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## CALL FOR WEEK OF SOLIDARITY FOR J20 ARRESTEES, JULY 20TH- 27TH

Trials will begin in November and extend through October of 2018 for around 180 people arrested in a mass kettle in Washington, DC on January 20 for being in proximate relation to window-smashing and other resistance to President Trump's inauguration. With a vast number of people facing felonies and a stunningly repressive state reaction to protest rarely seen in Washington, DC, it is the black bloc as a tactic that is about to be on trial.

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## ANTIFA V. 4 CHAN: A PERSPECTIVE ON THE JULY 2ND MARCH TO IMPEACH TRUMP

After the past nine months of responding to fascist mobilizations in Philly and surrounding areas, I would like to really encourage those of us who have been attempting to stop fascist organizing to put renewed effort into figuring out effective means of reaching our goals. I appreciate those that throw themselves headlong into battle, fighting against neo, crypto, and outright fascists, but sometimes it does us more harm than good. I

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## ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTED IN ALEXANDRIA

On June 14, Ohio resident James Hodgkinson attempted a mass assassination of Republican congressmen during their congressional baseball practice in Alexandria, VA. An assassination list of legislators' names was later found on his body. All five people struck, including House Majority Whip Rep. Steven Scalise, survived. Hodgkinson was executed on site by police.

Representative Steven Scalise is from Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, an extremely white supremacist

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## WHAT WENT DOWN

**May 15:** A banner was dropped over I-95 in solidarity with Berkeley anti-fascists.

**May 20:** Frank Rizzo mural had paint thrown on it in the Italian Market.

**June 3:** Posters went up in South and West Philly in solidarity with anarchist prisoners.

**June 10:** Three alt-righters were beat up by antifascists at an anti-Muslim rally in Harrisburg. The rally was largely outnumbered by anti-fascist protesters.

**June 13:** Graffiti in Kingsessing for David Jones, killed by PPD.

**June:** Cameras, ticket checking machines, a billboard, and a security force's building door were sabotaged in solidarity with anarchists facing repression and J20 arrestees.

**June 16:** Frank Rizzo mural tagged for David Jones.

**June 17:** Billboard in Grays Ferry tagged for David Jones.

**June 18:** Take Back Pride march clashes with police during LGBTQ pride in Center City.

**June 30:** Graffiti against police for David Jones on bridge between West Philly and Center City.

**July 2:** Following a pro-Trump demonstration, alt-right and white supremacists are attacked around the city.

**July 4:** Antifa burns 3 'Kekistan' flags acquired during July 2nd demonstration

**July:** Antifa fly flags to remember Heval Demhat, sending solidarity from Philly to Rojava and many places in between.

**July 16:** Hundreds of teens run wild and throw bottles at police after police shut down their cook-out in Germantown. ★

## NEWS

A 39-year-old Pennsylvania police chief has lost part of his arm following a fireworks accident at a western PA fireman's carnival. His mother spoke to the press on his behalf.

A portable toilet being used by contractors installing the Sunoco pipelines near Chestnut Hill and Kreider roads in South Londonderry Township, PA, was set on fire twice in early July, both times completely destroying the toilet before police arrived.

A bomb threat called in to the Coatsville Police Department, located in the basement of One City Hall Place, lead to its evacuation. Unfortunately, someone has been charged for calling in the threat. ★

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'll be brief and not go on about my thinking on historical and current anarchist/anti-authoritarian direct action. I want to propose that we consider another process and form of direct action in reference to the longstanding capitalist practice of real estate speculation throughout the world. My guess is many of you have heard/attempted this course of process and action before, but I think it's worth considering as we all do self-reflection/criticism as part of our process.

First enter into collaborative working relationships with local neighborhood and "city-wide" persons who want to respond to "gentrification" by directly challenging the power of real estate speculators/developers and their financial backers. This takes time. Work toward building a neighborhood and/or "city-wide" housing council. The "reformist" demand is that all real estate speculators/developers dedicate (choose the percentage — 25%, 50%, 100%) of proposed units for rental/lease set at 25% of the person's/household's income. Let the developer(s) finance the housing and the construction workers build it (most developers buy insurance protection for "vandalism" at the construction site and use it to rebuild typically with private and/or public police surveillance 24-7). Then prep to occupy, help/protect people in need to move into the units and see what happens. ★





