



Pittsburgh Indymedia Guide to Pittsburgh

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WELCOME TO THE KNOWLEDGE TOWN!

George W. Bush decided not so long ago on a trip through Pittsburgh that "while Pittsburgh used to be called 'Steel Town,' you need to call it 'Knowledge Town.'" Unfortunately, not everyone in this town of working-class heritage is afforded access to all the knowledge we have stored up here—because of the corporate media structure. Both major newspapers are owned by millionaires, one slightly more conservative than the other. Radio stations here, as all accross the United States, have been bought up by Clear Channel and other conglomerates, effectively smiting any independence they may have had before.

That's why we formed the Pittsburgh Independent Media Center, and that's why YOU, especially this weekend, need to take the media into your own hands! We've all seen the same thing happen around protests for years: numbers of participants are downplayed, violence and property destruction are played up, and motivations are muddled by the corporate media, all for the sake of entertain-

ment, not information.

This time, we have the infrastructure in place to make media production our own job. Let's use the tools in our hands to report accurately what goes on this weekend. It's our right and our responsibility.

In this packet you will find information to help you make media and general information about the region that you may find useful. If you need more information, feel free to contact us. Our email is info@indypgh.org, the phone number of the temporary space for the weekend is 412-681-4156, and the address where we can be found is 209 South Neville in Oakland. Inside is a map that will show you the way.

The Pittsburgh IMC is grateful for the research work that went into the Directory Action, a zine about Pittsburgh put together by the Wh@t Collective. Some of the information inside was gleaned from their work.

Have fun this weekend, don't let the corporate media tell you you can't report the news, and use communication to help prevent further injustice!





WHERE TO FIND COMPUTERS.

☞ A limited number of computers will be set up at the IMC convergence center, 209 South Neville in Oakland. They are strictly for the purposes of making media. The house will be staffed 24 hours a day from Friday at 4:00 pm until Sunday at midnight.

☞ The Carnegie Libraries have computers for public use. The main branch is in Oakland, right off of Forbes Avenue between Craig and Bigelow (across from the Cathedral of Learning.) That location and the East Liberty branch (130 S. Whitfield) have full-out computer labs. Other branches of interest are the South Side branch, 2205 East Carson St., the Library Center downtown, 414 Wood St., and the Squirrel Hill branch, 5801 Forbes Ave. Printing costs something like fifteen cents per page.

☞ The Beehive coffeehouse on the South Side (1327 East Carson St.) also has two or three computers, but these ones you have to pay to use. They are connected to the internet.

☞ IMC volunteer Emma Rehm has so kindly allowed IMCers in town for the weekend to use her University of Pittsburgh account to log on to computers there. Username is ehr3, password is mediafrenzy. Don't worry folks, she never uses this account anyway. Computer labs are located in Hillman Library (first, third and fourth floors), the Cathedral of Learning (ground floor), Posvar Hall (1E01), David Lawrence Hall (on the second floor), and in Alumni Hall. For more details, go to <http://technology.pitt.edu/students/complabs.html>



WHERE TO GET FILM DEVELOPED IN A FLASH.

☞ There are two Foto-Huts in the immediate area of the convergence events: one in Oakland (3711 Forbes Ave.) and one on the South Side (1507 East Carson St.) There are also TWO locations in Squirrel Hill (5872 Forbes and 1924 Murray Ave). They all have one-hour developing.

☞ The CVS pharmacy in Oakland (3440 Forbes Ave) also has one-hour developing.



WHERE TO GET COPIES MADE.

- ✓ Kinko's locations: Downtown, 210 Grant St., Oakland, 3710 Forbes Ave.
- ✓ Copies at Carson: 1315 East Carson, South Side.
- ✓ CopyCat. This place is run by Pitt, but I'm pretty certain anyone can use it.
- ✓ Minuteman Press, downtown. 405 Smithfield St.
- ✓ The University of Pitt libraries also have photocopies. If you buy a copy card for 50 cents the copies are 10 cents each, otherwise they're 15.
- ✓ Sir Speedy, Oakland. 3614 Forbes Ave.





WHERE TO RUSTLE UP SOME GRUB.

This is a list of some places to get vegetarian and vegan food. There's a good listing of this stuff put together by the Voices for Animal Liberation at Pitt: <http://www.pitt.edu/~animals/guide/facts.htm>

FOOD NOT BOMBS:

✎ The FNB folks will be setting up to serve free food throughout convergence weekend. Food will be served at the William Pitt Union (between Fifth and Forbes at Bigelow in Oakland) at 7 on Friday, in the parking lot of Hooter's in Station Square at 2:30 pm Saturday, and at 1:00, once again outside the William Pitt Union. They're also always looking for help and resources, so if you can offer either, contact Patrice at 412-974-9723 or petie67@hotmail.com.

