

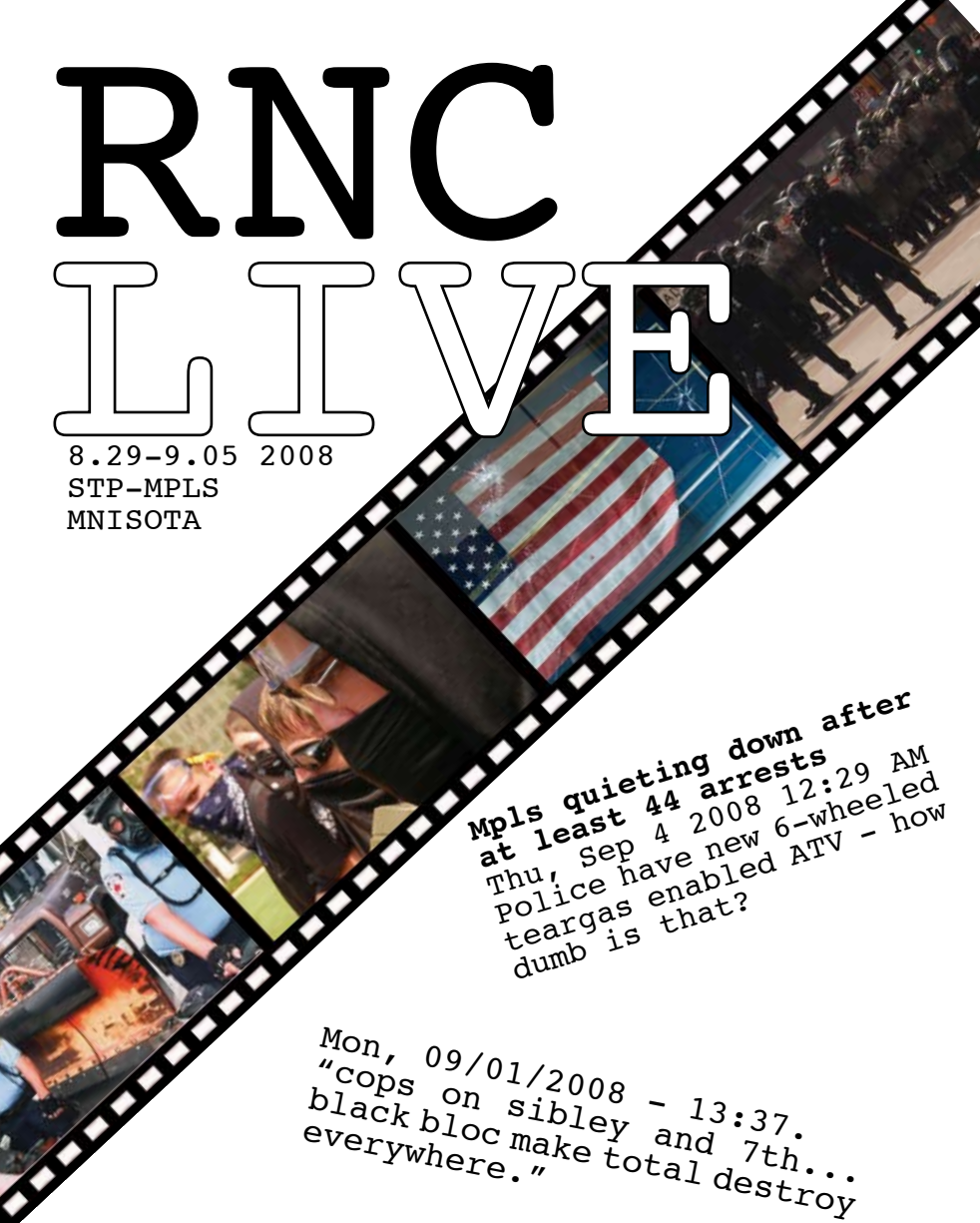
# RNC

# LIVE

8.29-9.05 2008

STP-MPLS

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*Mpls quieting down after  
at least 44 arrests  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 12:29 AM  
Police have new 6-wheeled  
teargas enabled ATV - how  
dumb is that?*

*Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:37.  
"cops on sibley and 7th...  
black bloc make total destroy  
everywhere."*

all the live updates from  
the 2008 Republican National  
Convention resistance

from Twin Cities Indymedia  
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This zine compiles each of the breaking news updates that appeared at the top of [twincities.indymedia.org](http://twincities.indymedia.org) during the RNC's invasion of our cities in September 2008. Yeah - every last one, and there were a lot! It also has a few short articles and pix mixed in.

With only a few corrections in italics, all this stuff is reprinted as it showed up live. Often-hilarious typos (*"SPPD carrying gas masks, bikes, and robert"*), contradictory information, and occasional just plain wrong datas are all included. Also notable is what's not covered; so much happened that week that we just couldn't cover it all.

It's my hope that this zine can help 1) recreate a sense of the urgency we all felt during that week, and 2) be of use to those planning for mass mobilizations in the future. Regardless of your opinion of big summit protests (personally, my feeling after living through my first is a new desire to, in baseball lingo, "hit 'em where they ain't"), such mobilizations will still happen and Indymedia activists have a responsibility to increase their effectiveness through our reporting and communication infrastructure.

There are certainly a lot of things the mish-mosh group that made up Twin Cities Indymedia during the RNC (as one of us said: "we avoid police detection by only meeting by random chance at the bar") could've done better. But there's a lot we did well, too: namely, running laps around the corporate media's coverage of the action. Combined with live video from [theuptake.org](http://theuptake.org), dozens of twitter feeds, and other independent media, IMC activists from Portland, New York City, the Bay Area, Rochester, Houston, Michigan, the Twin Cities and all around the continent teamed up to show the world what happened on the streets of Saint Paul - not to mention help those on the streets, at the convergence center, in the legal office, and elsewhere perform their roles more effectively.

This zine is not definitive or comprehensive, but you probably knew that already. Seek out more sources and create your own.

To talk to us more about what worked and what didn't at the 2008 RNC, you can contact TCIMC through [www.TC.indymedia.org](http://www.TC.indymedia.org), or myself at [haloka@riseup.net](mailto:haloka@riseup.net).

to jesse sparkles  
and all political arrestees and prisoners  
rock on

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special callout to undercovers and informants everywhere, especially those exposed at [www.terrorizingdissent.org](http://www.terrorizingdissent.org) and [www.tc.indymedia.org](http://www.tc.indymedia.org). history will leave you in the dust.

smash the state!

# Prelude

After being involved in anti-RNC organizing for several months, on August 15 I left the Twin Cities for Madison to be a participant in and Indymedia reporter for the GrassRoutes Caravan bike ride, which traveled from Madison to Saint Paul in the two weeks before the RNC. I left the ride early to come back to the Twin Cities and help prepare for the convention. After a week and a half of organic farms, crushed limestone bike trails and campfires, on Thursday evening back in Saint Paul I drove to Harriet Island south of downtown with several other IMCistas to play cat-and-mouse with the riot police evicting an encampment of the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign. I watched as the storm troopers surrounded the encampment and tested their chemical weapons on the ground, later to evict the camp and arrest two people. This was my first encounter with the riot cops and quite a change from my rather serene life of the previous couple of weeks. The week to come was only going to be more of a shock.

## Poor People's Campaign Sets Up "Bushville" on Harriet Island

<http://tc.indymedia.org/2008/aug/poor-peoples-campaign-sets-bushville-harriet-island>

At 2pm Thursday afternoon, the Poor People's Campaign set up a tent city - "Bushville" - on Harriet Island, on the south side of the Mississippi River from downtown St. Paul.

The tent city is in need of support - tarps, water, food, amenities, and people to camp (provided they are sober, respectful, and willing to respect the leadership of the camp) and provide a supportive presence of this space. Come to Harriet Island!

The camp is at the same site as an SEIU rally planned for September 1.

### TC-IMC UPDATE: SUPPORT NEEDED AT 11PM TONIGHT - HARRIET ISLAND PARK

MPR is reporting the following:

*Police say the protesters need to leave by 11 tonight, when the park closes. Camping isn't allowed in any of the city parks. Officers say they hope to avoid using force when removing the activists tonight. One police cruiser is on the scene, but so far no arrests have been made.*

**TC-IMC UPDATE 10:59 PM: Police massing on bridge and from west end of Harriet Island park. Appear to be getting into formation & in a 'decision taking' type of mode. Police on bikes & receiving orders. Park legally closes @ 11 PM. [And so it begins...]**

**TC-IMC UPDATE 11:14 PM: Police on bikes have surrounded area around encampment. About 50 cops. Other people in the park are not being hassled by police. There is a large van which appears to have plastic handcuffs - mass arrests possible. Situation developing.**

**TC-IMC UPDATE 11:16 PM: 15-20 riot cops in full gear have entered park 'getting ready to go'.**

**At approximately 11:30 a caravan of about 10 squad cars and a paddywagon entered the park. Likely close to at least 100 cops surrounding the encampment. Situation developing. We will continue reports as we receive them by phone.**

**TC-IMC UPDATE 11:45 PM: Several activists leaving Harriet Island were detained by police. One was arrested and the others were allowed to go.**

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**1:15 AM: The Pioneer Press is reporting: Negotiations for the campers' departure began about 11:30 p.m. Most of the protesters left after being threatened with arrest, but at least two were arrested.**

**UPDATE Friday morning: Corporate media reports that 2 more activists at Bushville were arrested peacefully; the rest of the activists obeyed the order to disperse. Activists plan to return to Harriet Island today.**

# FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008

On Friday evening TCIMC didn't yet have our IMC space on the edge of downtown St. Paul up and running, but we suspected there might be some action at Critical Mass and wanted to test out our phone line and the website's "livewire". A comrade and I decided to do it from the convergence center at 627 Smith, located south of the river from the convention hall in downtown St. Paul, already knowing this was not an ideal situation. Soon we also found out that cell reception inside the old brick theatre was pretty bad (imagine the two of us for a time sitting in the alley holding a laptop, cell phone and dinner from Food Not Bombs all at once).

Shortly after Critical Mass finished with a highly suspicious total of zero arrests, the convergence center was raided. I was just getting ready to leave when the po-po busted in, guns drawn, as kids and families were eating and watching a movie. The cops got to the area of the building that I was in last, which gave me time to call Coldsnap Legal Collective before being forced to lie down on the floor in cuffs. While the cops were figuring out what to do with everybody, all our cell phones began to ring and buzz furiously with text messages: a sign that we were able to alert the outside world to what was happening in time. Downstairs, somebody even managed to get video of the first several minutes of the raid, and soon an enormous crowd gathered outside.

The lesson is: NEVER operate your IMC from a place as likely to get raided as the convergence space. I was repeating this to everybody I talked to about indymedia before the convention, but on this day we didn't follow it, and as a result the pigs stole my laptop and the last time I saw it, it was being loaded into an evidence van. Fortunately we saved the phone.

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### Critical Mass Tonight at 5 from Loring Park

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 08:35.

Check the LiveWire for live updates from IMC reporters, call the IMC if you see shit go down.