## PA PIPELINE UPDATES

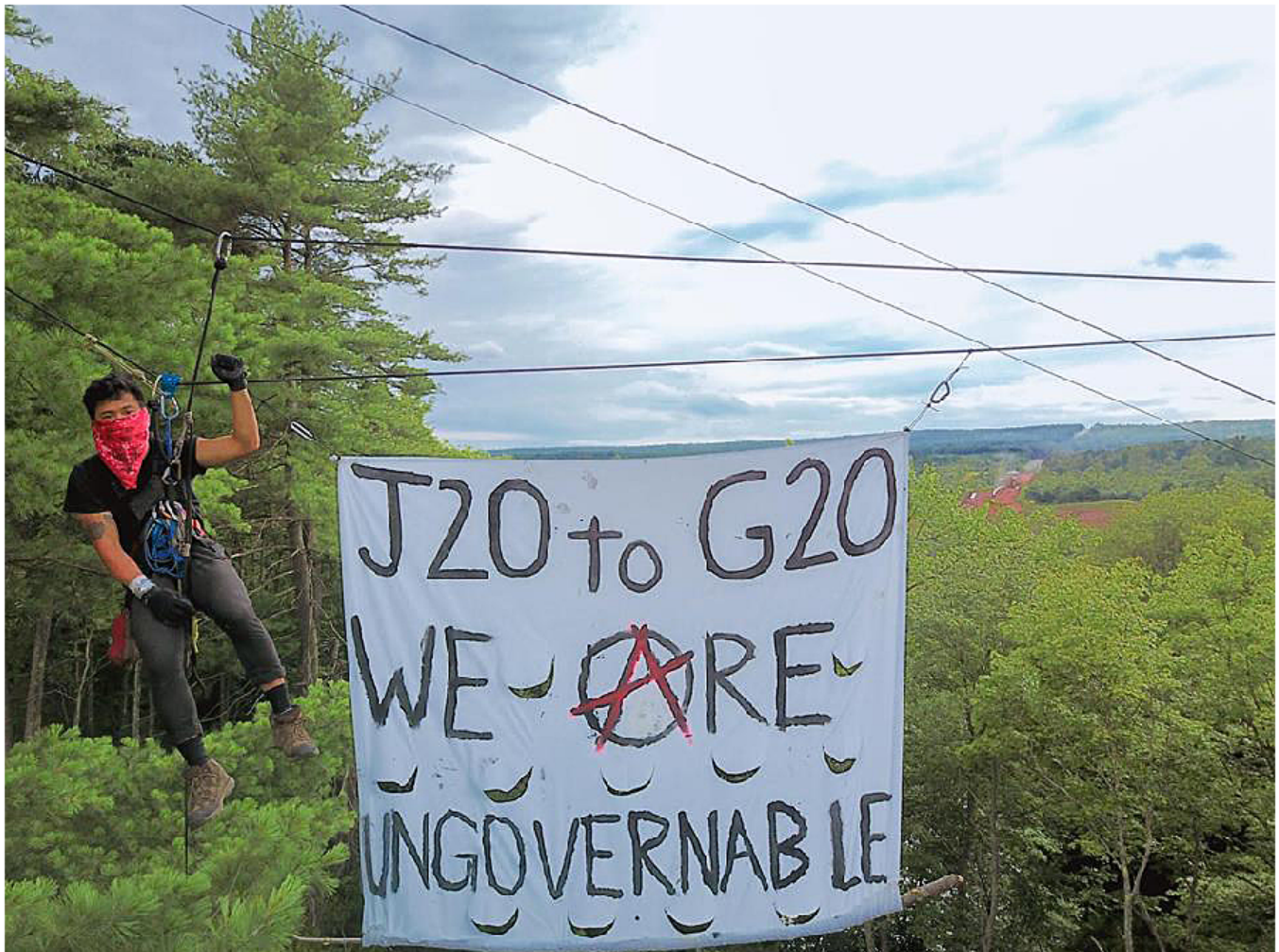
The growing intensity of protests against oil and gas pipelines has not gone unnoticed, least of all by politicians. In May, Pennsylvania Senator Scott Martin (R-Norman) said he intended to introduce legislation that would pass the costs of law enforcement responding to protests onto the demonstrators. Martin also helped introduce a different bill that would criminalize protests at natural gas facilities, sponsored by Sen. Mike Regan (R-Carroll Township).

Unsurprisingly, Martin is known to have ties to a lobbying group recently hired by Williams Partners, who are constructing the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline, which passes near Philadelphia. An encampment against that pipeline began in 2014 in Lancaster County near the site of the Conestoga Massacre of American Indians. Transco, the subsidiary of Williams Partners active on the local pipeline,

recently disclosed their hiring of the lobby group Pennsylvania Advocacy Group LLC, according to EcoWatch.

Williams Partners/Transco has listings as close as Woodbury and Princeton, NJ, in addition to their active work all around our area.

The White Pine Camp in Huntingdon, PA has been very active in their blockade of the Mariner East 2 Pipeline, which terminates near the Philadelphia Airport in Marcus Hook, PA, according to their media. There have been a number of videos online documenting White Pine's tree-sits, the impact of construction on the local community, and one local family's resistance to the enforcement of eminent domain against their home. Unicorn Riot reports that "after receiving all necessary permits from state regulatory agencies in February, Sunoco Logistics has been pushing ahead with construction of the Mariner 2





East Pipeline. Sunoco Logistics Partners and Energy Transfer Partners, announced the completion of their corporate merger on April 28. President Donald Trump is an investor in the company.” This company also runs a refinery operation along Passyunk Avenue in South Philadelphia.

There have been several spills reported from the preexisting Mariner East infrastructure and the construction of the replacement infrastructure in recent months. Additionally, military intelligence contractor Tigerswan, which worked for Energy Transfer Partners behind the scenes to disrupt and discredit the movement against the Dakota Access Pipeline, is monitoring opposition to Mariner East 2 in Pennsylvania. A consulting firm called Bravo Group boasts on its website about its contract with Sunoco Logistics to “neutralize opposition” to Mariner East 2. Bravo Group may have offices on the 22nd floor of 1601 Market here in Philadelphia.

As we fully support all the effort given to opposing these projects, those of us who intend to prevent the implementation of this infrastructure should be considering additional escalations and next steps. We need only look at the relative failure of the strategies currently being deployed in as spectacular a case as the well-funded and publicly lauded Standing Rock resistance camps to understand why. Consider this as scientists warn that Earth’s sixth mass extinction has already begun, with the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences journal reporting that impending annihilation is upon us, that humans are the cause of it, that it has already caused “billions of populations of animals” to disappear from the earth, and that “humanity will eventually pay a very high price for the decimation of the only assemblage of life that we know of in the universe.” ★

## FACTORY DEATH

On Saturday July 15th, at 5:30 am, paramedics were dispatched to the Phoenix Packaging plant in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. There they found a worker had been killed by lift equipment.

The plant, which manufactures cardboard boxes and other shipping materials, is a rather typical factory job sought after in small towns for lack of other income options. With their round-the-clock shifts, it’s a wonder that we don’t see more reports of accidents on the job — but maybe it’s only the most deadly that we hear about.

It’s this kind of work, with its repetitive stresses and doldrums, that epitomize some of the most common feelings of hatred toward wage labor as exhibited so often in popular media. The risk of sacrificing life for survival becomes both nullified and exacerbated, however, when it kills people outright.

