

Contagious Liberation

Portland Radical Zine and Resource Guide

Sept. 08 Issue

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What is the Portland Revolutionary Assembly::

The PRA is an assembly of Portland community groups and collectives, which started in Spring 07 and meets quarterly, to create better cohesion, collaboration, and solidarity between anti-capitalist and anti-authoritarian groups in the Portland area. Currently the assembly is around 25 groups with varying participation, and we are open to new collectives and groups joining. contact: pdx-mutualaid@riseup.net

Disclaimer:: This is published by a working group started out of the Spring 08 PRA to work on creating a radical publication for events, writings, poetry, and art. Early on, we realized the idea of trying to reach consensus about everything printed in here would be tedious, which is why we have this disclaimer: The words and art expressed in this paper do not necessary represent all the collectives in the Assembly but was created out of collectives in assembly.

Submissions:: deadline 23rd of month pdx-mutualaid@riseup.net

Notes from the editors:: please feel free to add your own illustrations as they are much needed. Looking for submissions on local stories, design, and distros.
project. In Solidarity, Contagious Liberation street team

Regular Meetings and Events

---**Cascadia Rising Tide Open meeting**, 3rd Tues. of the month 6pm at Red & Black Café 400 SE 12th Ave.

---**The Mad Space Between the Stars** is interested in buiding a strong radical mental health community here in Portlland. We reject mainstream mental health and have decided to take control of our mental health needs. We strive to support each other in our daily struggles. We hope to do this by having weekly peer led discussion groups. Everyone is welcome in the mad space! themaspace@riseup.net Meets every Sunday 7pm. Garfield House(corner of Garfield/shaver,second house on the left heading north)

---**Really Really Free Market**, noon-4pm, 1st Saturday of the month in Peninsula Park.

---**NoPo CopStop**(copwatch group in North Portland), is trying to do weekly patrols if interested in patrols or training, contact: nopocopstop@gmail.com

---**Pick Up Sticks** is a **sober support group** for those in recovery from a life of self destruction. This is a creative meeting using the power of the heartbeat (drums) and voice to help heal the soul. You do not have to be a musician to do this, just an open mind and a willingness to better yourself. In this safe space we will explore what the cause and effect are for your individual struggle. Through peer counseling and shared life experience we aim to help you through your recovery.

Pick Up Sticks meets weekly on Sunday(sept. 14, 21, 28th) at 3-6pm

Community Arts Garage, 3969 NE Rodney, PDX FMI: call 503-960-5507

---**Cascadia EF! meetings**, every Sunday, 7:30pm at Albina Press- 4637 North Albina Avenue, Portland.

---**Portland Animal Defense League**, Organizing Meeting Please join us for our bi-monthly(1st and 3rd Weds) collective organizing meeting where we will be discussing current and future campaigns on behalf of animals, as well as trainings and upcoming events. PDX ADL Office, 917 SW Oak #413, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM pdx_adl@hush.com

---**Portland Books to Prisoners mailing nights** happen on Mon. & Wed. 5-8pm at: 1112 NE Morton, between Dekum and Ainsworth, Books To Oregon Prisoners(BTOP) having WEEKLY mailing at 6513 NE Rodney (at Holman)
bookstooregonprisoners@gmail.com

---**Books To Oregon Prisoners (BTOP)** has moved AGAIN!! Oregon rules no longer require NEW BOOKS!! So starting August 5th, 2008, BTOP mailing days will be happening every Tuesday 5-8pm, at 1112 NE Morton St. in Portland.

For more info, email bookstooregonprisoners@gmail.com.

Check the website for monthly mailing days happening at Rodney Street.

www.pdxbookstoprisoners.org

---Portland Books To Prisoners is always in need of new or used dictionaries & thesauruses! Bring donations of books to any of the drop boxes around Portland: Red & Black Cafe, The Haven Cafe, Bipartisan Cafe, Laughing Horse Books, In Other Words Books, Hollywood Theater, Rocco's Pizza, Food For Thought Cafe at PSU (Smith Hall), Mississippi Records, and Pine Street Acupuncture.

Events at Laughing Horse

---**Situationists Metanational, Saturdays** at 6pm

What is the most radical form of existence? Question rationalism! Meet with your fellow paradigm shifters to explore theory and practice of Surrealism, the history of DaDa, and ways to incorporate it into everyday life. Saturday evenings will include fun chaotic influence from UBU, cabaret, IWW, the Surrealist Manifesto and activities include derive, cut-up collage, surrealist games (exquisite corpse,"knock on the door", dream resumes etc.) spoken word performance, guerilla street theater and film noir.

