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Solstice. And magical moments, too, especially under the beautiful, bewitching wax of the moon: the crystal river shimmering over rocks in the stream bed, pine trees somehow towering even taller and more majestic over the meadows under the gentle gaze of Luna, of Diana.

Feral Futures was not for everyone; unfortunately, at least one person had to be taken back to "Civilization," to leave a situation which was clearly outside their comfort zone. This was a reminder of how deeply embedded we can become in the cheap conveniences and false securities of mainstream society, and of how truly unplugging oneself from the dominant order, whether from its grocery stores or its electronic gadgets, its hospitals or its police, takes practice, time, the acquisition of skills for interdependent self-sufficiency and real, conscious patience and intent.

Other challenges also arose. Having sufficient clean water was an issue, as no one volunteered to bring in the hoped-for water tanks, although a combination of boiling and bleaching largely solved this problem, and could be greatly alleviated with the greater presence of personal water filtration systems. There were occasional tense dynamics between different subgroups, highlighting the need to pursue and discuss mutual understanding and respect. At one point, concerns about a prescribed forest burn, possibly getting out of hand, were addressed by directly calling the US Forest Service. There were even some who participated, yet expressed dissatisfaction or doubts about the real commitment to "primitivism," as campers relied almost entirely on store-bought foods, soaps, and hand sanitizers. Despite any of these particular issues, though, everyone got along fairly well, and most seemed to enjoy their time in the woods.

The premise of primitivism and anti-civ/post-civ, the call to "visualize vast wilderness" and "actualize industrial collapse," is interesting, and sure to lead debates as elsewhere in the anti-authoritarian movement, as in markets vs. communes, or insurrection vs. gradual institution-building; and total anti-civ primitivism may (or may not) be more than even many anarchists would pursue. Yet with the camaraderie of hiking to volunteer for the security/welcome watch, or sharing in good conversation, song, and cooking around the campfire, it is easy to see, and to feel, the appeal of being in a tribe, far away from the monotony of Mallworld, the everyday life of alienated work and consumption, and attending much closer to the call of the Wild.

Thanks to the many organizers and participants of Wild Roots, Feral Futures 2010!•

State of Disunion

NUMBER OF
GALLONS OF OIL
spilled into the Gulf
from the BP spill:
130 million

NUMBER OF
WORKERS KILLED
in the BP explosion in
the Gulf:
11

NUMBER OF NATO
SOLDIERS
killed in Afghanistan in
June 2010:
102

NUMBER OF GJ
POLICE OFFICERS
fired in the last year:
4

NUMBER OF US
COMMUNITIES
that have a 10-Year Plan
to end homelessness in
place:
234

NUMBER OF
BARRELS PER DAY
BP claimed to be able to
clean up:
490,000

NUMBER OF
BARRELS PER DAY
BP is actually clearing:
900

NUMBER OF US
SOLDIERS
killed in Afghanistan
since 2001:
1171

NUMBER OF GJ
POLICE OFFICERS
that have resigned in the
last year:
2

PERCENTAGE
OF HOMELESS
AMERICANS
living outside shelter
systems:
44

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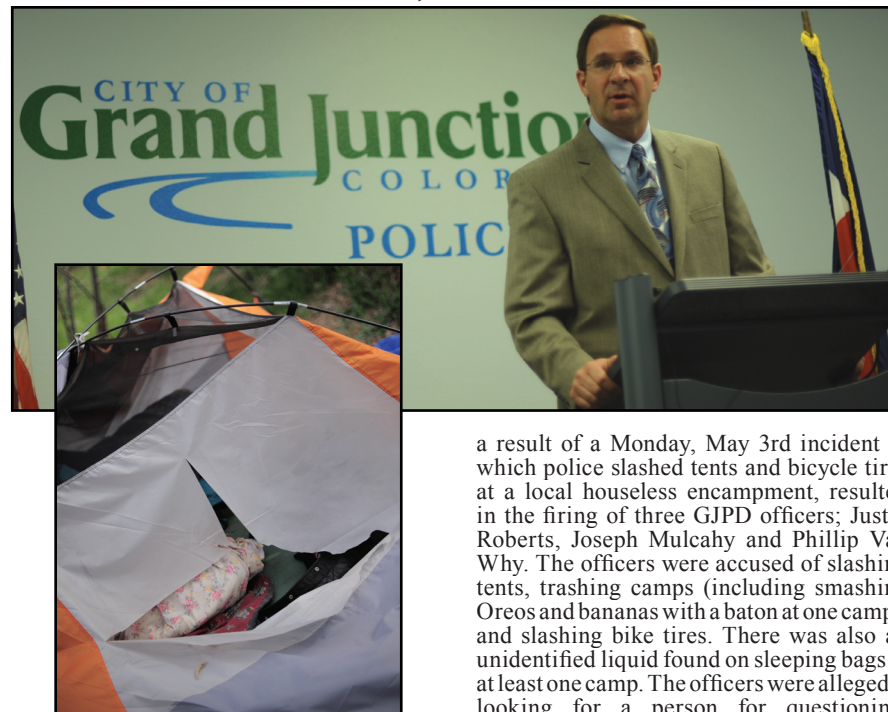
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COPS ATTACK CAMPS, CAMPER CLEANS HOUSE