Cardboard, a seemingly innocuous but consistent contributor to the transportation of goods, is also a mostly overlooked aspect of the current capitalist model. Rare, but not nonexistent, is the discussion that focuses on cardboard, plastic, or ball bearing production as bottlenecks at which to strangle global capitalism; there is also a reduced risk of the heavy surveillance or explosive catastrophe associated with the fossil fuel production that fuels most industry. Something to consider, perhaps. ★







***Above: Respectable-looking older white man poses as passerby during G20 riots in Hamburg, Germany in order to slow police advances on rioters.***

Supporters are calling for an International Week of Solidarity from July 20-27, 2017 to make support for the J20 defendants more visible. The defendants are facing up to 75 years in prison for felony rioting after having been violently and indiscriminately attacked by the DC Metropolitan Police, trapped in a kettle for hours, and, in the case of at least a few arrestees, sexually assaulted by cops while being held in jail.

On July 7th, Dane Powell of Florida was sentenced to serve 4 months of two 36-month sentences, with 2 years of supervised probation to follow. One of the first to be sentenced in the J20 case, Dane had accepted a non-cooperating plea deal in April for felony rioting and assault on an officer, after he was charged with 14 felonies.

Prosecutors are currently pulling data from more than 100 cell phones, most of which were locked, that were seized from arrestees on January 20th. Data is being extracted by Cellebrite, an Israeli company that is the world's largest data-mining corporation. Cellebrite claims “it can download almost every shred of data from almost any device on behalf of police intelligence agencies in over a hundred countries.”

Support is still critically needed to raise awareness of the case — which will help protect defendants from further abuse by the prosecution — and to raise funds for adequate legal representation for the defendants, some of whom have been assigned lawyers without a specialty in criminal defense after the prosecution deemed the DC public defenders' office to have a “conflict of interest” in the case.

For a list of regional fundraising sites that need funds, see [defendj20resistance.org/support](http://defendj20resistance.org/support). For the official call and some suggestions for actions to take, see [crimethinc.com](http://crimethinc.com). ★





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know that may sound controversial, but consider a scenario in which antifascists are trying to run fascists out of town after the fascists have already arrived with a police escort while we've been busy being documented in various states of masked and unmasked by our own cop-parazzi. That's what happened on July 2nd, with little practical effect and several of our own arrested. Then consider the scenario if fascists had been intercepted before they got to the march, before they got to town, or before they left their homes.

Perhaps it needs to be said once more, and not just in some cutesy "fashion" article: if you are marching around in a modern protest without a mask on, putting a mask on later won't conceal your identity. Not without changing every aspect of your appearance; not without changing your clothes and shoes, and covering up your tattoos. Even then you could still be a suspect or person of interest, should anything interesting actually happen.

Unicorn Riot explicitly reported on the cops gathering footage at the July 2nd march, "presumably for later analysis by [the] intelligence division."

For those that call us to "mask up, mask up, mask up" against an imminent fascist threat to an otherwise benign liberal march, it helps to make affinity available and logistics known to those interested in fighting alongside you. Because when some of us show up with no crew to roll with, there appears to be no signs at all of a black bloc in which to blend into, no sign of any enemy to oppose outside the usual police escort, and no communicated idea as to if or when a fascist might arrive, we might not stick around for another liberal protest.

I appreciate you going out there and throwing down. I came out and left because it all seemed for naught, and otherwise unreasonably risky. As mentioned above, the major conflict with the 4chan fascists occurred without masks and with the cops in between. There is a lot of footage of it floating around on the internet, and several on our side got arrested.

Take for example an alternative following the old-style antifa strategy that succeeded that very same day: a roving crew managed to find an openly white supremacist man walking the streets, curi-



ously unaffiliated with the march, who was subsequently beaten, with no arrests made. Another person, a Trump supporter, was caught on his own after the march, by whom we don't yet know, though three were subsequently arrested by Septa Transit Police — further details would be necessary in order to comment on that incident, though.

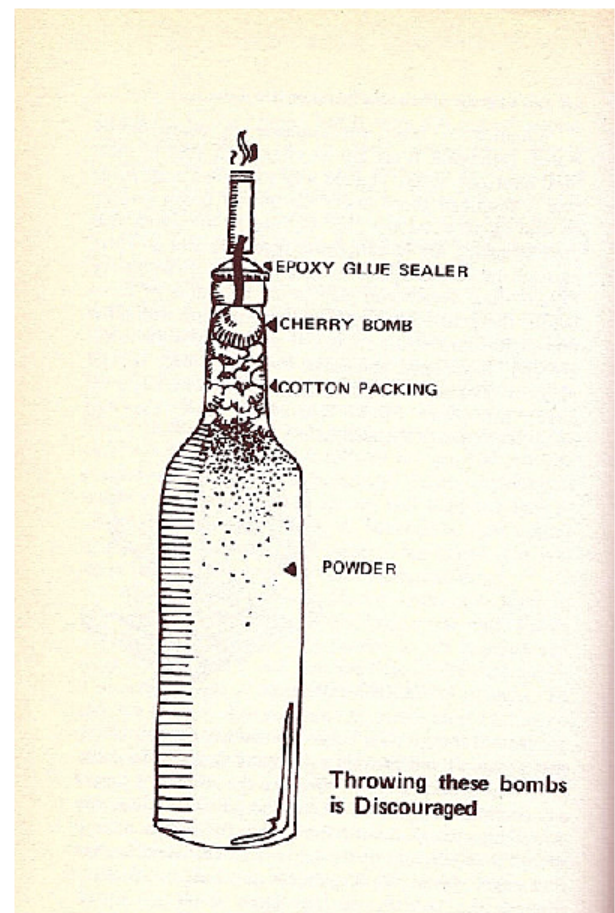
This is not to say we need to wear black to be a bloc. The 2008 RNC reportedly featured a comically effective “bro block” where everyone wore pastels with popped collars; more recently, a “pastel bloc” has shown up to demos in Berkeley that similarly moves away from the all-black uniform. It just depends on the circumstance. But in a situation where cops murder people over a broken taillight with impunity and long-term residents are being deported into potentially deadly situations, our tactics should begin to reflect a more dire circumstance and strategy. We know the cops will protect nazis, the klan (as they did recently in Charlottesville), and alt-righters spouting Richard Spencer’s vision of a white ethnostate (as the pro-Trump contingent did here on July 2nd) from us. In an age in which the Republican National Committee is using militias as security, cops and militia members collaborate in arrests of antifascists, the NRA is calling for civil war, the far-Right is attacking the offices of socialist groups, doxxing is becoming a pastime, and both the media and New Jersey’s Homeland Security seem more concerned with investigating Antifa, we should be taking steps to be effective and look after ourselves.

