



Newsletter

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

By Rebecca Stone with photos by Rebecca Stone and Nora Sherwood

June in Lincoln City saw two protests on the same hot, sunny day. As a counterweight to Trump's June 14 birthday festivities that coincided with flag day, ILC members joined Jerry on his daily corner protest from noon to 1 pm. For relatively last-minute notice, the number of protesters was impressive, with some counting up to 300 who braved the reflected heat off the pavement, signs held high.







Following that protest, a pre-determined number of us (about 20) drove down the road to D River for an hour-long, silent Signs of Corruption demonstration on the bridge. It was a welcome change of venue thanks to the ocean breeze.



We were heartened to receive mostly positive reactions from passersby, with some offering water, giving us the thumbs up, and otherwise shouting support. Of course there were a couple of coal rolls and middle fingers, but considering that the Hilltop Patriots were having their own flag-waving demonstration just down the road, it was pretty tame — even when HP passed us in their trucks with their Trump flags.

It was altogether a good day for standing up for

Democracy... if a little exhausting.





ILC Hosts Panel on White Christian Nationalism: How Do We Respond?

By Shar Walbaum

We are surrounded by political rhetoric clothed in Christian references, whether it is claims that Trump was sent by heaven or the establishment of new rules making Bible passages required reading in Texas public schools and prayer meetings prevalent in the military. The more we learn about how these things have happened, the better we'll know how to respond.

On June 18th, ILC hosted a panel on White Christian nationalism at the Congregational Church of Lincoln City. About 50 people came to hear five pastors discuss the fusion of right-wing extremism and evangelical Christianity. Their focus: what do we do about it?

In addition to information displayed about ILC at a table staffed by Marla Vardell, Bob's Books was there with several books related to Christian Nationalism. A list of the pastors' recommended readings and podcasts was also available.



Pastor Reginald Richardson of Your Bible Speaks Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Portland and retired Chaplain Tim Mayne started the program by framing the issue. They each discussed how war, cruelty, and love of power — currently all too present in our lives — are antithetical to what scripture relates as Christ's teachings. They also shared their experiences with being both faith leaders and politically progressive. Then they were joined by the host church's pastor, Rev. Mike Grogan, Rev. Valerie Kendall of the Driftwood Fellowship, and Pastor Bill Mayne of the Lincoln City SDA church to field questions.

As a panel, they discussed ways in which Christianity is distorted by the political desires of the far right. They sounded the alarm about the consequences of this for our nation. Rev.

Kendall spoke about the impact on women's rights of Project 2025, with which Christian Nationalism is deeply intertwined.

Ultimately, the five pastors agreed that the use of aggression and violence is not the answer. The way forward is not to mirror hateful actions and rhetoric, but to work for the world we want to see. They also talked about the power of love (though at times difficult) and the need to add more of it into our everyday lives. Peace and love are values they hold sacred, but they are also values they share as activists.

It is worth noting that most of the pastors have had years of experience in political activism. Their perspectives and recommendations were based on both their experience and faith. Watch the panel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLeOIYrYeRA>

JULY FOURTH, ILC STYLE!

It was a full July 4th weekend as ILC hit the water, the streets, and the beach

PADDLING FOR DEMOCRACY

By Rebecca Stone with photos by David Guarena and Sandy Gruber

Bright and early on the morning of July 4th, Indivisible members deployed decorated kayaks and paddle boards onto the sparkling waters of Devils Lake in Lincoln City. Themed “Paddle for



Democracy,” the mariners attached the requisite protest signage in ways that would not interfere with paddling or act as a sail. This typically involves safety pins, clamps of some sort, and bungee straps.

Ken Sund was there with his trademark towable featuring Trump’s head... which he nearly lost at the end of the paddle due

to a gust of wind.