a result of a Monday, May 3rd incident in which police slashed tents and bicycle tires at a local houseless encampment, resulted in the firing of three GJPD officers; Justin Roberts, Joseph Mulcahy and Phillip Van Why. The officers were accused of slashing tents, trashing camps (including smashing Oreos and bananas with a baton at one camp), and slashing bike tires. There was also an unidentified liquid found on sleeping bags at least one camp. The officers were allegedly looking for a person for questioning.

On Wednesday May 5th, long time Red Pill editor and contributor and Housing First! No More Deaths! activist, Jacob Richards, filed a complaint regarding police being in the area known as "the Point" at the time the damage occurred. This launched a GJPD internal investigation and a criminal investigation conducted by the Mesa County Sheriff's Department. The officers were placed on paid administrative leave by Friday May 7th, and were fired four weeks later.

The District attorney decided not to charge the three officers involved in the May 3rd incident, even though the internal

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One Grand Junction Police officer resigned and another is on paid administrative leave after an earlier investigation turned up evidence that GJPD officers pepper sprayed property, like sleeping bags, that belonged to local houseless folks. Six more officers were questioned on this matter. The pepper spray was supposedly meant to act as a deterrent, as a signal from the PD to the victimized houseless to "move along." The incident is still under investigation.

The earlier investigation, conducted as

FBI/DHS ATTEMPT TO SEIZE COLORADO INDYMEDIA SERVER

~BY RINGO, COIMC~

Editor's Note: The Red Pill has for some years actively posted stories from and PDF's of the Red Pill on the Colorado Indymedia site. The Red Pill also published on the site in January a story listing the addresses of secret ICE Facilities throughout the Colorado region. We stand by our story and our rights as media, and we will not be intimidated.

In June 17th, Colorado Indymedia was contacted by Special Agent Adam Kowalski of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As part of an "ongoing investigation" by Federal Protective Services, they attempted to seize the Colorado Indymedia server, believing that we kept logs (such as IP address access logs) that could identify users on our site. Our servers are graciously hosted at Denver Open Media who was approached by Kowalski. Kowalski claimed he had a court order but refused to leave a copy at Denver Open Media. He was told to contact the system administrators in order to obtain the logs, as Denver Open Media does not have the ability to consent to a seizure or search of our property.

As of this date, we do not have a copy of the court order, if it even exists. It's likely that this was just a bluff, as it's well-established that cops, the FBI, and other law enforcement can lie in order to illicit consent, and lying about court orders is no exception.

We told the FBI that "Colorado Indymedia does not retain this [identifying] information because we strongly believe in the First Amendment right to free, anonymous speech. Frequently communities outside of our society's mainstream feel more comfortable expressing their views in an anonymous setting. Like all Independent Media Centers, Colorado Indymedia exists to serve these communities, and thus strives to maintain the anonymity of its users."

In particular, the FBI was looking for information that would identify a user(s) who had used the "spamsucks" account. This account's username and password are posted on the main page of our site for users who would like to post and remain anonymous. Given the time period

of the logs they were seeking, we believe they are looking to identify the individual(s) who posted the two communiques that claimed responsibility for the recent attacks on Immigrations and Custom Enforcement (ICE) offices. (See "ICE Facility Attacked in Loveland" <http://colorado.indymedia.org/node/7733> and "ICE Office Attacked" <http://colorado.indymedia.org/node/7721>).