MIDDLE EASTERN:

- ✎ Ali Baba, 404 S. Craig St., Oakland.
- ✎ Nelly's Tasty Sandwiches. Never been there, but if the sign says tasty . . . Fifth Ave, at the corner with Meyran, in Oakland.
- ✎ Kassab's, 10th and Carson, South Side. ("Best falafel in the city!" exclaims Emma Rehm)

INDIAN:

- ✎ India Garden, 328 Atwood St., Oakland. Half-price after 11 pm.
- ✎ Bombay Rama, 121 Oakland Ave., Oakland.
- ✎ Sree's Veggie Cafe, 2107 Murray Ave., Squirrel Hill.

MEXICAN:

- ✎ La Fiesta, 346 Atwood, Oakland.

- ✎ Mad Mex, 370 Atwood, Oakland.
- ✎ Veracruz, 3715 Forbes Ave, Oakland. (NOTE: This one is not for vegans. "They put cheese on things surreptitiously!" says Emma.)

ASIAN:

- ✎ LuLu's Noodles, 400 S. Craig, Oakland.
- ✎ Spice Island Teahouse, 253 Atwood, Oakland.

OTHER:

- ✎ Kiva Han Coffee, Craig at Forbes. These folks are supernice and are sympathetic to the cause.
- ✎ Craig Street Coffee, 305 S. Craig, Oakland. Vegan delights to be had here.
- ✎ Zenith Tea Room, 28th and Sarah St., South Side. Vegan desserts and soups and- *gasp*- tea!
- ✎ Antoon's Pizza, 247 Atwood, is a winner with the vegans. And it's super cheap.



HOW TO GET AROUND TOWN.

HOW THE BUSES WORK IN PITTSBURGH:

🚌 Counterintuitively. If you're getting on a bus going toward downtown, you'll always pay when you get on. If you're getting on a bus heading away from downtown, before 7 pm you pay when you're getting OFF. After 7, no matter where you're going, you pay when you enter. Don't worry, the bus driver will stop you if you try to pay at the wrong time.

🚌 Fares are \$1.75. If you need to transfer buses, get a transfer. It costs 50 cents.



WHAT BUSES TO TAKE:

 Schedules are available in the William Pitt Union, or online (www.ridegold.com). We'll try to have some on hand at the IMC space too.

 The main way to travel between the South Side and Oakland is the 54C. It runs when it wants to generally. This bus won't take you to Station Square, though. You'll probably want to go downtown and walk across a bridge to get there.

 The 61A/B/C all run out Forbes Ave from downtown through Oakland to Squirrel Hill then diverge to different places. The 71A/B/C/D all run out Fifth from downtown to Oakland then diverge to different places. The 67A/E/F will also take you between downtown and Oakland. Forbes becomes one way (coming out of town) at Bellefield, so if you want a bus into town and you're any further into Oakland, you should catch one on Fifth.



WHERE THE INDYMEDIA-ING GOES DOWN.

((i)) The Pittsburgh IMC temporary convergence space is at 209 South Neville St, in Oakland. It's the next street back after Craig. It's one of the rowhouses just down the hill about a block from Fifth Ave. We'll have computers set up, and the phone number is 412-681-4156. Also, if the line is busy and you have a question or some urgent matter has come up, you can call Patrice on her cell phone at 412-974-9723. She'll be out and about throughout the convergence, and at the space sometimes too.

((i)) The space will be open 24 hours for visitors who need resources to make media. This begins Friday at 4:00 pm and lasts until Sunday at midnight. Please limit use of the computers to mediamaking ventures. **THAT MEANS NO PLAYING GAMES!** Hah.

QUICK-REFERENCE LIST OF CONTACTS AND PERTINENT FACTS:

- Parade for Peace takes place Saturday, January 25, 3-5 PM on the South Side. Begins at Station Square, ends near the Birmingham Bridge.

- Mass march and rally takes place Sunday, January 26, 1-3 PM in Oakland. Begins at the lawn of the Cathedral of Learning (between Fifth and Forbes at Bellefield). Die-in occurs outside SEI (on Fifth between Dithridge and Craig) at 3 PM and other direct actions will take place elsewhere afterward.

- The Pittsburgh Organizing Group can be reached at pog@mutualaid.org, or by calling 412-682-4035.

- The Thomas Merton Center can be reached at info@thomasmertoncenter.org or by calling 412-361-3022.

- The Pittsburgh IMC will be situated this week-end and this weekend only at 209 S Neville St. and can be reached at 412-681-4156 or info@indypgh.org.

KEY TO MAP ON PAGE 5:

((i)): Indymedia Space, 209 S Neville.

 Comm. of Reconciliation convergence space, 100 N. Bellefield.

 St. Regis convergence space, 3235 Parkview.