### Need Housing?

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 08:40.

from the RNC-WC: If you still need housing, call the new Housing Number: 612-419-7809. If you have housing to offer, email [wc\\_orientation@riseup.net](mailto:wc_orientation@riseup.net) or call the number above.

### LIVEWIRE IS LIVE! CALL 651-503-5661 WITH NEWS!

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 12:30.

### CM update

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 15:20.

reports of dozens to hundreds of police staging in downtown minneapolis; bicyclists being harassed in downtown minneapolis all day

### Unconfirmed report of 15 police cars with officers in riot gear near the Minneapolis Convention Center, Critical Mass departs.

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 17:40.

An unverified report has come in that riot police inside fifteen police cruisers have been spotted around the Minneapolis Convention Center. The Critical has left Loring park under heavy police surveillance

### 400-600 in Critical Mass, heavy police presence

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 17:59.

The Critical Mass has between 400 and 600 riders. Police presence is heavy and consists of units along the route, on the side of the mass and three police helicopters above.

### cm update

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 18:11.

headed east on university ave. towards st. paul - police trying to divert back to minneapolis

**cm update**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 18:29.  
police have corked the ride into heading back west towards uptown MPLS on lake street.

**cm update**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 18:55.  
ride is back in dwtn MPLS, 100-200 riders. a moving van has pulled up behind the ride - the same kind that was present when police were threatening a mass arrest at harriet island last night.

**cm update**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 19:05.  
mass may have split into 2

**Critical mass passing Hennepin**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 19:10.  
Report that the Critical Mass ride is passing Hennepin. Followed by numerous bike cops, cop cars, undercover cops, etc.

**cm update**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 19:18.  
only one mass still going - headed east on university avenue on east bank. no known arrests/detainments

**Mass in St Paul, St Paul Police have taken over presence and are sending more units via I-94 at Snelling**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 19:38.

**cm update**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 19:43.  
Mass headed east on Summit, almost to Snelling.

**cm update**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 19:57.  
Remaining mass is in St. Paul. Police think they may be going to the Xcel Center and are heading towards St. Paul cathedral.

**cm update**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 20:09.  
last report - remaining mass near 7th and walnut in STP

**Crit. Mass made it to downtown St. Paul security perimeter at 7th St**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 20:25.  
user submitted report: heavy security perimeter @ Xcel. Cops were boxing ride the whole way in teams of 10. Cop microtrucks were handing out water to everyone, which was nice of them. no arrests before downtown St. Paul, afaik.

**cm is over**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 20:58.  
critical mass is over. the ride ended near downtown st. paul. some riders were reportedly knocked off bikes by police, but no arrests were reported.

**PPEHRC Members Released From Capital**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 21:01  
Members of the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign have been released from the State Capitol, where they were temporarily held today after a demonstration inside. About 20-30 people had gathered in the Capitol, which is open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. weekdays, according to the Capitol's website. Doors to the building were locked at 4:04 P.M., leaving the group, which included families with children, trapped inside. They remained inside for over 45 minutes before release. It appears at the moment that no arrests were made.  
Update brought to you by Coldsnap Legal Collective

**Convergence Center Raided!**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 21:32.  
Reports indicate that the convergence center on Smith has been raided by the cops. See the feature below.

## Illegal Police Raid on Anti-RNC Convergence Space in St. Paul

<http://tc.indymedia.org/2008/aug/illegal-police-raid-anti-rnc-convergence-space-st-paul>

At 9:15 Friday night, the Saint Paul Police [*sic*, Ramsey County Sheriff's Department] entered all doors of the RNC Convergence Space in St. Paul, MN with guns drawn. The Space serves as a community center and organizing space for the upcoming protests against the Republican National Convention. At the time of the raid, people were sitting down to dinner and watching a movie.

The police presented no warrant at the time of the raid, but claim that they have a warrant to search the space for "bomb-making" materials. No "bomb-making" materials were found. Rather, the police barked orders for everyone, including a 5 year old child, to get on the floor with their faces to the ground. Everyone inside was put in handcuffs.

In the hours following, the police photographed everyone inside the space and recorded information from their identification cards. The police took all personal laptops and hard drives.

One female activist was sexually harassed by a cop who groped her crotch.

At around 11pm, after a crowd had gathered outside the space, the police began releasing detainees one by one. Corporate media showed up eventually. By midnight, the last detainees were being released.

As of the most recent reports, there have been NO ARRESTS.

The police are claiming that the space must be closed down due to "fire code" violations. According to City Council member Dave Thune, the police do not have the authority to enforce fire code. Only the Fire Department has the power to enforce this code.

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**Critical Mass - Scanner Traffic Monitoring**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 21:44.  
Cafeful and close scanner monitoring of the entire Critical Mass police operation indicated that 2 or 3 riders crashed at one point during the St. Paul segment of the ride. The crash did not appear to be police-initiated, and police sent a car to check on the crashed riders to ensure they were okay.

**Convergence Center Raid Saint P**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 21:57.  
About a dozen Saint Paul police have surrounded the area around the convergence space. A young man was escorted out and is currently sitting on the corner of Smith & King with plastic handcuffs.

**Detained man has been uncuffed**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 22:00.  
XXXX does not believe he has been arrested and was just un-scuffed.

**Over 100 People in Cuffs Inside Convergence Space, No One has been charged**

Fri, 08/29/2008 ,Äì 22:17.  
[sic, about 60 people]

**High Bridge is Closed by Cops, Cops did not have warrant**

Fri, 08/29/2008 ,Äì 22:21.

**Street Closings make arriving at Convergence Center difficult**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 22:37.  
The street closings that will go into effect for the RNC are making it difficult for people to get to the Convergence Center. Be aware that your regular routes, as they go near the Xcel, may be blocked. Taking Dale south from 94, taking a left onto Summit, going down

the hill at Ramsey and if that bridge is open, going south on Smith might work.

#### **Latest from outside the convergence center**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 23:09.

As of 11:03pm:

Police are still blocking the street

The doors of the convergence center are closed, there are tons of folks (including news media) on the sidewalk.

The police have been searching the persons and belongings of people who were caught inside the center, running their IDs. Folks are getting released if they agree to have their picture taken.

Reports say cops are pointing guns at people inside.

Cops in the street are dressed for conflict, but not full riot gear

#### **one person being arrested**

Fri, 08/29/2008 - 23:44.

\*\*\*one person inside the convergence center was accused of being in possession of stolen merchandise and is being taken down to the jail in st. paul. support welcome at jail

#### **all out no arrests**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 01:06.

no need for jail support everyone released

#### **Direct Action in support of those who got messed with @ the convergence space [report submitted to TCIMC]**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 01:30.

Shortly after we learned that our friends were being held captive at the convergence space, we set out to work.

Around 1am we launched a brick attack against our enemies: the police. We threw the bricks that went smashing threw cop car windows at their own preceinct because we are pissed.

you've been fucking with us for too long.  
but now we are ready.

it's gonna be a fun weekend. see you in the streets.

-rnc2008fuckyeah

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2008**

Saturday the raids continued. Lesson 3: If you plan to pay your phone bill after a convergence, make sure and get an unlimited text messages plan beforehand. I recognized the addresses of my friends as one by one, twitter updates told me about the dawn raids.

The IMC space in Lowertown (on the eastern edge of downtown St. Paul) was far from the only media space - we knew far ahead of time that Indymedia has only so much capacity here, but that we have a lot of allies working in other collectives. One of those collectives is I-Witness Video, and at the 2004 RNC in NYC their video proved that the police lied about the circumstances of hundreds of arrests, the charges for which were later dismissed. On Saturday, the house they were staying at was raided by the SPPD after a comedy of errors, including first getting the wrong address on the warrant. The videographers inside liveblogged and got film of the raid as the po-po busted in with automatic weapons. The police detained everyone inside and brought them out back, where soon they were interviewed by a gaggle of media standing in a friendly neighbor's yard. The raid was a disaster for the city of St. Paul, which is now facing a lawsuit over it, but also helped screw up independent media's ability to cover the other raids around the city.

Lesson for the cops: raids on journalists make PR disasters. Later in the week, a FOX News crew even got gassed (most of the time they were embedded with the police), leading one of their reporters to

say on air that St. Paul "looks like a police state." FOX getting gassed probably led to the biggest cheer in the IMC space all week.

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#### **NEW SATURDAY LOCATIONS**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 06:18.

presuming the convergence center remains closed, events are moved to the following locations:

\*\*\*ALL CONVERGENCE CENTER EVENTS EXCEPT EVENING SPOKESCOUNCIL: POWDERHORN PARK IN SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS

\*\*\*EVENING SPOKESCOUNCIL: REDIRECT POINT AT GROVELAND PARK, CORNER OF CLEVELAND AND ST. CLAIR IN SAINT PAUL

For text message updates text "follow rnc08announce" to 40404

#### **Food Not Bombs Housing being raided at 2301 23rd Ave Minneapolis**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 07:26.

Via RNC Legal Twitter: "FNB House being raided 2301 23rd Ave MPS"

#### **HOUSE RAIDS**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 07:35.

House raids occuring at 2301 23rd Ave S and 3240 17th Ave S. At least 20 officers at each location. Information provided by Coldsnap Legal Collective. Follow twitter.com/coldsnaplegal for live updates.

#### **P'Horn Park**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 07:37.

Police raid on house 32XX 17th Ave in progress. 13 people arrested.

#### **MASS PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT THE RAIDS AT 11:30- Powderhorn Park**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 08:01.

This bullshit needs to stop. Invite everyone you know to Powderhorn Park for a Mass Meeting to discuss the raids.

#### **One person arrested, taken to jail from Food Not Bombs House**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 08:11.

#### **Houses raided**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 08:16.

From the WC: Three house raids occurring: 2301 23rd Ave. S., 3500 Harriet Ave., 3240 17th Ave. S. Lawyers and Legal observers at each scene.

#### **House raid occuring at 3500 Harriet Ave S. Approximately 20 people inside.**

Sat, 08/30/2008 08:24.

#### **unconfirmed: Everyone in Food Not Bombs house arrested. Evidence vans clearing out house.**

Sat, 08/30/2008 08:25.

#### **One person from Food Not Bombs House Arrested, Charged with Four Counts of Conspiracy**

Sat, 08/30/2008 08:43.

#### **3 People from 17th Ave. House Charged with Conspiracy to Riot**

Sat, 08/30/2008 08:56.

#### **Everyone out of 3500 Harriet Ave S; no arrests, no injuries. Perimeter secured. Premises being searched; no one has seen warrant**

Sat, 08/30/2008 09:23.

#### **call for people to observe at seeds of peace kitchen 6 blocks south of convergence space. this could be the next target.**

Sat, 08/30/2008 09:26.

#### **Cops left 3500 Harriet Ave. S. Feds were at raid, 1 FBI, 2 Homeland Security.**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 09:41.  
Cops left 3500 Harriet Ave. S. Feds were at raid, 1 FBI, 2 Homeland Security. Coldsnap Legal Collective is getting a copy of the warrant, details to come.