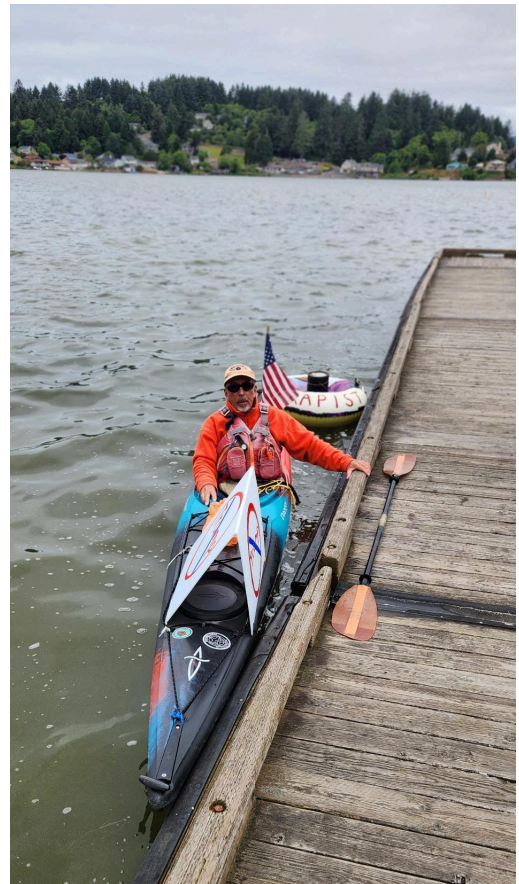
There were 10 of us on the water, including two, who drove over from Portland to



join in as we braved the shoreline in a circle around the lake's perimeter. Except for one or two instances, the responses from lakeside residents were overwhelmingly positive, with plenty of thumbs up and shouts of encouragement.

It was a wonderful morning of paddling, with cool temps and a light breeze, and some fun wakes from passing speed boats. A great way to show our love for our country and support Democracy.

Our only wish? That more people will join us next time. And there will be a next time!



ILC LOVES A PARADE

The afternoon of the 4th had ILC members marching not in protest, but in the Gleneden parade

By Shar Walbaum with photos by Georgia Roeloff and Elaine Walsh

The easiest way to describe how wonderful it was for ILC to be part of the Gleneden Beach July 4th Parade is to share these responses. We heard cheers and applause, basked in smiles and waves, handed out VOTE flowers, candy, ILC VOTE stickers, and blew bubbles. The children were funny and loved the Jay Hawk (thanks, Marla) and Hippo Ballerina (thanks, Dana). Next year: ILC FLOAT!



Here is what folks wrote:

Nancy V.: "I thought today was amazing!! I had no idea how big the parade was! And I was pleasantly surprised at how much

people were excited and surprised to see Indivisible in the parade! Lots of cheering, waving, it was great. I really think we made a huge impact, and Indivisible is more attached to real people in a different way."

Pamela "What a blast!! Let's do it again next year. I believe we made an impression."

Elaine: "Festive and joyful well attended parade in Gleneden Beach with Shar and other Indivisibles!"

Francie: "What a fun time that was!"

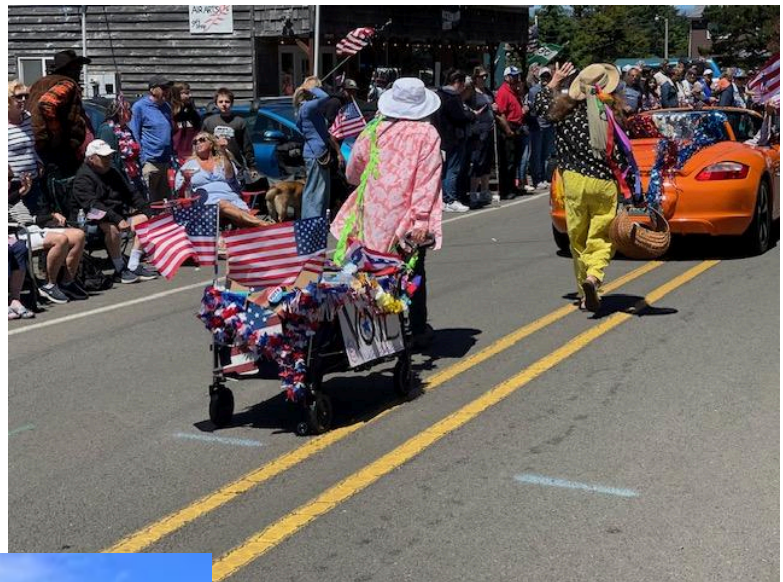
Dana: "What a great time!"





