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## Greek Hunger Striker T. Iliopoulos Free At Last!

The Greek government could not ignore anymore the massive movement formed in solidarity with innocent detainee Theodoros Iliopoulos and set him free at last!

Theodoros Iliopoulos is free after 49 days of hunger strike. He was arrested in December and detained with fabricated molotov-throwing charges. His innocence was defended by witnesses, but the only witness reports considered by the "justice" authorities were those of two police officers. He went on hunger strike on 10 July and for more than a month the authorities refused to provide him with proper medical support at a public hospital and instead kept him in the under-funded and under-equipped prison's medical room. He was hospitalized into Sotiria Hospital only a few days ago.

Anarchist comrades in Greece and abroad quickly mobilized in solidarity, and later leftist and communist political parties also made announcements in his support. As the voices demanding his release were becoming more and more, the government couldn't ignore the protests anymore and set him free at last. Considering his hunger strike went on for 49 days, it makes you think what would happen had there been no solidarity movement...

Free, but with a few conditions: he isn't allowed to disembark from the country and every bi-weekly period he should report to the local police station. He was set free without the need for bail payment.

It should be made clear that Theodoros Iliopoulos won thanks to his determination and to the Greek and international solidarity movement in his support.

Meanwhile, in Naxos, a small island in Greece, immigrants went on hunger strike today to protest about the denial of their human rights. The social war continues...

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## Media Saboteurs Take On Racist Youth for Western Civilization

Early this morning, thousands of students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill found that their campus newspaper, the *Daily Tar Heel*, had printed a "special anti-racist issue" for the first day of fall classes. The front page carried articles about how the national co-founder of a local student group, Youth for Western Civilization (YWC), plead guilty to a hate crime earlier this year, as well as several articles covering the successful protests against YWC last year and the consequent resignation of that group's adviser.

On the back, students found an opinion page with editorials commenting on the lessons to be learned from a recent anti-racist victory in Houston, a timeline of resistance to YWC, anarchist critiques of liberal discourse around race, "free speech" and "diversity," and an extensive list of radical resources in the nearby area. Strangely enough, these articles also criticized the role of the *Daily Tar Heel* and campus administration in perpetuating their "impoverished discourse" on tolerance and the marketplace of ideas. Something was amiss.

Of course, being the lapdog of the administration and the bastion of liberal "tolerance" towards white supremacy, the *Daily Tar Heel* would never have printed such things on its own. And so, in the long tradition of expropriating the channels of media production, radicals took it upon themselves to assist the *Daily Tar Heel* in printing the news they refuse to print.

Much earlier in the morning, a large crew of friends and comrades had broken up into small teams and wrapped approximately 3,000 copies of the DTH with their own paper. This action was particularly designed to force YWC's connections with white supremacist movements out into the open. It also serves as payback to a news-

paper that refused to print one single supportive comment about the widely participatory direct actions that occurred against YWC earlier this year, while at the same time running friendly human interest pieces on two of the group's officers.

Fortunately, the actions and propaganda last spring worked anyway: YWC's faculty adviser, without whom they cannot be an official student group and cannot bring speakers to campus, quit his role over the summer, citing "extreme left-wing" protests and the "inflammatory nature" of the organization.

As of this morning, YWC has been unable to find a new adviser, though news recently came in that a retired psychology professor named Elliot Cramer has offered to fill the role. If Cramer does agree to provide faculty support, he would be explicitly endorsing an organization that is now undeniably connected to the white power movement.

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## Lessons from the Transfeminist Movement

From *Northeastern Anarchist* - by Jen Rogue

Transfeminism developed out of a critique of the mainstream and radical feminist movements. The feminist movement has a history of internal hierarchies. There are many examples of women of color, working class women, lesbians and others speaking out against the tendency of the white, affluent-dominated women's movement to silence them and overlook their needs. Instead of honoring these marginalized voices, the mainstream feminist movement has prioritized struggling for rights primarily in the interests of white affluent women. While the feminist move-

ment as a whole has not resolved these hierarchical tendencies, various groups have continued to speak up regarding their own marginalization – in particular, transgendered women. The process of developing a broader understanding of systems of oppression and how they interact has advanced feminism and is key to building on the theory of anarchist feminism.

Transfeminism builds on the work that came out of the multiracial feminist movement, and in particular, the work of Black feminists. Frequently, when confronted with allegations of racism, classism, or homophobia, the women's movement dismisses these issues as divisive. The more prominent voices promote the idea of a homogenous "universal female experience," which, as it is based on commonality between women, theoretically promotes a sense of sisterhood.

