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THE RNC800!

Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

Welcome to the eleventh edition of the CRASS newsletter!
Check out the amazing array of information below. And remember...
WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

**Next CRASS Spokescouncil:
Sunday, February 8th, 12:00-1:30pm
Hosmer Library, Minneapolis**

**Next CRASS General Arrestee Meeting:
Sunday, February 15th, 1:30-3:30pm
Place TBD**

*** As a special treat, this week's RNC800 will be followed up with a special message from our Court Watch Group on the success of our court solidarity strategy. Don't miss it! ***

McKAY TRIAL UPDATE

David McKay's federal felony trial, which began January 26, is still without verdict. The jury has been deliberating for over 10 hours, attempting to discern whether or not entrapment is involved.

The felony support working group has done a great job taking extensive notes from each of the trial days. Days 1 & 2 are posted on Indymedia, and the links to each day are below. Be sure to check TC Indymedia for further postings from Days 3 & 4--as well as the verdict when that's delivered. You can also follow TC Indymedia on Twitter to get real-time updates. Instructions for following them are online at <http://tc.indymedia.org>.

Day 1: <http://tc.indymedia.org/2009/jan/mckay-trial-day-1-notes>

Day 2: <http://tc.indymedia.org/2009/jan/mckay-trial-day-2-notes>

TRIALS & HEARINGS: TOMORROW FEBRUARY 2 & MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

There are 5 cases on the trial call and 4 pre-trial hearings tomorrow. Your presence in court is always needed and appreciated:

9AM: Judge Wilson, Room 1580 (4 Misd cases), Judge VanDeNorth, Room 840 (1 Felony)

1:30PM: Judge Fetsch, Room 1380, 1:30pm (4 Misd cases)

There are 5 cases on trial call for next Monday, February 9:

9AM: Judge Guthmann, Room 1240, 9am (3 Gross, 2 Misd)

SENTENCING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Dustin Machett-Morales' felony sentencing is scheduled for this Thursday, February 5 at 1:30pm in Judge Flynn's courtroom, Room 1140 (Ramsey County Courthouse, 15 W Kellogg Blvd). Dustin has asked that we pack the court and show our support. Please make it down to the courthouse if you can.

CIVIL LITIGATION WORKSHOP: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Getting ready to sue the state? The civil litigation working group is hosting its first civil litigation workshop:

Saturday, February 7: 4pm-6pm
Walker Church: 3104 16th Ave S, Minneapolis

The workshop will provide information about filing notice of claims forms to let Ramsey County and the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul know that you might file a civil suit at some point in the future. Come find out about your options for filing a civil suit to address the wrongs you suffered during the RNC. Lawyers from the National Lawyers Guild will be on hand to answer all of your burning questions. The civil lit working group will also be posting information on the "Resources" page (formerly called "Forms & Publications") on the CRASS website.

SUCCESS: CHRIS COLEMAN'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS EVENT

Chris Coleman, the Mayor of St. Paul, is running for re-election. We've attended a few of his fundraising and other events so far, including his Young Professionals event last Wednesday at the Bulldog bar in St. Paul. After one of the "co-hosts" (probably an undercover cop) unsuccessfully blocked us from grabbing the Mayor's attention, we made eye contact with him, shook his hand, and thanked him for his contributions to the massive amounts of state repression and police violence we suffered during the RNC. The "co-host" immediately signaled to other undercover cops who were mingling in the crowd, and we were quickly escorted out of the bar. Another undercover cop even followed us to a nearby cafe. It's curious that Coleman is so freaked out by people talking to him about the RNC. Kinda makes you wonder what he's trying to hide. Whatever the case may be, we had a successful action and Coleman was reminded yet again that his campaign won't proceed in peace as long as he continues to support the RNC as a "success" for St. Paul.

POWDERHORN SNOWBALL WAR, FEBRUARY 16, HIGH NOON

Come one, come all to the Powderhorn Snowball War! High noon. February 16. Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis. No entry fee. Donate what you will. Compete for amazing prizes from some awesome local businesses. All proceeds benefit CRASS, the RNC 8, and the RNC Restitution Fund. Form your teams, scope out the park, and get ready to battle in the snow! For more information, check out myspace.com/powderhornsnowballwar or email powderhorn.snowball.war@gmail.com.

CRASS WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Civil Litigation (Sue the Bastards!): The new Civil Litigation working group is up and running! Our first event is a workshop on civil litigation on Saturday, Feb. 7th from 4-6pm at the Walker Community Church in Minneapolis (3104 16th Ave S)--see above for more info. Our next workshop will be on Sunday, Feb. 22nd, time and place TBD. We'll also be working with the Omnibus group to coordinate a Mardi Gras action on Feb. 24th. Stay tuned for more info! To get involved or to learn more about civil lit, you can contact us at suethembastards@riseup.net.

Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (Omnibus): The action at Coleman's Young Professionals event was a success (see above). At our next meeting, we'll be planning our Mardi Gras action with notice of claim forms. Come join us! Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 28 @ 7pm, Coldsnap office. Email our listserv for Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (rnccourtsolidarity@googlegroups.com) for more information.

Courtwatch: Next week is a big court week for us (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, February 3 at 6pm at Caffetto on 22nd and Lyndale in Minneapolis.

Felony Support: Dustin Machett-Morales's sentencing is on Thursday, February 5, 1:30pm, Room 1140 in the Ramsey County Courthouse. Please come out to support him. If you are interested in writing a letter of support for him, please email the Felony Support group. Next meeting: Monday @ 6:30pm at the Attica House. Contact us at rnc08felonies@riseup.net for the meeting address and check out our little space on the web at

<http://rnc08arrestees.wordpress.com/arrestees/felony-info-and-support> for more info about us.

Fundraising: We have new bottomliners! Yay for Charlie & Mouse! We're working on setting up regular meetings. Email 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 reimbursed more than \$3500 of travel expenses to and from the Twin Cities for people fighting 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'll have our call for contributors out soon, so keep an eye out for that. Or come to our next meeting, this Wednesday at 8pm at Blue Nile Restaurant in Minneapolis. You don't have to wait for the call out to get involved! Email us at crasszine@riseup.net 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). The RNC 8 has a new judge, Judge Teresa Warner. The 8 also have a scheduling hearing coming up on Wednesday, February 11 at the Ramsey County Courthouse. The Town Hall last Sunday was a great success, with an impressive attendance. The RNC 8 Defense Committee did some more organizing there and will be scheduling more open meetings in the near future. Show your support for the right to dissent by joining the Defense Committee! To get up-to-date information, check out their website at <http://RNC8.org> and sign up for their announcement listserv.

Coldsnap: Coldsnap is continuing with 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. And check out their series of workshops on legal rights and creating legal support structures through the Experimental College (EXCO, <http://www.excotc.org>) in February, March, and April.

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.

Friends of the RNC8 Benefit: Friday, February 6

Bouncer Fighter (<http://tinyurl.com/acpc72>)

Black Blondie (<http://tinyurl.com/6brj27>)

Best Friends Forever (<http://tinyurl.com/33bcjk>)

Friday, February 6

10PM, Suggested donation: \$5+

Location: Bedlam Theatre, 1501 S. 6th St., Minneapolis, www.bedlamtheatre.org

For more information, check out <http://rnc8.org>

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.
