

# Modesto Anarcho

the valley's insurrectionary journal of class struggle

#9



we cant win at this game

# What we Believe

**We want a stateless and classless society.** We want to live in a self-governing world without any forms of top down organization where all people have access and control over decision making and their lives. A world in which all resources that people need to sustain themselves are cared for in common and in harmony with the Earth. We want the basis of labor to be human needs - not profit. We want freedom, in which groups and communities brought together by mutual aid, solidarity, and cooperation can live lives as they see fit – liberated from domination, repression, coercion, and control. We want to build genuine human relationships in which people can discover their self-worth, realize their potential, and liberate their desires, free from wage-slavery and State violence.

**We are against all governments and capitalism.** We are against all governments because they are based upon controlling people through complete and total violence by means of the police, prisons, borders, military, and school systems. Through this system of domination, governments of the world ensure that working class and oppressed people stay in the roles designed for them: subservient workers and passives citizens. We are against capitalism, because it is based upon *class society*; a world where a few own everything that we need in order to survive and the rest of us are forced to work for them. This is a system of wage slavery – in which we trade our lives for wages and then buy back what we need to survive with those wages. Capitalism deforms and contorts all human relationships by turning everything into a commodity, including the Earth, living things, and our very lives. Capitalism cannot exist without the State – it needs the State’s violence to protect the privileged position of those who benefit from it. **Only a social revolution will destroy capital and the government - one generated by a mass movement of the exploited as a whole.**

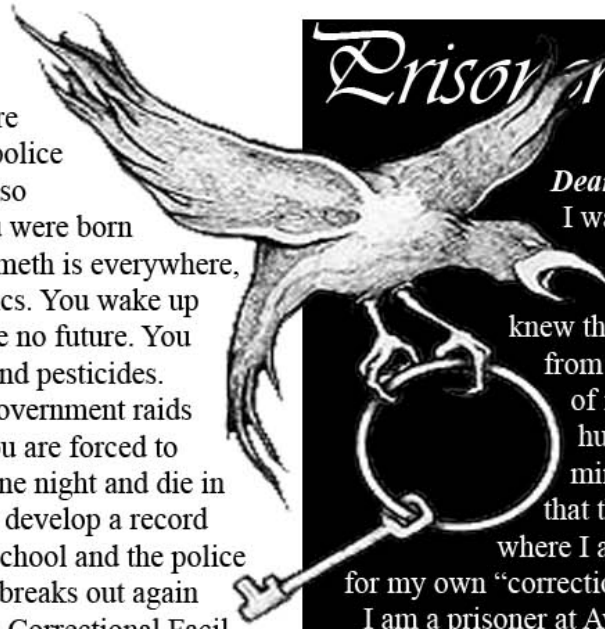
*Modesto Anarcho* is a project to document and expand resistance to class society, specifically in the Central Valley of California. We want to use this publication to focus on local issues and highlight what regular people are doing in this area to confront and combat the misery of working class life. *Modesto Anarcho* seeks to increase the confidence of working class and oppressed people in regards to our ability to fight back, self-organize, and resist collectively and as individuals. This project is open and participatory – we invite all who share in our ideas to take part in this magazine. If you wish to contribute, please consider giving feedback, sending letters, or submitting articles, poetry, original artwork, and graphics.

**We have no demands for this system; we seek only its destruction.**

You live in one country, but the jobs pay so little you decide to cross into the United States to make more money. The work is hard, but you start a family. You are deported in a raid on a slaughterhouse. You’ve worked shit jobs all your life. You’re arrested one night and end up in prison. You see a friend from across the room and go to talk to him. The local white supremacist leader threatens to stab you because you’re friend is Latino and you are white. You don’t know if your family will have enough to bail you out of jail. You work in a factory loading produce onto pallets that go to restaurants you can’t afford to eat in. Most of the other people you work with smoke weed to make it through the day. The company knows this and tells everyone that if they are hurt on the job they will be drug tested. People are hurt all the time at work, but are scared to report it. You work as a caregiver, helping the sick and old perform basic tasks. You’re paid so low that you live in poverty. You pay union dues but your union makes deals with the government for tiny pay increases and promises not to strike. You watch as the forest behind your house because a strip mall. Then the track homes come in. Soon your rent is so high you are forced to move. You don’t know what to do so you join the army and are sent to Iraq. You survive but watch your friends die and are forced to do brutal things to people. You come back and still don’t know what to do. You have trouble going to sleep and have nightmares. Your boss threatens to fire you unless you go out with him. You refuse and he fires you. You love writing graffiti. One night you are caught and the police try and get you to snitch on other writers. You refuse and are sent to jail. You and your co-workers are paid poorly. You steal from work. One of your co-workers is friends with the boss and snitches on you. You are fired and the boss puts cameras in the store to monitor the other workers. You work for the state of California. The government can’t pass the budget so the governor threatens to cut your wages to minimum wage. You don’t know how you will survive. You’ve liked boys since you were 11. You start a group at your school for Gay and Lesbian students and the administration breaks it up after pressure from Christian parents. When other kids beat you up and call you “faggot” you don’t even bother to fight back. You work at a factory that moves to Mexico and lays you off. You don’t have enough money to pay your mortgage and your house is foreclosed on. Your family is now homeless. Your car breaks down. You can’t get to work and you have bills. You don’t know what you are going to do. You never graduated high school. You married a man that beats you, yet without him you can’t support yourself. Sometimes you tell yourself you’ll leave him; other days you just drink. You work at a university and hear of a rally against fee hikes. You are sacred to attend because you don’t have tenure. At a concert you push a cop who is groping your friend. You receive a felony for ‘assaulting an officer.’ You’re driving home one night and someone starts yelling racial slurs at you. You fling a trash can at their car

and a man stops the vehicle and gets out. You see his badge flicker in the light just before he shoots you. You are homeless. You sleep outside and the police give you tickets. You have no money so eventually they throw you in jail. You were born on a reservation. There are few jobs, meth is everywhere, and many of your friends are alcoholics. You wake up one morning and realize that you have no future. You have cancer from years of living around pesticides. You smoke weed to feel better. The government raids the place where you buy weed and you are forced to score on the street. You are arrested one night and die in prison. You hate school and soon you develop a record with the police. You get in a fight in school and the police decide that you are in a gang. A fight breaks out again and soon you find yourself in a Youth Correctional Facility. You are at a house party and there the police beat your friend. You yell at them to stop and they taser you. You fill out a complaint form and the next night the police shine lights into your home. They pull over your sister and say "you're next." You are scared to walk down the street. You steal diapers for your child and are arrested. It is your third strike and you go to prison. While in prison you are raped and contract AIDS. You're teacher is a racist. He scowls at you and always gets you in trouble. The other kids call you names and he says nothing. You start to hate yourself. You hate capitalism and the government. You go to a large protest and participate in a riot and fight the police. You break the window of a multinational corporation. The police arrest you and charge you with a felony. You don't know how you'll be able to find work now. You have just given birth to your first child.

When we speak of class society - we speak of that above. We speak of a dictatorship of the interests of the rich over all our lives and all institutions of society. We talk of a society of order givers and order takers. Of those on the top and those at the bottom. The haves and the have-nots. When we speak of class war, we speak not of a conflict to be achieved, but of the reality that is *right now*. We speak of those that lack agency - or the ability to determine and define their own lives for themselves. These people are ourselves and you, our dear reader. We also speak of those who have control over this world, who create this prison and most importantly, who benefit from it's continued trajectory. When we speak of the need to destroy class society, we do not propose it because of some sort of conspiracy theory or a belief in a rigid ideology. We do so because we are aware of the ongoing social war that is waged, day in and day out, on poor, working, and oppressed people, here and everywhere. The real radicals in this society are now not those who desire an end to class society - but it's continuation. We are the line in the sand that separates us from them. We are the whisper in your ear at the start of every wildcat strike, riot, *(continued on next page)*



# Prison Feedback

*Dear Modesto Anarcho,*

I was very surprised to find your address in Shoelacetown's ABC distro catalog. Honestly, I never knew there to be anything good that came from the Valley, as my only experience of it has been one of agroculture on a huge scale, and pretentious, close minded people. It tickles me to know that there are anarchists so close to where I am held captive by the state of CA, for my own "correction and rehabilitation."

I am a prisoner at Avenal State Prison, which is a bit south of Modesto, I believe, by Hanford and Lemoore. I am doing all I can to provide meaningful, truly educational material to fellow prisoners, to raise awareness about our situation, and to counteract all of the religious and misleading propaganda passed around behind those razor wire fences. I am working on starting "The Valley Fever Distro" to provide prisoners with this much needed information. Every chance I have, I hijack one of the state funded copiers with state founded ink and paper, to take and give back to the people what is rightfully theirs: the truth. Somewhere, behind locked doors, a copier is calling my name...

My purpose behind writing your group is to find out more of what you're about, and what you do. Are you able to send a copy of your publication my way? I would be sure to pass around copies to other prisoners. We are fortunate to have a good group of hardcore individuals here who are all on the same page.

Well, that's all for now. One thing: do you know of a safe place I could get Primal War and Species Traitor from? A good friend of mine warned me that the address I have in Georgia is really a government front; I trust him, as he is very well informed and has been around for many years. Any help with this would be nice.

