had no intention of harming any person or entering the building.

After opening with several chants opposing genocide and championing Palestinian lives and resistance, one participant recited the Shehecheyanu, a blessing of gratitude, before giving the first speech. They wore a Jewish prayer shawl, or tallit (tah-LEET), meant to be worn when praying as a reminder of the commitment to the commandments, or (if not a religious Jew) a cultural commitment to one's own guiding principles. They spoke to the crowd gathered, as well as the attendees of the event who lingered outside.

"What happens to those who stand in the way of colonial conquest [in Palestine] will inevitably happen to those who resist [here] in the imperial core. It is for this exact reason that we must continue to confront colonialism and Zionism here, in our homes, in our communities..... We, as Anti-Zionist Jews, mourn those we lost in the Holocaust, and we mourn those lost in the Nakba, and we mourn those lost in Iran, and Rojava, and everywhere that colonialism has infected. We as Anti-Zionist Jews and our comrades, will continue to fight for a world in which we are all free to determine our own futures."

After more speakers and another series of chants, someone recited the Mourners Kaddish (a prayer meant for marking loss or the anniversary of a tragedy) in honor of all those lost during the Nakba, as well as those lost during the Holocaust. Following this, the crowd dispersed. Some of those attending



Yom Ha'atzmaut stopped to engage with those outside, and some reacted with surprise or shock, but the majority of attendees ignored the protesters altogether.

Opposing this "holiday" and celebration of Israel independence is only one part the struggle to confront the Zionist perspective and colonial project. With the support and backing of Britain and the US, the state of Israel has been a genocidal project since its inception. Many Jewish people see their own histories of immense harm being used to justify this violence against others. As one participant says, "They hijack our fear from generational trauma, and try to turn it into propaganda that says we need to displace and kill indigenous people of the land."

Anti-Zionist Jews know well the gravity and risks associated with demonstrating outside a synagogue, and chose to stand with community and comrades in opposition of this event.

"I know antisemitism well, " said one person. "I have experienced the fear and effects of it all of my life. But you don't respond to a genocide with a genocide."



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Submissions from the public documenting abuses of institutional power

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The people of Minneapolis have given us clear blueprints of how ICE can be directly opposed in our communities and in the streets. That, of course, is not the only way to resist. A great deal of fascist power is now being flexed domestically through ICE, which allows us to use government channels and mechanisms like federal contracts to pinpoint exactly where pressure can be applied to oppose and disrupt their operations.

That's where our project, meltoregon.noblogs.org, comes in. We've done the boring work of combing through government websites and spreadsheets to collect the relevant information all in one place. Our website identifies businesses based in Oregon that have federal contracts with DHS, ICE, & CBP. We also include information on owners and employees where applicable, as well as basic primers on how to stay safe(r) and how to take action for newer folks who aren't sure where to start. If you aren't in Oregon, at the bottom of our homepage you can find a spreadsheet with contract information from all 50 states so you can take action wherever you may be.

There are many tactics in the toolbox and it's more important than ever to use discernment and deploy tactics strategically. Our website is just one way to apply pressure and we hope you take advantage of the information we've compiled. Regardless of which tactics you choose to use though, our goal is the same: defeat fascism. We are all in this together and together we will win.

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Size/Strength

"5 to 6 law enforcement officers"

Actions/Activity

"harassing random people on the street"

Location/Direction

"Chicago, West of Millennium Park, on Michigan Ave"

Uniform/clothes

"Dark Blue uniforms that say 'Police ICE' on the back"

Time and date of observation

"12:45 PM January 20"

Equipment and weapons

"They have helmets, vests and batons"

Not a useful message: "URGENT!!! Potential ICE Raids on the west side!!!"

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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!

Anti-Repression with Eugene Jail Support: What we know about protest arrests at the Eugene Federal building



Eugene has had its fair share of state repression over the past few years. From the April 15th, 2024 mass arrest of nearly 60 protesters against the genocide in Gaza, to the 8 arrests and citations across multiple mayday marches on May 2nd, 2025, protesters in Eugene have faced opposition from the Eugene Police Department, and from county and state law enforcement agencies. But as local activist communities have turned their focus towards abductions and deportations made by ICE, they have come into contact with federal law enforcement, and the patterns of these arrests differ from those we are used to from EPD. Since May of 2025, at least 27 people have been arrested at and around the federal building in Eugene for protesting ICE, including 4 arrests made by EPD and at least 23 from federal agencies, including the Federal Protective Service. Videos have circulated across social media of protesters being violently tackled and grabbed, before being dragged into the Federal building.

In order to spread information about what happens after arrests are made and help our community make informed risk assessments, Eugene Jail Support is sharing our knowledge of the arrest process here. It should be noted that we are not lawyers. Any recommendations we make or advice we give regarding the legal system are based on our own knowledge and experience resisting political repression.

We interviewed several comrades who were arrested at the federal building, but for their protection, we are removing all identifying information from this article, and nothing has been shared without their consent. Arrests are scary. This is a system designed to make you feel hopeless, confused, and intimidated, so take breaks from reading if you need to, and try to digest this information. We hope by sharing this, we can demystify federal building arrests, and empower you to take confident action for a better world.

The Eugene Federal Building has become a central strategic point in the struggle against ICE in Eugene, with many protesters demanding the abolition of ICE and the closing of Eugene's ICE field office. The federal building is an imposing structure, made of concrete and lined with security cameras. Here, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents stage and plan targeted raids on immigrant communities throughout the Willamette Valley, and conduct immigration check-in appointments, at which they routinely detain and arrest people coming in for their appointments, before shoving them in the backs of cars and transporting them to the ICE facility in

Portland, and eventually to the notorious Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma. Because of this, protesters in Eugene have worked to maintain a presence outside the building, with their monitoring of ICE movements making it difficult for ICE to kidnap our neighbors without public resistance. This has been met with consistent violent escalation from federal law enforcement, including tear gas, flashbangs, and an SUV attempting to run over protesters back in July, and of course, the arrests we are examining in this article.