In reality, it means pruning the definition of "woman" and trying to fit all women into a mold reflecting the dominant demographic of the women's movement: white, affluent, heterosexual, and non-disabled. This "policing" of identity, whether conscious or not, reinforces systems of oppression and exploitation. When women who do not fit this mold have challenged it, they have frequently been accused of being divisive and disloyal to the sisterhood. The hierarchy of womanhood created by the women's movement reflects, in many ways, the dominant culture of racism, capitalism and heteronormativity.

Mainstream feminist organizing frequently tries to find the common ground shared by women, and therefore focuses on what the most vocal members decide are "women's issues" – as if the female experience existed in vacuum outside of other forms of oppression and exploitation. However, using an intersectional approach to analyzing and organizing around oppression, as advocated by multiracial feminism and transfeminism, we can discuss these differences rather than dismiss them. The multiracial feminist movement developed this approach, which argues that one cannot address the position of women without also addressing their class, race, sexuality, ability, and all other aspects of their identity and experiences. Forms of oppression and exploitation do not exist separately. They are intimately related and reinforce each other, and so trying to address them singly (i.e. "sexism" divorced from racism, capitalism, etc) does not lead to a clear understanding of the patriarchal

system. This is in accordance with the anarchist view that we must fight all forms of hierarchy, oppression, and exploitation simultaneously; abolishing capitalism and the state does not ensure that white supremacy and patriarchy will be somehow magically dismantled.

Tied to this assumption of a "universal female experience" is the idea that that if a woman surrounds herself with those that embody that "universal" woman, then she is safe from patriarchy and oppression. The concept of "women's safe spaces" (being women-only) date back to the early lesbian feminist movement, which was largely comprised of white, middle-class women who prioritized addressing sexism over other forms of oppression. This notion that an all-women space is inherently safe not only discounts the intimate violence that can occur between women, but also ignores or de-prioritizes the other types of violence that women can experience; racism, poverty, incarceration and other forms of state, economic and social brutality.

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## German Radicals & Arson

From *The Age* - by Paola Totaro

THEY occur at a rate of nearly one a night, without warning or fanfare. By the time the police arrive, all that remains are smoking wrecks. Even the identifying badges – Porsche, BMW, Mercedes, VW – are often obliterated by fire.

In a city haunted more by its extreme right-wing past, Berlin is in the throes of a renaissance of extremist, left-wing political activism. And torching cars, particularly expensive ones, has become the crime de rigueur.

During the past six months, more than 170 cars have been destroyed by fire in Berlin and police confirm conservatively that 93 were politically motivated attacks.

A mysterious, single page website, [brennende-autos.de](http://brennende-autos.de) (Burning Cars of Berlin), shows the number of cars set alight and where the crimes occurred, revealing clusters in "richer" areas, or in suburbs where gentrification and redevelopment are changing the demographic of local neighbourhoods.

Demonstrations and protests in Berlin have also become more violent. During

the past seven months traditional street marches or political celebrations such as May Day – when 21 police were hurt and 102 arrests made – have degenerated into ugly confrontations between left-wing activists and an increasingly frustrated police force.

In December, a neo-Nazi rally organised in Lichtenberg in east Berlin sparked a violent clash with opposing left-wing groups that led to the use of water cannon and the deployment of more than 1600 riot police.

According to a spokeswoman for the Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution), there has been a measurable increase in left-wing extremist action, including the targeting of police and the property of businesses perceived to be involved in military or "imperialist" activities.

DHL, a company involved in logistics for the German armed forces, has been a recent target.

"It is not just anti-militarism we are seeing ... it is anti-imperialism, a catalogue of anti-things ... anti-fascism, anti-gentrification. The people we are seeing are the so-called 'autonoma', people operating in groups without hierarchy, who are not well organised and so classical anarchy is in the background of their thinking," she says.

"Yes, they are young in the main and while we do not see it as another beginning of [70s-style] left-wing terrorism, we do not underestimate what is done through these violent actions ... the big difference for now is that it is violence against property, not against people."

This week, an evening walk along the riverside in west Berlin's affluent Tiergarten riverside district revealed four burnt cars on a single avenue.

Frank Millert, a spokesman for the Berlin police, described the increase in politically motivated arson as sizeable, with numbers close to doubling each year over the past three years.

Police cars, too, are being targeted. The favoured method is to use the slow-burn barbecue fire starters, which take time to smoulder and provide plenty of get-away time for the perpetrators.

"It is very difficult to get evidence. The fire can be started underneath a car but the person that did it can be many streets away when it is alight," Mr Millert said.