If I ever write again requesting anything, I'll be sure to send stamps to cover return postage costs; right now I am out of resources, hence the state-issued NO FUNDS envelopes I am mailing you with.

I do appreciate your time and help, and think it's good that you all are here in the Valley where people need to wake up and such. I do hope to hear back soon. Until then, ciao!

**In solidarity,  
Ajax**

*Modesto Anarcho,*

Wow, I just got done reading the front of the your "Complete Prisoners Distro Catalog 2008." Gotta say man

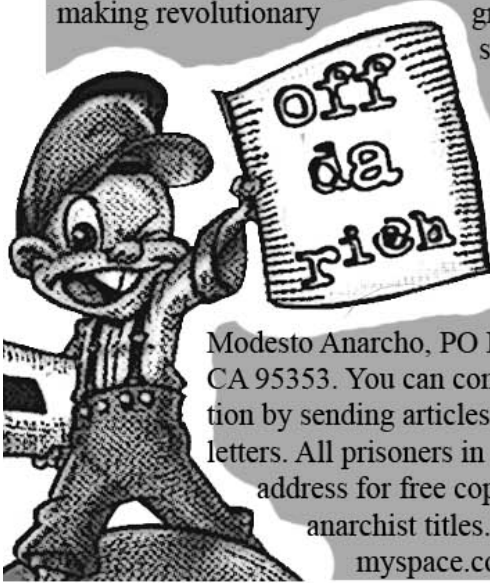
foreclosure occupation, shoplifting escapade, and prison uprising that screams, "Do it friend, fucking do it." We are the torch that gives light to the mob on the way to the White House and to Wall Street. We have a fire and it burns inside us. We wish to find others that do likewise. *Let it burn, baby, let it burn.*

With that, we welcome you to *Modesto Anarcho* #9. This is our two year anniversary issue. Feel free to party. Two years down and with each issue we find more and more contacts. We bump into more and more people who are feeling our shit. We find more and more friends that are ready to roll just like we are. Perhaps with this issue, we have found you. Welcome and enjoy.

## thats revolting!

Join the Modesto Anarcho Crew today and make the streets safe for working class resistance! Rep our crew by making revolutionary graffiti, posters, flyers, stickers, and help get out *Modesto Anarcho* Journal. If you would like copies of the magazine to hand out at school, work, or on the streets, write to us at:

Modesto Anarcho, PO Box 3027, Modesto, CA 95353. You can contribute to this publication by sending articles, poetry, artwork, and letters. All prisoners in California write to the address for free copies of this and other anarchist titles. Visit us at: [myspace.com/modanarcho](http://myspace.com/modanarcho)



## Prisoner Feedback Cont.

I love it! I'd love to get on your mailing list and have included my fav. 5 pick. Any back issues of 1-6 of the 'zine would be totally awesome. Concerning your request for "us" to let you know if "we'd" be interested in getting bulk orders of your mag so we can pass them out to friends. I'd be more than willing to help out in any way possible. I have already surrounded myself with liked minded individualists as to have intellectual conversations. One of my peers for example is in the process of teaching himself Spanish as a second language (by the way he is attempting to get his hands on literature in Spanish).

Wow, sorry to just go a rambling on like this. Allow me to first introduce myself. Hi, my name's Jason. I'm a 35 year old white male who's been unjustly sentenced to 22 years for attempting to ride away on a mountain bike. "They," the system, said that since the bike was sitting inside of an open garage that was attached to a dwelling that I had committed a residential burglary and due to my prior history decided to break me off. Anyway, life goes on, huh? I've been down

now for 10 years as of the 4th of August 08'. Crazy huh? With still 12 to go. Over the years everyone's pretty much forgotten my existence! What can you do? I've been a believer from way back, 89' to be precise, and have did what I could over the years. By contributing articles, poetry, and drawings (which I'm best at!) to any and all of like mind. The prison system makes it hard on all who wish to better themselves and struggle against the oppressive weight of their goose stomping boots. They are currently relaxing the pressure of their heavy hand and against letting us receive literature (zines, pamphlets, etc) of what's usually deemed subversive in nature. So as I've said I'd love to receive anything you have available! I'm currently indigent but hot to get a "circle" going to have "people" (inmates) who are interested, put in donations to get a group book collection going.

**Stay golden,  
Jason**

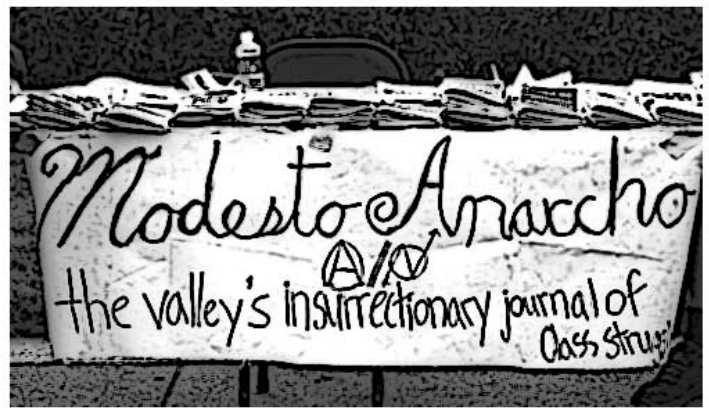
*Dear Modesto Anarcho,*

Much love 4 the attempt 2 send me a copy of ur publication, but all I ended up getting was the envelope and a BP-S328.058, 2 stamps, negotiable instrument and other returned to sender form stating that "specific material returned = publication that is detrimental to the safe and orderly running of the institution," by Mr. Miller, ISO...sigh...who the fuck knows what ISO stands 4. I've found out what SIS is though = security investigative services (I'm pretty sure). They're the secret police of the BOP and recently decided 2 crawl up my ass about giving an interview over the phone and squashed my phone, email, and commissary 'privileges' - still got snail mail though, right. Err, well I think I do as this'll B my 1st attempt to get something out after they came to me last Friday. I first noticed it when I tried to log on 2 my email account and got a response stating I'm on some type of "restriction until 6/8/2228." Some kind a 'restriction' no? Other than that shit's roll'n along.

The High Desert's a trip. More of a water persyn myself, but there R some very redeeming qualities which have risen 2 the surface as I've begin 2 acclimate. The intensity of life within an environment which support only so much and at the same time holds bewildering expances; the pervasive invisible wind which effects everything. Blowing dust, sand, and seeds... Good shit... Going 2 B workin' on some writing stuff on through 2 the Spring Equinox so this'll B 1 of my last letters goin' out, as worrying about responding 2 folx is quite 2 drain on my nerves... Wish this 2 find y'all N great health and high spirits.

**N Solidarity,  
Eric McDavid**

# SUMMER report 2008



By crudo, Editor Anti-Chief

In *Modesto Anarcho* #7 we published a section about what we've been up to. In that same spirit and with a desire to let others know of our ongoing exploits, I am now writing this report about the summer adventures of Modesto Anarcho Crew.

First off, a major activity for us is the publication of *Modesto Anarcho*. Issue #7 and #8 both seemed to be well received and close to 1,000 copies of each have now been printed. Friends on the east coast with Shoelacetown Anarchist Black Cross (a prison abolition group that supports prisoners) and Longing for Collapse Press (anarchist distro), as well as our homies across the pond (UK) in the 325 Collective (crew, distro, journal) also help us out by distroing this magazine in their respective areas. Thanks! Our network of free boxes throughout Modesto continues to grow, as does our network of friends who are willing to get copies of the publication and hand them out in school, prison, work, or where they live. This is huge help for us - without people like this our project would not have the impact that it does. These people are a part of the Crew. If you haven't talked to us (through the mail, email, or in person) about handing out bulk copies of *Modesto Anarcho* and would like to, please do so. Meetings organized by the Crew also have continued on a monthly basis, with participation ranging from about 5-12 people. If you want to get involved with what we are doing - please come out to a meeting! Several members of the Crew have recently moved away so new faces are needed. More info can be gained from contacting us at: [anarcho209@yahoo.com](mailto:anarcho209@yahoo.com). Throughout the summer, the Crew also tabled at probably more events than we can remember, handing out copies of the journal as well as slinging other insurrectionary/class war publications to an unsuspecting public.

In late April, our friends in Sonora organized a benefit show for Oaxacan (Mexico) anarchist groups that raised about \$50.

In May, we began organizing in support of the occupied indigenous/chicano college, DQ-University. In the 1970's, people courageously took over and occupied an old army base in Davis CA (about 15 minutes east of Sacramento) and forced the government to give it to them. Over the next couple decades, the school that was created there became a place for indigenous and chicano students to learn about their history and culture. It was also a place where militant groups like the American Indian Movement organized. Our support for DQ came largely in the way of producing propaganda, organizing benefit shows to gather funds, and also taking several trips up to the campus to bring supplies of food and water. We hope that these endeavors have aided the occupation and also created a personal bond between our two rebellious groups.

On May Day (May 1st), Crew members attended various immigrant lead protests and events, holding banners, handing out flyers and magazines, taking pictures, and one anarchist with the Crew spoke before a crowd of several hundred about *Modesto An-*

*archo* and upcoming events.

In June, we held our first ever DIY Fest, which featured the Santa Cruz Trash Orchestra, who not only gave a glorious 'Know Your Rights' workshop, (including full on police costumes!), but played a set in the downtown. The night ended with locals and members of the Orchestra gleefully banging on pieces of trash together.