Peter and Gary: "Great job you all. Keep educating and spreading the word. You all are the reason we are making a difference. It was great fun."

Lynn: "The parade was excellent, well attended and we were well received. My biggest concerns about participating, heavy traffic and difficulty with parking were not realized."



HANDS ACROSS THE SAND 2.0

The Second Time Was A Charmer!

By Shar Walbaum with photos by Lisa Nevara, Frances Meyers, and Rebecca Stone

It was a beautiful day on Sunday, July 5th, when 24 people and one dog waited with bated breath for our two Walkthoners, Becky Stone and Mary Beth Guerena, to arrive from Canyon Park /SW 11th Street Access. When we spotted them in the distance, they were carrying bags of post-July-4th trash!

These two intrepid walkers raised at least \$660 for Cascade Head Biosphere Collaborative! Thanks to those who donated, including Jamie, Jackie, Linda, Shar and Jerry, Francie and Peter, Berda, Cynthia, Becky, Mary Beth and David, Amy, and Michelle. But special thanks to Becky and Mary Beth for doing the walking. Think about that – two people decide they'll spend 90 minutes walking on the beach and, as a result, more research will be done on



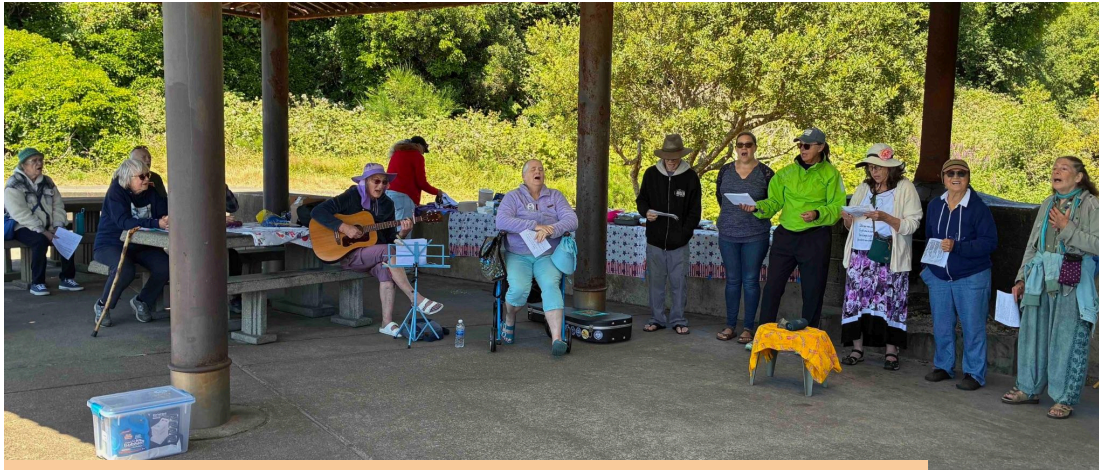
Starting at the Canyon Road Beach, on their way to join other ILC members for Hands Across the Sand, Mary Beth Guerena and Becky Stone paused at the halfway mark for a photo. They hiked over 2 miles along the beach to raise funds for the Cascade Head Biosphere Project. Several members donated to the effort. Thanks to all!



marine climate, more kids will be taught about salmon habitat, more efforts will be made to protect habitat. Imagine if there were FOUR walkers...