It’s not uncommon for the United States to add “Terrorist Enhancements” to charges against anarchists and activists, or even execute us, if we look back at history, but little effort is made to de-arrest at demos in our town (and sometimes the self-righteous with a martyr complex seem unwilling to be de-arrested). The footage from the larger conflict on July 2nd does show some attempts of that kind, thankfully, though maybe not earnest enough to succeed. We shouldn’t have to go to jail for punching a bigot, and we shouldn’t have to be afraid of the consequences of throwing the punch.

Our enemy is large and powerful, but that’s exactly why we develop strategies and use asymmetric tactics. We can critically look at gang culture and

fundamentalist religious groups in this country who keep police out of their neighborhoods and provide basic needs outside of state control, or look again to Greece, where anarchists maintain an autonomous neighborhood where police fear to tread. In this way, those anarchists have operated squatted refugee centers and recently opened a medical clinic. We can also look to the German antifascists who raided and destroyed a fascist’s home in broad daylight, the South Americans who stormed a Nazi’s home with machetes in hand, or the UK antifascists who staged a SWAT-style paramilitary raid on a fascist meeting, all in recent memory. We should remember the effectiveness of hunting down Nazis and catching them on their own, the world over.

As one Dr. Bones recently said, “Anarchists have failed Philando Castile and they have failed Black America.” We don’t need more signs, protests, or a black bloc that’s just trying to look good — we need a goddamn reckoning. ★





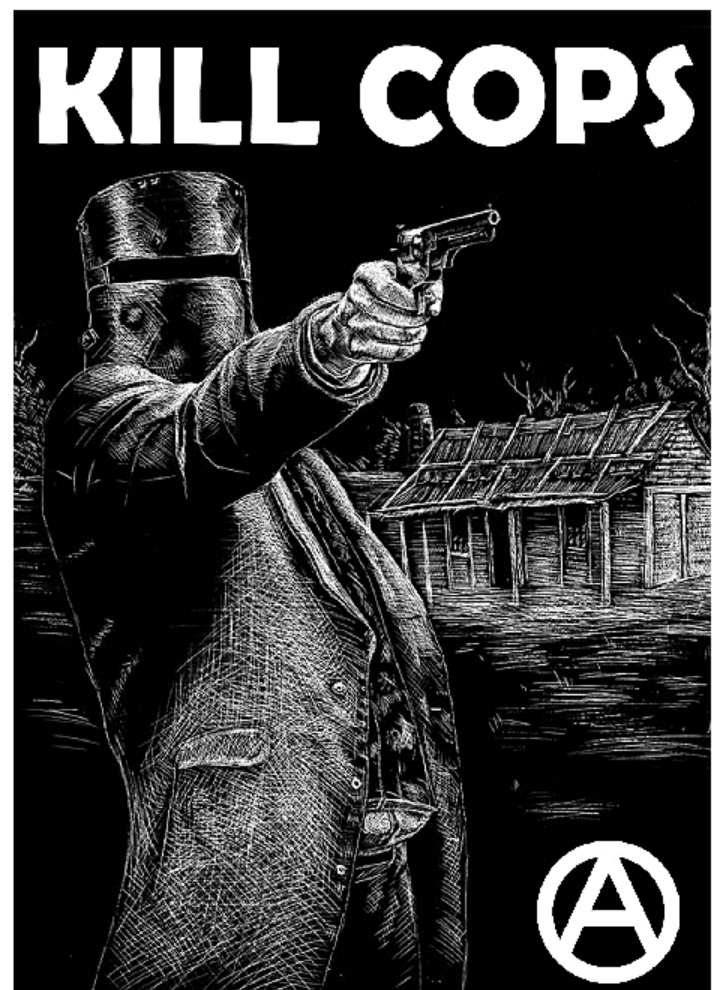
## NYPD OFFICER ASSASSINATED

Alexander Bonds allegedly assassinated Officer Miosotis Familia in the Bronx shortly after midnight on the morning of July 5th of this year. It was reported that “Bonds strode toward the police vehicle in Fordham Heights with purpose,” staying out of sight of the officers on duty while at least one of them wrote in their duty log at the end of their shift. Bonds is said to have fired through the window of the surveillance RV without being caught on camera, though his approach and departure were. Afterward he was gunned down by cops in the street.

Bonds lived with his girlfriend and may have had a taste for Irish Breakfast tea. He had previous convictions for robbery and assaulting a cop with brass knuckles, was not a stranger to aliases, and allegedly committed the shooting with a gun stolen in West Virginia. Bonds had battled adversity and may have even had an air for the whimsical, according to one “Which Magical Forest Creature Are You?” quiz. Other information garnered from social media suggests that he supported the parole of Weather Underground member Judith Clark, who is doing time for being a getaway driver in a robbery of an armored truck with the Black Liberation Army in 1981. During that robbery, a security guard and two police officers were killed. While Clark never pulled a trigger and has even been celebrated by the New York Governor for being a “model inmate,” she was denied parole — thanks in part to the testimony of another police officer.

In his initial statement regarding Alexander Bonds, NYPD SBA President Ed Mullins suggested that police officers can “induce, cause, arouse, or stir people into taking actions they might not ordinarily take unless provoked.” That is, he insinuated that there could be reasons to violently target police, for which he later apologized. Slate.com reported in 2015 that “Wikipedia pages about Eric Garner, Sean Bell, and Amadou Diallo — unarmed men who were controversially killed by New York Police Department officers — have been edited in NYPD-friendly ways from the organization’s headquarters at One Police Plaza in Manhattan.”