**Saint Paul Cops Raid Activist House in St. Paul. Activist Arrested. Details to come**  
Sat, 08/30/2008 12:16.

**update- cops are raiding 951 Iglehart in St. Paul, automatic weapons drawn. one arrest so far.**  
Submitted by criminalsyndicalist on Sat, 08/30/2008 12:22.

**Raid at I-witness video space**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 12:29.  
Reported with Rochester IMC called in at 1:25pm with news that the space is being raided now. Cites confirmed 1 source. No 2nd source.  
Reporter heading to the scene now.

**Convergence Center Reopened!**

Sat, 08/30/2008 13:02.

**No cops massing @ Marshall & Snelling, St. Paul**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 13:57.  
There were reports in last 45 minutes that police were massing near Marshall & Snelling - this is not happening.

**One more WC member grabbed on street by police squad**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 14:27.  
Cops got wrong address for warrant at Iglehart house. They are now waiting on a new warrant; everyone there still detained.

**Coldsnap: Mpls house getting fixed, new raid in St. Paul**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 14:40.  
CORRECTION 3:48: Coldsnap: Police NOT searching 1471 Marshall in St. Paul on same warrant as Iglehart house but they are holding 12 people from Iglehart. 3240 17th Ave S getting fixed, occupants back in (they tried to board it).

**Coldsnap: NLG lawyers ejected from press conference**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 14:42.  
2 NLG lawyers kicked out of law enforcement press conference in St. Paul! Lovely! (TC-IMC dispatch adds: good opportunity for media push-back. Now is the time!)

**1471 Marshall NOT RAIDED**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 15:01.  
Folks need to stop going there.

**Coldsnap: No arrests @ Iglehart or 1471 Marshall. Police searching van on Lake St.**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 15:13.  
Coldsnap: 1471 Marshall cleared. Everyone released. Iglehart house also cleared. No arrests; nothing taken from there. Cops searching van @ 11th & Lake in Mpls. Several activists in van detained.

**All i-witness journalists released**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 15:19.  
Everyone detained at the i-witness space has been released. No belongings seized by cops. Those journalists detained down the street also free, with their stuff.

**Follow pursuit of police raids live on TheUptake.org**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 15:49.  
Be sure to check out TheUptake.org - they are sending live video travelling to the police raids and posted a Google map of the raids. Way to go! <http://theuptake.org>

**Police massing at Seeds of Peace Kitchen Space**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 17:25.  
Dozens of uniformed police are massing around Seeds Kitchen Space.

They believe they are about to be raided

**Update on situation at seeds Kitchen**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 17:36.  
Multiple police drive bys during last 15 min @ Seeds Kitchen but as yet no further contact w/ police. At least 6 police cars filled with uniformed cops, in street uniforms, not riot gear.

**Possible protest pen going up downtown St. Paul**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 17:51.  
For unknown purpose - unique hardened fence going up on W. 3rd Street between Market and St. Peter streets.

## POLICE SEIZE PERMIBUS

<http://tc.indymedia.org/2008/aug/permibus-seized>

At approximately 6:25 pm on August 30, 2008 Minneapolis Police, Minnesota State Troopers, Ramsey County Sheriffs, Saint Paul Police, and University of Minnesota Police pulled over the Earth Activist Training Permaculture Demonstration Bus (Permibus) by exit 237 on Interstate 94. Initially the police told the people on the bus to exit. When the people on the bus asked if they were being detained they were told that they were but police were unable to provide justification. When asked why they pulled the bus over they refused to answer. After repeated requests to explain why the bus had been stopped Officer Honican of the Minneapolis Police explained that this was just a routine traffic stop though he did not explain the reason for the traffic stop. The police then told Stan Wilson, the driver and registered owner of the Permibus, that they were going to impound the bus in case they wanted to execute a search warrant later.



After more than an hour of being questioned by Stan and Delyla Wilson as to the legalities of their detainment and the impoundment of the Permibus, the police then informed Stan that the bus, which is legally registered as a passenger vehicle in the state of Montana, was being impounded for a commercial vehicle inspection. Shortly afterward Sergeant Paul Davis, a commercial vehicle inspector arrived

on scene. Despite the police's insistence that the reason for impoundment was for a commercial vehicle inspection the Permibus crew were not allowed to remove anything from the bus including computers, toiletries, and 17-year-old Megan Wilson's shoes. The police finally allowed the animals to be removed from the Permibus before it was towed, leaving the Permibus family standing beside their chickens and dogs, homeless on the highway.

The Permibus was relocating from the Bedlam Theatre in Minneapolis, where they had spent the day teaching Urban Permaculture, to a friend's house in Saint Paul for a well deserved break. The Permibus has been in the Minneapolis area since August 2nd when the crew appeared at the Midtown Farmers Market for a morning of Permaculture education including Permaculture 101, chicken care, seed ball making for kids, and the Permi-puppet show.

During the past month the Permibus has parked at several local businesses and, as a neighborly gesture of respect for local police, Mr. Wilson contacted the appropriate precincts just to let them know the Permibus was in the area and had permission from the business owners to be parked

on their lot. Through this, as well as other casual discussions with Minneapolis and Saint Paul police officers, the Permibus crew found the local police to be interested and respectful. However on August 30th all that changed when, for no apparent valid reason the police pulled over and seized the Permibus. After the incident Stan Wilson said, "If the combined law enforcement of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Ramsey County, and the State of Minnesota can pull over and impound a vehicle and home used to teach organic gardening and sustainability, one has to wonder what it is our government really fears. After all, we seek to teach people that the real meaning of homeland security is local food, fuel and energy production. For that we have had our lives stolen by government men with guns."

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**Unconfirmed raid on Seeds of Peace**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 18:49.  
Folks are asking for legal observers and media on Smith Ave S, next to the Seeds bus.

**No raid at Seeds of peace**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 20:07.  
Police paraded around the Seeds of Peace kitchen several times, then parked down the block, making people think a raid was imminent. Then a black SUV pulled up, circled around. In the last half hour the police seem to have left the Seeds of peace.

**rnc08announce: Update on Erik @ jail**

Sat, 08/30/2008 - 21:51.  
Erik got the meds and vegan food he needs thanks to public pressure and people calling the jails! Thanks, everyone!

**Musicians handled as threat**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 01:29.  
It's gotten very quiet, but Dispatch hears from Coldsnap that the benefit @ Bedlam Theatre has resulted in 5 police pulling over the bus holding Rude Mechanical Orchestra. About 30 people on bus.

**Coldsnap: RMO Bus released**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 01:35.  
Good news in the late hours: Coldsnap reports RMO bus let go, none detained. "All is clear for now - on that front, anyway." TC-IMC Dispatch will be off air for a few hours here. Thanks for sticking with us!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008**

On Sunday, besides recovering from the raids, preparing for the main day of action on Monday, and covering actions by Veterans for Peace and the IWW, our minds kept shifting to New Orleans. This was the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and the news was reporting another Hurricane, Gustav, that could potentially be as bad or worse. As the Republicans scrambled to save face, eventually deciding on a shortened day of the convention, we scrambled to get word from New Orleans where Indymedia journalists there were defying the orders to evacuate.

For a time, we wondered if it would soon be wise to redirect some of our efforts in help New Orleans IMC, but as it turned out, Gustav was significantly smaller than Katrina and a catastrophic crisis was averted in the Gulf. Meanwhile, another type of storm was brewing in St. Paul...

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**coldsnap: Erik denied food again**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 10:46.  
coldsnap reports that Erik is once again being denied medication and vegan food. call ramsey county jail at 651 266 9350

**livewire use**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 10:47.  
PLEASE do not submit news longer than one paragraph or non-breaking news to the livewire. use Publish-->article instead. Thanks! -TCIMC

**number of arrests**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 11:38.  
corporate media has been reporting the number of RNC Welcoming Committee arrests at 5. This is false. At least one other individual associated with the WC was arrested by an undercover snatch squad; there may be more. -TCIMC

**INDYMEDIA LOUNGE SPACE LAUNCHES - IMCers NEEDED NOW**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 12:13.  
IMPORTANT: Our media space - dubbed the Indymedia Lounge - in a fabulous fourth-floor loft in lowertown is NOW OPEN. We need MAX people there NOW. Also see our rockin press release. Buzzer #38, 300 Broadway St., St. Paul, next to the Black Dog Cafe in the Tilsner Artist Lofts. GO NOW!!!

**FNB House needs clean storage boxes immediately**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 12:45.  
...bring medium-sized storage boxes by Food Not Bombs House asap. Be sure to knock and be polite as it has been a rough few days.

**Hiawatha LRT ride for Starbucks going ahead despite police**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 12:46.  
Legal observers needed @ Lake & Hiawatha, march going ahead on light rail & participants will be allowed to purchase tickets. "Light" police presence. @rnc08announce "police have left."

**arrests at landmark center**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 13:11.  
police platoons at 5th and st.peter. breakaway from vets for peace march; minimum 9 arrests at security perimeter. legal observers needed at 6th and washington in STP

**6th and washington**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 13:35.  
cops moving in on at least 30 people in intersection at 6th and washington

**6th and washington**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 13:48.  
intersection cleared no arrests reported

**Republicans may reshape Convention schedule! 3PM press conf**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 13:49.  
The Republicans may be having a press conference at the Xcel Center at 3 PM and they may reshape the schedule of the RNC because of the impending hurricane - which of course is a PR 'perfect storm' for them. This is scheduled opposite the police brutality activist press conference @ 3 PM @ the Hennepin County Govt. Center.

**Hurricane Gustav threatening RNC schedule**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 13:49.  
Corporate media is reporting that Hurricane Gustav is threatening the convention schedule. Bush, Cheney and several other speakers for Monday have canceled. There will be a press conference at 3pm outside the Xcel Center at which it is expected a revised schedule will be announced.

**Train with reinstated union starbuck barista returning to work today stopped, surrounded by cops**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 14:25.  
riot cops have surrounded train to get at reinstated IWW organizer Erik Foreman and escorting friends and fellow union workers. line of riot cops staging outside Mall of America. many, many reports coming in.



**"Business Only" GOP @ Xcel Sept 1st**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 15:12.  
Due to the hurricane, live corporate TV reports that most GOP activities on Sept 1st have been CALLED OFF, however they will still start at the same time, and are required to take up party business anyway. There will not be a delegate roll call. Result: more media will be directed outside the GOP's show.

**Plymouth police refusing to let IWW union workers off train**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 15:24.  
taking them back to Bloomington Station. Diabetic who needs insulin also not allowed.

**Anarchist groups near gulf mobilize to provide Hurricane Aid**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 15:29.  
Once again, avoiding the guns of cops and mercenaries, anarchist aid workers are organizing in

New Orleans to help those left behind by the government. Food Not Bombs, Common Grounds and various Anarchist EMT affinity groups are digging in for the storm to help those most afflicted. See <http://neworleans.indymedia.org> and <http://news.infoshop.org/> for details.

Those in Twin Cities still going ahead with plans to stage massive civil disobedience on the 1st.