To capture our HAS human chain, Lisa Nevara stood above us (way above us!) at the SW Beach Ave. viewpoint, ready for the long shot (literally). We waved and held our arms high. We also formed the word VOTE in the sand with flags, but it was too far away to see.

The action was well documented, though, between Lisa's photos and Becky's video, walking (stumbling) along the line. See video on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/253437991771336/>.



After that, everyone walked to the Taft Waterfront Park Pavilion for a serenade by the ILC Resistance Singers. They were FANTASTIC.

The Indivisible Lincoln City Resistance Singers perform their top hits.

The crowd of over 30 joined in on some songs. Very inspiring. There is even talk of doing something similar on the lawn at Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy maybe with some weeding?

Finally, we all ate great food and even cake decorated with 8647. It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood.



NSF Starts then pauses removal of a decade-old Oregon/Washington coast ocean monitoring system

By Jay Roelof

According to an article released in early June by Seattle's NPR affiliate [KUOW](#) and updated by [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#), the National Science Foundation (NSF) had secretly removed a set of five floating observation stations, known as the Coastal Endurance Array, off the coasts of Oregon and Washington and had begun the removal of the sixth on the 1st of June.

Before the NSF was gutted by Trump at the start of his second term and its scientific leadership replaced by MAGA loyalists, it proudly stated that more than 140 instruments were connected to the Coastal Endurance Array, which included two sets of six robotic "gliders" and provided a constant stream of real time data from the seafloor to the shore station in Pacific City. Each station tracked as many as 24 different measures, including wave height and frequency, and concentrations of oxygen, carbon dioxide, and chlorophyll in the water, which reflect the health and productivity of the ecosystem.

The Coastal Endurance Array was part of the NSF's vast \$368 million Northern Hemisphere group of five complex arrays. Called the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI), this group consisted of over 900 sensors on the ocean floor off the coasts of Oregon, Washington, Alaska, North Carolina, and Greenland.

The OPB article revealed that last September, the NSF had quietly removed from the water all three of the observation stations off Grays Harbor, WA, plus two of the three observation stations off Newport, OR, and had warehoused all five in Corvallis, OR. The third Oregon station had just been pulled when word came down that the decision to remove the high-tech stations had been reversed.

These stations are long and complex integrated systems, as explained on the [NSF website](#). This leaves the question: How much damage did the NSF cause to these delicate observation systems as they were clandestinely yanked out of the water and dumped in a Corvallis storage site?

But the bigger story, as detailed in an [article](#) by the American Geophysical Union (AGU), which represents nearly 60 thousand scientists across 152 countries, was “NSF plans to remove all in-water arrays and infrastructure, including hundreds of deep-sea instruments, from four of the five currently operating sites within the global OOI project...” (see map below).

But even though the NSF has stated that its plan to remove the remaining stations has been reversed, more questions remain:

- How long will the reinstallation of the six Endurance observation stations take, knowing that there are very few vessels available to do the job?
- How much scientific data will be lost in the interim and how many of the trained scientists will still be around to analyze this data?



As the NSF map above shows, these four sites are the Global Station Papa Array in the Gulf of Alaska, Coastal Endurance Array off the coasts of Oregon and Washington, Global Irminger Sea Array southeast of Greenland, and Coastal Pioneer Array off the coast of North Carolina. It should be noted that while the two southern hemisphere OOI arrays are also shown in the map below, they were decommissioned over six years ago per a recommendation in the National Research Council's 2015 "Sea Change" Decadal Survey.

Had the plan not been halted, then the only OOI array left would have been the more advanced, high-power (not battery) fiber-optic *Regional Cabled Array* off the Pacific NW coast. This more modern array offers many technological advantages plus

volcanic monitoring ability the other arrays lack, but minus their mobility, flexibility and wider geographic footprint.

