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THE RNC800!

Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

2009 greetings, everyone! Welcome to the seventh edition of the CRASS newsletter! Check out the amazing array of information below. And remember...

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

**Next CRASS SpokesCouncil:
Sunday, January 11th, 12:00-1:30pm
Hosmer Library, Minneapolis**

**Next CRASS General Arrestee Meeting:
Sunday, January 18th, 1:30-3:30pm
Hosmer Library, Minneapolis**

6,000 HOURS OF CITY VIDEO FOOTAGE NEED YOUR EYEBALLS

Communities United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB), a local copwatch group, recently received a letter in response to their request for the 6,000 hours of video footage the City of St. Paul recorded during the RNC. After months of delaying and offering bullshit reasons for doing so, the City is finally releasing the footage. Starting this Tuesday, the footage will be available for viewing from 8am-4pm. (People who submitted data practices requests have priority.) A few people will go down to the first showing Tuesday morning to see what the process for video review is like. People who are interested in helping to review video after Tuesday should get in contact with Michelle Gross from CUAPB: mgresist@minn.net, 612.703.1612.

COURT WATCH NEEDS YOUR EYEBALLS TOO!

January is a busy month - there are cases scheduled for trial call every week this month:

- January 5: 8 cases on trial call
- Week of January 12: 3 cases on trial call
- January 20: 7 cases are going to trial together
- January 26: Texas 2 on trial, US Courthouse in Minneapolis. Daryl from CUAPB is also on trial in Minneapolis.
- January 26: RNC 8 have a motion hearing in St. Paul.

The need for court watchers with daytime flexibility/availability is not going to let up. Do you have daytime hours? Will you be in town fighting your own charges? Court watching is a great way to get immediately involved. Please volunteer if you can.

Email the Court Watch group at RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com to get involved. Or join their next meeting: Tuesday, January 6 at 6pm at Caffetto on 22nd and Lyndale in Minneapolis.

*****NEW*** COMMISSARY FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE**

In jail? Need food? We got your back! At the spokescouncil and general assembly today, we consensed upon opening up our general fund to requests for assistance with commissary accounts. People serving time for RNC offenses can now receive funds in \$50 increments when needed (they can submit an unlimited number of applications for assistance). More details about the application process will be coming soon, but for now, let your loved ones in jail for RNC offenses know about this resource and email rnc08hospitality@riseup.net to request funds on their behalves.

TRAVEL FUNDS

Have you sent in an application for travel funds but not heard anything back? We've recently realized that several emails were lost at some point when we were having difficulties with the Hospitality email address, so re-submit your application to rnc08hospitality@riseup.net if you haven't heard back from us yet. And sorry about that.

CRASS WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure: At our last meeting, we talked about the Hefflefinger/Luger report, which will be discussed at the next St. Paul City Council meeting, 3:30pm, January 14. We are planning to pack this meeting and make our perspectives known! We're also planning more outreach activities, such as calling more arrestees, writing letters to the editor, and building coalitions with student groups on college campuses. Next meeting is Wednesday, January 7 @ 7pm, Coldsnap office. Email our listserv for Court Solidarity/Media /Outreach/Pressure (rnc08courtsolidarity@googlegroups.com) for more information.

Courtwatch: January 5, January 12 and January 20 are big trial days (see above). We need you in the courts! Email us at RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com to get involved. Or join us at our next meeting: Tuesday, January 6 at 6pm at Caffetto on 22nd and Lyndale in Minneapolis.

Felony Support: Several cases up for trial this month are felony cases, including the Texas 2. Check out the court watch note at the beginning of this newsletter for more info. And you can contact us at rnc08felonies@riseup.net or check out our little space on the web at <http://rnc08arrestees.wordpress.com/arrestees/felony-info-and-support>.

Fundraising: We have some t-shirts screen printed with more on the way soon, so start looking for those in the near future. We desperately need more volunteers, so e-mail rnc08fundraising@gmail.com if you want to hang out with us.

Hospitality: Helping arrestees survive their stay in the Twin Cities while fighting court charges. Offer housing or find some for yourself at www.nornc.org/stay. Coming into town to fight your charges? Need help paying for your travel? Apply for funding through the Travel Fund at <http://www.rncaftermath.org>. So far, we've helped around a dozen arrestees pay for travel to and from the Twin Cities to fight their charges. We'd love to help you too! E-mail rnc08hospitality@riseup.net for more info.