Throughout the summer, meetings for a DIY womyn's health collective took place, which included discussions and the sharing of resources and literature.

In late July we began working with members of the Most Envied motorcycle club. This participation included going with them to demonstrations at the City Council, doing Copwatch (watching and documenting police misconduct) during police interactions, and the handing out of free texts to members of the group. Someone within the Crew also produced a support poster for the group, which was soon seen across town.

In August, members of the Crew worked on a local community garden - and one member even traveled to the Democratic and Republican Convention protests. Copies of *Modesto Anarcho* were handed out to members of the wider anarchist movement and many people from across the country voiced support for our ongoing activities.

In September, the Crew organized a report back from the DNC and RNC. Free food and literature was provided in the downtown and a group of about 15 gathered to hear tales of the riots and protests that rocked the DNC and RNC. We should keep in mind however, that support is needed for those who are facing repression from the government in the wake of these events. For more info, go to: [rnc8.org](http://rnc8.org). Members of the Crew attended a vigil in Escalon, handing out copies of a new handout that we created entitled *Ongoing Police Repression in the Central Valley*, (for copies simply email or write to us). 60 copies were handed out in total and the response we got was all positive, with many thanking us for coming out. In late September, we helped organize for an event at the CAFÉ Info shop (anarchist community center) in Fresno which brought out Eric McDavid's (see *Modesto Anarcho* #8) support group. Funds were raised and Eric's support group did a marvelous presentation on his case and ongoing state repression. For more info go to: [supporteric.org](http://supporteric.org). Ending the summer, we found ourselves back at DQ-University, giving a workshop on our ideas as well as tabling with excessive amounts of literature at the DQ-Unity Festival. The response and respect that we received from the people at the event was amazing and we wish to extend a thousand thank yous to them for inviting us to participate.

Stay free and stay dangerous - see you in the streets!



# BRING ON DA RUCKUS

## CLASS AND COMMUNITY STRUGGLE IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

**July 18th:** In Jamestown , a low security prisoner escaped from prison while working outside the main gate on carpentry detail. The prisoner was the first inmate to successfully escape from the center in more than five years.

**Late July:** Service workers at University of California (UC) schools (including valley universities like UC Davis and UC Merced) went on strike against poverty wages. Workers receive bellow par pay in a staggering economy and rising fuel costs. Many are forced into taking second jobs just to make ends meet. In Davis the strike was deemed illegal, but picketers ignored the warnings of university bosses and picketed anyway. In places like Santa Cruz, strikers even blocked intersections, went on roving illegal marches, and pro-strike graffiti and vandalism were reported. Its great to see workers and their supporters upping the struggle and refusing to be scarred by the bosses' threats. For more info, see flyer on the next page.

**July 25th:** In Sacramento, hundreds of state workers held a demonstration against proposed pay cuts. The workers were rallying against a call by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to cut their pay to \$6.55 an hour until the Legislature passes a budget. According to the *Stockton Record*, "About 40 workers from the Employment Development Department offices on West Fremont Street put on purple union shirts, grabbed signs and started marching around the block, blowing whistles and chanting to protest the governor's plan and urge legislators to pass a budget. "No justice, no peace," they chanted. Hoping the ruling class will receive nothing but a *lack of peace*, as the rich turn up the heat on all of us.

**July 31st:** In Stockton, the anti-prison group Books not Bars marked the official closure of a Stockton-area youth prison

by rallying 100 strong outside of the gates. Not to be out-done, pigs turned back a caravan from Oakland filled with Books Not Bars supporters who came out to the event. According to the *Stockton Record*, one Books not Bars activist stated, "Putting kids behind bars doesn't accomplish anything."

**July 31st:** In Stockton, more than two dozen outraged union employees gathered outside the Stockton Caltrans office, protesting Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's executive order to slash their pay to the federal minimum wage. According to the *Stockton Record*, one 10 year employee stated, "We can't survive on \$6.55." Another protestor stated, "My rent is \$750, how am I going to survive? This is unjust." The rich who control and fuck with all our lives deserve more than protests - hopefully this is just the start of things to come.

**Mid-September:** In Davis , student and community occupiers at DQ-University (see *Modesto Anarcho* #7), helped stop people associated from the Board of Trustees from entering the school and stopping the occupation. Indigenous and Chicano students and others have been occupying the university since 2005, because they believe that the Board of Trustees that claims to run the school is corrupt and has been stealing money from the school for decades. Students blocked entry to the Board and its cronies and also again erected road barricades. The board responded with threats and even had one of its minions threaten to call immigration pigs on one of the occupiers for being (according to them) "illegal." In order to survive in the Central Valley more and more of us are constantly being pushed to the margins - this is why the occupation at DQ University is glorious and needs to be supported and expanded.

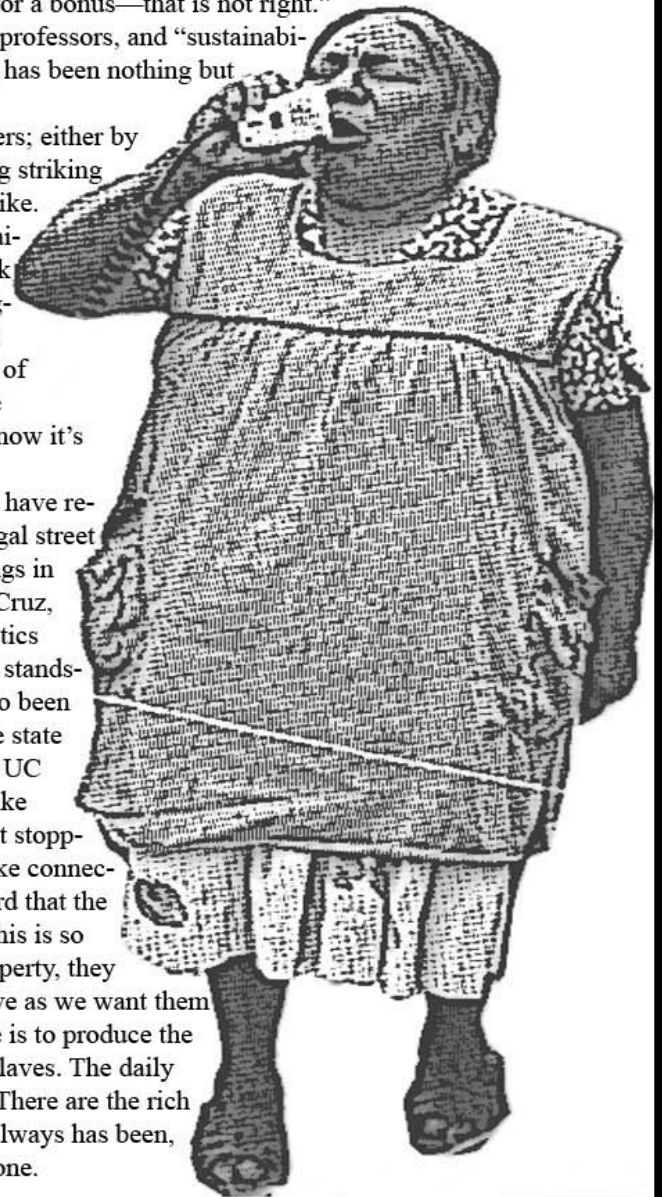
# Smash the UC executives

On Monday July 14th, 8,500 service workers at the University of California's 10 school sites and five medical centers began a strike that lasted five days. The workers have been in negotiations with UC executives for over a year and in a 97% yes vote, decided to go out on strike against poverty wages that the UC bosses have refused to raise. The workers who are striking work jobs ranging from cleaning hospitals and dorm rooms, cooking and serving food in cafeterias, doing grounds work, and a host of other service related chores that keep the UC afloat.

Strikers have much to be angry about. Most make only about \$10 an hour (about 25% behind comparable jobs at other institutions) and roughly 96% of all workers are forced to fall back on food stamps, public housing subsidies, and subsidized child care. This pushes the cost of living for UC workers onto other poor and working people through taxes - all in the midst of the California budget crisis. Many UC service workers cannot afford to live in the same towns where they work (much less afford to actually attend a UC school) and are forced to commute from out of town to clean up spilled bong water and serve the sons and daughters of the rich. The combination of added costs from gas prices and low wages forces many UC workers to take two jobs just to make ends meet. "[W]ith a full time job and another part-time, I never thought I would be getting food assistance," said Patricia Olivares, a UCSF employee of 18 years, "Especially when the CEO gets over \$80,000 for a bonus—that is not right." The UC system is happy to shell out millions for fat cat executives, Marxist professors, and "sustainability" conferences - but the reality for those who keep this institution running has been nothing but day in and day out wage slavery and exploitation.

Because they live lavishly off of the continued exploitation of the workers; either by ruling that the strike is "illegal," trying to stall negotiations, or by threatening striking workers with firings if they do picket, the UC elites have tried to stop the strike. What is needed now is direct action and solidarity. We have to push hard against our enemies and hit them where they can feel it most. Our refusal to work is our greatest weapon - and our solidarity with others engaged in this struggle is our greatest ally. We must push to expand the strike into new areas with as many people as possible. We must push this struggle outside of the hands of those who would seek to contain the strike into the "proper channels." There are no such channels anymore. These parasites have fucked with our lives - now it's time to fuck with theirs.