Often, when making an arrest, the feds single out the individual they are going to try to grab, and send several officers to arrest them. They may visibly point towards the person they are after, but they may not. The size of this group varies, depending on how difficult they believe their target will be to subdue. Features like size, gender, and race are likely factors here. In one video on social media, they sent nearly a dozen FPS officers to arrest one individual. As of April, local activists have reported fewer officers in the building than in February and March, when an estimated 30 additional DHS officers stationed in Eugene. The extra officers appear to no longer be present, the number of officers arresting an individual protestor will hopefully be smaller than that, but in all documented cases, the feds have used multiple officers to arrest protestors when trying to take them into the building. There have been cases where they have simply handed citations to people rather than taking them inside, but many arrests have been violent, with reports of bruises, abrasions, and dislocations from arrestees. It is also important to note that if you are arrested, you will be searched, and items such as respirators and goggles may not be returned to you. If you believe you are about to be arrested, passing your belongings to a trusted person nearby in the crowd may prevent this. We strongly caution against bringing your phone to the building.

Protestors have been taken to the building through multiple entrances. Depending on where the arrest happened, this has been on either the ground floor or through the parking bay into the basement. When entering through the ground floor, they have typically conducted an initial search in the hallway left of the main entrance through the plaza on 7th and pearl. When entering through the parking bay on the north side of the building, this will likely be in the evidence room, which is the first room after entering the building from the bay. During this search, they are reported to shout many orders at arrestees, and to become more aggressive if these orders are not perfectly complied with. These orders may be to sit or stand in a specific

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spot, move hands into specific positions, etc. Arrestees report disorganization from the feds, with officers forgetting where they put confiscated items, though bags and other objects have usually stayed in view of the arrestee. At this point, agents have not usually said what the charges are, nor have they have read out the Miranda Rights.

If you are apprehended, we recommend immediately invoking your right to remain silent and your right to an attorney, and stating that you do not consent to searches. After doing this, do not say anything. Any attempt to make conversation with you is an attempt to trick you into giving them more evidence with which to levy charges at you.

Following the initial search, the feds usually lead arrestees along winding, indirect paths in order to confuse them as to the layout of the building, but these take them to the north wing of the building, where the ICE offices are located. On the ground floor, arrestees are eventually led through a waiting room, where immigrants would wait for their appointment, followed by a room full of cubicles where ICE agents work. They have decorated this room with Anti-ICE signs they have taken from protesters as a sort of bizarre trophy, and a picture of Renee Goode with a red circle around her face. Past the cubicles, there are two holding cells on the ground floor, and more in the basement. At the cells, they have removed handcuffs, and conducted a second, more thorough search. Arrestees report disparities in treatment here, with women, especially trans women, being more likely to experience invasive searches, and people of color experiencing more violence. They also usually collect mug shots here. They may photograph visible tattoos and collect fingerprints. They may try to make small talk, or ask you personal questions. We recommend retaining your right to remain silent.

After this search, arrestees report being left in their holding cells for a time. This may be several hours, though according to federal regulations, they cannot keep someone in these cells for more than 12 hours. Note that these cells have cameras, so everything you do in them is being recorded. If you were injured during your arrest, or if you were tear gassed, do not expect medical treatment. They may give you a bottle of water to flush out your eyes, but arrestees report having to bang on the cell and yell for awhile to get that.

There may be other protesters in the arrested at the same time. Remember that solidarity does not end in the jail cell. Advocate for each others medical needs, and make sure your comrades know how to exercise their right to remain silent, and that they are not required to provide any information other than their legal name, date of birth, and a mailing address. This system is designed to scare you and keep you isolated. Keep each other's spirits intact, but remember that your cell is being recorded.

Eventually, a special agent may come to

do an interrogation, though this doesn't happen for everyone. They usually read you your Miranda Rights and tell you what you are being charged with, and ask for your legal name, date of birth, address, social security number, and phone number. But all you are legally required to provide is your legal name and date of birth, as well as a mailing address. This does not have to be your home address. Do not give them your phone number or social security number. At this point, They may present you with a form asking you to waive your Miranda Rights. They may not explain what this form does. Do not sign it, and read anything they give you carefully. Signing this form could compromise your legal defense later on, or lead to coerced statements being admissible in court. Even if you do waive your rights, you can again invoke them again later on.

Arrestees also report having personal information being dropped as intimidation tactics. This could be past arrests, job details, family members, or even deadnames. Re-assert your right to remain silent. Assume they already have some information on you, and tell them nothing more. Sharing information at this point can only lead to negative legal repercussions for you or for other protesters. Cooperating with law enforcement hurts movements. We are all in this together. Nobody talks, everyone walks.

At some time during this process, they may ask for a DNA sample. According to a 2013 supreme court decision in Maryland v. King, they can only do this for a "serious offense", usually interpreted to mean a felony or violent crime. However, a sample may not legally be added to a database before an individual is arraigned, and it must be destroyed if they are not convicted. If they ask you for a DNA sample, state that you do not consent, especially if you are not being charged with a felony. In the cases we know of, this has been enough to prevent the collection of DNA samples.