This request is part of an investigation by Federal Protective Services, the agency which is tasked with protecting the security of Federal property (such as buildings). Communiques posted by the same account, claiming direct action attacks against other places, such as a Wells Fargo branch (<http://colorado.indymedia.org/node/7664>), have not attracted similar reactions from the agency. It appears as if the ICE attacks prompted additional attention and heat due to their status as Federal buildings, even though the attack on the Wells Fargo branch seems related to their funding of private ICE prisons through the GEO Group.

While this may look to many as a run-of-the-mill investigation, there are several things that bring this into question. Firstly, it is a well known and widely publicized policy of Colorado Indymedia that we do not retain logs that can identify individual users. For instance, our privacy policy (<http://colorado.indymedia.org/node/550>), which is linked to twice from our main page, notes that we do not log such information. The FBI is well aware of this policy, but still decided to ask us for logs they know we do not keep. This could be a simple "fill in the box" task that has to be completed, but then why not approach DOM's Internet service provider, which almost certainly does retain logs of this nature (as all major Internet Service Providers and the NSA do)?

Given this, it seems likely that the government is upset that we provide a venue for anonymous speech and is retaliating for this. We allow people who ordinarily cannot speak to tell their story to the world, including those who took credit for smashing up the ICE offices. In any democratic society, it's important that all members of society can have as much available information in order to

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BOYCOTT ARIZONA

First they came for the Mexicans, but I didn't help, because I wasn't Mexican.

The variation of a famous Nazi-era poem gives us all a good reason to take a look at recent political events in Arizona. Specifically, SB1070 was signed into law by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer. This piece of legislative filth has no place in a democratic society. Ultimately it has a negative effect on all of us.

Make no mistake; this law is legalized racism against brown skinned people. The Arizona police have practiced such racist measures unofficially, but SB1070 has made such practices unashamedly legal. Police are to stop anybody who "looks like an illegal alien" and check for identification. This is a broad net, even more than the infamous "driving while black" laws of New Jersey in the nineties.

Black, brown, white, red or yellow, this law opens a slippery slope for everybody. Why not harass people "who look funny" for a possible drug charge? We owe it to ourselves and to our oppressed brown brothers to take a firm stand against this ugly law.

For a variety of reasons, a boycott may be the most powerful tool we have. In the 1980's Arizona Governor Evan Mecham refused to sign in Martin Luther King's birthday as a holiday, the only such state to do so.

The NFL was scheduled to hold their super bowl in Phoenix that year. However, a majority of black All-Stars boycotted the

situation, and the game ended up being moved. The loss of money was exorbitant, and less than a month later Mecham signed the bill into law.

There is an opportunity for a similar sized protest. In 2011, Major League Baseball is scheduled to hold their All-Star game in Phoenix. Baseball has a large percentage of Latino immigrants in league. They cannot honestly walk outside the stadium without risking legal harassment. Boycotting the MLB All-Star game would turn heads.

But there is no reason to wait so long to start turning up the heat. Boycotting businesses that are based in Arizona can start today. Here are a few examples: Best Western Motels, Cold Stone Creamery, Clear Channel Radio, Greyhound, Petsmart, and U-haul.

Perhaps you can put off your trip to the Grand Canyon. There are many ways for this boycott to work. For starters try www.wecanstopthehate.org. Click. This good step is best when accompanied by talking openly about Arizona's racism.

As our Republic continues its slouch towards fascism, there will be red flags along the way, points of entry for our resistance. Boycotting Arizona to repeal SB1070, and standing in solidarity with all oppressed peoples, is an important action.

Remember, the illegal act has begun against our brown brothers and sisters. You could be next.

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investigation revealed they did admit to the slashing. The three former officers then appealed their firings, claiming their actions were consistent with training and practices of the GJPD. The appeal brought to light other earlier incidences involving GJPD officers and Grand Junction's houseless folks, like the pepper spray incident currently under investigation. The chief of police and the city disagree with the accused, and have investigated and sanctioned officers involved in earlier incidents. The former officers' appeal was denied by Deputy City Manager, Rich Englehart.

The GJPD and Chief Camper have been besieged with scandal this past year, but he seems to be doing some housecleaning. Last summer, Officer Crooks resigned after being arrested for Domestic Abuse, for which he was later acquitted, followed a month later by the arrest and termination of Officer Coyne for Sexual Assault. Coyne later committed suicide. Four officers who clearly violated

the rights of houseless members of our community are no longer on the force. With continued pressure on police and continue citizen oversight of the police, maybe we can force the department to reign in their mavericks and become accountable to the people. A little pressure goes a long way.