Many strikers have already shown the way. At UC Davis, workers there have recently staged a long struggle against the university, using tactics such as illegal street marches, building occupations, protests, and disruption of executives meetings in order to push for higher wages and better working conditions. At UC Santa Cruz, strikers have continuously put pressure on the bosses using a diversity of tactics and during the strike were not afraid to get in the street and bring things to a standstill to make their demands clear. Sabotage and pro-strike vandalism have also been ongoing on state-wide campuses. We must not forget that students across the state are facing fee hikes that are pushing many poor and working students out of UC and CSU (California State University) systems forever. At some campuses like UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz, rebels are also involved in tree sits aimed at stopping UC expansion into wilderness areas. These are struggles that we can make connections with and build solidarity. *Their enemies are our enemies.* There is word that the strike will continue into the future and that ongoing pickets will be held. If this is so we must not let up in our pressure against the UC executives. They have property, they have homes, and they have addresses. Our actions can and will be as effective as we want them to be. The university is not and cannot be a "neutral" institution. It's purpose is to produce the future managers and bosses of society; the future exploiters of future wage slaves. The daily realities of work, poverty, and wage slavery make the line in the sand clear. There are the rich and there are all of us who are forced to make them so. Our struggle is and always has been, outside and against the university. If they want a class war - let's give them one.



# victory to the strikers



**Banner drop in Portland against dams in California and Northwest.**

**September 15th:** According to indybay.org, nursing home workers at Sunnyside Convalescent Hospital in Fresno held a one-day strike in response to attacks on pay. The caregivers decided to strike after they began to receive incomplete paychecks or no checks at all. On September 6th, management distributed a letter stating that the caregivers would receive no more pay until the state budget crisis is resolved. Workers state that Sunnyside owner Michael Fellen has also not maintained adequate medical supplies, putting care for seniors at risk. Hopefully strikes like this will be successful and beat the bosses back against more attacks on workers and the wider working class in general.

**Late September:** In Fresno, it was reported that campaign signs in the downtown area were destroyed and torn down.

**September 18th:** In Portland, indigenous peoples, fishing enthusiasts, and community members from across the Central Valley, Northern California, and the Northwest, marched on PacifiCorp's offices to demand the removal of dams that are killing salmon and devastating communities. As indymedia reporter Dan Bacher wrote: "The "Day of Action Against PacifiCorp" started off at 8:30 a.m. today when local activists hung a banner proclaiming "Warren Buffett Kills Salmon, Jobs and Communities" over Interstate-84 in solidarity with the Tribes, (above picture). Around 200 people marched from Holiday Park in Portland at noon to converge in front of PacifiCorp for a press conference at 1 p.m.

After the conference, 70 people occupied the area in front of the headquarters, effectively shutting down the front entrance to PacifiCorp as company staff locked the doors. Police decked out in riot gear guarded the building, but no arrests were made. The dam removal advocates, including American Indian Movement (AIM) activists, commercial fishermen and other local supporters, pounded on the doors of the building, disrupting business at the power company.

"We are here to let PacifiCorp and Warren Buffett know that there will be no business as usual for PacifiCorp as long as there is no business as usual for Klamath River communities," said Chook Chook Hillman of the Karuk Tribe and a member of the Klamath Justice Coalition.

Warren Buffett (PacifiCorp CEO) has stalled the removal of the four outmoded dams that are "choking life from the waters and communities of the Klamath Water-

shed," said Craig Tucker, Karuk Tribe spokesman.

"The Klamath Dams block over 300 miles of salmon spawning habitat, heat water temperatures to levels lethal to salmon, and create reservoirs full of toxic blue-green algae," stated Tucker."

It is fantastic and inspiring to see different groups of people coming together for the purpose of attacking our enemies in the streets.

**September 25th:** In Fresno, according to indymedia reporter Mike Rhodes, a group of people protested the "Bush Bailout" of Wall Street. (For more info on what is happening with the economy, see the article, "Are you Ready for Social War?")

**September 26-28th:** In Davis, over a hundred people gathered at occupied DQ-University for the DQ Unity Festival. The event featured speakers, workshops, and traditional indigenous song and dance.

**September 27th:** According to indymedia reporter Mike Rhodes, "Thousands of Service Employee International Union - United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW) members came to San Mateo...to tell the International to keep their hand off of their union. The members held a march...in support of their union...bus loads of members came from Fresno." Union members have been fighting SIEU bureaucrats for more control and say over their union and against an attempted takeover.

**September 27th:** University of California service workers paid a new UC boss a visit - at home! Workers showed up in a posh Berkeley neighborhood and demanded that UC president Mark Yudof show his face and explain to people why is he content to allow workers to rot in poverty while he lives the good life. Workers even entered his property leaving signs and posters around his home, (see picture below).





# POLICE EVERYWHERE JUSTICE NOWHERE

## Repression news in the valley

**Board of Supervisors Shoot Down Needle Exchange:** Despite the pleadings of a grand jury that a needle exchange program would save lives and reduce diseases like AIDS and Hepatitis C, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0 against the program. Generally, Needle Exchange programs take used needles from users and dispose of them safely while supplying new clean needles. Studies have shown that such program reduce death and the spread of disease. Supervisors retorted that such programs only “promote” drug use, but of course those in power never care about our health or safety.

**Manteca Pigs After Yo’ Cart!:** Taking a cue from anti-homeless laws already on the books in Modesto, Manteca police are now cracking down on people pushing shopping carts. Measures that will soon go before city hall include laws that would give police authority to issue tickets to those caught with carts, allow city workers to collect carts from people, and also require all stores to make carts that lock up when they leave a specific parking lot. From the dumpster dive ordinance in Modesto to this new shopping cart ban - the valley has declared a war on the poor. Isn’t it time we answered back?

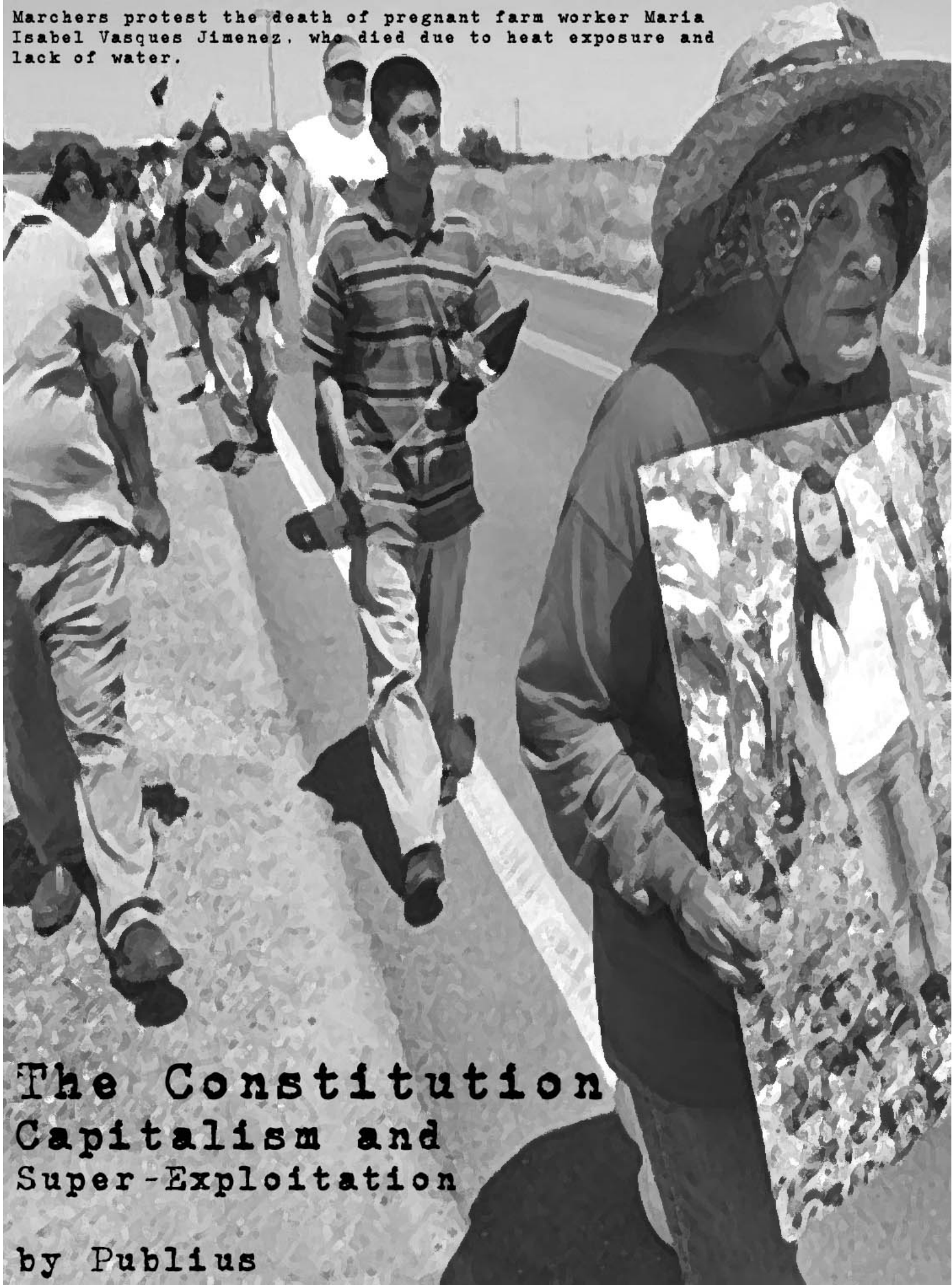
**CHP Shoots Young Man in Escalon:** Family and friends of 21 year old “Joey” Pinasco were devastated after the California Highway patrol shot him to death in late August. Police state that Pinasco tried to run from them and attack them with his truck. Witnesses to the slaying state however a quite different story. As the *Stockton Record* wrote, “Pinasco’s family and a woman who heard the chase and shooting in front of her home on Little John Road say he couldn’t have been trying to run down the officers; when the chase ended, they said, his truck was stuck between a fence and a ditch.” Witnesses also claim that police did not give Joey much of a warning before they opened fire and killed him. Another police execution and another body lying in the ground - when will we start to turn things around?