So far, every person we know of who was arrested at a protest outside the federal building and was charged with a misdemeanor has been released within 12 hours. Minors should note that if you are arrested, they cannot legally release you without your guardian present. When federal law enforcement arrested a teenager in February whose parents they couldn't contact, they were forced to transfer them to a different facility rather than releasing them directly. When arrestees have been charged with felonies, the Federal Protective Service has transferred them to the Lane County Corrections facility on 5th and Olive, at which point, the process starts to more closely resemble the patterns of EPD and Lane County Sheriff's Office arrests.

When releasing arrestees, Agents have typically given citations matching the charges, a property bag, and a 24-hour ban from the property. This ban is sometimes delivered verbally in an informal manner. Arrestees are released one at a time, through whichever exit

seems to have the fewest protesters outside. People we interviewed noted that they seemed to try to release whoever was the most calm, and the most knowledgeable about their legal rights first, while keeping those who were panicked or cooperating in interrogations longer.

Before you leave, double check that all of your belongings have been returned to you- things seem to "disappear" from the property bags sometimes. Tickets are sent to Texas to be processed, which takes 60-120 days. If they file the charges, you can expect mail to be sent to the address you provided within a couple months. This will likely include a court date, when you are expected to appear at the federal courthouse. Some who were arrested had their charges dropped or not filed. In both Eugene and Portland, those who had their faces covered and who dressed in unidentifiable clothing were less likely to have their charges stick.

This information is incomplete, is not legal advice, and our understanding will continue to evolve. Ultimately, we do not know everything that the feds have done to protesters after arresting them. During our conversations, arrestees described vastly different experiences. Some parts of the process were skipped for some people and prolonged for others. Parts of the process happened in different orders. Some had their Miranda Rights read immediately, others did not have them read at all. Trans people and people of color experienced higher amounts of violence at the hands of federal law enforcement.

However, one thing they all reported was disorganization within the enemy ranks. Officers behaved erratically, became emotionally unbalanced, and skipped parts of procedure. This, combined with the fact that the FBI, with all their probing and investigation, still has not determined what happened to the window at the federal building, shows that they are not as untouchable as they would like us to think. Many people that they have arrested have given them no information. Protesters in Eugene continue to show up at the building. Some days the crowds are small, with only a few people holding it down. Some days, they are large, crowds of dozens or hundreds. In January and February, when several militant clashes with ICE and other DHS goons took place, detentions of immigrants at the facility dropped dramatically. They desperately threw up plywood to protect their precious windows. Their offices are filled with signs that say "FUCK ICE", and "NO NAZIS IN EUGENE" and they have to read that every single day they work there. One wonders if they feel trapped in that building too. We certainly hope so.

If you, or anyone you know, is arrested at a protest, call Eugene Jail Support at (541) 515-5721. For legal questions and help navigating the court system, call the Civil Liberties Defense Center at (541) 687-9180

Ask An Abolitionist

What is abolition? What does it look like in practice? Ask our friend, author, and former political prisoner **Eric King** your most burning questions about setting fire to the prisons and what we'll make out of the ashes.

Write to Eric and explore questions relating to harm and accountability, prisons and the prison industrial complex, and how you can practice abolition every day.

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to submit your question!



Federal Policy Attempts to Forcefully Detransition Trans Prisoners: *Interview with Political Prisoner Sofia De Ferrari*

This past February, the Trump administration released its new policy outlining a plan to deny federal prisoners access to gender-affirming healthcare, with a road map that leads from pathologizing the trans experience as a "mental illness" to forced detransition.

The stated scope and purpose is: "To establish professional guidelines for the mental health evaluation and treatment of inmates meeting the diagnostic criteria' for Gender Dysphoria (GD) to assist their progress toward recovery, while reducing or eliminating the frequency and severity of symptoms and associated negative outcomes."

Independent journalist Aleksandra Vaca wrote an article with critical analysis: this policy is a testing ground for conversion therapy, wherein the government uses prisoners in an attempt to prove dangerous conversion practices can work. In it she writes: "The BOP is giving trans people no other choice but to conform to their sex assigned at birth by forcing them into a societal role that they reject and ignoring clinical guidelines—all hallmarks of harmful and dangerous conversion practices recognized by the United Nations to be a form of torture."

Dissonant Times reached out to Sofia De Ferrari, currently incarcerated at at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, Oregon, for an interview about her experience as a trans woman in prison, and her perspective on some of the terms and strategies this administration is using to oppress and erase gender-nonconforming people being held behind bars.

Dime: Please tell us a little about yourself - what do you want people to know about who you are, what you value, how you like to spend time?

Sofia: I am Sofia De Ferrari, a nonbinary femme(woman fine, too), she/they. My father's side descends from Venezuela, and my mom from here. I am likely autistic, diagnosed with ADHD currently - though I'll touch on diagnoses later. I love math - most of my interests are math derivative (dy/dx). Poetry, music, lyric - I am a creator, a composer. I am a poet philosopher. My current fascination is Foucault, his collected works on "power" sits on my shelf along with Graeber, new AK Press releases, and my (heavily) annotated copy of The Prince. Oh, and two undergraduate math textbooks I bought.

I am a lesbian - I love women. This is...interesting housed in a 'female' prison. My favorite color is pink - like the ink I scrawl in. I enjoy finding myself lost in the eyes of women ;P

I value: autonomy, liberty. I do believe in the possibility of a world without hierarchy, oppression which would unlock the potentiality dormant of society; maximize each individual's liberty, liberty as in potential-to-do, not possibility-to-maybe-think-about-doing. In my utopia, society benefits individuals, not reversed. I've grown disillusioned, however, with a term like 'anarchy'.