One victim sewing his tent after it was slashed.

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make informed decisions, including decisions about whether to support the actions that these communiques discuss. If places like COIMC did not exist, it could be that nobody would have heard why this office was attacked, and people would be forced to make evaluations based on coverage from mainstream media outlets who act as a police mouthpiece. In retaliation for providing this service and working to give everybody a voice, we have been targeted.

This targeting is no surprise and something we expect from law enforcement. Police are a tool of those who are in power, who use them to maintain that power through force. Behind every law is a charge, behind every badge is a gun, and behind every subpoena is the possibility of being kidnapped and held hostage for contempt. This type of targeting is done every day against those who assert their right to privacy, who do not have societal privilege, who lack the money to defend themselves in court or conform to society's norms, and who choose to defy and change those norms themselves or challenge the power structures that control society. We are not treated differently than anybody else and the targeting of Colorado Indymedia is business as usual. If the Department of Justice had their way (based on their actions and lobbying efforts), the right to anonymous speech

would completely disappear. The services that we provide are a critical part of fostering social change and democratic discourse in this region. For this reason and many others we will not be intimidated into maintaining investigative records on our own users or shutting down our service. As far as we know, we are the only media outlet that has provided coverage on the attacks against ICE offices.

It's important, when things like this happen, we not internalize this repression and that we let people know we are being bullied. The majority of a bully's power is derived from their ability to keep their victims silent. This is true whether those bullies are police, rapists, the bully who steals your lunch money, or an abusive parent. This enforced silence keeps the victim feeling powerless and alone. When we are silent, we cannot find others who have faced the same treatment and speak out about it or fight back. Police are a tool of those in power which they use to enforce their rules, laws, social codes, and ultimately maintain their place at the top of the hierarchy. They do not want to hear about people challenging their authority. Most of all, they want to make sure that nobody sees or hears about those actions and chooses to support those individuals or becomes inspired to challenge authority on their own. •

FOLLOWING THE CALL OF THE WOODS: SOME IMPRESSIONS OF WILD ROOTS/FERAL FUTURES 2010

~BY SEAN SANFORD, DENVER~

The Wild Roots/Feral Futures gathering took place nestled in the rugged San Juan National Forest of southwestern Colorado, stretching from the first quarter moon on Saturday, June 19th, through the Summer Solstice on the 21st, to the full moon on Saturday the 26th, although many camped out days prior and stayed past the "official" end of the gathering. Billed as "a rewilding gathering of rebel tribes and Earth warriors," Feral Futures was essentially an opportunity to unplug from the consumerist, urban milieu in which most of us live and struggle from day to day, and instead visualize and practice living in communal simplicity, freed from Civilization's technology and social hierarchy, and in connection with the rhythms of Nature.

After driving or walking the long, winding red dirt road up the Piedra River Valley, the first sign of the gathering is the upper meadow with its parking spaces and the Welcome Tent, where the volunteer detail greet visitors with the ol' Red-and-Black and Skull-and-Crossbones, stacks of zines and other literature held down by rocks (always in natural abundance), and suggestions on where to put down supplies. In most cases, this means taking a long hike downhill from the parking pasture, past meadows and the deer skeleton hung on a tree, and through a series of zigzagging switchbacks, until you reached the sprawling river clearing below. Here, amidst the green grass and the towering pines, sprawls the entire camp: a fire circle, multiple tents, the "homeless shelter" built of logs, tarps, and pine needle insulation, even a massage table and cache of art supplies, as well as the obligatory shitter trench dug out at the treeline. Unlike your typical weekend car camping site, this is clearly a space that had been occupied, however temporarily, by a community of people determined to live in sharing with one another.

Approaching the fire, one hears a discussion of the recent goat slaughter; of whether or not it was natural, ethical, and compassionate to bring an animal raised on a farm to an unfamiliar environment by truck, kill it under the intent gaze of several onlookers, yet thereby expose many who

may have never seen meat and blood aside from a shrink-wrapped grocery store package to the reality of life and death. Meanwhile, several hundred yards upstream at "carnivore camp", nonchalant meat-eaters share in the rambunctious pleasures of stretching the hide and eating "Rocky Mountain oysters", bona fide goat testicles hot off the fire griddle.