The Spokescouncil: The spokescouncil is made up of the bottomliners from each of the working groups, and is also open to anyone who wants to be involved. We plan the agenda for the general meetings, share information between the working groups, and formulate proposals to bring to the general meetings. We meet every Sunday, and the time and location of our meetings is posted on <http://www.rncaftermath.org>.

The Zine Project: We're doing interviews and want to do more! Email crasszine@riseup.net and we'll set up an interview with you. To get involved in this and other sweet projects, join us at our next meeting! The next one is on Wednesday, Jan. 7th at 6:30pm at 2nd Moon Cafe in Minneapolis. Email us for more info. And you don't have to live in Minneapolis to be part of this project--email us to get involved.

OTHER GROUPS AND THINGS

RNC 8: The RNC 8, Luce Guillen-Givins, Max Specktor, Nathanael Secor, Eryn Trimmer, Monica Bicking, Erik

Oseland, Robert Czernik and Garrett Fitzgerald are still facing four felony charges (two with terrorism enhancements). There are a lot of events concerning the 8 this month. A few of them are a benefit concert at the Black Dog Café in lowertown St. Paul on Jan. 21 at 7pm (more info at <http://rnc08report.org/archive/618.shtml>), a Town Hall meeting in St. Paul on Jan. 25 from 1pm-4pm, and a motion hearing on Jan. 26. For the motion hearing, the 8 would like to have people in the court to support them, but they understand that the Texas 2 and Daryl from Communities United Against Police Brutality have trials the same day in Minneapolis, so they would also like people to pack the courts for the others. To get up-to-date information about the 8, check out their website at <http://RNC8.org> and sign up for their announcement listserv.

Coldsnap: Coldsnap has resumed their regular schedule for open office hours. And they're looking for more volunteers for the office, so email coldsnapoffice@gmail.com if you can help. And don't forget that the jail support hotline number--651.356.8635--is always open for your jail support needs. If you have general questions, please call during normal daylight hours.

TCSA: We are a group of Twin Cities residents who formed during the summer of 2008. The influx of protesters coming to our town for the 2008 Republican National Convention made a group dedicated to sexual assault awareness and advocacy a necessity for our community. Our collective desire has always been to be long term and sustainable. Right now we are building our capacity. We are challenging the effects of our own experience of living in a patriarchal rape culture. At the same time that we challenge ourselves, we strive to create a community in which healthy relationships, consensual interactions, and sex-positivity are cultivated. We are not offering support services at this time.

We are working toward:

- creating a culture of consent!
- survivor support
- perpetrator accountability
- continual community outreach
- preventative education
- taking care of each other, within our group
- commitment to self-care and our own restorative healing

To get involved, contact tcsaa08@gmail.com

RANDOM ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have local RNC-related events going on in your community, email us and we will include them in this section of our newsletter.

RNC Photo Exhibit & Call for Submissions: "Looking Back, Moving Forward" (Jan 3rd-31st at Black Dog Cafe)

An exhibit of random moments caught on film during the Republican National Convention in Saint Paul

The premise of the LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD exhibit is to offer a community space where people can leave behind, access, or take home as evidence a wide variety of frozen photographic moments from the Republican National Convention that took place in St. Paul, MN in September 2008.

Submissions to the LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD exhibit will be accepted through January 2009 to the exhibit close, and medium-resolution images will be permanently archived on the RNC '08 Report archive project website at www.rnc08report.org.

If you would like to submit photographs for this exhibition, please visit the submission guidelines here: <http://rnc08report.org/archive/618.shtml>

Pretty Please: *This is our oh-so-clever section for volunteer requests and general begging.*

Please give us your money at <http://www.rncaftermath.org>

Please volunteer to work in the office at coldsnapoffice@gmail.com.

Please give us free office supplies (especially printer paper).

Please fight your charges.

How to Contact Us

<http://www.rncaftermath.org>

RNC800 newsletter- RNC800@gmail.com

Send checks, courtwatch forms, and inspirational messages to CRASS c/o Coldsnap- P.O. Box 50514,
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Coldsnap jail support hotline: 651.356.8635

CRASS working groups: Contact info is in their blurbs.

Yay! You made it all the way to the bottom of our fabulous newsletter. Thanks and way to go! Send us feedback and suggestions. We're here for you.