I write a lot of music on my fantam and my schecter. I'll consume myself writing music, practicing guitar, writing lyrics, and producing. My days look like: exercise, cooking (vegetarian food! rice and lots of nuts.), socializing, and reading. Since transitioning, I've become a(n) (socially anxious) extrovert! You can find my music on Soundcloud, and pictures of my prison make-up'd me on Insta.

My favorite days are hot, humid, no wind, and drama free - with good company

Dime: We are communicating by writing. I'd like to give myself and the readers a chance to connect with you a little as a person before we take on these other questions. How are



you feeling in this moment?

Sofia: Oh. I'm stressed and terrified. My best friend in here, Sasha Zay, was recently sent out to a men's prison. I am scared I could be next for no reason. I am a year out from my mammoplasty, and at least 1.5-2 [years] from my vaginoplasty. I already have a lawsuit for trans care - I do not want to need one for my housing. The warden has captured the Machiavellian ideal: better to rule through fear than love - -. I managed two months with men in jail- and that I very much resemble a woman (duh) made me a target for (attempted) extortion and rape. Essentially, I prefer being somewhat-fetishized with attempt-at-seduction compared to (threats of) violence and violation; we do not choose evil of better options.

Though I have cause for some joy: I'm still here, still on HRT, have my surgeries scheduled, and receive electrolysis on Wednesdays (at OSP! even with \$6/gal gas lol...). I can get my nails polished, my hair braided, and I can socialize as a woman around examples (other women). I don't want my joy taken.

Dime: Our intention with this interview is to discuss a policy from the federal administration and Bureau of Prisons that, if enacted, will directly harm trans and gender-nonconforming people who are trapped in the carceral system. How do you relate to these topics?

Sofia: I am trans, first and foremost. To borrow from Heidegger, I am "thrown" into my transness. I am trans before I am a woman, a musician, whatever. My trans positionality pervades the rest of my life; a constant dysphoric distress, thoughts of self-castration, and never feeling woman enough - plus a pathologizing society focused on profits which denies me a transition without forcing me to adopt its language, subsume my experience unto it.

Knowledge is power, and power is knowledge. Policy outlines an end, a prescribed outcome - prose, the errant of the affidavit and indictment - but ultimately power achieves the ends. Power - cynically - reduces to violence, with language the justification for use of and precursor to use. We understand the importance of words.

I relate to this dilemma as an incarcerated trans woman. While the BOP does not have jurisdiction over Oregon State prisons, the larger war of words and the cultural shifts in "treatment" of trans prisoners could come to one day impact me. An injury to one. I have been thrice taken off my hormones in my incarceration - all times through calculated abuse of trans women.

Dime: This policy starts out by outlining it's purpose: "To establish professional guidelines for the mental health evaluation and treatment of inmates meeting the diagnostic criteria' for Gender Dysphoria? (GD) to assist their progress toward recovery, while reducing or eliminating the frequency and severity of symptoms and associated negative outcomes." What is your response to the intention of the federal government and the Bureau of Prisons to diagnose and treat gender dysphoria, and to, as they say, reduce/eliminate symptoms and "associated negative outcomes"?

Sofia: The obvious question is: what the fuck is a negative outcome? Who gets to decide? For me, that is surely: self-harm, self-death, or not transitioning. For the transgender disbelievers, like Trump and whomever, my negative outcomes appear: life, survival, thriving, happiness, joy, love, truth... perspective is key, and "my policy" would not have the same weight as the BOP policy. Power flows from the bottom up - and so long as the decrees of the U.S gvmt (sorry, hate the word too much, can't spell it) and its bureaucratic facilities are hegemonically regarded as valid, they will

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continue to "have" power. All emperors wear no clothes.

I want to live and thrive - as a woman. I lived 20 years of a lie - in Florida. I do not need convincing I "am a man", I need acceptance of my womanhood. My acceptance is a desired outcome, not a symptom to be eliminated; a positive not negative. Let me be myself.

Dime: I'd like to touch on the "Definitions" section in the policy. In what ways do they diverge from how you would define these terms, based on your own lived experience and political lens?

Sofia: Lets do the important ones.

Gender Dysphoria: distress associated with incongruentcies or inconsistencies in one's gender identity and one's current reality. A troubling aspect of my transgender experience.

Gender Identity: the sense of self one has

Sex Trait Modification Surgeries: I prefer "Gender Confirmation". The light at the end of the tunnel, for me; the end of my gender dysphoria. The means by which my physical, current reality is scientifically, medically, aligned with my gender identity! Go science!

Social accommodation: this one was a doozie, wow. I don't even use this word. I think of these as half-measures that gatekeepers require of me prior to my gender confirmation - -

Honestly, this whole section [of the policy] really dripped in contempt for trans people. I feel viewed as a lunatic, sub-human. Othered. Because the cishetero norm is defined in relation to what it is not: me. And I am thus a subject of its power x_x

Dime: This policy essentially outlines the denial of gender-affirming care, including hormones, for anyone diagnosed, through their process and criteria, with Gender Dysphoria, and implements a "tapering plan" for those already receiving hormones. Independent journalist and writer Aleksandra Vaca wrote an essay titled "The Trump Administration is Testing Conversion Therapy By Medically Experimenting on Trans People in Prisons" (which I believe you've had a chance to read), in which she names this policy as forced detransition. Would you like to respond to this?

Sofia: 100% a forced de-transition. This essay was spot on. I don't see a great reason to say more as I'm in agreement. Sorry if you wanted more- less is more.

Dime: What can solidarity and struggle look like for those inside who will be most impacted by this policy, especially from those who are outside?