Since 1989, when the Berlin Wall fell, there has been increasingly vociferous opposition to the wave of redevelopment and

gentrification that has transformed areas of east Berlin, traditionally occupied by artists, into smart apartments and commercial centres.

The phenomenon has also sparked a schism between the police, the left-leaning mayor, Klaus Wowereit, and the conservative national Government, amid claims that left-wing political crimes are treated with less rigour than those of the extreme right.

According to the head of the German Police Union, Rainer Wendt, authorities are not doing enough to stymie the rise in left-wing violence and protests like May Day this year resulted in more police being injured than ever before.

He also accused Mr Wowereit and his left-wing governing coalition of being openly sympathetic to the extremists.

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## Report Back from 1st Annual L.A. Anarchist Conference

From Infoshop - by Rockero

LOS ANGELES - Over a span of two days, hundreds of people from across the region converged to participate in the Second Southern California Anarchist Conference and the Feria Libertaria, an anarchist cultural fair. Despite the serious topic being discussed, that of constructing a genuinely free and non-hierarchical society, the relaxed atmosphere at both of the events was a perfect companion for Southern California's informal summer vibe.

Saturday's conference was held at the Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research in South Central Los Angeles. After a short welcome from some of the organizers and a few announcements regarding schedule changes, a member of the library's staff gave us some background on the institution's history, as well as some of the current projects, such as the upcoming book drive for the children of the neighborhood.

With that, the workshops and panels began. In the library's reading room, Vlad lead a discussion on "piracy and hooliganism," which touched on recent news stories regarding Somali "pirates" and the riot that followed the Lakers championship victory and how they relate to anarchist theory and current anti-authoritarian struggles.

Out in the garden, Manny and Autumn discussed the Echo Park Time Bank, an in-

stitution that coordinates the exchange of services between individuals without using currency as the medium of exchange. This growing collective of individuals in the Echo Park area is an example of an alternative to the cash economy, which is becoming all-the-more important as the economic crises worsen and unemployment grows. And equally as important, since there is no exchange of money, the government is not able to tax the exchange. Even barter is taxable, but time exchanges, fortunately, are not. While a time bank cannot supplant the capitalist economy and offers no direct challenge to the oligarchies, its implementation is very useful for creating and strengthening community and localizing economies.

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## Olympia Anarchists Sentenced for May Day 2008 "Riot"

*Correspondences about revolutionary strategy and emotions* (written after the NATO summit in Strasbourg, April 2009)

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Interlude...

This text, like the extracts from responses that follow, is written in the first person, as though they were the thoughts of one person and the responses of a series of others. In fact these people do not exist. All the texts contain many different voices merged together from different languages, countries and political cultures. The first is taken mainly from conversations after the 2009 anti-NATO convergence in Strasbourg and extracts from other writings by different people at different times. The responses are compiled from conversations and correspondences with people who had read it.

These texts are presented as a collective project, but there is not really a group or collective behind these writings. There was no meeting or common project to create these ideas. Many, but not all, of us whose opinions and ideas are expressed here were in Strasbourg in April 2009, and

probably all of us have crossed paths at some time, behind banners and barricades, or in the squats and free-spaces of Europe. What we all share is a need to generate and participate in debates around the actions that took place in Strasbourg against the NATO summit.

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This way of writing was chosen to break the dynamic that turns questions or critiques into a threat. The variety of ideas expressed means that there is unlikely to ever be any consensus on these texts. There is no absolute position here against which we must defend ourselves or our actions.

Thinking about how to present these questions was a slow and difficult collective process, which is why they are being published more than three months after the events in Strasbourg. However we think the issues raised will continue to be relevant for a long time, and we hope that the way they are written will help to create open thinking and discussion about actions, dynamics and relationships in the context of our struggles for freedom...

These texts were published on Indymedia in July 2009

letter...  
For ten years I have run with the black bloc, seizing every chance, every moment we were strong enough, to run riot and fill the air with the sound of breaking glass and baton rounds, and the heady smells of adrenaline, gasoline, testosterone and teargas. For ten years I have stood up for the "diversity of tactics" and pushed for radicalization: from social movement to social struggle to social war. So this text is difficult for me to write...

During the days in Strasbourg I was always in or close to the black bloc-style actions, because that is where my affinity lies. For me it was appropriate to react to Police complicity in yet another death, this time at the G20 demonstrations in London; we were right to be angry at the way the demonstration in Strasbourg was relegated to an abandoned industrial estate and divided by thousands of riot police across the French-German border; I supported the decision to fight the police to try to break out of the space they had pushed us into with their negotiations and their crowd control weapons, and to try to take our actions somewhere more meaningful; and it filled me with joy to see the border post burn.