For many, this assassination has called to mind the 2014 execution of two NYPD officers in retaliation for the murder of Eric Garner. It also calls to mind the shooting of a Philly officer in their patrol car last year. For some of us, it can even call to mind the political assassination of a Red Bluff, CA police officer in 2002 by Andrew Mickel, whose communique led to his arrest. Or former cop Christopher Dorner’s rampage against police and their families for their perpetual racism. While these stories of retaliation are both celebrated and demonized for the ease with which they can be replicated, the individuals’ valor, public indiscretion and other faults, it seems necessary to note that these sorts of attacks are far from the norm. Meanwhile, police in the United States continue to operate with near impunity as they kill an average of more than 3 people per day in the year 2017, and are on track to murder nearly 1,000 for the third year in a row. ★





## WATCHING POLICE

On June 8th of this year, Officer Ryan Pownall pulled up alongside David Jones, whose dirtbike had stalled. Pownall decided to frisk Jones, and claims he felt a gun, at which point the officer drew his weapon. Some accounts say the cop told Jones not to draw his weapon, at which point Jones ran away. Officer Pownall attempted to fire, at which point his gun jammed. Then, for some reason, the cop cleared the jam and opened fire on Jones, shooting him in the back and buttocks. Jones was later pronounced dead at Temple Hospital.

The notorious murders of people by police are not so easily swept under the rug anymore, especially the gratuitous violence directed seemingly unendingly against black populations. Philadelphia has had some particular standout cases, including the firebombing of the Move house in 1985. After the police detonated C4 atop the house, which ignited an entire residential block, they did not let the residents flee and continued to fire upon them. The result was the death of 6 adults and 5 children. One adult, Ramona Africa, and one child escaped despite the firing police and the firemen who did nothing to quell the flames. No one did any time in jail for the firebombing, except for Ramona Africa.

Thanks to the work of some local school children, this tragic disgrace was recently formally acknowledged by way of a historical marker. Unfortunately, "the language of the plaque is flaccid to the point of inaccuracy," according to a Temple professor, in describing what was "essentially a municipal homicide." Again, the state has dismissed the plight of black people against the consistently bigoted violence of the police and the powerful people they serve.

Other news further infuriates - when the state dismisses protocol and fails to charge the second of two drag-racing cops in the vehicular homicide of a man due to the race (the cop wasn't even ticketed for speeding until many months after the fact, when someone drew attention to it), and so many murderers, like Minnesota Officer Jeronimo Yanez, get away with killing people like Philando Castille. The occasional cases in which police "misconduct" is exposed and charges are leveled against individual cops only provide us with a shallow glimpse into the deep violence and capacity of the police apparatus and the escalating recklessness with which they wield their power. Some recent examples in Philly include a cop who recently threatened people at a bar with her gun, PPD Officer Emmanuel Folly's arrest for possession and distribution of child pornography and

sexual abuse of children, and revelations in April of this year that former homicide detective Ron Dove had assisted his girlfriend in covering up her ex-husband's murder, hiding her from and lying to investigators.

Not that state charges and sentences are what we as anarchists are seeking for anyone, but the rarity of charges and convictions against police clearly illustrates the impunity with which they operate. That charges were leveled does not ensure a conviction, moreover, nor rule out leniency in sentencing. These are still all-too-common cases of an authority figure believing they can do whatever they want.

On July 10, cops in Kensington bashed a handcuffed suspect's head against the street and other objects in front of a crowd of witnesses calling for them to stop. April Rivera, a bystander who recorded the incident, said:

"The reason I recorded it and posted it and pushed for people to share it is because this isn't something that happens once in a blue moon in our neighborhood, this is very common. A lot of people go through stuff like this...I saw police were kicking this guy in his head and hitting him with their batons before I started recording."

Meanwhile, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf is set to sign a bill limiting public access to police audio/video recordings, after the bill passed the state senate in a 49-1 vote. The bill also says that officers can use body cam footage inside private residences and that "uniformed officers can legally record any conversation while using a state police-approved device in public." Those who think the "innocent" have nothing to fear from police and their surveillance need only look at the murder of Philando Castille over a broken taillight, the three-month imprisonment of another man for cocaine possession when he was actually a worker covered in drywall dust, or the 10-year political imprisonment of anarchist Eric McDavid — such cases all demonstrate that this is not the case.

But little is done beyond the usual picketing and politicking. Most still pay their taxes, or let them be taken out of their paychecks only to recoup them after the government used them for their own purposes. These taxes in turn are funding the new City Council plan to lease and buy 400 N. Broad St. for the new Philadelphia Police headquarters after dumping \$50 million into a West Philly location for the same purpose. ★





## JULY 25TH: SOLIDARITY WITH ANTIFA PRISONERS

In December of 2007, Jock Palfreeman witnessed a group of soccer hooligans chasing and attacking two Roma men in Bulgaria. He ran over to scare off the group with a knife but was attacked himself. After the fight ended, he was sentenced to 20 years of prison for the death of one of the attackers. He is still imprisoned. July 25th, 2014 saw the first international day of solidarity with Jock Palfreeman, which would later become an international day of solidarity with antifascist prisoners.