Sofia: Litigation, first and foremost. A federal habeas corpus for every federal trans prisoner? In this respect, prisoners will need the support of competent counsel, and will need help with filings. Trans prisoners should not allow themselves to be forcibly detransitioned: resist, even if it means hole time and/or looking some type of way in front of whomever. Not only must the cruel unusuality of it be apparent, but teh BOP and KOJ should not gain any twisted affirmation of conversion therapy (e.g. false statistics). Struggle as yourself, don't live the coerced lie. Be an annoyance, if possible: annoy prison staff, medical or security. For people outside, beyond abolishing the prison system, I'm unsure what more I'd suggest. I've been incarcerated for 4 years now lol. Protest? Resist? Revolt?

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Dime: Is there anything else you'd like to share?

Sofia: Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts on this. In addition to my music which can be found on Soundcloud, you can find my scholarly work on PDX Scholar ("epistemic injustice"), and my less scholarly anarchist stuff on the Anarchist Library. You can write me here at Coffee Creek using plain white envelopes, non-lined paper, and "regular" pen. And - Free Sasha Zay! ^ _ ^

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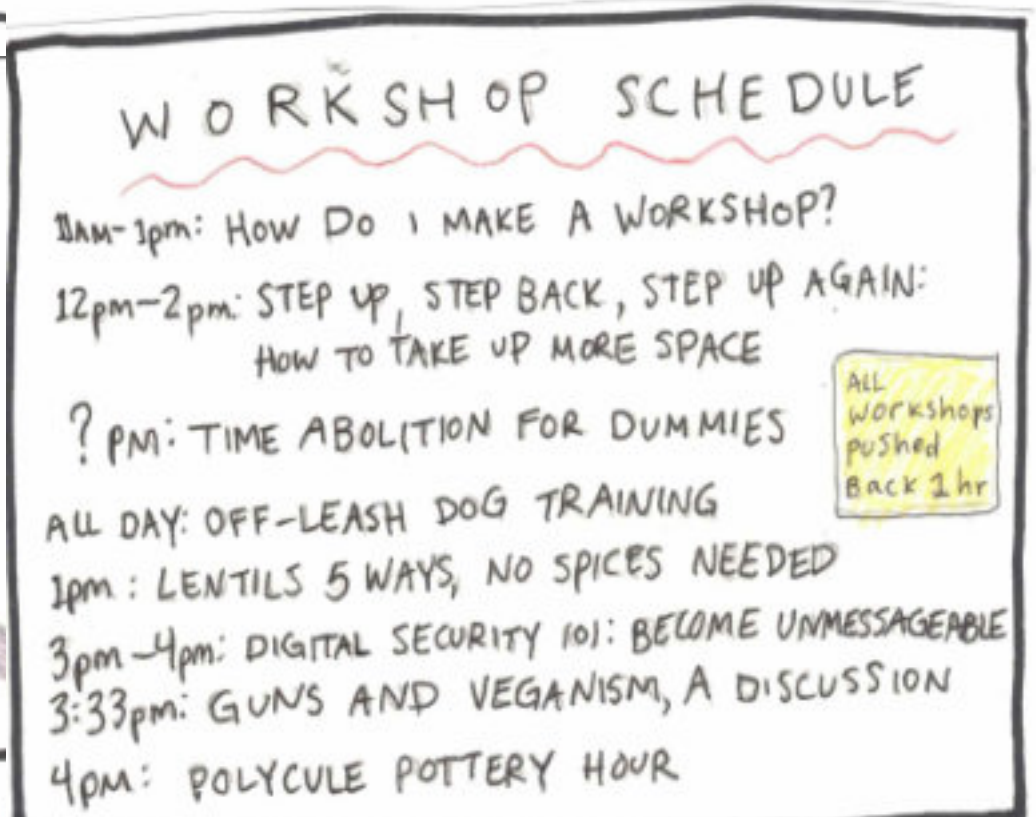
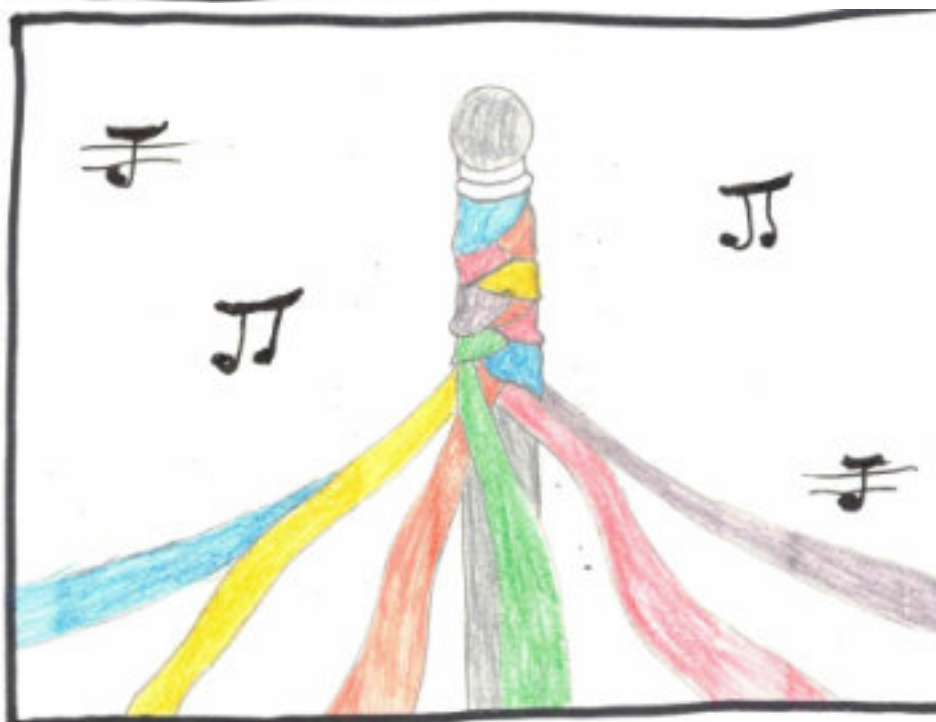
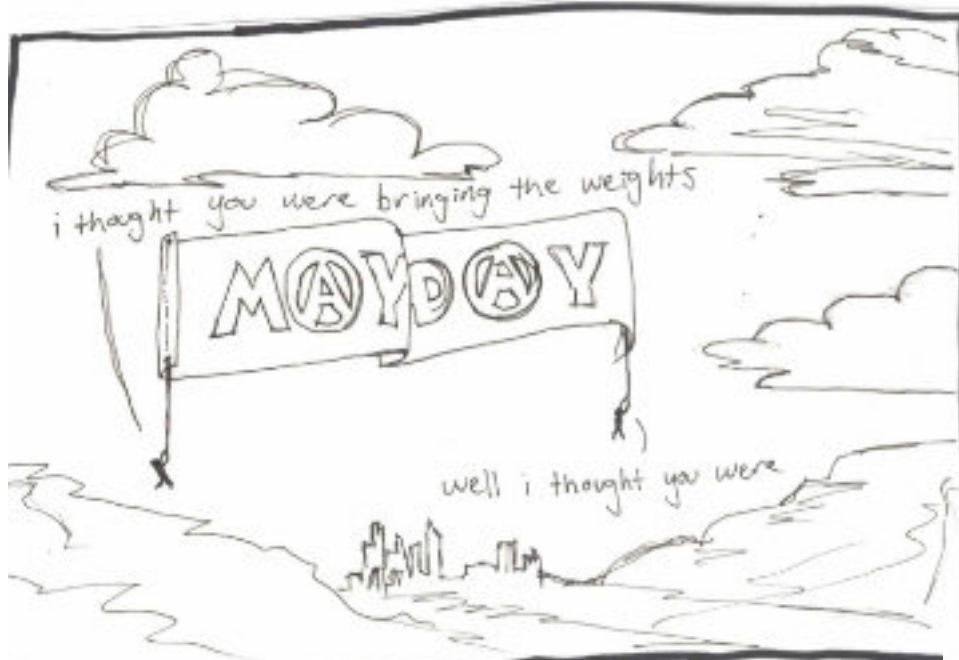
Dear Darling, Darling Needs More Questions!