**30 Bike Cops rounding up protesters in peavy park**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 17:56.  
Protesters report that tents in peavy park are being raided by cops.

**Police massing near Convergence Center, closing off alleys**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 19:11.  
A platoon of cops are staging once again near the re-opened Convergence Center (627 S Smith). The Welcoming Committee and other protest orgs are requesting mass presence and legal observers. Tons of bike cops staging at top of High Bridge. Also large staging area on plato between ohio and wabasha.

**NLG files restraining order against police**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 19:15.  
National Lawyers Guild has filed for an emergency temporary restraining order to stop police from harassing reporters at RNC.

**The government is refusing to evacuate New Orleans homeless without ID.**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 19:17.  
Reports from anarchist aid workers and I-News collective members in New Orleans. Handicapped people on the top of the list have yet to be evacuated. Activists digging in to continue to help after government leaves. No word yet on the Katrina survivors with the Poor People's march who were arrested in St. Paul.

**Monica Bicking HAS BEEN RELEASED**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 20:22.  
One of the Welcoming Committee members picked up by the illegal raids on Saturday morning has been released due to legal pressure.

**GOP convention times Monday**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 21:07.  
Citing Hurricane Gustav, the RNC will be in session from approximately

3pm to approximately 5pm on Monday. No evening session.

**For Schedule of Public Events**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 21:11.  
go here for a SCHEDULE of public events: <http://twincities.indymedia.org/event/2008/09/29/month/all/all/1> - please submit events by clicking Publish above; do not submit events to the livewire. thanks! -TCIMC

**JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE 10 AM MONDAY**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 23:30.  
There will be a joint press conference regarding protests and actions surrounding the RNC at 10am Monday at 400 Western Avenue in St. Paul. Speaking will be the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign, the RNC Welcoming Committee, Indymedia and others.

**NOLA**

Sun, 08/31/2008 - 23:36.  
Twin Cities Indymedia stands in solidarity with the New Orleans region, about to be struck by Hurricane Gustav. NOLA Common Ground has put out the first of many probable calls for help - they are seeking 2 way "walkie talkies" and other point-to-point radio gear, and a great deal of other equipment. \*\* The U.S. Indymedia network has lines with courageous people directly in the path of the hurricane. To be able to effectively cover both the situation in New Orleans and in Saint Paul, we ask that you visit <http://neworleans.indymedia.org> and [www.indymedia.us](http://www.indymedia.us) for updates and to post news and requests from NOLA.

**Police action 1162 Juliet in St. Paul**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 02:06.  
Police, ATF and FBI agents are at 1162 Juliet Ave., St. Paul in relation to RNC welcoming committee activity. They have not entered the house.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

The main event. Lesson 1: Make sure you have enough minutes in your cell phone the night before.

Lesson 2: Part of the original plan was to have people at the rally before the big peace march passing out info on how to call in news to TCIMC and how to sign up for the various twitter feeds. (The twitters were mostly organized by a separate comms collective and others including Coldsnap Legal Collective, but TCIMC created a twitter after the comms collective was raided in the afternoon). For whatever reason this didn't happen to nearly the degree it should have; most people I talked to afterwards who participated in the peace march had little to no idea what was happening in the rest of the city at the time.

If there had been better communication with the peace marchers, maybe some of them would have decided to stay engaged in the situation downtown, rather than marching back to the capitol - like at the famed union march in Seattle in 1999. As it turned out, the police mostly succeeded in keeping the permitted protesters away from unpermitted actions, although the cops did admit later that they "lost control of downtown" for several hours that afternoon.

Leading up to the RNC, groups as diverse as the peace marchers and militant anarchists signed on to the "St. Paul Principles," a document committing to a degree of solidarity across tactics and ideology unprecedented in recent years. Many, many good things came from this agreement, but - at least looking at the battle of St. Paul from afar in the IMC - improved coordination on the day of the main event, plus a few better tactical decisions, could've led to a realistic shot at shutting down the convention, something that never really seemed likely.

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**Seeds of Peace needs more help with their walk-in**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 08:47.

Seeds Kitchen needs a refer mechanic to help with a faulty compressor. Barring that, they rapidly need place to store organic sandwich meat. Smith and Wyo., Saint Paul.

**Officers decide against raiding Juliet house.**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 08:56.

Instead of raiding house on Juliet, police and federal agents chose to destroy and then impound the remains of an activist's car.

**Dispatch down for a few minutes here**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 10:03.

Sorry, TCIMC dispatch line is down for a few minutes. Getting it back up as soon as possible. Our team is first taking care of the initial round of press conference on Western Ave. & we should be able to settle into a good routine once a couple things are set up.

**riot cops follow student feeder march from macalester**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 10:43.

Students gathered at Macalester college to march to downtown this morning starting around 9:30. A helicopter began hovering above campus at the same time, and bike cops entered the private campus. As the march got ready to leave, riot cops entered the campus, telling campus security that they "intended to follow" the student march. Two legal observers were present. The students left at 10:30.

**smith and grand**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 11:21.

police blockade at smith and grand. many horses and cop cars. 2 arrests so far. smith and grand is on the major route to the convergence space.

**updates**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 11:32.

three arrests at smith and goodhue. thousands massing at capitol building. macalester student proceeding down summit ave with heavy police presence. still swat teams massing at smith and grand on route to convergence center.

**marshall/kellogg**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 11:42.

150 people on marshall near kellogg confronted by police (from coldsnap)

**perimeter**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 11:49.

report of 3 people breaching security perimeter at chestnut.

**arrests on 7th**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 11:53.

coldsnap: 8 arrests on 7th south of grand. pepper spray used.

**national guard**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 11:58.

busload of 50 national guard unloaded into security perimeter by st. paul cathedral - kellogg and john ireland area

**robert st**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:00.

report that robert street is lined with cops from 10th street to the river.

**sector 1**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:07.

sector 1 permitted meetup point is wacouta commons. ~40 activists there, one van of cops

**WC**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:08.

one more RNC Welcoming Committee arrest is confirmed. Total is 7; 6 in custody

**WC**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:15.

corporate media reports that Monica Bicking, the released WC arrestee, was released with no charges filed. Sheriff Bob Fletcher attempted to interrogate her yesterday. Bicking remained silent. *[she was re-arrested and charged later in the week.]*

**breakaway**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:19.

funk the war breakaway march is at 12th/I94 and wabasha area. cops trying to cork march away. needs support!

**10th/jackson**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:28.

report: 10th and Jackson street has been successfully blockaded by activists!

**GAS AT 7TH/MN STREETS**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:30.

COPS ARE INDISCRIMINATELY USING TEAR GAS AND PEPPER SPRAY AT 7TH AND MINNESOTA STREETS. HELP NEEDED ASAP: WATER, MEDICS. JOURNALISTS GASSED

**BLACK BLOC**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:38.

is moving up kellogg towards capitol

**blockades**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:39.

protestors blocking traffic at 9th/wacouta. police sent to 7th/wall; another likely blockade readying there.

**lockdown**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:41.

successful lockdown on shepard rd!

**9th/wacouta**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:42.

report of fight with cops at 9th/wacouta and 1 officer down.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:46.

riot cop lines around "free speech zone". NEED MEDICS at wacouta and 8th/9th - national guard about to deploy gas

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:49.

black bloc is headed away from capitol down john ireland w/ riot cops. \*\*\* reports medics have been gassed today. \*\*\* protesters have taken back the street at st. joseph and exchange - dancing like it's 1999!

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:53.

20 anarchists detained at 6th/wall. police attempting to cut locks at 7th/wall blockade

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 12:54.

Bash back is holding the line at kellogg and summit, despite being rammed by riot cops! \*\* cops surrounding vehicle at 7th/wall \*\* POLICE READYING GAS AT CEDAR/7TH at march

**updates**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:04.

5 arrested at 7th/wall - car barricade \*\* help needed at ireland kellogg blockade



**IMC dispatch line is back up**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:05.

it has been down today until now. call 651.503.5661 to report. use wisely

**Breaking news on live internet radio**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:07.

We at portland indymedia are running live updates from multiple feeds on internet radio: tune in at <http://radio.portland.indymedia.org:8000/listen.pls>

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:07.

dance party at ceder and 6th splintering a little, cops running in weird directions away from group. black bloc attacked kellogg and john ireland

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:09.

Sherrif Bob Fletcher is personally on site at John Ireland and Kellogg confronting black bloc

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:11.

New 7th and wall hard blockade. on 94 offramp

**UPDATE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:13.

windows OF DELEGATE BUS SMASHED ON KELLOGG

**UPDATE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:16.

~20 pagans at kellogg/cedar stopping delegate busses. \*\* successful blockade at 8th and wall. cops moving in.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:20.

report that delegate busses have detoured and are crossing the mississippi at wabasha street. \*\* police cut team has arrived at shepard/randolph blockade. walking delegates in to security zone at wabasha and kellogg. cops arriving. NEED SUPPORT

**UPDATE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:27.

7th and Wall blockade has been cleared. \*\* 1 arrest at john ireland and shepard - snatch squad \*\* report of cops on sibley/7th in response to breaking of windows \*\* COLDSNAP STREET TEAM MEMBER ARRESTED BY SNATCH SQUAD \*\*TAZERS DRAWN AT SHEPARD/RANDOLPH

**UPDATE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:36.

Cops escorting a bus fleeing west down Kellogg past broadway.

**black bloc**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:37.

coldsnap tweets: "cops on sibley and 7th... black bloc make total destroy everywhere."

**rubber bullets?**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:39.

cops being sent to exchange/10th/st. peter intersection. 50 anarchists there. report of tear gas AND RUBBER BULLETS BEING DEPLOYED.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:42.

RUBBER BULLETS FIRED AT 10TH/ST PETER BLACK BLOC. 1 PROTESTER DOWN. national guard also coming to scene reportedly with concussion grenades and smoke.

**UPDATES**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:46.

5th and Minnesota, delagate busses there, Peace march on Minnesota, heading to 4th and 5th

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:46.

small blockade being attacked by cops at cedar/7th; \*\*20 COPS RESPONDING TO ROCK THROWING AND SHATTERED MACY'S WINDOW AT 6TH/WABASHA

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:50.

police sent to 6th/cedar on reports of cars smashed/bricks "taken off buildings" \*\* riot cops forming st. peter/5th \*\* 2 police cars driven into crowd in sector 5 \*\*

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:55.

arrestee from kellogg/johnireland peppersprayed, injured, denied medical attention \*\* police forming scrimmage on 7th/st.peter to block protesters \*\* several cop cars smashed 6th/st.peter \*\* randolph/shepard surrounded - cops say they won't let anyone go

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 13:59.

An NLG lawyer is trapped in the illegal detainment at randolph and shepard \*\* coldsnap: cops lining up at 7th and ceder, cops trying to divide lawful from unlawful protesters

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:04.

protesters trapped at 7th/st. peter REINFORCEMENTS NEEDED! \*\* windows broken wabasha/6th by macy's

**6th/wall**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:08.

18 confirmed arrests there. more likely coming. legal observers not being allowed to observe. \*\* steady stream of pepper spray injuries coming to northstar collective clinic at 639 Jackson; medics headed to jail with supplies shortly

**peace march**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:16.

corporate media reporting numbers at peace march at 10,000 or less. likely accurate according to IMC activists there.