---**Proactive community meetings, Wednesdays** at 6pm

10 September begins the first of an urgent series of public forums, discussions, information sessions and action planning to take back our neighbourhoods. Last week, the infamous PPI rent-a-cops came into the Central Eastside Industrial district to conduct a mass sweep-up of homeless "trespass campers". The week before, black helicopters and Homeland Security vehicles were seen throughout inner Southeast neighbourhoods, as part of an 'urban training exercises'. Who are the people behind these secret contracts, who say they speak on behalf of our business community and through our elected officials? Why have we not been informed or included in the process?

---Monday Reading Circle 12noon contact Laughing Horse 503/236.8973

---Tuesday Freeskool classes

Radical History Series 6-7pm contact Shawn at 503/236.2893

Alternative Economies 7-8pm contact Todd at 503/928.2779

<http://portland.indymedia.org/en/2008/09/379251.shtml>

--First Wednesdays, 9-11 Truth 7-9pm contact 503/287.3473

--Second Wednesdays

Outside the Box live internet radio broadcast 8-10pm contact 503/287.3473

--Second Mondays, War Tax Resisters contact Pam at biljrat@spiritech.com

--Third Thursdays, Recode Portland contact Brenna 503/245.3847

--September Laughing Horse member, volunteer and community contributor meetings: 14th and 28th and every other Sunday after that!

September Calendar of Events



Un-Dam the Klamath *Film Night*

Salmon, Native Tribes,
commercial fishermen, and
recreational businesses all depend
on Klamath dam removal.

Learn about this historic opportunity to
bring Klamath Salmon home to the 300 miles
of river blocked by PacifiCorp's dams.

Join us for an evening of film, information, and organizing
7 pm September 9th, 2008 at the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 NE Sandy

Then join the Klamath Justice Coalition for the
PacifiCorp Day of Action, September 18th, 2008
Meet at Holladay Park at 12:00 pm for a march and rally at PacifiCorp's headquarters
featuring speakers from Tribal, conservation, and fishing communities.

www.PacifiCorpDayofAction.org | www.klamathriver.org

- *Sept. 12th-14th, The Portland Grassroots Media Camp.** See centerfold
- *Sept. 13th Sat. @ 8pm the mad space between the stars is hosting a movie night @ cinema anarquista 5224 se boise st.** We will be showing 'BRAIN CANDY' by the kids in the hall. free.
- *Sept. 15th, Mon. 7pm, School of the Americas Watch (SOAW) speaking event** with the founder of SOAW, Father Roy Bourgeois at St. Andrews Community Center, 806 NE Alberta, PDX www.soawpdx.org
Join us for an evening with Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of School of the Americas Watch (SOA Watch). SOA Watch is an independent organization that seeks to close the US Army School of the Americas, under whatever name it is called, through vigils and fasts, demonstrations and nonviolent protest, as well as media and legislative work.
- *Sept. 15th, Mon. Housing Forum. @First Unitarian Church(SW 12th&Main)**
- *Sept. 16th, Tues. Noon til dusk, To remember James Chasse,** and others with mental illness and addiction who died in past years during police action, supporters of the Mental Health Association of Portland will join for a political action at the Portland Police Bureau Central Precinct and the Multnomah County Jail.
- *Sept. 16th, Tues. 6:30-9pm PEDAL POTLUCK PICNIC** meet at Alberta Coop Grocery 1500 NE Alberta
- *Sept. 16th, Tues. 6pm, Know your Rights @PSU Smith Hall**
- *Sept. 17th, Weds. Craft Fair** at People's Coop
- *Sept. 17th Weds. 3:30pm James Chasse protest @ Central Precinct**
- *Sept. 18th 8pm, movie night** at the CommUnity Arts Garage
- *Sept. 18th, Thurs. Food & music** at 6:30, speakers at 7:00,
El Salvador: Past and Present
Where: SEIU Local 49 Hall (3536 SE Powell, Portland) A night of politics, education, history and culture with a focus on the 2009 Salvadoran elections and celebration of Portland's historic connection to El Salvador's revolutionary struggle.

Sept. 21st, Sunday, 2-7pm, Tryon Life Community Farm Harvest Festival live music, downhome fun, and benefit auction \$30 for adults/\$15 under 18/kids under 12 free. Work trade available.