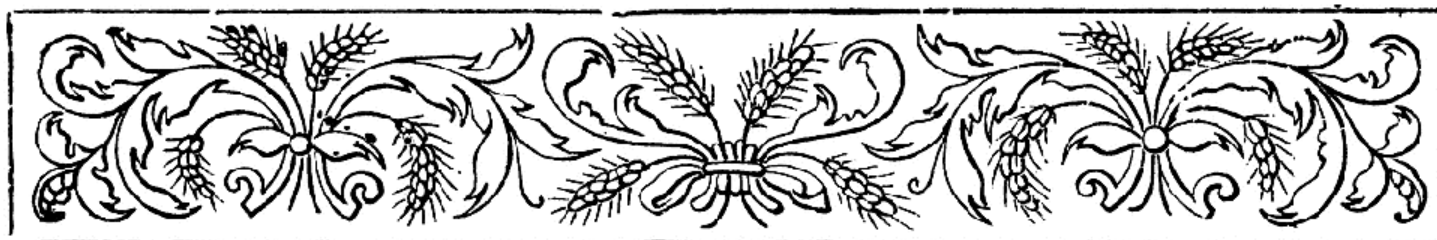
The international day of solidarity with

antifascist prisoners is a day to remember how repression can affect antifascist struggles and remind antifa comrades behind bars that they are not forgotten. This July 25th, consider writing a letter to an imprisoned antifascist, hosting an informational event or fundraiser, or dedicating an action in solidarity.

New York City Antifa has a list of antifa prisoners on their website at:

[nycantifa.wordpress.com/global-antifa-prisoner-list/](http://nycantifa.wordpress.com/global-antifa-prisoner-list/)

If you would like to send money to help imprisoned antifascists visit the International Antifascist Defense Fund at [intlantifadefence.wordpress.com](http://intlantifadefence.wordpress.com) ★





town that is also home to David Duke, notorious white nationalist and former Grand Wizard of the KKK. In 2002, Scalise spoke at one of Duke's white supremacist organizations, the European-American Unity and Rights Organization, later claiming he was unaware of what their cause was. Hodgkinson was aware of Scalise's ties to members of the KKK; in 2015, he had posted a cartoon on Facebook about the incident and wrote that Scalise should have lost his job.

Scalise has championed President Trump, defending him after tapes surfaced about Trump grabbing women's private parts and supporting Trump's travel ban on Muslim countries from its inception. Scalise does not believe that lesbians and gays should have full rights and equal citizenship. As House Majority Whip, Scalise's role in Congress is to coerce other representatives into towing the party line, obeying Trump's agenda, and generally maintaining the American colonial project in whatever ways the Republican Party sees fit.

All the legislators present at the baseball practice attacked by Hodgkinson preside over an American system of domination and exploitation that murders people on a daily basis. While anarchists and radicals often feel more comfortable choosing particular representatives to critique and push out from office, in reality all congressional legislators are instrumental to maintaining the U.S. colonial project and global capitalism. They are some of the most obvious and least controversial targets for assassination for those who seek to transform the current system.

Hodgkinson had attempted to create political change through legitimate activist channels for years. He had been holding signs about political corruption on street corners since at least 2012, had canvassed to get Bernie Sanders elected in 2016, and had encouraged people via social media to sign online petitions as recently as May. He had moved to Alexandria in March and was living out

of his car while staking out the gym where congressional baseball practice took place. Contrary to media depictions of Hodgkinson as motivated by desperation or mental instability, his activist record indicates that he acted out of conscience and based on personal experience of the failure of state-sanctioned activist methods to sufficiently challenge the state.

Despite anarchists' tendency to advocate for strategic and tactical escalation when other methods have not accomplished their goals, there has been little to no public support from anarchists and other anti-authoritarians for Hodgkinson's actions. At a time when radical praxis and imagination has become nearly monopolized by confrontations with fascist fringe elements, Hodgkinson's assassination attempt instead targets some of the key elements of the state itself, in ways that anti-authoritarians are uniquely positioned to understand and explain to the broader public.

Articles such as "How the Right Hopes to Use the Shooting in Alexandria" by CrimethInc, however, instead dismiss Hodgkinson's actions, pathologize him as acting out of desperation instead of strategically, and take stock of the consequences as purely detrimental to the anarchist cause. It's truly problematic to presume, as the author does, that militant armed action only creates further repression and plays into the alt-right's hands. Repression and the escalation of tensions is a consequence of any action of resistance that we undertake, especially those actions that successfully threaten the social order and those who protect it. To follow that logic would be to dismiss any actions except the least effective ones.

It should not be shocking to any anti-authoritarian that someone wanted to shoot our legislators, especially Republican ones. Anarchists need to look for more ways to support those outliers in society who actually attack the state, if we don't have the courage or ability to do so ourselves. ★



## ZOO ABUSE, COLLECTIVE LIBERATION

Early on the morning of May 28th, a young giraffe died of a broken neck at the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Ernie had stretched through the rails of a catwalk to reach his father and, after some physical contact, ended up stuck with fractured vertebrae that led to his death. Despite having said that she has warned other zoos that have similar catwalk set-ups, zoo president and CEO Melissa Borland says that it is unclear how the accident could have been prevented. Additionally, Borland states that Ernie's father Murphy, a wild animal, poses "no risk to the public whatsoever."

The absurdity of acknowledging the dangers of captivity infrastructure without recognizing that not exposing an animal to it could have prevented his death is astounding enough — but to additionally suggest that any wild animal is not dangerous is naive and insulting to that animal, if not an exposition of the insidious desire to maintain their profit margins.

No one deserves to be caged, and many of us resist this imposition, if only subconsciously — distrusting the bosses, cops, politicians, and people in our lives who box us in. There are also many who instead embrace this domestication, more often than not due to the ways in which we are socially conditioned from an early age through school, parents, advertising, and other instruments of authority. But sentiments of resistance extend throughout the animal kingdom, in which domestication is primarily imposed on non-human animals through breeding and cages.