The NSF's disastrous global plans to drastically reduce our nation's global ocean monitoring system was first reported by [The New York Times](#) on June 1. Shortly thereafter our [local media focused on the impact on Oregon](#). Meanwhile, a bipartisan group of State House and Senate members of Oregon's Legislative Coastal Caucus

and Oregon's U.S. Senator Merkley and Alaska's U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) [were already taking action](#) to block what the NSF was doing.

As a result of their bipartisan push back coupled with public pressure, legislation was recently passed unanimously to stop the NSF actions, which Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) described as “the height of stupidity.” Though whether this will be a permanent cessation remains to be seen.

The NSF has issued a [statement](#) announcing its intention to service and re-deploy the arrays that have been removed from the water. But the agency also indicated it will be convening an expert panel to identify a path forward for the ocean observing systems.

WHY IT MATTERS

By Rebecca Stone

The importance of these systems, which the administration was in the midst of “descopeing” without any scientific or public input, cannot be overstated. The data gathered keeps us abreast of the health of our oceans in a warming climate. It also is used to forecast weather, alerting us to the possibilities of events such as hurricanes, and monitoring the development of El Niño conditions, which are currently brewing in the Pacific. The data collected also provides valuable information on the health of fisheries, and tracks ocean conditions, enhancing the safety of fishermen.

Removal of the data provided by the stations may also impact public health as it will compromise tracking of harmful algal blooms and even the presence of dangerous bacteria, such as *Vibrio vulnificus*, the so-called flesh-eating bacteria of recent concern that is found in warm ocean waters. Conditions in which this bacteria thrives are expanding thanks to climate change and rising ocean temperatures.

KEEP PUSHING TO GET OUT THE VOTE!

By Frances Meyers

ILC's postcard team will have finished 1120 postcards to NC voters this week! Woo hoo! We are now starting to write to GA voters. We'd love to have some more help for this major undertaking — sending out as many postcards as possible to some southern states before the critically important midterms.

We meet a couple of times a week, and because it's vacation time, our writers can't make it to every session. We'd still welcome more writers. We supply everything you need, though if you have your own set of fine-tip color markers, please bring them. Help save our democracy! Contact Francie for more info: fpmey66@gmail.com.

Key Components of a Functioning Democracy

1. Free and fair elections
2. Rule of law applied equally to all citizens
3. Protected speech, assembly, religion & press
4. Government accountability & transparency
5. Separation of powers
6. Protection of minorities
7. Peaceful transfer of power
8. Citizen participation



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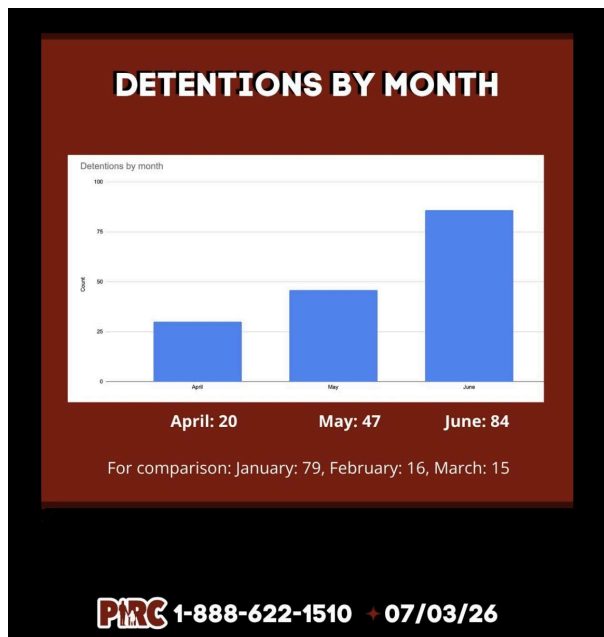


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ATTENTION: 5 Days; 10,000 Lives Disrupted

By Shar Walbaum

It began quietly, ICE moving with stealth, determined to increase detentions. Across only five days at the end of June, 10,000 people were whisked away, mostly in the early part of the day, often when they were driving, but some while checking in with immigration authorities.