**Turlock to Fence Out Homeless:** The Turlock city council is trying to fence out the homeless. According to the *Modesto Bee*, “City staff has expressed concern relating to the large quantity of people loitering around the grassy area immediately adjacent to the City Hall employee parking lot.” This comes after a decision to cut services and shelter space for homeless people in Turlock.

**Playgrounds for the Rich = Dead Earth:** Near Stockton, residents and indigenous groups are angry over the construction of the Trinitas golf course resort. The resort will destroy animal and green space habitat, add to pollution on the surrounding area, and will also disturb Native American sacred sites. Hopefully, residents can come together and defeat this project.



Marchers protest the death of pregnant farm worker Maria Isabel Vasques Jimenez, who died due to heat exposure and lack of water.



# The Constitution Capitalism and Super-Exploitation

by Publius

To understand immigration today we need see how it fits within the broader context of socioeconomic change in the United States. I would argue that the two most salient features of US history as it pertains to immigration (and most other issues) are the imposition of a capitalist economic system and a state that can serve both to legitimate the capitalist status quo and repress any challenges to it. The Constitution serves these purposes.

Capitalism revolves around the exploitation of labor. The source of capital or profit is the difference between the value created by labor and the wages paid to labor. As a result capitalism generates constant downward pressure on wages in order to increase profit. We see this in the US during the past few years as worker productivity and work hours have steadily increased while middle class wages have stagnated and wages have actually fallen for the poorest Americans. The wealth created by labor is transferred to the top, especially the super-rich. Between 2000 and 2006 average pre-tax incomes jumped by about \$60,000 (5.8 percent) for the top 1 percent of households, but just \$430 (1.4 percent) for the bottom 90 percent. The incomes of the top one-tenth of 1 percent (0.1 percent) of U.S. households rose by 58 percent, or \$1.8 million per household, during the same period, according to the Center on Budget Policy and Priorities' web site. Needless to say a great portion of this wealth is generated by the lowest paid workers—especially, so-called illegal immigrants.

Now, stealing the wealth created by labor generates conflict. And that's where the Constitution comes in. The Constitution serves a key interest in a capitalist economy both by providing a legal basis for economic exploitation and a propaganda tool for convincing masses of people that they are, despite all evidence to the contrary, somehow represented by the state. I can think of nothing more dangerous to average working people than the cultivation of a sort of mystic aura around the Constitution; that the Constitution is some kind of holy writ produced by a gathering of demi-gods.

The Constitution was, in fact, a reactionary document written by elites to undercut the gains made by common people during the American Revolution. "Our" first and far superior constitution, the Articles of Confederation, decentralized economic and political power. Matters of economic policy were safeguarded in the hands of majorities at the state level. And the most dangerous institution of governments, standing military forces, was similarly controlled by the states. State militias composed of armed citizens com-

posed of armed citizens comprised a defense against both foreign enemies and domestic groups seeking to abuse power.

Naturally, all of this served to limit the interest of wealthy individuals who sought to shape a national economic policy that would focus on manufacturing and, especially, the development of western lands owned by wealthy land speculators like General George Washington. So a small band of plantation owners, financiers, bankers, speculators, shippers, large merchants, and, lawyers, led by Washington, formed a convention in Philadelphia in 1787. Violating their legal obligation to "revise the Articles of Confederation," they scrapped the original constitution and proceeded to shift nearly all power to the central government, especially economic and military power. They also created a complex scheme of division of power and checks and balances to frustrate any attempt by a majority to counter their power. As Governor Morris, one of the richest Americans of the day and a framer of the Constitution stated, "the dangers under the Articles of Confederation resulted from an excess of democracy." The Constitution remedied that.

What might have been a small, democratic republic allied with powerful indigenous populations to ward off European colonial powers itself became an incipient European colonial power that is now hated around much of the world as the British once were.

So my thesis is that immigration has been encouraged by the bourgeoisie and its state, especially during times of economic growth, in order to hold down wages and increase profits for the wealthy. Crises over immigration, with all of their ugly racist overtones, occur once the economy stalls and competition for jobs intensifies. During the roaring 1990's and the artificially induced real estate boom of the first years of the twenty-first century, people complained quietly about illegal immigrants and looked the other way as NAFTA refugees from Mexico, and political and economic refugees from El Salvador,



Guatemala and elsewhere crossed into the U.S to pick our crops, wash our cars, clean our hotel rooms, mow our lawns, work in our slaughterhouses, and frame our houses in the suburbs. Now as banks fail, homeowners default, and higher paying jobs hemorrhage, we fall back on a familiar scapegoat—the illegal immigrant. This is a familiar picture.

Just the same sort of phenomenon occurred with Italian and Irish immigrants during the recurrent economic crises of the nineteenth centuries and with eastern European immigrants during the first part of the twentieth century and particularly with Chinese immigrants. Once their very dangerous, often fatal work on the railroads was no longer needed, the Chinese Exclusion Act was passed ending Chinese immigration and Chinese Americans were segregated in China towns across the west. But I want to focus on some of the earliest instances of immigration into the US colonies and the United States, slavery and indentured servants, because I think the current controversy most closely resembles these instances of past immigration.

Slavery began almost immediately upon colonization and was initially legal in all colonies. It is estimated that about 650,000 slaves were shipped to the US between the 16th and 19th centuries (of a total of twelve million shipped to the so called new world during these three centuries). But because slavery was considered perpetual and due to slave breeding and the rape of slave women, the slave population in the United States had grown to four million by the 1860 Census, one third of the total population in the 15 slave states at that time.

The Articles of Confederation were silent on the issue of slavery. The US Constitution, by contrast, specifically provided legal authorization of the institution of slavery in three different clauses: Art. I sec. 2—provided that 3/5 of slave populations would be counted for purposes of taxation and representation; Art I sec. 9 protects the importation of slaves for at least twenty years with a max tax of \$10 per slave and Article IV sec. 2 requires that slaves and indentured servants who escape into free states and territories "shall be delivered up on Claim of the Party to whom such Service or Labour may be due."

Even when the slave trade was abolished, the Congressional legislation allowed for the contraband property, illegally imported slaves, seized in violation of the importation ban, to be disposed of under the laws of the jurisdiction in which they were captured. Obviously, these slaves were being captured in southern states and were disposed of by being sold. Art. I sec 9 was read by members of Congress as conferring legislative power to regulate a commercial activity. This allowed concern for property regulation to superseded concern for the lives and liberties of the enslaved.

Due to nearly non-existent enforcement the slave trade continued overland through Texas and by sea through ports in South Carolina. Slavery and slave importation were not legally abolished until the 13th amendment in 1865 after which time the US erected a legal apartheid system across the country which lasted until the modern civil rights move-



ment in the 1950's and 1960's and the creation of the prison industrial complex shortly thereafter. The constitution legally supported slavery and the importation of slaves and then interpreted a ban on imported slaves as a commercial matter, not a matter of basic human liberty. The result provided a fundamental legal basis for the amassing of great wealth by southern large plantation owners.

Another major source of immigration into the US in the colonial and early post-Constitutional era was indentured servants. Over half of all white immigrants into the US in the 17th and 18th centuries were indentured servants, mostly English, Irish, Scottish, or German. Typically an indenture contract involved a ship captain who had purchased a person's debt in the so called old world in exchange for the person's labor for a period of years. On arrival in the colonies the captain would offer up for sale in the newspapers a lot of indentured servants and an auction would take place much like a slave auction. Laws punishing escape varied in the colonies but typically were escalated over time from lashes to public execution. Often times indentured servants became indebted to their masters and were offered debt relief if they extended their indenture contract. This was also offered as a punishment for escaped indentured servants. As noted above the Constitution in Article IV sec. 2, refers to escaped slaves and indentured servants as subject to return to the "rightful owner."

One might certainly argue that those who enter the United States illegally today do not suffer as extensively as slaves or indentured servants. But, as with slaves and indentured servants the wealthy benefit especially from their unofficially accepted presence here. And clearly the arrival of 13 million so called illegal immigrants over the past two decades occurred because it was convenient for the state and beneficial to the rich to look the other way. The rich benefit because, first, the pay rates of so-called illegal immigrants fall far below those of legal citizens. And, second, like slaves and the indentured, so called 'illegals' lack the ability to challenge under law their wages as well as the condition of their work. Like slaves and indentured servants "illegal immigrants" constitute a sort of super-exploited sector of the working class.