**UPDATE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:29.

large bus staging ground spotted underneath lafayette/52 bridge, between warner road and kellogg. \*\*kellogg and st peter blockade is still strong - 10 mounted police just arrived \*\* riot police heading towards st. peter and 7th

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:32.

legal observers needed at jackson/7th - busses are being blockaded (soft) there! - bike cops on way \*\* delegates being blocked on foot between wabasha and st. peter on kellogg - police confrontation

imminent

**Portland Indymedia RNC LIVE WEB RADIO COVERAGE!**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:32.  
Live at <http://portland.indymedia.org> RNC web radio coverage. They will be on all day covering the events taking place, and giving updates. Useful information such as legal numbers, coldsnap updates, tips for protesters, and live call-ins.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:38.  
more cops headed to wabasha and kellogg \*\* 1 arrest @ mears park - cops knocked person off bike. \*\*9th and robert: cops forming up with shields - will hold intersection there \*\* mulberry and kellogg being used as delegate entrance \*\*Campus Antiwar Network is holding 5th/sibley with soft blockade \*\*

**JAIL SUPPORT**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:51.  
come to the jail at Lafayette and Grove to support released arrestees!

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:54.  
6 detained at chestnut and shepard. \*\* NEED REINFORCEMENTS at 4th and wabasha action.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 14:58.  
several busses, some fully occupied, sighted on kellogg blvd just west of lafayette bridge. many near I94 and 52 (same area) \*\* delegates seen walking in from mulberry and kellogg - mulberry is 2 blocks outside perimeter. \*\*platoon of cops being sent to kellogg/st. Peter

**UPDATE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:06.  
Two arrests on 5th and minnesota. \*\* Cops running over people at kellogg and wabasha. \*\* \*\*Ramsey county jail refusing to allow lawyers in. On lockdown. \*\* St. Joes Hospital on lockdown, denying water. \*\* Sleeping dragons on I94 7th St exit!

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:12.  
Sibley near Mississippi river: standoff with police. one reporter assaulted, camera taken.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:15.  
arrests @ 7th and Wall = approximately 28.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:17.  
30-40 people @ kellogg/wabasha to be given dispersal order. massive police presence coming there \*\* 1 person detained in car at kellogg/mulberry - 40 riot cops surrounding plus secret service. \*\* funk the war moving north on wabasha

**jail**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:24.  
coldsnap: the report about the jail on lockdown came from NLG lawyers denied entrance. they were told it was in effect until 3:30pm.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:25.  
12 people being cuffed and loaded into vans on wall between 6th/7th \*\* funk the war is now moving south on minnesota st.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:29.  
soft blockade going up at kellogg/minnesota \*\* METRO TRANSIT



service into downtown saint paul has been suspended

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:33.  
coldsnap: "van-load of female-bodied people" taken away in unmarked van from 7th/wall \*\* cops moving in on kellogg/minnesota \*\* POLICE POLITELY REQUESTED INTO TIN CAN COMMS BLDG; DENIED ENTRY \*\*

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:37.  
2 arrests 6th/St Peter - possibly

1 medic \*\* COPS GETTING READY TO GAS FUNK THE WAR BLOCKADE. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF RUBBER BULLETS BEING SHOT. Legal observers needed now

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:40.  
100s of police at Wabasha and 10th with gas masks - funk the war \*\* 50 riot police in full gear entering 20 unmarked cars along cedar/7th \*\* 300 people being stamped by police horses at 2nd and kellogg (?) \*\* massive police presence at kellogg/wabasha - bridge occupied by riot cops including national guard. \*\* police platoons will be erected at cedar/kellogg and wabasha/kellogg

**arrests**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:48.  
1 from pagan cluster arrested; punched in face; bleeding. \*\* medics arrested at 6th and wall number 2.

**UPDATE**

on Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:51.  
cops putting on gas masks at mulberry/kellogg \*\* pepper spray used at cedar/kellogg

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:54.  
projectiles fired on kellogg b/t wabasha and cedar; massive numbers pepper sprayed; black bloc dragging barricades into street. also concussion grenades. reports coming in to tcimc of several injuries from rubber bullets on 6th street. MEDICS needed on 6th, and on Kellogg!

**POLICE VIOLENCE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 15:59.  
BLACK BLOC PLUS OTHERS ARE BEING PUSHED NORTH ON ROBERT. LOTS OF SPPD WITH GAS MASKS AND BIKES AND ROBERT KEEPING PEOPLE IN. SEVERAL RUBBER BULLET WOUNDS REPORTED - MULTIPLE PROTESTERS DOWN

**UPDATE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:01.  
people being kicked in head by horses on kellogg

**UPDATE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:04.  
Black bloc at 5th and sibley. Running from cops, throwing barricades into streets. Cops are looking for specific individuals to arrest.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:11.

coldsnap: concussion grenades, spray, gas, rubber bullets in more locations than can count right now. black bloc last sighted at 5th and sibley; throwing objects in street. fire trucks being used to block off nearby streets

#### update

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:15.  
all from coldsnap: Person tackled by 5 SPPD in riot gear for refusing a search. Media was present for this. \*\*\* Vernon Rodrigues in Ramsey Co Jail, needs medical attention. Call jail at 651.266.9350! \*\*\* Check out amazing videos at [www.theuptake.org](http://www.theuptake.org)

#### airport?

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:19.  
many unconfirmed reports coming to TCIMC that airport security is seriously ramping up. if anyone there can confirm specific details please call dispatch line.

#### updates

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:30.  
COMMS SPACE MAY BE RAIDED. anyone have news? other news: riot cops spotted in several SUVs moving down chestnut, may be after anticapitalist bloc. \*\*\* massive riot police presence still at sibley and 6th. \*\*\* 20-25 arrests at 9th and temperance (one block west of sibley) \*\*\* person tased on 7th and Robert \*\*\* twitter updates from TCIMC use "tcimc" \*\*\* 12th and Wabasha: protester hit by car. comrades refused to let car leave

#### updates

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:35.  
arrests at 9th/temperance include 2 coldsnap folks, and one journalists \*\* anticapitalist bloc being teargassed on jackson street by the river \*\* many arrests at 7th/jackson \*\* metro transit resumes bus service into downtown st. paul. \*\* police chief harrington and mayor coleman holding 5pm press conference

#### updates

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:40.  
Arrests at 7th/Jackson = 30-40. Democracy Now! jouranalists arrested at temperance. Lots of police brutality.

#### BUSSES LEAVING

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:43.  
BUSSES ARE LEAVING BY THE DOZENS TO HUNDREDS FROM STAGING AREA UNDER LAFAYETTE BRIDGE, BOUND FOR XCEL \*\* anticap blocked attacked by pepperspray, teargas, concussion grenades, rubber bullets. lots of injuries \*\*12th and robert is closed off \*\* 5 arrests at minnesota and 8th

#### COMMS RAIDED

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:46.  
COMMS SPACE RAIDED. 9 ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO RIOT - SAME CHARGE AS THE RNC-WC 7. OFFICERS WOULD NOT SHOW LEGAL OBSERVER WARRANT.

#### update

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:50.  
30-40 cops headed down I94, prepping for mass arrests \*\* SUBSCRIBE TO TCIMC ON TWITTER. WE ARE PICKING UP AS MUCH OF THE COMMS TEAM SLACK AS POSSIBLE

#### updates

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 16:56.  
Amy Goodman arrested. \*\* coldsnap: Comms raid in progress at 6th & Wall. Legal observer on the scene. 9 in custody, property being seized.

#### seeds

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 17:07.  
report of seeds of peace being arrested is FALSE. they were detained, let go \*\* police still prepping for mass arrest at jackson st by river

#### UPDATE

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 17:25.  
MASSIVE ARRESTS HAPPENING ALL OVER - HARD TO KEEP UP. HARRIET ISLAND CONCERTGOERS BEING HANDCUFFED. MASS ARREST AT SPRING AND CHESTNUT. TEAM FROM THE UPTAKE.ORG REPORTEDLY UNDER ARREST. Cops threatening to arrest everybody @ river walk - 300+ ppl inc. medics, legal observers, journalists, concertgoers, kids. Tear gas used. DWTN STP almost entirely blocked off.

#### mass arrests

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 17:29.  
MASS ARREST CURRENTLY HAPPENING AT UPPER LANDING PARK. 100-200 PEOPLE. ALSO, ACROSS THE RIVER, REPORTED ARRESTS ON CONCERT. LIKELY DOZENS TO HUNDREDS THERE.

#### COMMS RAID

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 17:33.  
comms raid arrests used same warrant as pre-RNC house raids: coldsnap \*\* 2 more legal observers arrested at spring and shepard

#### update

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 17:41.  
most people being released on harriet island; cops picking out many one by one \*\* journalists combative with city officials at press conference 5pm; challenge them on misinfo and lies

#### UPDATE

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 17:45.  
Chief of St Paul Police: police violence justified because cops "terrified" of masked "criminals" (protesters wearing masks to breath in the face of pepper spray and tear gas)

#### update

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 17:58.  
corporate media reports informants involved in raids \*\* 2 more RNC Welcoming Committee arrests reported, 1 confirmed. Total (not counting organizers arrested not on convergence center/house raid search warrant) is 8-9.

#### IMC arrests

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 18:04.  
report that several indymedia journalists are arrested at upper landing park. \*\* coldsnap street teamers, 6-8 medics, maybe others still being detained at jackson and 7th.

#### goodman arrest

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 18:10.  
for raw audio of situation surrounding amy goodman/DN! arrest: <http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2008/09/01/18531782.php>

#### video

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 18:13.  
video of woman repeatedly peppersprayed at close range - <http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2008/09/01/18531784.php>

#### update

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 18:22.  
enormous police staging area (several hundred) is beneath shepard and sibley st. 3-4 people seen detained there.

#### amy goodman

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 18:28.  
was arrested on probable cause to riot charges! (according to coldsnap) omfg, they're fucking insane! (like we didn't already know)

#### SCHEDULE

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 18:45.  
7pm, dinner at convergence center 627 smith. 8:30, quick and brief spokescouncil - send ONE spoke. redirect point: Groveland park, corner of st. clair and cleveland in STP

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 18:48.  
police closing bridge to harriet island: city worker says it's to keep protesters out of downtown. \*\* coldsnap: ~150 people cordoned off by river, app. 50 let go. possibly, out of towners more likely to be targeted. horse, riot, bike cops and coast guard involved. \*\* 100 people detained by SWAT teams and national guard near or in upper landing park by xcel. \*\* RUMOR CONTROL: the Coldsnap Legal Office is OK.