The surge happened all over the USA, doubling the previous daily rate. In Oregon, the June detention rate was twice that of May and over three times that of April. If Stephen Miller has his way, the surge will continue through summer. He has his sights set on a daily detention rate of 3000 human beings.

This moment demands our attention. Arriving tourists, workers driving home at rush hour, and shoppers need to know that ICE is escalating this summer.

Join Us at our ILC **STOP ICE SURGE protest** on 101 at the Outlet Mall, Friday, July 17th, 5 – 6 pm.

Tell everyone you know! Stand up for your immigrant neighbors!

You may or may not know the steps to take in the face of ICE, but **NOW** is the time to either learn or refresh your knowledge.

Begin or review **De-escalation training**.

Learn or remind yourself of:

What to do if you see ICE;

Your rights on the street;

Your rights in immigration court.

Access print and video resources on websites for Indivisible Lincoln City, Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition, or many others

PIRC: <https://pircoregon.org/about/resources>

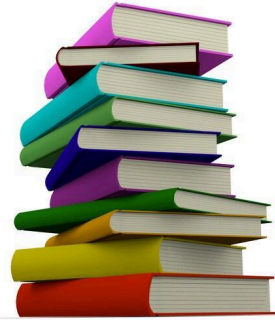
ILC: <https://indivisiblelincolncityor.org/resources>

Do it today!

MEDIA CORNER

Here are some ILC members' recommendations on the latest good reads, podcasts, etc. to help keep us up to snuff on the latest developments and thinking in this confusing world.

Share yours!



- David Gomberg, If you want to understand what's going on in Oregon and here on the Central Coast in plain English, consider subscribing to Oregon State Representative David Gomberg's newsletter.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/The-Evolution-of-Coastal-Politics.html?soid=1140685904800&aid=Lz2dc11tDi4>

NEW BOOKS

- Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan: Regime Change just came out.
- Brian Tyler Cohen, The Day After: How to Wield Power in a Post-Trump World – A Progressive Political Playbook on Saving Democracy.
- Barbara McQuade, The Flx: Saving America From the Corruption of a Mob Style Government
- Chris Murphy, Crisis of the Common Good.
- Rachel Maddow, Department of Fate.
- Anne Applebaum, Autocracy Inc.

CALENDAR

DAILY: Join Jerry from noon to 1pm on the corner of Hwy. 101 and NE 22nd, Lincoln City.

EVERY THURSDAY: WHAT'S THE PLAN WITH EZRA LEVIN AND LEAH GREENBERG. Virtual event from noon to 1 pm PDT, <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/874938/?source=indivisible&medium=web>

FRI, JULY 17: STOP THE ICE SURGE RALLY, 5pm to 6pm, along Hwy. 101 in front of the Lincoln City Outlet Mall, 1500 SE East Devils Lake Rd., Lincoln City, OR.

TUES, JULY 28: ILC HOSTS OR STATE REP. DAVID GOMBERG, MAYOR SUSAN WAHLKE, AND BOC CANDIDATE CATHY RIGBY, AND POSSIBLY BOC CANDIDATE CRISTEN DON, AND US REP. VAL HOYLE, 5:00 pm, Lincoln City Rec Center, 2150 NE Oar Pl, Lincoln City, OR. It's our usual meeting... but with guests!

SUN, AUGUST 2: LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATS OREGON, SUMMER PICNIC FUNDRAISER, 1-3 pm, Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, OR. See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/253437991771336/> for more information.

AND FARTHER OUT...



Sat Sept. 5: PIRATE PUPPY PARADE CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE

Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place. Hosted by the Oregon Coast Indivisible Alliance, we will have a parade of dogs sporting their best pirate attire, a best costume contest, and food after. We'll be in the main function room and the outside area on the south side, near the dog park.

Parade will go around the block so we avoid 101. Won't be too long for little dogs.

Stay tuned for more details.



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