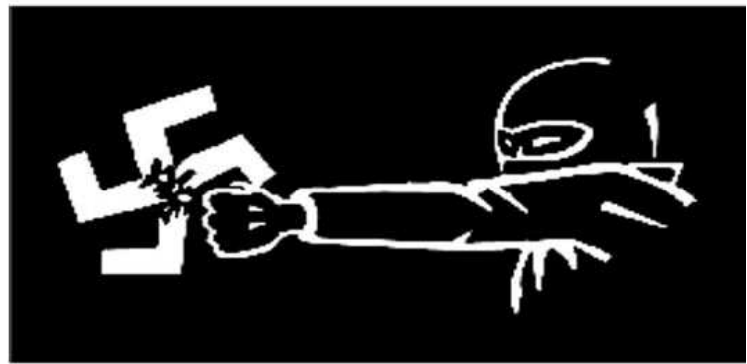
So, whereas during most of American history, immigrants filling low wage labor jobs were legally admitted and gained some legal relief as citizens from the most oppressive of working conditions under capitalism, today's so called illegal immigrants do not. And, as with all groups of immigrants, today's so-called 'illegals' take the brunt of the blame and the brunt of state action when the economy contracts.

Under capitalism, especially in its corporatized form, the fundamental hierarchy of values in liberal democratic theory—life, liberty, and property—are reversed. Property always takes precedence. Today, the often unwitting servants of the rich tell us that the problem is not greedy speculators running the economy into the ground; it's people like 17 year old Maria Isabel Jimenez Vasquez. Vasquez was pregnant and engaged to be married when she died of heat stroke in a central valley vineyard May 16th this year. Her core body temperature was 108.4 degrees. Dozens have died similar deaths in the central valley over the last few years. The fruits and vegetables are shaded while the workers are not. The jingoists both in and out of office say our problem is not corporations who defraud the state of California by rigging energy prices. Our problem is those who cross illegally into the country including the estimated 2500 who have died of exposure in the past ten years in the US-Mexico borderlands. Our problem is not hedge fund manager John Paulson who took home \$3.7 billion dollars in personal income in 2007 by gambling on rising and falling security values. Our problem is the sub-minimum wage field worker or yard janitor.

Immigration problems today are rooted in the legal, economic, and political structures of the country including the Constitution. Those structures will have to be radically altered for something like liberty and equality to prevail.

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# FOOTHILLS ANTI-RACIST



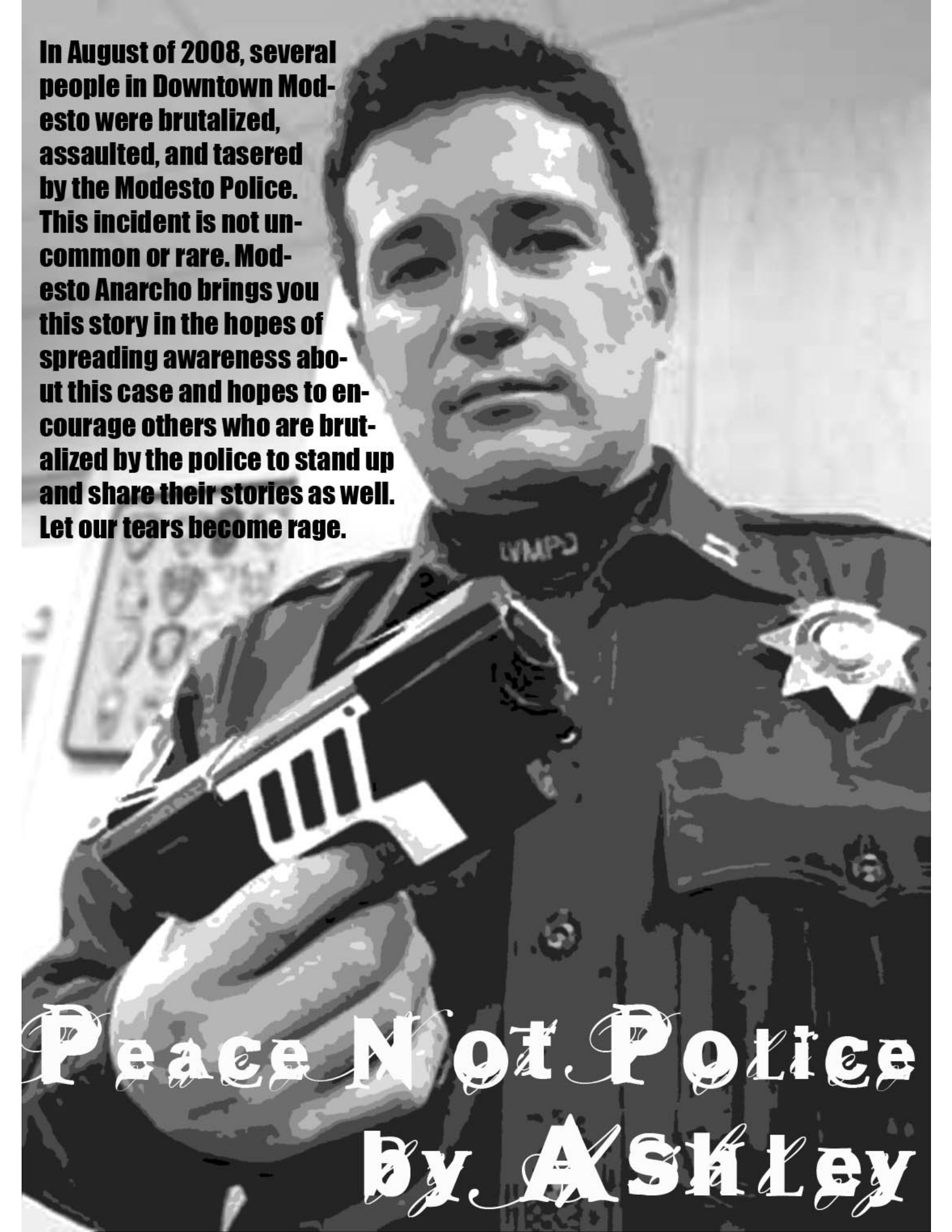
# ACTION REPORT

*By No Pasaran*

Anti-Fascism in Sonora sounds kind of silly if you look at the area's past and what kind of people live there. Within the last 20 years, the infamous KKK has had a large hold on the area. Supposedly, during the late 80's and early 90's a lot of members of the KKK fled the Mid-West to settle in the foothills of the California. In fact, a former prominent member of the Klan lives just outside of Sonora in the town of Jamestown. Today, the Sonora area is considered "racially aware" by White Nationalists and is a recommended place to relocate if you are looking for a predominately White area (according to the racist Stormfront website). In the local high school, anti-fascist kids are targeted by staff members for wearing crossed out swastikas on their clothing, but the "hicks" go almost entirely unnoticed if one of them wears a Confederate flag on theirs. What it comes down to, is a community that accepts ignorance and hatred towards "non-Whites."

In the last several months, there have been repeated physical and verbal attacks on punks and anti-racist skinheads by neo-Nazis. A close friend of mine has been physically attacked repeatedly by the same person. I have been on the receiving end of a few instances of harassment and intimidation. However, the tides are beginning to turn. Or perhaps it would be better to say, the gears of change are slowly grinding. The beginnings of an anti-fascist network are forming in this small town. Kids are traveling in packs, and learning to defend themselves and stand their ground if and when confronted by Nazi boneheads. I foresee an underground scene that is no longer plagued by the fear of being attacked on the streets and harassed at shows.

An interesting note on the small amount of organization is that it is largely a-political. There are certainly Anarchist influences, but the people involved range from drunk punks to Anarchists to patriotic skinheads to people who are just plain against racism. It is quite wonderful to experience the few moments of harmony between these normally fighting tribes and I certainly hope that when there is an Antifa precedent present in this area, the tribes will continue to get along.



**In August of 2008, several people in Downtown Modesto were brutalized, assaulted, and tasered by the Modesto Police. This incident is not uncommon or rare. Modesto Anarcho brings you this story in the hopes of spreading awareness about this case and hopes to encourage others who are brutalized by the police to stand up and share their stories as well. Let our tears become rage.**

**Peace Not Police**  
**by Ashley**

I wish all of you could have been there. I think if you had seen it for yourself, it would make you see things differently. But you weren't, and all I can do is describe it in detail and hope you get a strong mental picture. I'm a 22 year old female, I live in Modesto California. This particular incident took place on August 23rd, 2008. It was my husband's golden birthday, which simply means he was turning 23 on the 23rd. We were hanging out at our house with our friends. My mom was watching our 3 year old son for the night. We were having fun laughing and such.

During our lengthy conversations, we decided it was a nice night and that it would be fun to go walk downtown and check out the block party they were having. We didn't have enough money to get in so we figured we would just check it out, talk to some folks and be on our way. We walked to the event, saw that it was all fenced in, and figured we would be leaving in a minute. Well, our friend decided that jumping the fence would be fun. He meant no harm. Soon after he got over the fence, the event security rushed him, got him to the ground and held him. At this point he was submissive, just laying there. We were all still on the other side of the fence, we being: myself, my husband, and our three friends. After the event security had already got him to the ground, seven cops rushed him this time using excessive force. Us being his friends, we were having a hard time guessing why they were being so rough and cruel when he was compliant with their demands. We start yelling: "Get off him!," "He was already submissive!," "Is this really necessary?!", and sarcastically, "Why don't you just tase him and get it over with!"

