



## Oath Keepers, the police and us

A message to Chief Belmar about the danger of letting white men attend Ferguson protests carrying assault rifles.

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## Clergy arrested 'anointing' courts

The Rev. Starsky Wilson and Dr. Cornel West participated in a direct action at the Thomas Eagleton Federal Court Building in downtown St. Louis on August 10, or Moral Monday. They presented a proclamation and list of demands, including the disbanding of the Ferguson Police Department, then "reclaimed the building for sacred justice."



Photo by Wiley Price

## Millennial activists close down I-70

Action organizers targeted for arrest a second time, lawyer says

By Rebecca Rivas  
Of The St. Louis American

Not long after nearly 60 Ferguson activists were arrested outside of the Thomas Eagleton Federal Courthouse in downtown St. Louis on August 10, another group shut down Interstate-70, near 270 and the Blanchette Bridge.

■ "Several protestors made the choice to participate in an act of civil disobedience in the name of black lives."

— Rachel Bean

The actions were part of Moral Monday, a day dedicated to civil disobedience in remembrance of Michael Brown Jr.'s death and of all those who have died at the hands of police.

About 80 demonstrators and legal observers were on site as human barricades were created to block I-70 in both directions. The protest began at 5 p.m., peak rush hour time, and lasted for about 30 minutes.

Police made 64 arrests, according to St. Louis County Police. All individuals involved in the highway shutdown were charged with the misdemeanor "interfering with an officer."

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## Rev. Sekou: 'What we are doing is militant, non-violent civil disobedience'

By Kenya Vaughn  
Of The St. Louis American

"We are here to bear witness to the truth and set the scales of justice in their righteous place for those who don't have a voice," Rev. Osagyefo Sekou said from the pulpit of a nearly full sanctuary Monday, August 10 at Christ Church Cathedral.

The faith leader who made a national name for himself as a frontline presence during the Ferguson

unrest wasn't invited by host pastor The Very Rev. Mike Kinman to deliver a guest sermon. He was facilitating a direct action training session for a protest that was about to unfold.

"We are targeting what Dr. King called 'structures of evil,'" Sekou said.

They gathered to conduct one of several Moral Monday demonstrations as a grand finale for the

■ "How many are willing to risk arrest today?" "Jesus!" Sekou exclaimed, shocked — and thrilled — by the number of hands that were raised.

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## Cries for justice in memorial

Life of Michael Brown Jr. celebrated through public silence, protest march

By Kenya Vaughn and Mariah Stewart  
Of The St. Louis American

"I just want to give love to my family and my friends — my new friends and my world," Michael Brown Sr. told the crowd.

He spoke in honor of his son Michael Brown Jr. on Sunday, August 9, the first anniversary of his death.

At 18 years old, Brown was killed before he could truly live. Yet the unrest that his death incited spurred a national movement for black lives that assured he will never be forgotten.

They gathered at the very spot on Canfield Drive where Brown Jr.'s life ended at the hands of then Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson.

"This year has been so hard. No accountability, no justice. And police are still

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## Balloon action targets racism in St. Louis

Artivists, Tribe X collaborate with Ruckus to launch 40-foot banner at Arch

By Rebecca Rivas  
Of The St. Louis American

With the Gateway Arch as their designated backdrop, activists used balloons to fly a banner in downtown St. Louis that read "Racism still lives here" as part of the Ferguson Commemoration Weekend's August 10 day of civil disobedience, or Moral Monday.

"In this country, racism kills," said Elizabeth Vega, leader of the activists group The Artivists that helped plan the action. "Because a year after Mike Brown, people are

■ "Now we are taking on more complicated kinds of actions because we want people to pay attention."

— Elizabeth Vega

still dying."  
Donned in rock-climbing harnesses, two women — an African

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Photo by Lawrence Bryant

Ferguson protest groups The Artivists and Tribe X collaborated with Ruckus from Oakland to fly a banner with helium balloons over the Gateway Arch in downtown St. Louis that read "Racism still lives here" as part of Moral Monday on August 10.

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#### Show-Me another I-70 World Series

The St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals are on pace to meet in the 2015 Fall Classic.

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The city has issued more than 2,300 new arrest warrants so far this year and thousands of older warrants continue to haunt people.

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Harris-Stowe forum looks at Ferguson from varying black perspectives

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