Throughout the week you could partake in various workshops, freely offered and freely attended. There were opportunities to learn about bow drilling to start a fire, tying knots to climb and defend trees, get tattoos, participate in the trading blanket (which inspired its own discussions on the comparative merits of gift, barter, and market economics), learn how to

defend oneself from the cops using the Russian martial arts discipline, Systema, how to run an underground newspaper, like the scrappy Red Pill Journal out of Grand Junction, and many other skills besides. One of the more compelling workshops was on establishing Rites of Passage for the nascent anarchist/primitivist community, filling the vacuum filled by consumerist society's suppression of traditional cultures, while avoiding the co-option of indigenous practices and ways. This sparked a conversation on how adolescents in the "mainstream" find their own "Rites of Passages" through

sex, drugs, and alcohol; how anarchists may often replace those with mosh pits, solos in the woods, ideological awakening and forming a counter cultural community; and whether there really even is such a community, and how well-rooted and long-lasting it might be. It would seem these are some of the biggest questions facing us in making the anti-authoritarian, pro-autonomy movement cohesive, meaningful, and effective over the long term.

Besides mutual education were many joys and pleasures of living in non-hierarchical community: volunteering to help cook or gather and split firewood; sharing meals, literature, and basic tools; singing along with the banjo to old folk and hobo standbys like "Rattlin' Bog" and "The Big Rock Candy Mountain;" dancing and drumming in campfire celebration of the

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LESS THAN EQUAL: THE CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS

~BY TOM GOMEZ~

David Miljares came to the US from Mexico in the early 1980's. He hoped to find streets paved with gold; instead he found work as a migrant laborer. Miljares says sometimes he earned as much as \$40 a day picking crops in the broiling sun. Often though, he earned far less. A whole day's work in a pesticide laden field sometimes brought only \$20. Once, Miljares claims, he spent two weeks cleaning land in eastern Oregon with dozens of other undocumented workers and didn't get paid at all. Eventually, Miljares turned to crime and became a thief. At the age of 25, he was given a 28 year sentence for multiple counts of residential burglary and illegally re-entering the US. Now 41 and in prison for the past 16 years, Miljares is one of hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants incarcerated in US prisons.

Unlike Miljares however, many, if not most of the undocumented immigrants in the criminal justice system, are in prison for reasons no more than using false documents to work and drive, lying to police about their immigration status, or illegally re-entering the US; often having been deported, usually to be reunited with wives and children. Others, however, are in prison for serious crimes, and will be here for a long time. No one believes that criminal aliens, like David Miljares, serving time for serious felony charges should be set free. But the cost of housing undocumented immigrants in US prisons is prohibitively high. Should he serve his full sentence, the government will have spent \$840,000 on Miljares alone. Few undocumented immigrants justify such expense. In June of 2006, Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE) announced the apprehension and deportation of 2,179 persons deemed to be 'criminal aliens,' as part of the Secure Border Initiative. Few had criminal records. The largest group (829 people) was arrested for 'administrative violations.' In fact, complaints filed by the Capital Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and the CRU of Northern California alleged that over 23,000 people were rounded up during the first week of June 2006 as part of 'Operation Return to Sender.' They included a number of US citizens. One of those was seven year old Kebin Reyes, who was captured along with his

father and held without being able to make a phone call for over 24 hours before concerned friends and relatives could locate them. It is not known how many US citizens may have been wrongfully deported for being brown.

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While such enforcement actions as 'Operation Return to Sender' and the immigration raids in Greeley have received some media attention, immigrants in the criminal justice system

have received far less attention. Most such 'criminal aliens' are guilty of little more than trying to earn a living. The overwhelming white community of Telluride, where I caught the case on which I'm currently serving time, is one of the most liberal in the US. A mural in the center of town proclaims that "Your civil liberties are safe in Telluride" and highlights the town council's historic vote to refuse to cooperate in implementing the USA PATRIOT Act. For close to thirty years, its voters have reelected a Sheriff who supports legalizing all drugs. Yet the San Miguel County jail is

without bond for status violations, such as visas. Telluride is unique only in that it accords more civil liberties to suspected cocaine dealers than to cooks and roofers.