Granted we threw some offensive language in there, but none of us thought that you had to watch what you say in a "free country;" it was hard to watch. My girl friend was smoking a cigarette and when she was done with it she flicked it to the ground. We already had the cops vigil on us because of the yelling...I watched a female officer point at us. The music was so loud I could hardly hear myself yelling, so I highly doubt they heard what we were yelling. They just saw that we were upset. I feel we had every right to be upset. All of a sudden, six cops start walking toward us, we thought nothing of it since we have done nothing wrong. I thought, at most, they would talk to us about what was going on. Then this huge (male) officer grabs my tiny girlfriend, throws her hard against a car and says "You think it's funny to throw cigarettes at my partner?!" I looked at her in complete confusion, she had been just standing there that whole time. He pulled her close to him and said, "I will hurt you."

She was not resisting arrest, just freaked out because SHE DID NOTHING WRONG! Tensions are high at this point, for obvious reasons. My husband is not the type to bend for unlawful abuse, so he decides to say something. The cops are about 6-8 feet away from us and the music is really loud so he yells to an officer "What is going on!," "Why are you arresting her?" One officer comes closer and immediately pushes my husband and tells him to lower his voice, with another two officers right behind him. So he

lowers his voice, but is sternly asking why our friend is getting arrested, the officer tells my husband to back up...he was standing at least 5 feet away at this point, he had a fence behind him, me to his left side and a few friends to his right, he couldn't back up. The cop kept getting closer in his face telling him to back up. How are you supposed to get out of someone's face when they keep getting in yours? The cop then pushed him again; he was trying to stage defiance from my husband. At this point my husband put his arms back to show no signs of wanting to get physical. The cop then pushed him two more times, on the last push, another cop from my husband's front right view shot him with a taser. No warning, no reasoning. My husband then fell from the shock and busted his head open on a car bumper, four or five cops tackled him, threw me out of the way and proceeded to point a taser at me, three different times, for trying to talk to them. I thought they were going to tase me, I felt like if I said the wrong thing they would have.

I have never felt so afraid to speak before. Getting shocked by a taser can kill you, if you have a heart condition. Cops are allowed to use tasers at their discretion. being shocked with electric pulses causes you to clench your body naturally, after my husband was on the ground his body was clenching, they were telling him to stop resisting and tased him a second time. They cuffed him, even while his head was all bloody. Me and my last two friends remaining then waited around to find out what was going on. The cops told us our friends were going to jail. They told us we could find out more by calling the police station later. All three of my friends, including my husband, are being charged with assault on a peace officer. They did not touch those officers once. The police should be the ones getting charged with assault. My husband had blood covered hair, multiple bruises, scrapes and cuts everywhere. He was treated like an animal by another human, who robbed us of our dignity. It was a horrible display of power. I am sickened at how they treated the situation. They could've just talked to us. We are civilized people. If this continues to happen, we will all live in constant fear. I don't feel safe, I am terrified of men in blue or black. I know this stuff happens all the time. I'm willing to bet more than half of the time this happens, the civilian walks away in shame, too afraid to fight. We are not afraid to fight this, because if we don't stand up for ourselves, who will? If we can save at least one person from going through this, I will feel accomplished. Power in numbers, knowledge through truth, strength in self. I love you all.

**"You see, there are people who believe that the function of the police is to fight crime. And that's not true, the function of the police is social CONTROL and protection of property..."-Michael Parenti**

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# Are you ready

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The ruling elite are in a crisis right now - brought on by their very own system of capitalism. What began several years ago during the housing boom as a way to make huge amounts of money through faulty sub-prime loans, has brought the whole system to the verge of collapse. As one investor stated in a recently uncovered email, "I hope we get out before this whole deck of cards comes tumbling down." And tumbling down is just what is happening - as more and more homes go belly up and the sub-prime loan crisis expands, more and more banks are losing money and some are going under. With more banks losing money and going broke, businesses and firms have less money to take out loans and do business. Rushing into save the system that screwed us is Bush himself, stating that the government is the only institution with the capacity to save the financial sector and get the economy back on track (you know, exploiting all of us, destroying the earth, and commodifying everything in sight). Thus, the government has been bailing out large banks and firms left and right, taking them over (nationalizing them) as it goes along. But as government bailouts of rich capitalists have grown, so has the anger by ordinary people as more and more Americans are welcomed into poverty's fold. Feeling the heat, on Monday September 29th, Congress voted down the government's plan to bailout Wall Street and give them a free ride for screwing us all over. But the crises is far from over - and repression is already rising against those who would dream against the ongoing cycle of poverty, wage slavery, depression, and recession. Offering up a short analysis of the present crisis was Crimethinc and the Center for Strategic Anarchy (an online blog), which wrote:

"So what exactly is going on with the economy right now? The only honest answer is that no one is exactly sure. The American financial system operates on a variety of levels of transparency, making it impossible to know with certainty who has what and how much it is worth. The system also relies upon a high level of interconnectedness between different institutions and industries, making it difficult to predict the implications of failure.

But we can identify a few things that may give us the beginnings of a coherent answer. The basic outline of the situation is this: starting in the mid-1990's, the American government began deregulating [taking away rules on how to do business] the banking industry, repealing laws that had governed the terms of credit and investment since the Great Depression, due in large part to the money-soaked lobbying of commercial banks. Simultaneously, it created institutional and consumer incentives for home buying, motivated in part by statistical evidence that home ownership was the single greatest determinant of a family's financial success. At the same time, the dot-com boom was putting (fake) money into consumers' and bankers' pockets, and although that bubble burst in 2001, it was quickly replaced by a new bubble in real estate.

Thus began a massive surge in home buying. Part of this up-tick in buying was made possible by "sub-prime mortgages": loans with adjustable interest rates given to people who probably can't afford to buy a house in the first place. They function much like credit cards: if homebuyers miss a payment, which they are likely to do, the interest rate doubles or even triples, dramatically increasing the cost of their monthly payments. These were attractive loans for banks to make since they assumed that all but a few homeowners would continue making payments after the upward adjustment of their interest rates.

The scheme seems idiotic in hindsight. A huge rise in demand for homes led to rapidly rising real estate values. To keep the market booming, less qualified buyers were found and given sub-prime mortgages to buy houses at inflated prices. Because prices were rising and wages were stagnant, lots of people with sub-prime mortgages were unable to keep up with payments. Their interest rates rose, but instead of paying banks a premium, many of them had to stop paying entirely. Now, at least two million of the seven million sub-prime mortgages used to buy homes since 1998 are expected to default.

What exactly led to the failures of Lehman Brothers, AIG, Morgan Stanley, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac, the news of which has cable news anchors on the verge of tears? To put it in very general terms, the trading of sub-prime loans became a market unto itself, a market that was almost completely unregulated and pushed to wildly unrealistic heights by mountains of debt. When the loans themselves started going bad, the obscure little financial products based on them—which had been virtually printing money for investment banks—turned to shit. All of a sudden banks had a lot less money, making it impossible for some of them to pay for everything else they do."

But while banks and business fail and the state tries its hardest to bail this system out - the government is also planning for full scale social unrest. Either in response to the ongoing economic crisis, rising poverty, distrust and outrage toward the government over the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, or perhaps anger over the election, starting October 1st, US troops will be stationed in the US in order to put down domestic unrest. According to the World Socialist Website (shitty politics, but interesting articles):

"For the first time ever, the US military is deploying an active duty regular Army combat unit for full-time use inside the United States to deal with emergencies, including potential civil unrest.

Beginning on October 1, the First Brigade Combat Team of the Third Division will be placed under the command of US Army North, the Army's component of the Pentagon's Northern Command (NorthCom), which was created in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks with the stated mission of defending the US "homeland" and aiding federal, state and local authorities.



# for social war?

The unit—known as the “Raiders”—is among the Army’s most “blooded.” It has spent nearly three out of the last five years deployed in Iraq, leading the assault on Baghdad in 2003 and carrying out house-to-house combat in the suppression of resistance in the city of Ramadi. It was the first brigade combat team to be sent to Iraq three times.

While active-duty units previously have been used in temporary assignments, such as the combat-equipped troops deployed in New Orleans, which was effectively placed under martial law in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, this marks the first time that an Army combat unit has been given a dedicated assignment in which US soil constitutes its “battle zone.”

The Pentagon’s official pronouncements have stressed the role of specialized units in a potential response to terrorist attack within the US. However, the mission assigned to the nearly 4,000 troops of the First Brigade Combat Team does not consist merely of rescuing victims of terrorist attacks. An article that appeared earlier this month in the *Army Times*, “Brigade homeland tours start Oct. 1”, a publication that is widely read within the military, paints a different and far more ominous picture. “They may be called upon to help with civil unrest and crowd control,” the paper reports.”

If we couple this repression with the ongoing crackdown of anarchists and other radicals, we get a very grim picture of the next couple of years in the US unless we start to fight back. Anarchists like Eric McDavid (see *Modesto Anarcho* #8) are facing close to 20 years in prison for never even committing a crime, but for ‘conspiring’ to carry out various acts for the sake of the environment. Anarchists organizing against the Republican National Convention (RNC) with the group the RNC Welcoming Committee, are now facing up to 8 years for “conspiring to riot.” These people deserve our support and solidarity - but they are also guideposts of things to come.

