

OWS is 3 months old Sat Dec 17 #D17 = Reoccupation Day!

San Jose Occupier

We Cannot Be Ignored

The year that started with the Arab Spring is ending with the Occupy movement engulfing the world. If the old media tries to ignore us, we make our own media. They tried to ignore us at the start, but they can no longer do so. This week, Time acknowledged the obvious by naming us all as the most significant "Persons of the Year".



TIME Magazine
Person Of The Year

Action Today 4pm (Story@King)

Touches an OSJ Founder's 89-year-old Dad

Today (Sun Dec 18) at 4:00 at Bank of America (Southwest corner of Story & King), **David L will speak on his father's behalf** against an abusive foreclosure. The event will be a "Posada" style protest. Please join us to show OSJ support, while learning a new way of standing up for the 99%

Read more at: <http://occupysj.org/?p=516>

¡Viva La re-Ocupación!

Dec. 17 was the first anniversary of death of Mohamed Bouazizi (whose self-immolation was the spark that ignited the Arab Spring) and the 3-month anniversary of Occupy Wall Street. It was a propitious day to reOccupy San Jose City Hall.



Spencer Graves
ACTION REPORT



Tents returned to San Jose City Hall on #D17

Six tents, over a dozen Occupiers and at least two San Jose Police cars appeared to celebrate. One officer twirled his night stick to show the crowd he knew how to use it. No one was occupying the tents, and they were removed before curfew, so there were no arrests. The assembly agreed to form a committee to explore the possibilities for a roving Occupation in locations that make it difficult for authorities to find grounds for further arrest.

National Defense Authorization Act Signing

We marched to the Japanese Internment Memorial by the Issei Memorial Building in Japantown, in response to the expected signing of NDAA 2012. Here are some pieces that were read by OSJ members.

Written by Martin Truong:

Occupy San José is holding a candlelight procession and vigil to condemn the assassination of the Bill of Rights by the President and Congress.

Section 1031 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 "authorizes indefinite military detention of suspected terrorists without protecting U.S. citizens' right to trial," according to a letter signed by 40 members of the House including Rep. Mike Honda. "We are deeply concerned that this provision could undermine the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth amendment rights of U.S. citizens who might be subjects of detention or prosecution by the military."

By defining U.S. soil as a battleground in the ongoing war on terror, this legislation effectively suspends habeas corpus and deprives American citizens of due process. It grants the military unchecked power to arrest, detain, interrogate, torture, and even kill United States citizens labeled as terrorists.

The Occupy Movement deplores the imposition of a police state as an act of treason against the American people and calls on the Supreme Court to swiftly void its unconstitutional provisions. A silent, candlelit funeral procession to the Issei Memorial Building on Fifth and Jackson streets will culminate in a vigil at the memorial to Americans of Japanese ancestry who suffered in internment camps during World War II.

This turn of events is shocking to the conscience of those who vowed it would never again happen in their country.

Written by Shaunn Cartwright:

In the West, 120,000 Japanese Americans, 80,000 of them born in the United States, were interned in camps as the result of Executive Order 9066. American citizens imprisoned by a hysterical government.

We have no idea how many Arab or Muslim Americans have been interned or deported to various parts of the world under the so called PATRIOT Act. An act that requires all Arab or Muslim men over the age of 16 who were not permanent residents of the United States to register to be fingerprinted and interviewed by the INS. The consequence for not registering is deportation. 13,000 men have already been targeted for deportation and hundreds who showed up for the registration were arrested and detained. Simply for being the wrong people at the wrong time.

And now it is our time. This time they're not narrowing it down by race or birthright. They've widened the net. They couldn't shut us up with fear, tear gas, bean bags, beatings or arrests so now they have to label us the worst thing possible, terrorists, and make us disappear. I for one will not disappear.

I will mourn tonight for those who were scapegoated before me, the 120,000 Japanese in the West, the 150,000 Japanese in Hawaii, the untold numbers of Arab and Muslim people that have been tortured by and in the name of the United States in the wake of September 11 and then I will get louder. I will fight stronger. I will march, I will protest and I will not rest until there is social and economic justice. I am not a terrorist. I AM AN OCCUPIER!

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