We see tales of spectacular escapes from the abuses leveled against us, but also from non-human animals. Just last year in Philadelphia, a bull escaped from a truck outside a Kensington slaughterhouse and was

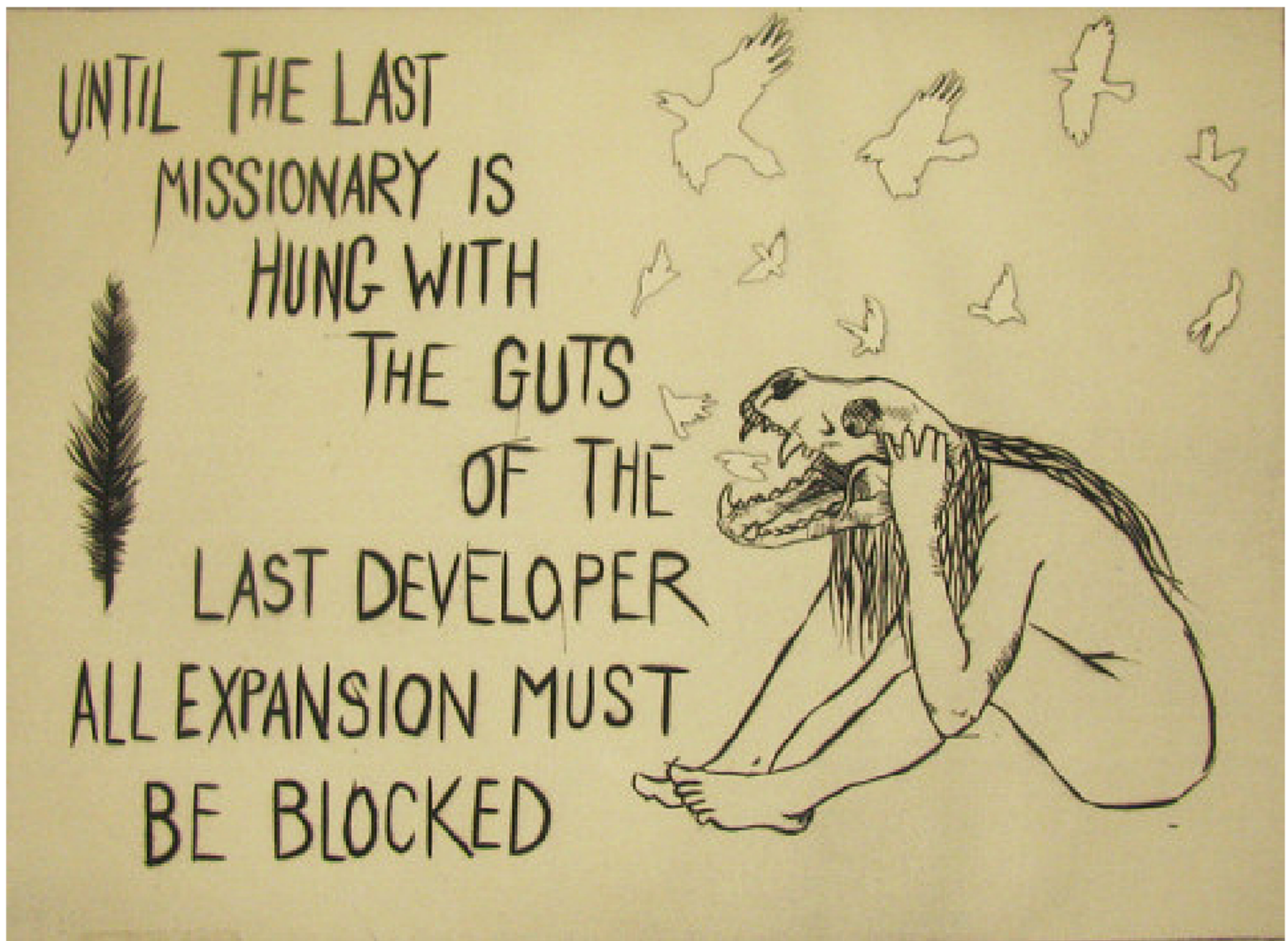
chased by police down I-95. The year before that, a cow had also escaped from a Trenton slaughterhouse, illustrating a will to live, to be free.

And then there's tales of fighting back, maybe best encapsulated by Tilikum — an orca who had been captured in the wild and who killed his trainers on several occasions. Tilikum clearly resented his containment within a tortuously small space. He fought valiantly against those complicit in the early death guaranteed to orcas by captivity.

You don't imprison what you respect; you treat it as an equal. That does not imply that you wouldn't kill it, as survival is predicated on killing plant and/or animal life in nearly every region of the world, by every member of the animal kingdom. That is, unfortunately, a shortcoming of veganism, a moralist-consumer identity that still adheres to certain hierarchizations of life forms. That is, veganism remains reliant on many aspects of a colonial capitalist world, tending to embrace the processed results of industrial agriculture rather than a collaboration with the world around them. This is not to say that refraining from eating products taken from tortured animals is a bad idea, but that veganism tends to rely on industrial capitalist technologies that are likewise destroying the landscape.

Some animal rights advocates have exposed their continued investment in the colonial capitalist project by condemning indigenous tribes for eating meat. We don't want capitalism, nicer or otherwise, and we don't abide the denunciation of indigenous populations who are using their ancient hunting and fishing methods that preceded the settler-colonial destruction of the planet (and large-scale extinction). To resist exploitation in a settler colonial society, it will be necessary





to extend our struggles beyond veganism as it currently stands, developing ways of sustaining ourselves outside of industrial capitalism and allying ourselves with the non-human fighters against the civilized world.

This extends to other aspects of consumer advocacy, as well. To advocate for so-called “sustainable” infrastructure, which relies on many of the same production methods to create it, continues to be a threat to living beings. Tall glass buildings, cell phone and radio towers, and an increasing number of wind turbines and solar panels kill millions of birds every year, for example. The “green” energy producers are a smaller portion of the fatalities, but as they grow in number and produce energy for the other infrastructures listed, it is clear that their impact is unmistakably intertwined.

Since Ernie’s death, two other giraffes in the area have died in captivity, one of them after a dental surgery intended to improve the quality of life of a giraffe named Hodari.

