FREE OCTOBER 2019



• OCTOBER CALENDAR o

WED OCT 2:

Icarus Project Radical Mental Health Workshop - 7 pm @ Bluestockings (172 Allen St, MH) SAT OCT 5:

Not One More! An Action to Defend Abortion - 8:15-10:30 am @ Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in Little Italy (260-264 Mulberry St, MG) + then Planned Parenthood (26 Bleeker St, MH) WED OCT 9:

LGBTQ Self-Defense Class - 6 pm @ Brooklyn Community Pride Center (1360 Fulton St, BK) FRI OCT 11 TO SUN OCT 13:

Just Practice Collaborative Series on Community Accountability - all day @ locations vary each day WED OCT 16:

Author talk on Empire of Borders: Todd Miller & Ryan Devereaux - 7 pm @ Housing Works (126 Crosby St) Thurs Oct 17: Exhibition opening: Building for Us: Stories of Homesteading and Cooperative Housing - 7 pm @ Interference Archive (314 7th Street)

SUN OCT 20:

securiTEA time: FeministCyberSelfDefense - 1 pm @ Bluestockings (172 Allen St, MH) Black + Pink letter writing - 3 pm @ Bluestockings (172 Allen St, MH)

MON OCT 21:

Author talk on Memoir of a Race Traitor by Mab Segrest, a classic in white antiracism - 7 pm @ Bluestockings (172 Allen St, MH)

THURS OCT 24:

Rally against DCP & Rezonings - 6 pm at Zuccotti Park, MH Fri

OCT 25:

Critical Mass group bike ride - 7 pm @ Union Sq North

SAT OCT 26:

BIKE KILL in Redhook BK, Ask a bike. Cybersecurity Workshop - 2 pm @ NYPL (42nd St, MH)

WEEKLY/BIWEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS Books through Bars - send books to incarcerated people. Every Mon. at 7:30 pm @ Freebird books (123 Columbia St., BK)

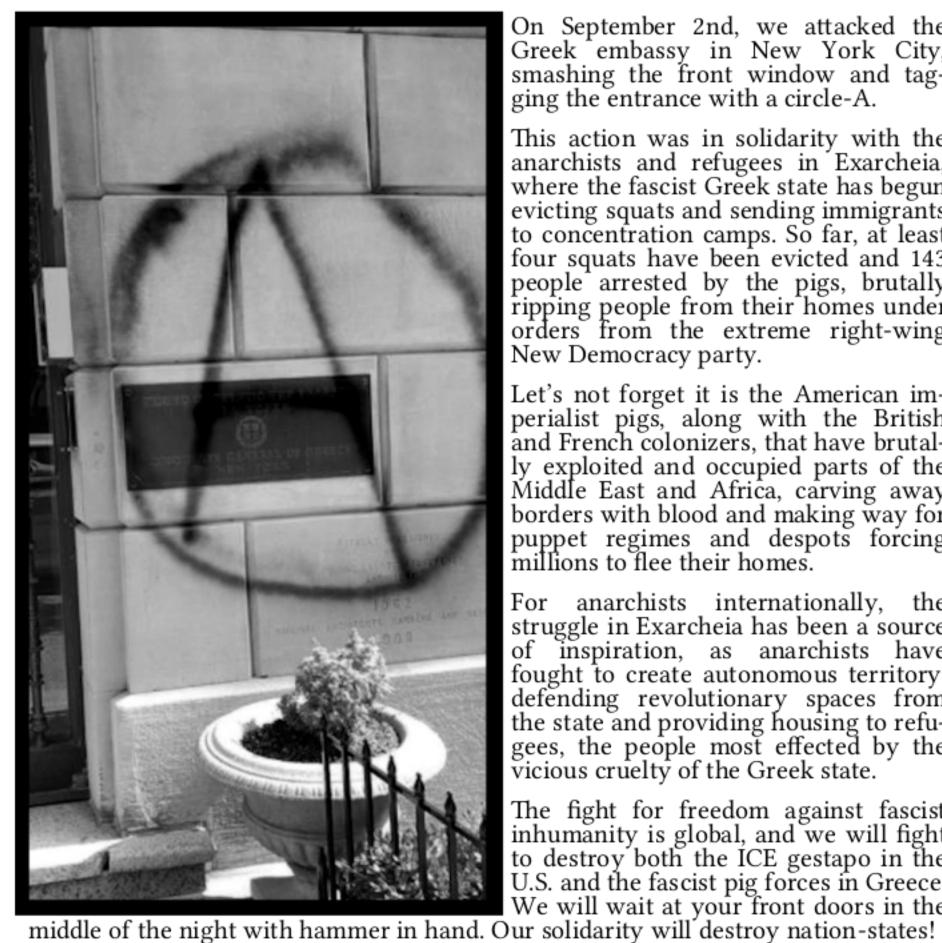
TUESDAYS NYC Anarchist Black Cross - write letters to incarcerated people and enjoy a free vegan dinner. Every other Tues. Oct 1, 15, and 29 at 7 pm at The Base (1302 Myrtle Ave, BK)

WEDNESDAYS Times up - free bike repair open workshop. Every Wed. at 6:30-8:30 @ 99 South 6th St (BK) // Books through Bars - send books to incarcerated people. Most Wed. at 7 pm @ Freebird books at 123 Columbia St. (BK)