11640 SW Boones Ferry Rd. 503-245-3847 <http://tryonfarm.org/share/harvestfest2008>

Sept. 22nd, Monday International Carfree Day

Sept. 22nd, Monday, Opening of New Microcosm Publishing Space at 822 SE Main #107 contact joe@microcosmpublishing.com

Sept. 26th, 6-8pm Circus Skills at the CommUnity Arts Garage

Sept. 26th, Critical Mass meet under Westside Burnside Bridge at 5:30 ride at 6pm

Summer T-Horse Schedule

more info E-mail Nicolette (nirile@gmail.com) and Roberto (binobitz@yahoo.com).

September 15th S. Park Block (PSU Block)

September 21st- Maralena's Birthday/TLC Farm Harvestfest (SW Boones Ferry Road)

The Radical History Series, Tuesday nights @Laughing Horse Books

***Sept 16, 7-9 pm** - Pear Growers and Free Absolutes. What do the very earliest anarchists, like Pierre-Joseph Proudhon and Anselme Bellegarrigue, have to say to us about organizing and networking in the present? For that matter, what can we learn from "utopian" socialists, such as Charles Fourier? A few important things, perhaps. Come and weigh in issue like competition, cooperation, sectarianism, coalition-building, etc.

* **Sept 23, 6-7 pm** - Another pamphlet-release night. Learn why the Revolution is like a steeple-chase event, according to Proudhon's "Toast to the Revolution" (in a brand-new translation.) Get introduced Joshua King Ingalls, one of the largely-forgotten major figures of the American individualist anarchist school. Hear about what anarchists are doing to translate previously untranslated radical material.

* **Sept 30, 7-9 pm** - Individualism and Socialism: the debate at its beginning. If the forces that watch over zine production smile, I'll be premiering a new project, Left-Liberty, but, smiles or no smiles, we'll be talking about the emergence of the terms "individualism" and "socialism," in the context of Pierre Leroux's first-ever comparison of the two terms in 1834, another recently-translated article. Those terms have had roller-coaster careers, and their twists and turns have influenced the ways we think about politics, about potential allies and antagonists. We'll dig into the history a bit, searching for lessons useful in the present.

Art& Music listings:

***Sept. 17th Wed. 8pm** GreenPeace BeNeFiT: Paulie Think (chinatown hip hop), Jessie Williams (folk punk from ca), Leftmore (folk punk from co), more tba @ Berbat's

***Sept. 19 - Oct. 4th. Dos Pueblos:** Over time, the stories of the overlapping cultural histories of Mexico and US have warped, forcing emotions deeper and wider. Yet we remain connected as much as divided. This is an original bilingual production. check www.milagro.org 525 SE Stark St, Portland 503-236-7253

***Sept. 20th Saturday at 4pm.** La Gira de Plata, Banda Bostik, Adelit@s, and Hijos de la Luna. Lumex 122 y Division



PORTLAND GRASSROOTS MEDIA CAMP

SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOPS

Visit our website at pdxmediacamp.org

PGMC registration and (most) workshops

Portland Community College, Cascade Campus Moriarty

The Portland Grassroots Media Camp is a weekend of discussions and gatherings aimed to empower people

The camp is open to anyone, emphasizing the importance of media representation

FRIDAY

4:30-7:30p Registration	6:00-7:00p Media Organization (Contact the Media)
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SATURDAY

8:30-9:30a	9:30-11:30a	11:30a-1:00p	
Welcome Breakfast	Stenciling 101	Lunch- Bring your own!	
	Screenprinting		
Registration	<i>*Fotografia Digital: Breve Introduccion</i>	Caucuses	Digital Photography: Brief Introduction
	Hands on Camera Workshop		Gov
	Audacity 101		
	Pitch Your Story to a Magazine		
	Strong Scripts for Radio, Film, Theatre		
	Research on the Web		
	Basic Computer Skills		
	Messing with Local Mainstream Media		
	Panel: Media From the Margins		
			Maps What

SUNDAY

8:30-9:30a	9:30-11:30a	11:30a-1:00p	
Welcome Breakfast	Zines 101	Lunch- Bring your own!	Ho
	Planning a Successful Benefit Show!		Co-op Di
Registration	Peer Editing: Writer & Editor Join Forces!	Caucuses	Turni
	Introduction to HTML		
	<i>*How to Write a Letter to the Editor</i>		Final
	How To Transfer Your Video Tape onto DVD		
	Interviewing on Video		
	Public Performance - Poetry & Comedy		