**amy goodman arrest video**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 18:58.  
<http://twincities.indymedia.org/videos/2008/sep/amy-goodman-arrested-rnc>

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 19:09.  
from upper landing park: most of the people caught up in the reported "mass arrest" were detained and are free to go. one bus full of arrestees (approximately 30) seen leaving the scene. reportedly, incidents began when po-po confused blockaders with people trying to get to concert.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 19:15.  
report of 6-12 arrests/detainments (?), including minors, with massive police presence at 9th and temperance.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 19:58.  
update from coldsnap: amy goodman has been released. many other journalists, legal observers, medics and friends still inside.

**First Aid and Wellness Center Needs Clothes!!!**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 20:13.  
First Aid and Wellness Center in desperate need of clothes for decontamination and to bring to folks when they get out of jail. Please bring any clothes--all sizes, all kinds--to the center during open hours, 9 am to 9 pm. 639 Jackson in St. Paul, at 14th. Please call 1-800-71-YOGURT and press zero to leave messages about clothes. We need them to be dropped off, do not have the capacity to pick up. Thank you!!!

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 20:13.  
coldsnap: riot cops massing at kellogg and wabasha: Communited United Against Police Brutality [sic, codepink] rally planned

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 20:23.  
codepink rally surround by 50 riot cops at wabasha and kellogg, being pushed east on kellogg

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 20:30.  
codepink, w/ mothers against war, being pushed against wabasha bridge by 150 riot cops: coldsnap

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 20:42.  
coldsnap: sighting: 8 humvees, 10 buses headling from st. paul to brooklyn park - possibly national guard. \*\* ----CORRECTION---- Correction: 1st hearing for RNC arrestees 9 am at Law Center, Lafayette & Grove. 10:30 hearing @ main courthouse for seized items.

**UPDATE**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 20:50.  
Police authorities said of those arrested today, 73 were charged with felonies, 42 with gross misdemeanors, and 48 with misdemeanors.

**update**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 20:56.  
earlier this hour - cops had blocked off smith avenue high bridge to convergence space on northern end.

**Press Conference 9am Tuesday**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 21:00.  
Joint PC 9am Tuesday at 400 Western Ave in St. Paul - the location of PPEHRC's "Bushville" encampment, with PPEHRC, Coalition to March on the RNC and Stop the War, and the RNC Welcoming Committee.

**heads up**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 21:07.  
coldsnap reports that the national guard is marching through downtown. \*\*\* smith ave high bridge is likely still blocked off by police, but convergence center will soon be closing for the night. use alternate routes.

**updated arrestee total from ramsey county sheriff's dept**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 21:28.  
256 total; 119 felonies, 48 gross misdemeanors; 89 misdemeanors

**SMITH, WABASHA, ROBERT ST BRIDGES ARE ALL CLOSED**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 21:30.  
The only route open to south of the river from downtown is I35E. The nearest exit south of the river on I35E is Sibley Memorial Highway.

**arrestees held without booking**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 22:03.  
Coldsnap suggests several arrestees have not been booked but are being held at the Ramsey City Jail. They will not be seeing judges until wed.

**Cops staging near or on the smith avenue bridge.**

Mon, 09/01/2008 - 22:58.  
South end of the Smith avenue bridge is home to 10 squad cars and unmarked vans. As of now the bridge remains open.

**UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 00:00.  
Van searched & towed @ Grand & Macalester - no warrant. Cop told owner: "this is what happens when anarchists come to our city"

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

**read morning updates from RNC-WC and Coldsnap Legal:**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 09:03.  
go here[link]

**livewire use**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 09:08.  
PLEASE note that the livewire is for breaking news and quick reports from the field. Announcements or news articles submitted to the livewire will disappear into the series of tubes known as the interweb. Also, if your news is urgent, try the dispatch line first - it takes us time to check the moderation queue. Call 651-503-5661. Thanks! -TCIMC

**Calls from Jail to Coldsnap blocked!**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 10:49.  
Cold Snap Says "Calls from jail to Cold Snap have been blocked - please call the jail - 651-266-9350 - and demand that they allow free calls to 651-356-8635".

**Breaking News- Medics Arrested**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 13:10.  
1:15pm-Two street medics on bikes were arrested on University Ave. and MLK by the Capitol. Charges unknown at this time. Witnesses report twelve vans, two cars, and one bike cop present. Arrests happened at approximately 1:20p.

1:30pm-Also, at the Capitol Bld. concert on MLK and John Ireland, Sheriffs are currently detaining three protesters, one with a hardhat, one with a megaphone. Witnesses report ten uniformed officers and possibly plain cloths officers at the scene.

#### **Dakota retake Coldwater Springs in MPLS; cops confront @ Ramsey Co. jail**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 14:05.  
Dakota have returned to the ancestral space @ Coldwater in MPLS @ HWY 55 (Hiawatha) & 54th Street. Legal observers needed, they need help, get down there! In St. Paul Ramsey Co jail, police are pressuring prisoner support vigil. Probably the big events of the day to cover!

#### **Overview of establishment events needed for final days of RNC**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 14:12.  
Activists & independent media need a guide to upcoming events for RNC. Can a web surfer compile this for everyone?? Tonight's big corporate junket is AgNite @ the Depot in dntn Mpls - they are doing a hurricane food shelf thing <http://www.agrigrowth.org/agnite/>

#### **Jail Vigil Needs Support**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 15:02.  
The Coldsnap jail vigil at Lafayette and Grove in St. Paul needs more people right away. Cops continue to harass arrestee supporters. Come down if you are available and help out!

#### **Overview of establishment events created**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 15:26.  
I have begun creating a centralized calendar of official/establishment events associated with/related to the RNC. It's available by going to this google calendar. I'm almost done with today's events and should have everything in by this evening. Enjoy crashing and covering the party! --From your friendly activist neighborhood librarian :) [TCIMC Dispatch: thanks!! Google tracks yr data, tho, etc.]

#### **NOW: Mears Park major march massing; Tin Can Comms back up!**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 16:15.  
Tin Can Comms is back up @rnc08 only. "March for People's Lives" heading for Xcel Center from Mears Park massing now, heavy police guard, economy still ruined. Report of abt 500 people and equally as many cops (riot / swat / bike). Snipers on top of MnDOT HQ @ Capitol Complex for Ripple Effect concert. Scattered reports of red laser dots around cities, @ parks - watch out!

#### **IMC journalist just arrested**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 16:36.  
Coldsnap reports police just arrested an Indymedia journalist on 5th and Wacouta, continuing the impressive pattern of police repression of the media (can anyone recall anytime in recent U.S. history with so many continuous attacks on journalists?) Related: <http://www.FreePress.net> has launched a campaign for Amy Goodman.

#### **Police use pepper spray at Poor People's March**

Tue, Sep 2 2008 17:02 PM  
medics can confirm the use of pepper spray at the corner of 5th and wacouta. one person suffered a seizure and ems has arrived on scene.

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 17:05.  
Heavy police presence @ surprise RATM show. City Pages now reports Rage Against the Machine is playing a surprise show after Anti-Flag at the State Capitol grounds, with Anti-Flag now opening. Hmmm...

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 17:35.  
Mobile Broadcast News Bus surrounded by police. Unconfirmed that police are breaking into the bus

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 17:56.  
confirmed: Mobile Broadcast News (independent media) bus is being raided [sic, cops were just attempting to raid it, but failed]

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 18:01.  
Riot Cops surround concert at the capital, refuse to allow Rage Against the Machine to take the stage

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 18:11.  
Rage Against the Machine just took 200 people on unpermitted march toward river. They are chanting, "Fuck you, I won't do what you tell me." UPDATE  
now marching with Poor People's March towards Excel Center, 2-4000 people. UPDATE  
Tons of riot cops heading east on University.



#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 18:32.  
coldsnap: 15+ Jane/John Does have been hunger striking all day to get anemic Jane Doe medical treatment. She passed out, still being denied treatment!

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 18:33.  
tincan: 7th & cedar 50-100 riot police in front of the march as it heads up 7th. No reported violence.

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 18:34.  
Police use pepper spray at Poor People's March

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 18:41.  
Taser used at RATM/Poor Peoples' March

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 18:45.  
RATM/Poor Peoples' March- one protester snatched, organizers ask ppl in black to leave march or move to back

#### **UPDATE**

Tue, 09/02/2008 - 18:53.  
Police Have Alerted Area Hospitals that they are going to begin gassing the crowd.

#### **UPDATE**

Cops flanking protesters on St. Peter N of Exchange. 25 Cops Marching up St. Peter, blocking protesters exit. Sep 2 2008 7:22 PM

#### **UPDATE**

Tear Gas used on crowd of 100 cut off from Poor Peoples March Tue, Sep 2 2008 7:27 PM

#### **UPDATE**

Vans full of riot cops on St. Peter@12th St. Protesters trying to leave on St. Peter. 70 cops walking down 12th to cut them off.

Traffic stopped.  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 7:36 PM

**UPDATE**  
Cops charging into crowd at Saint Peter and Exchange  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 7:44 PM

**UPDATE**  
tincan: 300 riot cops on capitol lawn  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 7:59 PM

**UPDATE**  
Poor Peoples' March Riddled with Agente Provocateurs, Undercover Cops  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 8:14 PM

**WEDNESDAY SPOKESCOUNCIL**  
Wednesday Spokes is scheduled for 11am at the convergence center, 627 smith ave.  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 8:37 PM

**UPDATE**  
Cops leaving Camp Coldwater.  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 9:44 PM

**UPDATE**  
Folks on 94 West being detained, possibly arrested.  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 9:55 PM

**UPDATE**  
10 cops outside Bedlam, cars being searched. They have not entered the building yet. SUV on the bike path. UPDATE: Cops have left.  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 10:04 PM

**UPDATE**  
Cops staging on 6th and Cedar.  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 10:23 PM

**UPDATE**  
Detention bus outside public IMC space. Will try to update.  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 10:34 PM

**IMC SPACE STATUS UNCLEAR**  
There are unclear reports coming from the public IMC space at 300 Broadway. It appears police are on the scene and lawyers may be trying to escort people at the space elsewhere. Trying to get ahold of people at the space. (from a TCIMC'er off site)  
Tue, Sep 2 2008 10:57 PM

**IMC SPACE OK**  
confirmation from the IMC space in St. Paul: space has NOT been raided. big police presence with large detainment vehicle was across the street. lawyers were called and tapes were immediately secured. communication with the space was completely lost, but everything is ok. the IMC space will STAY OPEN!  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 12:48 AM

**UPDATES**  
2 arrests at bedlam theatre in mpls now; cops mobilizing w/ flexcuffs at 5th and hennepin (block E area) in mpls

Wed, Sep 3 2008 12:53 AM

**joint press conference 10am wednesday**  
The joint press conference with the PPEHRC, RNC-WC, and others will be held at 10am at 400 Western Ave (Bushville) in St. Paul. All media welcome  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 1:02 AM

**update**  
bedlam theatre is now calm; downtown mpls is not. cops massing at nicollet mall light rail, and 7th and nicollet. it appears that parties are being crashed!  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 1:14 AM

**UPDATE**  
Woman at belfrey [sic, bedlam] taken by cops, beaten bloody and then released.  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 1:43 AM

