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THE RNC800!

Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

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

The first loooong newsletter just wasn't quite long enough to include everything, so we felt the need to send out another newsletter. Thanks for staying with us on this one!

CORRECTION: LATEST CASE STATS FROM OUR COURTWATCH GROUP

The original message about Rage Against the Machine arrests stated that no resident of Minneapolis was charged in court. This is not true. Sorry about that.

UPCOMING SOLIDARITY EVENTS FOR THE RNC8

From our friends on the RNC8 Defense Committee:

Susan at the State Fair--Stop by and say hi!

"It's a Minnesota Thing," or so the half-baked marketing slogan goes. The Minnesota State Fair is perhaps the biggest event in Minnesota every summer, and Susan Gaertner isn't missing out. We aren't either!

Below is Susan's State Fair Schedule. We invite you to show up to her booth and tell her whether you think prosecuting activists is "a Minnesota thing."

Thursday 8/27, 1-5 PM at the Education Building, Minnesota County Attorney's Association booth

Saturday 8/29, 1-2 PM at the Minnesota Farmer's Union booth, near the DFL booth

Thursday 9/3, 3-4 PM at the DFL booth

For info on getting to the fair (adjacent to the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus), admission prices, and a fairgrounds map, visit: <http://mnstatefair.org>. We might see you there - look for the RNC 8 t-shirts!

Re:Activism Twin Cities - Commemorate the Anniversary in St. Paul!

August 29, 2009 will be the one-year anniversary of the [first police raid directed at the RNC 8](#). To commemorate the resistance to state repression and the challenge to the RNC's invasion of the Twin Cities, as well as to remember the history of radical organizing in St. Paul that outlives any one police state spectacle, some Twin Cities activists have independently organized **Re:Activism: Twin Cities**. Come take to downtown St. Paul again!

Saturday, August 29**12:00 - 4:00pm****Black Dog Cafe: meet up to form teams****308 Prince Street (corner of 4th and Broadway), St. Paul**

Come commemorate the one-year anniversary of the RNC by running around St. Paul, revisiting sites of big events during the RNC, and learning about the struggles that have taken place there in the past.

What is Re:Activism, you ask? Re:Activism is a game. And a scavenger hunt. And a history lesson. And an expression of solidarity across struggles. And street theater. And disruption. Participants visit sites of local struggle and resistance, performing challenges at each to earn points. These could be historical re-enactments relevant to the site, interviews with passersby, or staged protests, among other possibilities.

The point is to draw parallels between struggles, to unearth moments of local radical history, and to theatrically subvert business-as-usual. Oh, and to run around in the street.

For more information, visit <http://reactivismtc.tumblr.com/> or email reactivismtwincities@gmail.com.

One Year Later - Call-in to Susan Gaertner September 1st651-266-3222 | Fax: 651-266-3010 | RCA@co.ramsey.mn.us

On September 1, 2008, thousands took to the streets of St. Paul to challenge the Republican National Convention. One year later, the RNC 8 are still facing serious legal repercussions because of their organizing. Authorities typically charge a few activists who take to the streets - this time, they went after the people who fed and housed protesters in the days before.

We are asking people across the country to take a few minutes on Tuesday, September 1 - the one-year anniversary of the RNC resistance - to contact Ramsey County Attorney (and aspiring Democratic candidate for Governor) Susan Gaertner and tell her to DROP THE CHARGES! It's been a full year of dragging community members through the mud, wasted taxpayer dollars, and embarrassment for Susan's campaign. Enough is enough!

Tuesday Sept. 1 2009**Contact Susan Gaertner:**County Attorney's Office: 651-266-3222 | Fax: 651-266-3010 | RCA@co.ramsey.mn.usCampaign Office: 651-645-2010 | info@susangaertner.comLet us know if you made a call or email by contacting us at info@mc8.org

on the interwebz:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=15561103028> | <http://www.facebook.com/susangaertner>**Flickr:** <http://www.flickr.com/photos/susangaertner2010>**Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/SusanGaertner>

Were you at the RNC? Wondering WTF this is still going on? Make a call. Last year Sheriff Bob Fletcher had Susan's phone ringing off the hook... now it's our turn.

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(P.S. We've raised more money than Susan's campaign for Governor; now help us get more Twitter followers than her, too! Sign up for our feed at <http://twitter.com/defendthernc8>)

Defend the RNC8!

<http://rnc8.org>

<http://www.myspace.com/rnc8support>

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=33661596527>

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=32230462519>

Follow us on Twitter

<http://www.twitter.com/defendthernc8>

Sign a petition to Defend the RNC8 at

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/defendthernc8>

MESSAGE AND REIKI FOR ACTIVISTS

Niky, nmduxbury@gmail.com, 612-710-8248

Niky is a fellow activist and body worker who recognizes that for many reasons self-care is sometimes difficult for activists to pursue. She practices massage (primarily reflexology) and Reiki (energy healing) and would like to offer us hardworking, selfless folk this little 30-60 minute sessions. **For free.**

Small "donations," however, would definitely be welcome, keeping in-line with the practice of energy exchange ... and these certainly don't need to be \$\$ -- (say you had an extra bag of dumpstered carrots at your place... ;)) Personally, she has been trying to practice certain healing techniques more often than she does -- she enjoys doing it and wants to improve, so it seems to be an opportunity for both parties... Ideally, the work will be done at her place, but feel free to suggest other options.

Please spread the word to people you think might be interested.

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

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.