

Belfast Marathon Anarcho-Relay Team **Contacts**

Raise Money For Sacked Worker

On a wet and blustery Monday 4th May 2009, finely tuned athletes representing Organise!, Brighton Solidarity Federation and the Libcom Collective braved the conditions to run the Belfast marathon, raising £100 for the support fund for Polish worker Natalia Szymanska.

Natalia was sacked from a Belfast Subway franchise on spurious grounds, coincidentally not long after she had informed her employer that she had become pregnant, and who's case was reported in issue one of *The Leveller*,

along with the franchise owners attempts to silence the protests through court injunctions. Well done to the anarcho-relay team, who finished the 26 mile course in under four and a half hours, and thanks to everyone who donated / sponsored. Sadly though, we appear to have been one-upped by a bunch of Maoists, as the New York branch of the Revolutionary Communist Party claim to have raised \$1500 by running the last New York marathon. Well, there is always next year.



Monson could face jail sentence



Monson faces off against riot cops at a blockade of US arms shipments to Iraq.

Anarchist grappler and MMA fighter Jeff Monson could face jail time over a graffiti incident on the Capitol Building and an army recruitment centre in Olympia, Washington, USA., in November 2008. Monson who has used his high-profile to discuss anarchist politics, was arrested initially in January. Authorities claim that the graffiti, which included circle-As, a peace symbol and phrases such as "no poverty" and "no war", cost a ridiculous \$19,000 to clean-up.

Monson has criticised the US military presence in Iraq, and has been vocal about his wish to see the state and class society abolished. Earlier this year he took time out before his fight at Cage Wars in Belfast to talk to

local anarchists and fight fans about sport and politics.

In court on July 29, Monson, currently on a seven-fight winning streak after defeating Jimmy Arbriz last month, pleaded guilty to malicious mischief in the Capitol Building case (which itself carries a maximum penalty of a \$20,000 fine and 10 years jail) and entered an 'Alford plea' for graffiti at the Lacey armed services recruitment centre. An Alford plea means he maintains he did not commit the graffiti act but acknowledges that enough evidence exists that would convince a jury. Prosecutors are recommending Monson pay a fine of \$21,894 in restitution as part of the plea deal, and serve a 90-day jail sentence.

Organise! extend their solidarity to Jeff in his struggle against the authorities and good luck in his next fight against Anthony Sylvester in late-August. Sentencing is scheduled for October 1st.

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