**UPDATE**  
portland imc journalist is out of jail.  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 2:19 AM

**CALLOUT**  
if you witnessed the arrests at Bedlam Theatre at 1:30am wednesday morning, please call the Coldsnap hotline ASAP: 651-356-8635.  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 2:20 AM

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**  
\* 8am - "big oil CEOs" action at crowne plaza hotel @ 11 E Kellogg  
\* 10am JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE @ 400 Western Ave (Bushville) in St. Paul.  
\* 10am - codepink @ nicollet mall light rail station  
\* 11am - spokescouncil @ 627 smith  
\* arrestee support @ ramsey county jail, lafayette and grove - all day  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 2:33 AM

**REMINDER**  
We're staffing a twitter line to back up the comms team. Text 40404 with: Follow TCIMC  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 6:46 AM

**UPDATE**  
calendar of RNC delegate events can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/6grt3d>  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 7:30 AM

**UPDATE**  
Men in jail have been on 23 hour lockdown, They are on hunger strike until this ends and they are either charged or released.  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 8:48 AM

**UPDATE**  
Dakota reclamation at camp coldwater (south of Hwy 55 and 54th St in MPLS) continues today. Sisters Camelot will be serving there at lunch and requests help with supplies and volunteers.  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 9:20 AM

**UPDATE**  
Convergence Space, 627 Smith, St Paul, NOON: Lawyers will be taking affidavits from those who have not had their property returned yet.  
Wed, Sep 3 2008 9:24 AM

**UPDATE**  
coldsnap reports: ICE agents are entering jail and pulling out arrestees with "foreign-sounding names"!



Wed, Sep 3 2008 10:50 AM

#### **WE CAN HAS NEW BANNER**

reflecting the vibe these days, TCIMC has changed our website banner to include our dispatch number, 651-503-5661 and twitter feed @TCIMC. Clear your caches to get the new banner - should work across our global cache system within a few minutes.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 11:30 AM



#### **UPDATE**

Coldsnap begging for volunteers. Office and vigil. rncjailvigil@riseup.net

Wed, Sep 3 2008 11:32 AM

#### **JAIL SOLIDARITY**

Call the jail and demand transfolk be placed in gendered cells of their choice.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 11:53 AM

#### **UPDATE**

1595 Selby -- \*\*CORRECTION - legal office is NOT being raided. iwitness video space in same building may have had police inside; unsure about status.\*\* SEND OBSERVERS AND SUPPORT

Wed, Sep 3 2008 12:52 PM

#### **UPDATE**

COLDSNAP REPORTS LEGAL OFFICE IS OK - NO RAID there! iwitness video is in same building - unsure about status.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 1:21 PM

#### **UPDATE**

probable arrest of at least 2 individuals at smith and grand.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 1:44 PM

#### **St. Paul city council meeting in progress now !**

St. Paul city council meeting in progress now ! Address : 300 City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd., West. The public is welcome to attend meetings. Show support for jail solidarity & voice concerns to the councilpeople and community

Wed, Sep 3 2008 2:32 PM

#### **Candlelight vigil @ Jail, 8:30 PM**

Released people at Ramsey Co. jail getting intimidated by riot police; vigil for prisoners @ 8:30 PM.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 4:17 PM

#### **Explosion!**

Reports coming down the line suggest an explosion has gone off at St. Peter and 6th or 7th st. Cops are on the way. Media and LO's needed!

Wed, Sep 3 2008 6:21 PM

#### **Explosion nothing but kid's firecracker**

Explosion reports just turned out to be a kid playing with a firecracker. However, the ATF and the Secret Service are still on the scene.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 7:02 PM

#### **Camp Coldwater Update**

A new report has just arrived suggesting that this evening, 30-40 police began putting more pressure on the people of Camp Coldwater. Although it does not appear that the police are gearing up to evict or raid the camp, our report strongly suggests that the people of the camp desire an increase in media presence to further expose this illegal treatment they have received at the hand of the authorities. Please revisit <http://twincities.indymedia.org/2008/sep/dakota-reclamation-camp-support> and get the word out.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 7:13 PM

#### **Rage concert concludes**

Rage concert is over, cops closing streets around target center, riot cops staged 2blks away. Xcel Center event winding down as well.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 10:17 PM

#### **Streets blocked by riot police @ near Target Center as Rage audience leaves**

IMC+Legal Observers needed @ Target Center. 1st Ave N closed by riot cops b/w 6th & 7th St., some allowed to leave (some not?) CALL US

Wed, Sep 3 2008 10:43 PM

#### **Police blockades & pepper spray reported in dntn Mpls**

Reports still hazy but pepper spray has likely been deployed; MnIndy reports police blockades on 7th St, part of Hennepin & 4 blocks of 1st. Another report of blockade @ the Light Rail station @ Hennepin & 5th.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 11:00 PM

#### **Trouble spreading in downtown**

Numerous reports: Horse/riot/bike cops 7st + 6th Av, 7th St + 2nd Av / 7th + marquette many arrests, MnIndy reporter trapped. Maybe herding to Loring. Report: Booking going to 8th and Marquette. Stay safe everyone!

Wed, Sep 3 2008 11:19 PM

#### **Booking @ empty lot at 11th st and Hennepin**

Twitter report booking area at empty lot @ 11th Street and hennepin. Saddest twitter so far: <http://twitter.com/webster> "Arrested". MnIndyLIVE was able to escape, adds "apparently mnindy needs a fox news van to cover police actions. 3 times tonight I was forcibly moved or detained with fox stays". Conflicted reports: some are saying there was no tear gas, only pepper spray. Conflict may be winding down finally.

Wed, Sep 3 2008 11:49 PM

#### **Mpls quieting down after at least 44 arrests post-RATM show**

Police have new 6-wheeled teargas enabled ATV - how dumb is that? <http://twitpic.com/a609> . Quieting down. Coldsnap: 44 arrested @ 7th+2nd Av, 2 videographers freed, @webster released after media photo op (staged PSYOPS for media control, example #12358 this week): "Cuffed, paraded in front of the media, and released after citing presence. MPD highly unprofessional." Loring quiet. Report "80 arrested at 7th and Marquette. Booking unit complained that he had too many." PioPress reports 30 arrested: <http://is.gd/2crD> . Thu, Sep 4 2008 12:29 AM

#### **Pepperspray Productions journalist Lambert Rochfort released!!**

Thu, Sep 4 2008 12:41 AM

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

The final day of the RNC, Thursday, saw over 400 arrests, almost entirely at the "No Peace for the Warmakers" rally and march during John McCain's nomination acceptance speech. That tally included dozens of journalists, both corporate and independent, who were herded onto the Marion Ave. I-94 overpass and mass arrested along with everyone else. TCIMC's film "Terrorizing Dissent" ([www.terrorizingdissent.org](http://www.terrorizingdissent.org)) shows media holding up their credentials

to the riot cops, only to be handcuffed and shoved onto repurposed Metro Transit busses.

Footage from that night also shows the massive brutality and police misconduct resulting from a week-long hype about "violent" protesters coupled with a desire to protect the entire area around McCain's speech. (The RNC blunderingly had McCain talking in front of a green screen, enabling us to juxtapose him talking about peace and prosperity with the multicolored gas and concussion bombs lobbed by police outside.)

Sitting in the IMC listening increasingly frantic reports on the phone eventually got to be overwhelming. In some ways it was a fitting end to the convention, and fed our desire to strike back. We did hear that our live updates helped participants in the march decide what to do in their futile quest to cross I-94 using several different bridges after their originally permitted route was blocked. If only our tweets weren't along the lines of, "entire leadership of anti-war committee arrested at 12th/Cedar"...

I'm also never going to look at a snowplow the same way again.

(((((i))))))

#### **Welcoming Cmte Press Conf in 30**

The Convergence Center Press Conference is in 30 minutes. Additionally earlier Coldsnap noted: Someone will be at the convergence space today @ noon taking written affidavits on police misconduct. Medics Desperately needed @ Hennepin Cty Jail (4th st & 4th ave, Mpls) for arrestees being released; treatment for chemical weapons needed. AND Support is Really needed right now at Hennepin Cty Jail (4th & 4th, Mpls). Police are intimidating the support that is already there.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 8:26 AM

#### **UPDATE**

Police have just closed the Smith High Bridge. Reporters are trying to find alternative paths to WC Press Conference.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 9:04 AM

#### **UPDATE**

National Lawyers Guild press conference @ 3 pm. at 319 ramsey.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 11:19 AM

#### **Downtown is being closed**

Downtown state employees are being asked to evacuate, downtown business owners have been asked to close shop for this afternoon.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 12:27 PM

#### **Warnings of trouble for afternoon march**

Police threaten to clear streets @ 5pm after 4PM Capitol No Peace for Warmakers march, legal obs needed. @ 1PM conv ctr, lawyers taking info. Word from several state employees (teachers mostly) is that all state employees are being asked to evacuated from the downtown area.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 12:29 PM

#### **City employees getting asked to leave**

Some City of STP employees being asked to go home for the day. Source: a city employee who does not get to leave.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 12:38 PM

#### **mobilizing now**

At 1:45-2pm police presence seen gearing up everywhere near excel - equipment put on, bunches of handcuffs on belts, etc and quickly moving to cars. Many black unmarked down 5th, turning left on Wabasha, many more marked and vans.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 1:26 PM

#### **UPDATE**

cops in riot gear are lining sidewalk of shepard road by 35E. also, yawr march is on kellogg blvd leaving capitol.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 1:41 PM

#### **rumor control UPDATE**

submitted report from livewire: not all state employees downtown have been asked to evacuate, but likely many have.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 1:44 PM

#### **from coldsnap:**

Coldsnap Legal Collective requests all participants and witnesses to police brutality, arrests, and actions on the streets to bring materials to central collecting locations. These will be sorted and organized and made available to defense attorneys and for civil suits. Video can be delivered to I-Witness Video - drop off at IMC space, 300 Broadway, buzz #38 (or call 347-425-4224). For witness statements, physical photos, etc: ask a Coldsnap legal worker at convergence center, 627 Smith Ave. S.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 2:20 PM

#### **UPDATE**

rally at capitol is being surrounded by riot cops - at least 40 on horses. maybe pepper spray

Thu, Sep 4 2008 3:05 PM

#### **jail vigil**

new volunteers at jail vigil desperately needed this weekend. email rncjailvigil@riseup.net

Thu, Sep 4 2008 3:08 PM

#### **UPDATE**

50 riot cops surrounding march, 2 people detained. cops in middle of crowd

Thu, Sep 4 2008 3:09 PM

#### **UPDATE**

tear gas canisters pulled out on capitol lawn. rally surrounded by riot cops including behind the stage; flanked by horses

Thu, Sep 4 2008 3:18 PM

#### **UPDATE**

march has approx. 600 people, leaving capitol now. still extremely massive police presence. 5 tactical units deployed - heavy green kevlar with brown flapjackets, longer billyclubs. multiple undercover sighted. 20 mounted police just swooped in.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 4:00 PM

#### **UPDATE**

march has ~600 people heading south on john ireland, blocked on 94 bridge. dispersal order just issued, reportedly. police are using snowplows to barricade.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 4:09 PM