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.*

*Send your ponderings, your questions, and your deepest darkest fears and desires to our dear Darling :)
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Poly-drama? Poly-saturation? Ask darling.*

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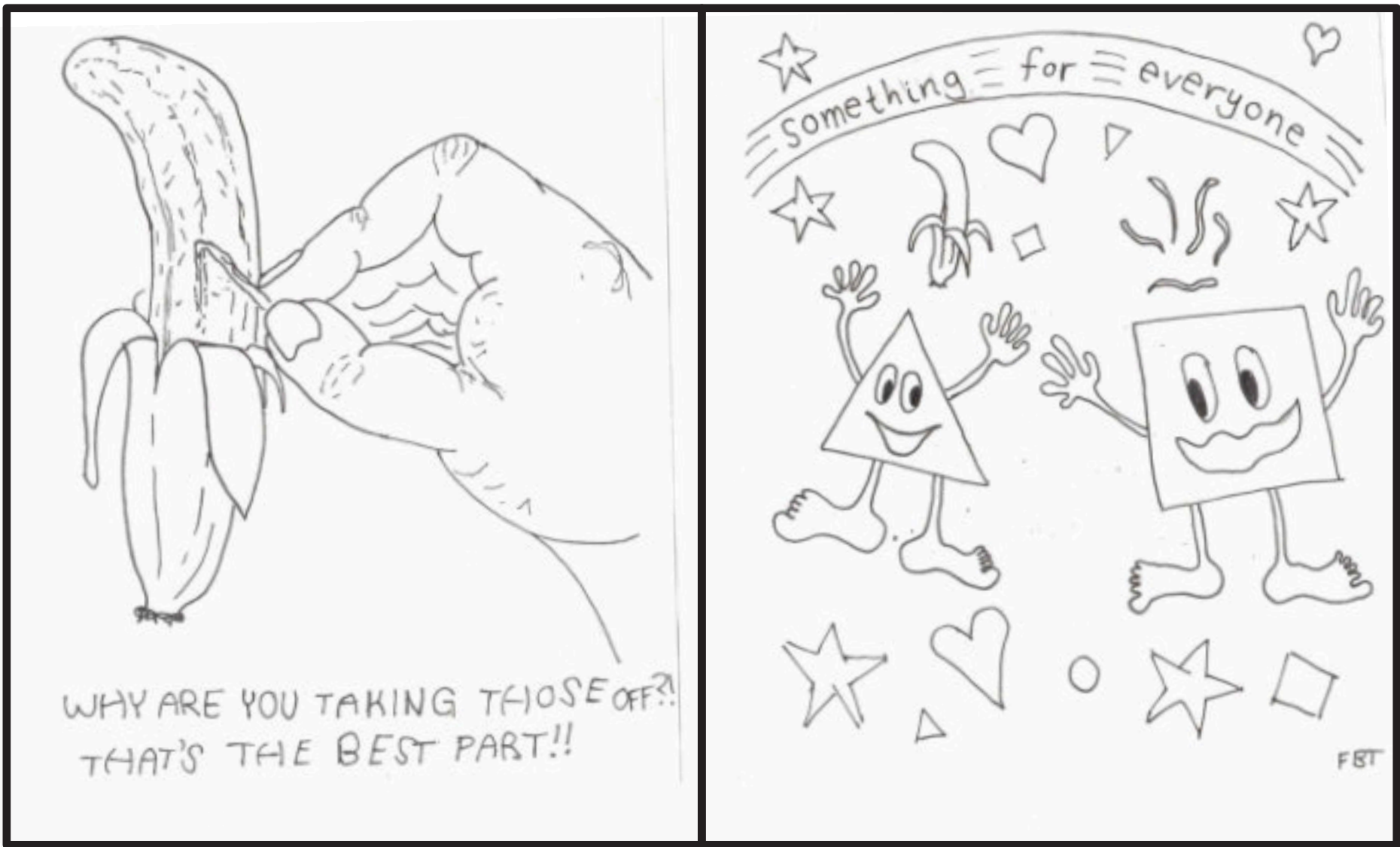
May Day Festivities



