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THE RNC800!

Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

Hey everyone! Welcome to the fifth edition of the CRASS newsletter! Check out the amazing array of information below. And remember...

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

Next CRASS SpokesCouncil:

Sunday, December 21st, 12:00-1:30pm

- * **Bedlam Theater, 1501 S. 6th St, Minneapolis--in the rehearsal space next to the theater***

Next CRASS General Arrestee Meeting:

Sunday, December 21st, 1:30-3:30pm

- * **Bedlam Theater, 1501 S. 6th St, Minneapolis--in the rehearsal space next to the theater***

FIRST RNC FELONY SENTENCE: PROBATION--VICTORY FOR COURT SOLIDARITY!

From tc.indymedia.org:

No jail for Joe! Joe Robinson was sentenced [Friday] morning on felony first degree property damage stemming from slashed delegate bus tires during the RNC. The judge rejected nearly all the prosecutor's wishes, sentencing Robinson instead to three years probation, a \$100 fine and 100 hours of community service in an organization of his choice. The standing-room only courtroom was packed with about 50 friends and supporters, who all stood when Robinson's name was called. Judge Salvador Rosas - soon to become the judge for the RNC 8 - mentioned the action favorably before delivering the sentence, calling it "Gandhi-like."

Read the rest of the TC Indymedia article at:

<http://tc.indymedia.org/2008/dec/first-rnc-felony-sentence-probation-victory-court-solidarity>

RNC 8 NOW FACE THREE ADDITIONAL FELONY CHARGES

From tc.indymedia.org:

Lawyers for the [RNC 8](#) reportedly received a letter today from the Ramsey County Attorney's office amending the complaint against them. The new complaint reportedly lists the charges as follows:

Count 1 - conspiracy to riot in the second degree in furtherance of terrorism (the original charge)

Count 2 - conspiracy to riot in the second degree (without terrorism enhancement)
Count 3 - conspiracy to damage property in furtherance of terrorism
Count 4 - conspiracy to damage property (without terrorism enhancement)

The timing of the additional charges from Ramsey County is unique, coming on the heels of a [successful court solidarity action on Friday](#) and [upcoming call-in days](#) to Ramsey County Attorney [Susan Gaertner](#). Ramsey County prosecutor Richard Dusterhoft [also recently sent a letter](#) threatening more charges to the lawyer for [Dave Mahoney](#).

Check back to TC Indymedia for updates.

From <http://rnc8.org/2008/12/susan-gaertner-drop-the-charges-now/>:

***RNC 8 National Call-In Days of Action:
Tuesday, Dec 16 (9-5) and Wednesday, Dec 17 (8-1) - all Central Time***

As part of our pressure campaign against Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner we are calling attention to her 2010 run for governor of Minnesota on the Democratic ticket. She's already starting to fundraise in the hopes of being another in a long line of politicians with rhetoric of change but with policies of repressing dissent. If she continues with the charges against the RNC 8 and the other 10 felonies in Ramsey County Court, let's not let her campaign run in peace!

Check the website listed above for the rest of the details about the call-in.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15: First Trials

Lots of trials start tomorrow! We need people to pack the courts and show solidarity for the people in court this week. Specifically, we need people in the courts tomorrow starting at 9am. All trials are at the Ramsey County Courthouse:

15 W Kellogg Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55102

There is a felony trial in Room 1140 and 8 gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor trials in Room 1240. But room assignments can change at the last minute, so go to Room 130. Folks from court watch will be there to direct you.

You can also stay up-to-date by following Court Watch's Twitter: [rncourtwatch](#)

To get text updates: Text 'follow rncourtwatch' without quotes to 40404. You can also sign up online through [Twitter.com](#).

December 15: CRASS Press Conference

To mark the first day of trials, CRASS is holding a press conference:

3:30pm, State Capitol Building
Room 125

We will be giving the media context and an analysis of the trials. We will also speak to the additional charges that the RNC 8 are now facing.

December 15: Dance Party at Mayor Coleman's Fundraiser

4:30pm-6:30pm, Mancini's Steak House, 531 W 7th St, St. Paul

"Join us in making Saint Paul the Most Livable City in America!"

- Chris Coleman

Aside from being the mayor of the "fine" city of St. Paul. Chris Coleman was the stooge that approved the general Republican National Convention's security plan. Including but not exclusive to the several million dollars spent on police weaponry and 10 million dollars reallocated to the city's insurance plan (designed to keep the state in the clear from civil suits filed from the inevitable brutality that is synonymous with cops and guns). Months ago, Chris Coleman made a choice. A choice that has lead to 800+ arrests, some resulting in bogus felony charges, some getting dropped. With his re-election campaign for mayor coming right around the corner, let's make his choice be one that costs him his position in power. NO PEACE FOR THE WICKED!

BRING YER LOUDEST FRIENDS, THE NOISIEST SHIT YOU CAN MUSTER, AND YOUR RAGE!

DROP ALL RNC FELONY CHARGES OR WE'LL DROP YOUR CAMPAIGN!

P.S. There's a really cool poster on the CRASS [website](#).

CRASS WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure: We're keeping busy with lots of sweet events this week (see above). Email our new listserv for Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (rnccourtsolidarity@googlegroups.com) for more information and to find out when and where our next meeting will be.

Courtwatch: We have a busy week of court watching ahead of us! We need you in the courts! (See info above.) Email us at RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com to get involved. Or join us at our meetings on Tuesday nights at 6pm at Caffetto on 22nd and Lyndale in Minneapolis.

Felony Support: We've already learned a lot about court solidarity for felony arrestees from our experiences so far, but we're learning as we go so we can provide more support and put more pressure on the courts to defend our comrades. We'll keep the pressure up during this next week and as the trials progress! 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: The CRASS t-shirts have been delayed a bit, but we're still working on them! We recently received a donation of blank t-shirts, which is also. And we're still working on buttons. We still need more volunteers, so e-mail rnc08fundraising@gmail.com if you want to hang out with us. Or stop by a weekly meeting: every Thursday, 6pm, Caffetto (22nd and Lyndale Ave).

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 several arrestees pay for travel to 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! They're every Wednesday 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 being charged with Conspiracy to Riot in the Second Degree in the furtherance of Terrorism, and they just had more charges added (see above)! Don't forget about the national call-in days to Gaertner's office on Dec. 16 and 17. To learn more about this and 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 a regular schedule for open office hours for December. Note: We will be closed for most of the week of X-mas cuz most of us will be out of town. But we still need volunteers for when the office is open, 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.

Artists Needed: Are you an artist? The fundraising group has one kick ass design for fundraising t-shirts but could use some more. Send in a design to RNCfundraising@gmail.com

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.