The world without civilization is not a perfectly romantic and peaceful place, of course, but a great deal more autonomy is available there. In a time when so many people like to celebrate their “freedom,” it seems few really understand what freedom might mean. As Kropotkin states in his evolutionary theoretical text *Mutual Aid*, living things largely advance through collaboration, as we live in an interdependent web of a world. To begin to recognize that, however, we would need to cease any and all imprisonment as a step in refusing the position civilization has afforded humans atop a hierarchy of beings. ★



## HOW TO BUY A GUN

The state has a number of requirements for purchasing a gun in Pennsylvania. First and foremost, you must be 18 to buy a gun. You are not allowed to have a gun if you have been convicted of a violent crime, are an undocumented immigrant, are declared mentally ill by the court, are a drug addict or habitual drunkard, are a fugitive from justice, have been convicted of three separate DUI charges within a five-year period or are subject to an active protection from abuse order.

There are more than 2,500 federally licensed firearms dealers in Pennsylvania. The chance is, there's one near you.

People interested in purchasing a firearm — whether it be a handgun, rifle or shotgun — must fill out an application. The application will ask for your basic information, as well as ask questions regarding your criminal and mental health history.

At the point of purchase, firearm dealers will plug that information into the Pennsylvania Instant Check System, or PICS, to determine if you are legally allowed to own a gun.

People interested in purchasing a firearm are required to pay a fee to the gun store owner to perform the background check. A typical fee would be \$20 for a handgun purchase and \$25 for a long gun purchase.

In most cases, the check goes through very quickly. If there's an issue that pops up, the gun dealer then is instructed to get on the phone with an operator at Pennsylvania State Police headquarters. The most typical issue arises when someone's criminal background would prevent them from purchasing a firearm. Issues also come up if the potential purchaser has an active protection from abuse order or is convicted of a crime in another state that does not perfectly line up to the state's crime code.

Aside from purchasing at a gun shop,

Pennsylvanians may also purchase firearms at a gun show. If you purchase a gun from a federally licensed dealer at the gun show, the process is the same as if you purchased it from a gun shop.

But the process changes if you purchase a gun from someone that is not a federally licensed dealer — known as the gun show loophole — or from someone privately.

Someone can privately purchase a long gun — which includes a rifle or shotgun — without having to go through a background check.

If you wanted to purchase a handgun privately, you would have to go to a federally licensed firearms dealer to complete a firearms transfer. The federally licensed firearm dealer charges a fee for a gun transfer.

Carrying your firearm is a little tricky in Pennsylvania. Gun owners are allowed to carry their firearms in public, as long as they are in plain view, like on the front part of a belt or over a jacket.

It is illegal to conceal the weapon behind a jacket or have it placed in a vehicle without having a concealed carry license — which can be obtained from your local sheriff's office.

It is illegal to carry a loaded firearm in Pennsylvania without a concealed carry license.

If you do not have a concealed carry license but want to transport your gun to the range, you must follow a specific protocol.

Gun owners without a concealed carry license must carry their firearm and their unloaded ammunition in two separate containers in their vehicle. ★



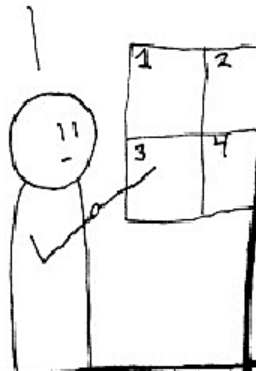


# A Public Service Announcement!

As an anarchist, enemy of the state, adventurer extraordinaire, your future is pretty uncertain.



But we here at SHAFP think it's safe to say that your fate will take one of four broad paths:

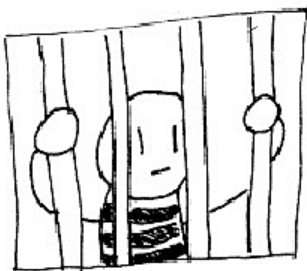


option one: you are a future sellout.

I used to be so reckless!



option two: future Political prisoner.



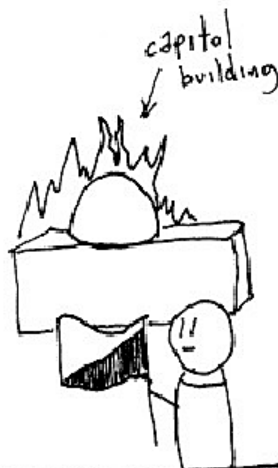
option three: future dead Anarchist.



option four: future wingnut. (if all of your friends are gone, you just sound crazy.)



But wait? what about the fifth option? What if we win?



HA HA  
HA HA HA



look! I remembered to end with a joke this time!





**excerpt from: THE DESCENT OF ALETTE**  
**BY ALICE NOTLEY**

“A car” “I was in” “became filled with” “an owl”  
“A huge owl” “huge wings spread out” “huge owl face” “The owl was”  
“a great” “horned owl” “a strange color” “of blue”  
“a midnight blue” “as if an owl who” “was a night sky somehow,”

“a piece of night sky” “The owl’s eyes” “were intent, intense”  
“the beak dangerous” “But I was” “entranced” “‘How  
are you here’ I asked him” “He said, ‘I am” “a projection”  
“from another place” “am not so large” “Am a simple” “owl”

“I’ve come here” “to say” “that when you finally” “meet with  
the tyrant —” “do you know yet” “you must confront him?”  
“I said nothing” “‘Well, anyway,’ he continued,” “‘when you  
meet him,” “I will help you” “I will help you, that is,”

“if you don’t” “hurt anyone —” “‘anyone except” “the tyrant”  
“‘What must I do to him?’ I asked” “‘What” “the situation” “will  
require,’ he said,” “‘but I think he” “must die” “‘Die?”  
“I can’t kill someone” “I can’t kill,” “I have no right” “‘You

are an animal,’ said the owl,” “‘an animal” “as I am” “Act like  
an animal” “when you kill him” “As little” “as possible”  
“must happen” “It must be clean” “‘I have no prowess,’ I said”  
“‘I will help you” “as I said” “Then he left,” “disappeared”

“I thought, “That” “was my father,” “I think” “that that owl”  
“is probably” “my dead father””