Resources:

*Portland Free School <http://portland.freeskool.org>

*The Waypost Cafe: 3120 N Williams

*Liberty Hall: 311 N. Ivy st. 503-249-8888 liberty-hall@excite.com

*Defector: Portland DIY anarcho-punk newsletter. thedefector@hotmail.com
www.thedefector.com

*Brickwall Records 3213 NE MLK Jr www.brickwallrecords.com

OPS, PANELS AND EVENTS

for descriptions, facilitator bios and latest updates
shops, panels and caucuses take place at
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hands-on skill shares, media workshops, presentations,
people the tools and skills to express themselves.
inclusion of those who are traditionally excluded
n, creation and production.

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*** Indicates Bilingual Spanish/English Workshop**

Contact us!

503 236 7916

pdxmediacamp@gmail.com

pdxmediacamp.org

DAY

7:30p ation Caucus Camp for details)	8:00-11:00p Opening Night Party Art Show, Meet-the-Artists and Music Liberty Hall, 311 N Ivy St, Portland
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RDAY

1:00-3:00p	3:15-5:15p	Evening
Action Bookbinding! (4 hours)	Old Fashion Flyer Making	6:00 Dinner 7:00 Film Screening New Born Tribe 3525 NE MLK Blvd Portland
Block Printing	Radio Interviewing	
ing for Public Records: Unearthing overnment's Secrets in Plain Sight	* <i>Descubriendo Photoshop CS</i> Discovering Photoshop CS	
Video and Audio	<i>Curso Intensivo de Diseno Grafico</i>	
Field Recording with Audio	Taking Your Media Project on the Road	
Blogging for Beginners	I-Movie Video Editing for Beginners	
ating a Social Networking Profile	Play Time! Stretch Games 4 Groups	
Theater of Liberation	Spoken Word -- Voices for Empowerment	
Radio Theater Production	Poetry and Prose as Communication	
Funding Your Project	Getting Your Story in the Media	
, Drifts, Interventions and Inquiries: (Else) Can Independent Media Do?		

DAY

1:00-3:00p	3:15-5:15p	Evening
w to Influence Mainstream Media	Aesthetics of Sound Making	Community Dinner Closing Plenary Liberty Hall 311 N Ivy St, Portland
tribution for Books, Zines, Magazines	*Compelling Flyer Making	
ng Your Audio Work Into a Podcast	On Writing: Journalism as an Activist Tool	
Subtitling	Uploading Video to Internet	
Cut Pro Video Editing for Beginners	Organizing a Successful Press Conference	
Film/Video Composition	Practicing Interview Techniques	
Video Activism & Solidarity	<i>Como Hacer Una Entrevista</i>	
Experience Interactive Theater	Panel: Getting Your Message Into the News	

!!Bikes!!:

*A Better Cycle is open from 8am to 8pm Monday - Friday and 10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday. located at 2324 SE Division St 503 265 8595

*Keep ears open for Freak Bike Fall in Oct.

*Best Portland bike event calendar. <http://www.shift2bikes.org/>

*Velomutations Bike Fest Vancouver BC Sept. 19-21 <http://bikeart.thisisplanb.net/>

A New Movement

Through out history one of anarchism's greatest challenges has been to build a cohesive and effective movement. Many anarchist movements that once numbered tens of thousands, all but died off because of a lack of organization.

The Russian revolution is probably the greatest example of this; In the early 1900's the anarchists rivaled the Bolsheviks in numbers but were unsuccessful at generating a real movement due to "Marx Syndrome". Marxist dominance over the first international and over the socialist movement as a whole pushed many anarchists to the other side of the organizational spectrum causing them to reject all forms of formal organization. This is what was called "Marx Syndrome". After the first revolution of 1905, anarchist groups sprung up like wild flowers but experienced the same problems that anarchist groups still face today: poor coordination between groups and an excess amount of "Illegalists"[1] within the movement. This of course makes for an ineffective movement. Many of the anarchists that wished to organize ended up working with the Bolsheviks, only to be weeded out of the Soviet Union later.

The United States Pacific Northwest region has posed another organizational challenge. Post leftist ideology runs rampant and the popular anarchism in the PNW seems to regard formal organization as being synonymous with government, party, and hierarchy. There is but only a ghost of Class Struggle Anarchist organizations functioning in Pacific Northwest. There are a few isolated collectives in the larger cities, but the PNW is seriously lacking an effective anarchist organization.