Language Barriers:



A Fruitful Friendship:



A review of no option but sabotage: an academic misses the forest for the trees

By: B.C. Sadlee



In April of 2022 I received an email from a professor named Thomas Zeitzoff requesting an interview for a book about the climate crisis. We exchanged a few messages and I recommended some people he should reach out to. We were discussing meeting up when my paranoia- honed by years of involvement in campaigns under federal investigation- led me to look into the courses he was teaching at American University. I found that they featured a focus on, “prevention of terrorism, and homeland security policy.” AU’s School of Public Affairs, where Zeitzoff works, also administers the Department of Justice, Law, and Criminology. Uncomfortable with even the smallest possibility that my interview could be used to help an aspiring Fed someday imprison a friend, I made an excuse to cancel our interview. Many old comrades, acquaintances, strangers and a couple of fuckin’ cops did meet with him, however, and eventually his research resulted in *No Option But Sabotage* (Oxford University Press, 2026.)

Zeitzoff’s analysis focuses on the question of what happened to radical environmentalism in the wake of the Green Scare. Given the intensity of the climate crisis and the ever-worsening impacts on people and ecosystems, why has a new generation of radicals not taken up the more extreme tactics of groups like the Earth Liberation Front? I was hopeful that his conclusions would go beyond the theories already widely discussed in academic accounts and movement media. Sadly, there are no new insights here: activist turn over, the effects of repression, the increasing power of surveillance technologies, and the changing concerns and protest priorities of the Black Lives Matter generation are offered as explanations, along with a surface level evaluation of the donor pleasing politics of environmental NGOs.

The first several chapters are meant to serve as a primer on the early days of radical environmentalism and the intersecting tendencies. *No Option* manages to hit all of the well worn territory here while missing everything else. The timeline chosen by the author omits the actual origins of the movement in order to focus on Earth First! as the starting point, so you get Abbey’s Monkeywrench Gang, but not Harrison’s *A Good Day To Die*, Dave Foreman, but not Jim, “The Fox,” Philips, the symbolic cracking of the Glen Canyon Dam but not the vandalism and sabotage of John Walker and the Eco Raiders, and so on. By giving a bare bones and already exhausted history with a heavily revised timeline, Zeitzoff misses that Earth First! was a continuation of radicalism already in progress.

There is a sincere effort to understand the political currents and people involved in the waves of lock downs, occupations, sabotage, and arson that marked the era of environmental militancy, but *No Option* fails that task many times. (How unfortunate is it that- if there are humans in the future- one might trust a book published by Oxford University Press that claims Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, “... had their roots in animal liberation and ALF tactics.”? Yikes!) That isn’t to say that there is nothing of value here.

No Option is accessibly written and assumes the reader is new to the topic of the book’s tagline: “The radical environmental movement and the climate crisis.” It happily avoids the flat, styleless prose of many researchers, even if the structure can be a confusing slog at times. (This is particularly true in the six page aside about the right wing embrace of raw milk that interrupts an otherwise excellent chapter charting the threat of ecofascism.) Zeitzoff conducted interviews with more than 100 people over the course of 3 years to form the bulk of the text, and there are some moments in this book where his outsider’s perspective and status as a researcher of political violence are a strength. He doesn’t subscribe to the more propagandistic, ideological, or self congratulatory viewpoints of the movements he is studying, which is a frequent issue with insiders accounts. On several occasions the racism of early deep ecologists is called out in a manner I’ve seen ignored or downplayed elsewhere. He was able to secure interviews with figures in law enforcement and government that an actual participant could never have achieved, and one of those interviews produces the highlight of the book- a Eugene Police Department intelligence officer says that without the radical environmental movement that he helped to put behind bars Oregon would have no old growth forest remaining. I must also congratulate whomever designed the cover. It makes the title appear to be more of a foregone conclusion rather than the open question the author intends, and the pull quotes on the rear cover place Zerzan above McKibben, which gave me a smile.

Ultimately, what initially turned me away from participating in the book might be the main flaw. Zeitzoff sees the world through a lens meant to help statist makes sense of the social constructs of crime and whatever the power structure currently defines as terror. Just as the FBI is generally good at capturing bank robbers and bad at capturing people of conscience, Zeitzoff is good at capturing politicians- as he did in *Nasty Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2023)- but bad at capturing dedicated anarchists with little to lose and a world to save.

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Disabled Love

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



Strawberry (they ki he she) is a queer disabled art witch who lives in community. Find berry at listen-to-the-noise-until-it-makes-sense.com.

BREASTS ARE ALIVE

Breasts are sentient beings with their own lives.

They aren't inert, rounded lumps of flesh.

They make their own judgments.

The lymph nodes, milk ducts, fat, skin, fascia, muscle— are living their own needs.

The nipples have their reactions to everything.

We can guess what's going on, but they're devoted to their own Gods and live for their own nets of values.