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## Privilege, Identity, and Conflict at the 2009 Crimethinc. Convergence

From Crimethinc

For a basic discussion of some of the issues around privilege, power dynamics, and identity, try “Undermining Oppression” in our online reading library.

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Some have suggested that we should simply see the difficult events at the convergence as a reminder to address the issues of white supremacy and gentrification; meanwhile, all manner of uninformed parties who were not present at the convergence have been commenting about it. We humbly suggest that it might be more appropriate for those who were not at the convergence to focus on discussing gentrification, oppression, and abuse in their own experiences, while listening to those who were present at the convergence when it comes to questions pertaining to it.

### Summary of Events

After seven years of rural convergences, the organizers of the 2009 convergence agreed it was time to experiment with a new format. ...

The original plan was to purchase a building in Pittsburgh and transform it into a community center in the course of the convergence. One consistent criticism of the convergences had been that they contributed little to the local communities in which they occurred; with this new approach, the organizers hoped to channel the temporary energy of the convergence into creating something of permanent use to the community that hosted it.

But this proved complicated on many fronts. Purchasing a building is difficult enough in itself apart from the challenges of organizing a convergence. Attempts to assemble a coalition of local collectives to share the community center did not pan out. Finally, the announcement that the G20 summit would be happening in Pittsburgh indicated that the authorities would be especially eager to use any pretext to harass the convergence—which would be particularly problematic if it took place in a building that was not yet up to code. On top of this, some locals argued that the neighborhood in which the proposed community center would be located was an inappropriate space for a predominantly white gathering. In response to all these concerns, the

local organizers shifted their plans, renting a building in the neighborhood where they themselves lived along with a great number of Pittsburgh anarchists. Some of the considerations around this decision were addressed in a text included in the orientation 'zine distributed at the beginning of the convergence.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the organizing group suffered a schism, further complicating matters and subtracting energy and resources from the organizing itself. In the end, it was impressive that the convergence came together at all. Hosting a week-long gathering of hundreds of people is not easy. Because the convergence is free of charge, organizers also had to come up with the resources to rent the building themselves, and to feed and provide for everyone.

The convergence site was a building on Penn Avenue, which forms the boundary between Bloomfield, Pittsburgh's Little Italy, and Garfield, a predominantly African-American neighborhood in the process of gentrification. Some controversy persisted in the month leading up to the event....

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## Eco-Anarchists Claim Bomb Threat on Mexico Federal Palace

Communique from the ELF Press Office:

On July 7, an eco-anarchist cell threatened a bomb on the federal palace and the hospice cottages, where it is believed a massive mobilization of security officers were within.

Why was this? This is because our city has been given to the top leaders of North America under treaty reforms affecting the environment and wildlife.

We and animals will continue attacking the system of domination without a rest to give an end to this agony. Solidarity against this summit and against the domination.

FOR A FUTURE FREE AND WILD

Spanish:

Amenaza de bomba por eco anarquistas en Guadalajara, México

Comunicado:

El día 07 de julio una célula eco anar-

quista amenaza que se había introducido una bomba de amplia magnitud en palacio federal y el hospicio cabañas, esto creo una gran movilización de personal de seguridad en dichos establecimientos.

¿ Por que se dio esto? esto se debe a que en nuestra ciudad se dara la cumbre de mandatarios de america del norte llevando tratados reformistas que afectan el medio ambiente y a la vida salvaje, decidiendo unos cuantos sobre la naturaleza, los animales y los hombres seguiremos atacando al sistema de dominacion sin descansar para darle fin a esta agonía, solidaridad contra esta cumbre y contra la dominación.

POR UN FUTURO LIBRE Y SALVAJE

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/9333>

## Denver ABC Creates Comprehensive Political Prisoner Database

From Denver Anarchist Black Cross

Denver ABC has added a political prisoner database to its regularly updated blog. The list features 68 political prisoners and prisoners of war.

We have combed through all of the United States political prisoner we could find to compile the most comprehensive single list of political prisoners we know of. We have also taken the time to verify each prisoner's contact information to ensure that everything is up to date. We encourage folks who put out publications, websites and other forms of media to use this list as a resource because we were finding that many of the lists still being disseminated are outdated- listing prisoners who have been released or with outdated prison information.

As with many lists, this information will continue to change and unfortunately new people are always being targeted by the state. We will continue to be updating the list as we track state repression as well as provide better information on the prisoners already listed. If you notice someone missing from our list or information that is incorrect, please contact us at [denverabc@rocketmail.com](mailto:denverabc@rocketmail.com)  
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