A few years ago, the Northwest Anarchist Federation (NAF) was founded on the anarchist specific tradition, but due to infighting and differences in tactics the organization collapsed. However, during their relatively short life they created hope.

A new group, Class Action Alliance (CAA), was founded on June 7, 2008 in Olympia, Washington. The group was founded on the specific tradition and allies themselves with the Anakismo publishing group. The following are the four main tenets of their anarchist organization:

- * Theoretical Unity
- * Tactical Unity
- * Collective Action and Discipline
- * Federalism

Class struggle anarchists now have a medium with which to organize! But not recruit; specific organizations are not mass organizations. They aren't trying to recruit everyone into their organization. A specific organization aims at having a group of dedicated politically aligned activists working in mass struggles to put forth an anarchist influence.

If Class Action Alliance is as successful as other Anarkismo allied groups, in the next decade there will be an increasing amount and a different kind of anarchist activity. CAA is aiming to be focused in local struggles such as gentrification of urban areas and the rising cost of public transit. The days of summit hopping are over. It's time to build real connections with the people through direct action, direct democracy and solidarity and help them change the things that hurt them the most!

By Brandon Feld

To find out more visit: Classactionalliance.org Anarkismo.net

Or contact CAA at: classactionalliance@gmail.com

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**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12
8PM @ LIBERTY HALL
311 N. IVY PORTLAND**

Arrested Street Medic Speaks

Press Release by R. Westlund

Portland Street Medics Victims of Police Brutality
and Unjustified Arrests at RNC



Four members of the Portland Street Medic Collective who had travelled to the RNC to provide medical care to the radical community were arrested on 9-1-2008. All are now released pending court dates in October.

Before the arrest, the medics were following an unpermitted march around the outskirts of the boundaries of the Excel Center. The march stayed mostly to sidewalks and utilized several pedestrian trails.

After heading nearly a mile down a bike trail with a river on one side and an unpassable bank on the other side of the road, protesters found themselves under fire from police chemical weapons, having never received an order to disperse. The protestors and the medics fled back up the bike path while the onslaught of chemical weapons and differently-lethal weapons continued behind and next to the fleeing crowd. Police in riot gear ran past the tail end of the running group, continuing to launch weapons into the crowd, forcing those at the back to run through the already dispensed weapons.

The four medics helped with the evacuation of at least five patients, including one with a broken hand from being hit with police weaponry, one with an injured ankle from being hit with police weaponry who needed physical support to walk, and one who was blinded by pepper spray. This assistance left the medics at the very back of the crowd and among the worst victims of chemical weapons as they fled the scene.

At the corner of Ontario and Shepard the crowd was trapped in a park by lines of riot police and all people in the park, including those holding tickets to a concert and attempting to utilize the pedestrian bridges to get to the concert, were arrested. Those with misdemeanors were released later that night, while those being held on felonies were in jail for 48 hours.

Three of the Portland Medics, David Drew, Jr, Tracy Maier, and R. Westlund are charged with Misdemeanors in the 1st degree of "presence at an unlawful assembly and refusing to leave." They face 90 days in jail and fines up to \$1,000. The fourth, A. Oliver Hayes, is charged with a Gross Misdemeanor in the 3rd degree of rioting, and faces one year in jail and a fine of \$1,000.

Later in the week, a group of six medics, three of them from Portland, were again the targets of police misconduct. A group of 350 people were being detained and preparing to be arrested on a bridge. The group included some legal observers from the NLG and 12 Street Medics. Medic Dispatch received news that the legal observers in the group had been released prior to the arrest, so the six medics headed out to see if they could negotiate with the police for the release of the medics.

On the first phone call, the medic explained the job of the medics and explained that they were asking for the release of the medics detained on the bridge. The medic gave WC their full legal name and offered to provide proof of credentials as an EMT. WC offered to give the request to the commander at the scene and then call the medics back.

After a reasonable amount of time, the medic called WC back to check on the status. WC questioned the location of the medics, and the medic confirmed that they were at the scene of the arrest before ending the phone call to wait for further news.

The medic attempted to speak with two officers on scene, but neither would produce a supervisor to do the negotiations. Moments after the second attempt, while the Medic Liaison was making another call to WC, one of the Portland Medics was pulled out of the crowd of observers and drug into the street by four police officers. The medic's pockets were searched while the medic stated, "I do not consent to this search." While still searching this medic, the commanding officer led four more officers into the crowd and pulled out the Medic Liaison, who had been on the phone moments before. The first medic was released back into the crowd after their pockets were searched.