#### **UPDATE**

cops appear about to gas. many people with limited mobility may not be able to get out. cops have announced 5pm permit ending; but not necessarily about the bridge itself. \*\* coldsnap says rumors of curfew are false.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 4:17 PM

#### **UPDATE**

march still blocked on john ireland bridge over I94. stormtrooper presence is intense. cops appear to be only allowing people to go back

Thu, Sep 4 2008 4:35 PM

#### **UPDATE**

almost all cops at rice and john ireland have gas masks on, including gas masks. riot cops with deployment canisters ready on top of vehicles. standoff at rice/john ireland intersection.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 4:48 PM

#### **UPDATE**

more snowplows moved in. many reports of cops having given 5-10



minute warning before chemical deployment  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 4:56 PM

**UPDATE**

report: march began was approx. 1,500 people. completely swallowed up by cops, down to a few hundred. mounted police are pushing people back physically, moving back towards capitol. people can leave towards rice/university.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 5:04 PM

**UPDATE**

cops continuing to moving forward as protesters mill about near capitol lawn \*\*unconfirmed report of activists snatched off the street at 35th and lyndale, MPLS \*\* awesome banner drop over 35E, wheee! \*\*

Thu, Sep 4 2008 5:12 PM

**UPDATE**

action seems to have moved to east side of capitol on cedar street

Thu, Sep 4 2008 5:18 PM

**UPDATE**

dispersal order given by police by national guard armory on cedar street. 5 minutes - cedar and 12th. looks like people are being forced back towards capitol.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 5:28 PM

**UPDATE**

cops putting on masks. cops appear to have chosen particular group at 12th and cedar for a dispersal order - protesters are just standing in intersection singing, chanting etc.; others have moved to high ground.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 5:35 PM

**fasting**

report from coldsnap: report of inmate john doe on water fast and hunger strike in segregation at ramsey county cell block 3C room 415 as of 6:30pm

Thu, Sep 4 2008 5:39 PM

**UPDATE**

from coldsnap: people being detained one by one and led to police vans

Thu, Sep 4 2008 5:46 PM

**UPDATE**

reports of chemical agents being deployed at 12th and cedar \*\* also, from coldsnap: riot cops massing at 4th and hennepin in dwtm MPLS, possibly headed for STP

Thu, Sep 4 2008 5:52 PM

**UPDATE**

bridges blocked over I-94 on jackson and robert

Thu, Sep 4 2008 5:58 PM

**UPDATE**

50-75 tactical team police or national guard (?) by history museum - everything closed on john ireland blvd

: Thu, Sep 4 2008 6:07 PM

**UPDATE**

reports: busses for mobile booking at sears parking lot; arrests happening, more reports of gas.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 6:28 PM

**UPDATE**

coldsnap: 27 arrested at 12th and cedar. police arresting many of the march leadership. journalist from theuptake.org also arrested.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 6:39 PM

**UPDATE**



disparate police violence/confrontations all around capitol area - too scattered to reliably keep up. possibly some protesters heading down I-94 onramp. still lots of riot cops, swat.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 6:53 PM

**UPDATE**

tear gas all around capitol area, reports of flashbangs; \*\* unconfirmed report: 5-6 concussion grenades shot off at sears parking lot by capitol. get people there! \*\* cops clearing marion street with snowplows.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 7:10 PM

**UPDATE**

riot cops massing at rice and aurora where grenades went off. \*\* journalist from twin cities daily planet also arrested and taken to ramsey county jail. \*\* marion and st. anthony: medics fear arrest. LOs needed now!

Thu, Sep 4 2008 7:13 PM

**UPDATE**

report: 11th and st. joseph: swat team has shop up with tear gas guns aimed. request LOs and media now! \*\* medics fear arrest at marion and st. anthony: also need LOs

Thu, Sep 4 2008 7:21 PM

**UPDATE**

report: ~400 people on marion street bridge over 94 \*\* another report: western ave bridge, west of capitol can be safely crossed.

Thu, Sep 4 2008 7:25 PM

**UPDATE**

report: 100+ people [sic, 400] on marion bridge detained, plastic handcuffed face down

Thu, Sep 4 2008 7:38 PM

**coldsnap news**

for future documentation: coldsnap legal collective has been receiving repeated threatening and harassing phone calls.

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**jail vigil help needed NOW**

jail vigil will need more and more bodies now and throughout the weekend - help support released and unreleased arrestees!! stand

up! email rncjailvigil@riseup.net if questions.  
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**UPDATE**  
3 empty police busses heading towards detainments on marion 94 bridge - mass arrest appears likely.  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 7:58 PM

**UPDATE**  
democracy now! producers arrested earlier this week are on marion bridge where mass arrest appears likely. other journalists too. repression of journalists is totally unprecedented in recent regional history.  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 8:04 PM

**codepink**  
codepink has just disrupted the proceedings inside the xcel energy center! [IVAW too!]  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 8:22 PM

**UPDATE**  
leadership of the antiwar committee was targeted and arrested at march tonight \*\* flashbang grendaes at marion ave right now  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 8:33 PM

**UPDATE**  
unconfirmed report: people trapped on wabasha river bridge  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 8:47 PM

**journalist repression**  
theuptake reports that a Karell reporter was arrested and a fox news crew gassed.  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 8:51 PM

**rumor control:**  
wabasha street bridge appears to be clear.  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 8:58 PM

**journalist repression**  
WCCO reports one of their photojournalists has also been arrested. will all these arrests wake up the corporate media? it never hurts to dream...  
Thu, Sep 4 2008 9:18 PM

## Anti-War Committee's "No Peace for the War-Makers" demonstration denied right to protest at Xcel center

<http://twincities.indymedia.org/2008/sep/anti-war-committees-no-peace-war-makers-demonstration-denied-right-protest-xcel-center>

On Thursday September 4, the final day of the Republican National Convention, the Anti-War Committee held a permitted rally at 4pm at the Minnesota State Capitol to protest Senator McCain's nomination as the Republican candidate for president. Individuals and groups expressed their opposition to the war in Iraq and as well as to attacks on other communities at home and abroad. The rally was attended by 2,000 people who heard fiery speakers and listened to the protest music of local band Junkyard Empire.

However the permitted rally was repeatedly interrupted by the police who tried to provoke the audience into a confrontation. At one point the cops stormed into the center of the crowd and arrested two people who were listening to music. The police continued to intimidate the protest by surrounding the back of the stage during the rally..

After the demonstration, over 1,000 protesters marched towards the RNC despite the police presence and the city's refusal to give the Anti-War Committee a permit to march during the evening session. Protestors expressed their outrage at the war by marching and chanting without a permit as an act of civil disobedience. As of press time, fifty to hundred people have been arrested while trying to march and for observing and supporting people trying to march. During the march there were several police provocateurs and undercover officers. Despite their attempts to incite a

riot, protestors maintained calm and did not engage in any confrontations with them. The majority of the Anti-War Committee leadership was arrested for leading the march. After the first round of leaders were arrested, the second round of AWC leadership stepped up. Within five minutes of leading chants the police surged into the crowd and arrested the new level of leadership who were leading chants. The police showed their true colors once again by violently ending the protest with concussion grenades, mace, and tear gas after over three hours of protestors holding the streets.

Meredith Aby of the Anti-War Committee explained, "Protesters felt that tonight was an important night to demonstrate in St. Paul. The eyes of the world are on John McCain tonight. We felt it was imperative that his message of war did not go unchallenged. The police and the city of St. Paul decided to make downtown a Republican speech zone, but our demonstration challenged their decision."

The demonstration was endorsed locally by the Welfare Rights Committee, Communities United Against Police Brutality, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, and Students for a Democratic Society - U of MN, and nationally by the Colombia Action Network, the Troops Out Now Coalition, the International Action Center, and Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (ANSWER) Coalition.

The Anti-War Committee has been organizing rallies, protests, and educational events in the Twin Cities for the last 10 years. They stand in solidarity with communities at home and abroad who are oppressed by U.S. policy and are committed to building a broad movement for social justice and peace.

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**camp coldwater**  
the permit for the dakota reclamation action at camp coldwater expires at 3pm. they request support in the form of media, legal observers and anyone. to get to camp coldwater, go south on highway 55 to 54th street in minneapolis, take a left, then right and continue past the bureau of mines building.  
Fri, Sep 5 2008 1:21 PM

**coldwater update**  
the activists at camp coldwater plan to spend the night tonight.  
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## Reclaiming Sacred Dakota Land at Camp Coldwater

<http://twincities.indymedia.org/reclaiming-sacred-dakota-land-camp-coldwater>

On September 2nd, members of the Oceti Sakowin (Seven Council Fires) of the Dakota Oyate reoccupied Coldwater Spring and the surrounding land in Minnesota. The Coldwater Spring site is an abandoned property of the United States Department of the Interior's defunct Bureau of Mines. Dakota people consider the spring as essential to their spiritual lifeway and the surrounding land as



a part of their homeland of B'Dote. Dakota people believe that they will be better stewards of the land than either the United States or the State of Minnesota has been. This is evidenced in the fact that the site is littered with dilapidated structures and the soil is polluted from the former Bureau of Mines.

The reclamation of this sacred site was launched with four days of ceremonies to celebrate the seasonal transition from summer to fall. While the Dakota did not ask for a permit for the four days, the property manager has provided one. Despite the permit and the ceremonies that are happening on site, there continues to be heavy surveillance by Homeland Security, Hennepin County Sheriffs, and riot-police from various police agencies.

Apparently, the four-day permit is due to expire on September 5th at 3:00 pm. There will be a press conference on September 5th at 2:00 pm at Coldwater Spring. All people are invited to come at this time and show support for the Dakota people and their rights to both land and life.

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**WERE YOU** arrested, harassed, or brutalized by the police/military this week? come to a meeting get updates, learn about legal options at fight back: 11am Saturday at the convergence center, 627 Smith Ave S.

Fri, Sep 5 2008 8:17 PM

**PostNC Update from Twin Cities Indymedia**

Our dispatch phone is now off-line, and we will take the livewire down soon. Thanks, support and love to everyone who pitched in. The battle is not over. We still live here! Stay tuned here and to www.nornc.org and www.coldsnaplegal.org for updates moving forward. Coldsnap will host a court solidarity meeting and another arrestee meeting within the week. If you were arrested and didn't fill out a Coldsnap outtake form after you were released, call 651-356-8635. The convergence space will be open 11am-8pm through Monday, and for events only until the 15th. One of many fundraisers to come - this one for the RNC 8 - will be held with David Rovics at the convergence center starting with a 7:30 dinner on Sunday. \*\* To plug in to TC-IMC to cover the convention aftermath, and the struggles facing our communities every day of the year, use our contact form above, contact a TC-IMC collective member, or watch this site for an upcoming meeting. \*\* Give an independent journalist a hug today! For everyone who fought off the gas, stopped business as usual, and broadcast the action to the world: we love you! From the jails to the barricades, from the servers to the streets - haloka for TC Indymedia

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watching us  
(fucking creepy cop)

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