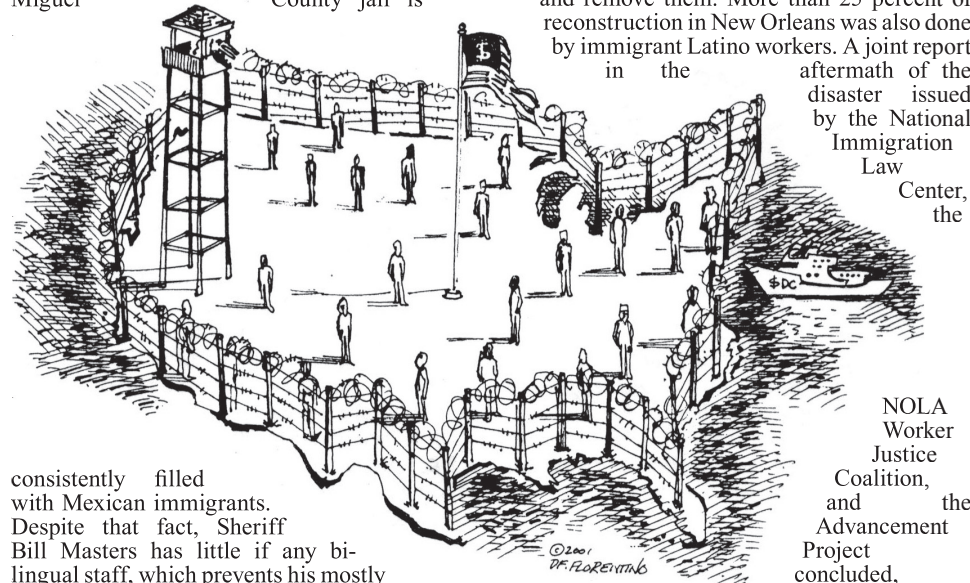
Across the United States, local law enforcement has been anxious to cooperate with the Federal government in targeting immigrants from non-white countries, especially Mexico but also Haiti, the Dominican Republic and other third world countries. Even in bastions of liberalism like Telluride, rarely, if ever, have the owners of 4-12 million dollar vacation homes been prosecuted for hiring undocumented workers. Nor have the contractors to build those homes. That has been the case throughout the country. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. In its aftermath, over 100,000 Latino workers were relocated to Mississippi alone to clean up and rebuild. When they finished their work in September of 2005, 725 ICE officers, assisted by local and state police, were deployed to detain and remove them. More than 25 percent of reconstruction in New Orleans was also done by immigrant Latino workers. A joint report

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that create, maintain, and worsen inequality." A conclusion that applies far beyond New Orleans in the aftermath of Katrina, and could well apply to much of the nation.

In the coming year, Congress is expected to take up the issue of immigration. It is unlikely they will open the borders of the US to the world's poor. In the name of securing the Nation's borders, there are many Americans,

not all of them white, who want a renewed campaign of mass deportation to expel all of the estimated 12 million undocumented workers in the US, a program that would shut down whole sectors of the US economy. The American workers whether Black, White, or Latino, share common economic interests in living wage jobs and the right to organize for better pay and working conditions. The holders of institutional power in this society exploit our cultural differences to prevent us from acting in concert, enlisting the support of Black intellectuals from groups like the Harvest Institute for a movement, the goal of which is ultimately to undermine civil rights for all people in the US. By criminalizing large numbers of low wage workers, the Right creates the very conditions they ostensibly are opposed to. The actions of men like Miljares cannot be divorced from the social conditions they emerge from. Exploited and marginalized immigrants keep wages low because they lack protections other workers have. In the case of those who wind up here the cost is enormous. By the time he is released from custody, David Miljares' incarceration alone will have cost far more than his crimes were worth.



consistently filled with Mexican immigrants. Despite that fact, Sheriff Bill Masters has little if any bi-lingual staff, which prevents his mostly Spanish speaking prisoners from writing letters or making phone calls. While the area is also home to a fairly large number of Russian and Eastern European immigrants, few if any are even apprehended and held

in the aftermath of the disaster issued by the National Immigration Law Center, the NOLA Worker Justice Coalition, and the Advancement Project concluded, "NOLA was rebuilt on the back of unpaid and underpaid workers. The structural racism that shapes NOLA today is the result of a series of policies and practices, public and private,

Convict writer Tom Gomez is serving 4 years in prison for the commercial burglary of a pharmacy in Telluride, CO. Tom needs your help to keep publishing on Indymedia. If you can help by typing up and posting some of his articles, or if you would like to correspond with him, he can be reached at:

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