The second medic was questioned as to why they were carrying a backpack and hip pack. The medic explained their status as an EMT and allowed officers to take their registration card as proof. Officers explained, "You reached your hands in your pockets, and that makes us nervous, so now we have to check what you're up to." The medic repeatedly denied consent for the search but officers began opening the medic kits regardless. An officer asked, "Where did you get all this stuff? Did you steal it off the ambulance?" The medic responded, "I'm not going to answer any more of your questions until I speak to my lawyer." The officer replied, "In that case, you can pick your own shit up off the ground," and began opening ziplock bags and dumping medical supplies on the ground.

During the search, officers repeatedly made threats about possible criminal charges against the medic, including "medical terrorism." Officers dumped the entire contents of both medical kits on the ground, purposefully stepped on the equipment, read all the aftercare flyers and made threats about "testing the pepper spray" on this medic, and searched the medic's body and clothing three separate times in an extremely rough and inappropriate manner. After running the medic's ID through the system, the officers ordered the medic to clean up all the supplies, and accused the medic of littering when a small packet of vitamins was overlooked on the ground. Once the supplies were repacked, the medic was free to go.

These police actions were not based on any reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing. The police were targeting the medics who were attempting to liaise with commanding officers and harassing them in order to reduce their power and prevent further negotiating tactics.

R. Westlund Friday, September 5, 2008

Food not Bombs Schedule(all servings at 5:30pm)

Mondays: Penninsula Park: N Albina and N Ainsworth (cooks at NE 9th and Prescott)

Tuesdays and Fridays: Col Summers Park, SE 18th & Taylor

Wednesday: SE 63rd and Foster

Thursday FNB: Irving Park NE Fremont and 7th

(cooks at the SW corner of N Borthwick and Failing)

Saturday: North Park Blocks for Summer, under burnside bridge
in winter



Other news and tidbits

****In the 2008 election cycle, two initiatives (IP #19 and IP #112)**

will specifically target immigrant and refugee communities by cutting ESL funding, limiting access to civic participation, and allowing state/local cooperation and resources for immigration enforcement. If passed, these measures will heighten the atmosphere of fear and division for many Portland communities. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.interculturalorganizing.org/programs/campaigns.html>

****Troubling news from Washington State, Border Patrol is setting up road blocks on Route 101 in Forks, WA to “apprehend terrorists”. In fact what they are doing is terrorizing the immigrant community, many of whom are afraid to leave their houses.**

<http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20080907/NEWS/809070303>

****Wendy Binion, who works with Portland Indymedia, was snatched from Mears Park in St. Paul during the rally prior to the March for Our Lives on September 2nd, 2008. She was surrounded by riot cops in the street and was taken away to a special facility for processing. Her detainment is part of a definite pattern by authorities during the RNC to disrupt and intimidate independent media journalists who were covering the demonstrators’ perspective from the streets of St. Paul.**

****This week(2 Sept), word comes that the city of Portland will finally settle a lawsuit with Jahar Perez’s family. They will hand the Perez family a check for \$350,000, and business will go back to usual. I’m shocked by this “award.” Although it is clearly an admission of guilt, it is way too little, way too late. The PPB should have changed its policies long ago, to prevent this kind of senseless killing. They should have disciplined Sery and Macomber severely. Both should have been stripped of their badges, and both should be serving lengthy prison sentences for the violent homicide which they committed. They should never be allowed to carry guns again. But none of this has happened. I’m shocked that anyone could conclude that \$350,000 is a fair price to pay for the taking of a life -- especially the predictable, repeated, savage taking of the life of yet another Black man on the streets of Portland. - IMCista reporting**

****Two years ago on a late Sunday afternoon, September 17, 2006, James Chasse Jr., walking home from a Northwest church, was attacked by and died at the hands of three law officers in downtown Portland in front of a dozen witnesses.**

For more information about James Chasse, see jameschasse.blogspot.com

****Support Black Mesa! Caravan to Indigenous Resistance Communities of Black Mesa, AZ. Nov. 22-29 FMI blackmeasis@riseup.net <http://www.blackmesais.org/>**

By assisting with direct , on-land projects with the Sovereign communities of Big Mountain, Black Mesa you are helping families resist illegal occupation and to stay on their lands, who serve as the very blockade to coal mining. Stop Peabody Coal!!