We can massage them, pray for them,

and ask them to be well every day,

but sometimes breasts go wrong.

Mostly we can't control that.

Some people choose to remove them,

which makes sense.

Some breasts are mistakes, liabilities,

jiggling monsters, wrong in every way,

and everyone misunderstands what the

breasts want and how they should be treated.

To eliminate breasts frees our destinies.

Breasts are not required.

For some people, they're parasites or growths.

I choose to keep mine; I store my love there.

When we hug, I press them onto you as if their shapes were a stamp.

I leave an impression on your chest.

We act like that's normal;

that's how we evolved.

This is the burden I'm carrying.

I lie in bed at night to rest, and my breasts

dream their own slow paced stories,

like movies for babies.

Half paying attention, I might hear

a dramatic sound from the adjacent theater.

The dreams feature caves, death, vast expanses of valley, and shimmering light.

Their dreams are like my gender.

Breasts vary, but most are thinking about

how much longer they need to live.

They're summoning their energy.

Breasts are searching for justice

like desert pilgrimage walkers, like all of us.

They have so much projected onto them that they need to say goodnight.

lie in bed at night

imagining him dead in the gutter.

The puddle of blood, spit, and vomit is real.

Or he found another gullible lover

like he's so good at, convincing kind women

he needs help— he actually does need help.

Addiction means somebody is going to die,

and it's not going to be you or your children.

The pain of killing the person you love gets possible in the competition among

all the pains you have going now.

Something shifts— your own addiction gets thinner and thinner, starved by reality.

He only loved the drug this whole time.

It gets impossible, the lie-cheat-steal-jail sequence.

I don't have children, but I have meaningful projects.

I hate you enough (at this point)

to accept someone else will find the body.

God put me here to do something other than

die for an addict, so here we go.



BACK WHEN I TALKED TO MEN

I asked questions, trying to find where they were an expert.

They showed me where they had cut their thumb

and wanted me to wince, then coo.

Genuinely I was sorry

like I would be sorry for a woman

or other gender of person

who was my actual equal.

Back when I talked to men, I would center them.

The conversation was about not challenging them.

HOW TO BREAK UP WITH AN ADDICT

You have to be ready to kill him, pulling him out

like a tick sucking your blood needs to be pulled out.

His head might come off in your skin.

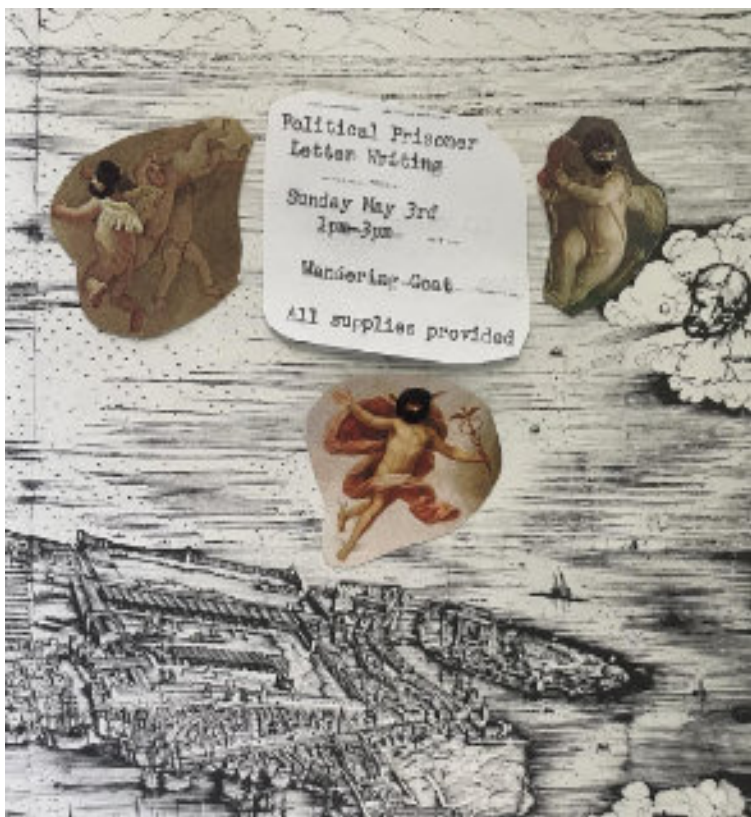
By the time you're ready to separate your lives,

he will have convinced you

that you're killing him.

So the fifth time or the 18th time,

Then they wanted access to my body.
They saw beauty they wouldn't
allow themselves to perform.
They projected their own secret beauty
onto me, then tried to devour it.
My curiosity about their pain
gave them a boner.
My giggle at their creative joke sealed the deal.
They wanted to touch my breasts especially.
My cunt they feared
as a wet portal to the other world,
but my breasts were a playground.
They were always lonely;
they needed to be held.
I thought it was my responsibility.
Their ideas were mostly repetition of culture's stan-
dard
defeatist power bullshit.
They believed in hierarchy
and worked hard to be successful within
frameworks I had rejected as a child.
I looked at them as captive animals in a broken sys-
tem.
I was always free,
but I chained myself to them in sympathy.
I was smarter than all of them
by the time I was seven years old.
But I thought I needed to be owned.
It was always me who welded the chain.
Then I realized I could get divorced.
I always preferred women,
but women taught me I exist to sacrifice myself.
Back when I talked to men, it was out of loyalty to
women.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun facts about the
**eugene radical mental
health collective**

- people will show you care there
- safe for people on PrEP (unlike grapefruit)
- so far nobody has quoted Octavia Butler (u could change that tho)
- plants attend too
- no ads, ever

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