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# THE RNC800!

## Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

2009 greetings, everyone! Welcome to the eighth 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 18th, 12:00-1:30pm  
Hosmer Library, Minneapolis**

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

### \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* TRAVEL FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR WITNESSES

Our ultimate funding goal is to support arrestees fighting their charges, and we know that witness testimony can be a powerful tool in that fight. As cases move to trial, the travel fund will begin accepting applications from witnesses who are traveling to testify in support of RNC arrestees. As our travel fund is limited, priority will still be given to arrestees, but we will fund key witnesses whenever possible.

Apply for funding through the Travel Fund at <http://www.rncaftermath.org>. The updated travel fund application should be online in a few days, but witnesses can use the old form in the meantime.

### FUNDRAISING WORKING GROUP NEEDS NEW BOTTOMLINERS

Speaking of funds, the FUNdraising working group needs new bottomliners. The two current ones need to focus on other things right now, so help is needed to keep up the fundraising efforts so we can continue supporting all you beautiful, amazing RNC arrestees. So step up and help drive these efforts! Email [rnc08fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rnc08fundraising@gmail.com) to get involved.

### CIVIL LITIGATION PAMPHLET NOW AVAILABLE

CRASS has just released a new pamphlet on civil litigation. Titled "Civil Litigation 101: What You Need to Know to Make Them Pay," it has lots of good information to help you learn about filing a civil suit for wrongs done to you during the RNC. It will be on our website soon, but you can also find it at our next general assembly. If you want a PDF copy within the next few days, email [rnc08arrestees@riseup.net](mailto:rnc08arrestees@riseup.net). For more information about civil litigation, contact Geneva Finn ([gefinn@yahoo.com](mailto:gefinn@yahoo.com)) or Rachel Bengston ([querida42luna@hotmail.com](mailto:querida42luna@hotmail.com)), two rad lawyers from the National Lawyers Guild of Minnesota.

## CALL FOR RATM ARRESTEES TO PARTICIPATE IN CIVIL LITIGATION

Jordan Kushner, a local attorney who has been active in defending RNC arrestees, is looking for people wrongfully arrested after the Rage Against the Machine concert in Minneapolis during the RNC. If this is you, contact Jordan at [kushn002@umn.edu](mailto:kushn002@umn.edu).

## RELEASE OF REPORT ON RNC POLICING THIS WEDNS., JAN. 14TH!

On Wednesday, the city of St. Paul will release the Heffelfinger/Luger report on RNC policing during the St. Paul City Council meeting. We'll be there! This report has been a hollow attempt at tricking the public into thinking the city is interested in addressing the problems we saw and experienced during the RNC. But it doesn't include any review of police misconduct or brutality, so all it serves to do is tell the cops what a great job they did. Obviously, we disagree. We'll be at the meeting with the new CRASS benefit t-shirts, so come on down to St. Paul, grab a shirt (sliding scale donation, or borrow one for the meeting), and show your support for RNC arrestees!

The meeting is at 3:30pm at the St. Paul City Hall, 15 West Kellogg Blvd, room #300. See ya there!

## CRASS WORKING GROUP UPDATES

**Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure:** At our last meeting, we talked about the Heffelfinger/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 14 @ 7pm, Coldsnap office. Email our listserv for Court Solidarity/Media /Outreach/Pressure ([rnccourtsolidarity@googlegroups.com](mailto:rnccourtsolidarity@googlegroups.com)) for more information.

**Courtwatch:** January 12 and January 20 are big trial days. We need you in the courts! Email us at [RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com](mailto:RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com) to get involved. Or join us at our next meeting: Tuesday, January 13 at 6pm at Caffetto on 22nd and Lyndale in Minneapolis. We'll also be talking more about court watching opportunities at the next general assembly meeting: January 18, 1:30pm, Hosmer Library.

**Felony Support:** Contact us at [rnc08felonies@riseup.net](mailto: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 t-shirts! They are available for purchase (sliding scale donations). We'll have them for sale at local events as well as at general assembly meetings. Also: we desperately need more volunteers (and bottomliners, as described above), so e-mail [rnc08fundraising@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:crasszine@riseup.net) and we'll set up an interview with you. We're looking for people to start writing, editing, and illustrating. We will be putting out a request for contributors very soon. To get involved in this and other sweet projects in the meantime, join us at our next meeting! The next one is on Wednesday, January 14th at 8pm at Blue Nile Restaurant 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

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