But while repression is nothing new, we have to be aware that the state is reacting to the tension in the air and reality of the current social terrain. They know that people are pissed off and fed up with the government and the economy. They know that people are starting to question this very system and everything that it stands for. As the crisis expands, everyday people will realize that it is in their interests to fight back and start to organize with each other in new and dangerous ways.

For those of us who wish to see the end of this great beast that they call capitalism, we should be aware that interesting times are ahead. It appears that the economy is going to keep getting worse and the wars in the middle east will continue to rage on. Furthermore, whoever wins the election will be left with an economy in shambles and no plan on getting the US out of Iraq and Afghanistan. Thus, here are several points of “intervention” (direct participation) within this time in history.

1.) Don’t vote and encourage people not to vote as well. The elections are distracting us from the bigger and more important task at hand of getting rid of capitalism and the government and

creating a world in which regular people have control over their day to day lives, communities, and means of sustaining themselves. **Boycott the elections - encourage direct action.**

2.) Start discussion groups with co-workers, friends, cellmates, fellow students, and neighbors about what is going on. Discuss how we can support ourselves in the growing crisis and how we can build autonomy from the government and the capitalist system. Start food sharing programs and gardens, squat building to avoid paying rent, and start pooling resources as a community. Discuss what you should do if the police and/or military should enter your community. Share publications like *Modesto Anarcho* with friends and check websites like [news.infoshop.org](http://news.infoshop.org) often to learn what is going on. If possible, set up large meetings (‘general assemblies’) of people in your area to talk about these issues. **Discuss what is happening and share information - organize with your community.**

3.) Form an ‘affinity group’ of people that you can engage in actions with. This should be a group of people who all know each other and includes no one who could be a snitch or pig. If you hear about some sort of unrest going on; either a strike, building occupation, prison uprising, school walkout, riot, large demonstration, etc, get your crew together and attempt to aid and expand that struggle. Denounce those who would channel these struggles back into the system. Struggles must be controlled by those who start and organize them. Any attempt by those who want our struggles to elect the next leader or bureaucrat must be met with resistance. **Form action groups to expand, support, and aid social struggles - resist bureaucrats and reformers.**

4.) In the event of large scale rioting and social unrest, we will have several tasks. The first is to create autonomous zones out of the rioting. These must be places where the people will have power and the police, snitches, government, and military will not be allowed to enter. We must push the political nature of these actions. Through our affinity groups, we must create flyers and publications that support the uprising and call for greater mass action. We must write graffiti and put up posters with similar messages. We must encourage the looting of corporate businesses and the ‘communalization’ of resources. We must encourage the taking back of housing and land. We must take out the infrastructure of the police, prisons, military, and government within our communities so they are not able to launch counter attacks. We must be on guard against anti-social elements such as drug cartels, rapists, and murderers within our communities. We must be on guard against racist elements within our ranks and we must generalize rebellion among the poor and working classes as a whole. Lastly, we must link up with other communities who will hopefully also be rising up. **Push revolt into revolution - create autonomous power for poor and working people.**

# Armed Practices



## Rewild

*By Waste*

We are the weeds that come through the concrete  
We are no longer underground  
Primal wars no long fought with Sticks and Bones  
We're like Geronimo with a 50 cal  
We're up to our neck in blue water  
We're living in a Fish Bowl  
Do what thy will Shall be the whole of action  
Love is the Action Love under will  
Guns drawn against Modern Error  
Poison Arrows against Civilization  
No trust in technology  
Never let the fires be corrupted  
You wanna kill the capitalist then poison the money they

Feel

You think there only one Unabomber  
You better read Modesto Anarcho again  
Earth Liberation is more than Snitches  
Keep resisting  
Destroy the machine  
Its all  
    about the animals  
No compromise and rewild

## Lesser of Two

*By Dee Allen*

What type of world would you like to live in?  
What would you like to see more of?  
What would progress look like to you?  
How would you stand for change?  
Questions arise,  
Warranting the same answer each time,  
The answer compels you to move on.  
Both feet treading a well-worn path  
Along with the rest of the masses.  
Your journey stops  
At rows of machines & monitoring screens.

Your volition stops.  
Re-focused & oriented as your key for change.  
Who will make your hopes real?  
Who will save you from future peril?  
Touch the screen & the answer will come.  
Poised to choose  
The lesser of two.

Two options. Two parties.  
Two leaders. Two liars. Two evils.  
Two possible fates.

Your volition  
Is re-focused  
Towards a false choice.

However you choose,  
Whomever gets victory  
In the great contest of egos,  
Evil remains.  
And under the victor's will.  
The people united  
Are always defeated.

## Last Words

*By Legion*

Smash the bottles filled with gas  
    Ignite the passion of the oppressed and the exploited  
    Destroy all fundamentals with big brother watching

Express it through D-Beats and magnetic strings  
    Bring back the meaning to "let freedom ring"

I am the man with the  
    Black gloves  
    Black bandana  
    And black heart  
    Here to turn anguish and pain into art

Seeds and Water  
    Bring green to the land  
    No more grey concrete manufactured in tin cans

Black Flags with White A's not red white and blue  
    The illusion of people's power is Democracy's truth

Spike the trees  
    Fight the greed  
    Sovereignty by the people for the people in need

No more crosses and wine  
    No more fuzz and swine  
    Bring back the power  
    And redeem what's mine.

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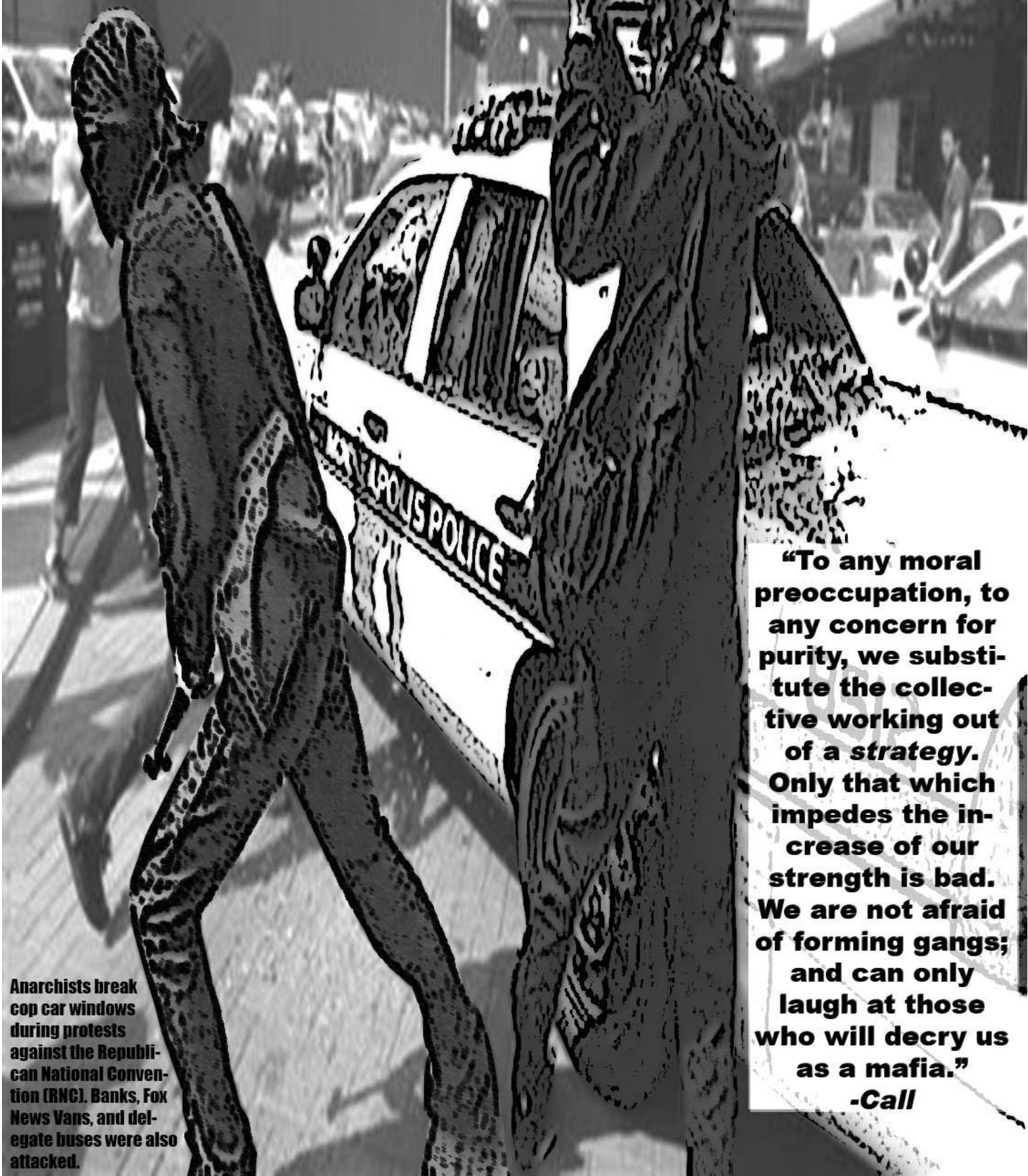


**At what point do you say fuck it and fight fire with fire?**

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