SATURDAYS The Base open library hours. Every Sat. 2-6 pm @ The Base (1302 Myrtle, BK) // Food Not Bombs Brooklyn - sharing free vegan food with others. Every Sat. at 3 p.m. at the northwest corner of Von King (Tompkins) park (Lafayette and Marcy, BK) // Club A kitchen - food & harm reduction distro. Every Sat. at 4 pm @ Myrtle Broadway, BK // Trans boxing, \$10-20 sliding scale. Every Sat at 4 pm @ Overthrow (9 Bleecker St, MH) // Times up - free bike repair open workshop. Every Sat. at 6:30-8:30 @ 99 South 6th St,

SUNDAYS Food Not Bombs Manhattan - sharing free vegan food with others. Every Sun., cook at the Catholic Worker (36 E 1st St, MH) at 1pm, and serve at Tompkins Square Park (MH) at 4:15pm. // Books through Bars - send books to incarcerated people. Every Sun. at 2 pm @ Freebird books (123 Columbia St., BK) // open dinner to meet others and plug in, \$5 suggested. Every Sunday at 7 pm @ Woodbine (1882 Woodbine St., BK)

COMMUNIQUE FOR GREEK EMBASSY ATTACK



On September 2nd, we attacked the Greek embassy in New York City, smashing the front window and tagging the entrance with a circle-A.

This action was in solidarity with the anarchists and refugees in Exarcheia, where the fascist Greek state has begun evicting squats and sending immigrants to concentration camps. So far, at least four squats have been evicted and 143 people arrested by the pigs, brutally ripping people from their homes under orders from the extreme right-wing New Democracy party.

Let's not forget it is the American imperialist pigs, along with the British and French colonizers, that have brutally exploited and occupied parts of the Middle East and Africa, carving away borders with blood and making way for puppet regimes and despots forcing millions to flee their homes.

For anarchists internationally, the struggle in Exarcheia has been a source of inspiration, as anarchists have fought to create autonomous territory, defending revolutionary spaces from the state and providing housing to refugees, the people most effected by the vicious cruelty of the Greek state.

The fight for freedom against fascist inhumanity is global, and we will fight to destroy both the ICE gestapo in the U.S. and the fascist pig forces in Greece. We will wait at your front doors in the

This action is dedicated to anarchist martyrs Alexis Grigoropoulos, Tekoşer (Orso)

Piling, and Willem Van Spronsen. Their memories live on through revolutionary actions. Martyrs are immortal!

This action was also taken in solidarity with anarchist prisoners for the International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners. Fire to the Prisons in Greece, the U.S. and beyond!

Anarchist Attack Unit

TO SUBMIT A COMMUNIQUE, OR ARTICLE, ASK A QUESTION OR CRITIQUE PLEASE EMAIL: THESPARKPLUG@PROTONMAIL.COM

EVERYBODY HATES THE POLICE



Anti-police sentiment is at a high in NYC, depressing police morale to a low. Throughout the summer, cops were doused with buckets of water by kids they were harassing, and in September another was doused by a half-gallon of milk. In late August, a person took a chair to a row of six parked NYPD smart cars outside the Hudson Yards in Midtown, smashing their back windows. In mid-September, cops responding to a call at a NYCHA housing building in Oueons returned to their cruiser to find their windshield had been smashed in Queens returned to their cruiser to find their windshield had been smashed in by a brick thrown from the roof. A couple days later, NYPD cops engaged in shootout and killed a person. Immediately afterward, bystanders and people in the neighborhood began loudly voicing their feelings about the police, screaming, "Get the fuck out of here!", "Everybody behind that line can suck my dick!", and "All of yall can die!". In response, one cop said .You hear this more and more. The public just has no respect for cops. All they want to do is fight cops. It never used to be that way. Police have complained that they cannot do their jobs due to an increasingly antagonistic population.

This is a small smattering of incidents that have happened in the wake of what the rightwing media is calling the Pantaleo effect. In mid August, Daniel Pantaleo was finally fired from his NYPD desk job five years after killing Eric Garner. Pantaleo's firing caused great outcry among the crybaby cops who, much the same as their openly fascist brethren, love to play the victim. Protesting a perceived lack of departmental support, NYPD cops have engaged in an unofficial slowdown, with cops making around 27 percent fewer arrests in late August than in the same time period in 2018. **You can see it, morale is at an all-time low**," said former Lt. Joe Cardinale. With morale so low, in 2019 there have been 9 NYPD suicides, part of what is being called a national wave. Cops hate themselves too. And for good reason - in the same time period, a Special Victims detective has been accused of sexually assaulting a 12 year old, and the two cops who raped 18 year old Anna Chambers were let off with a slap on the wrist.

Sometimes when it feels like NYC is so heavily under state control, it is good to remind ourselves that this control is far from complete in its coverage and is being maintained by fallible humans with weaknesses and vulnerabilities. We are seeing the evidence of low police morale in their day to day actions. How can we take advantage of this moment to push for the liberation of our communities from the police and other predators? It is the time to be bold and take risks.

Excerpt from Take a Risk:

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO TAKE RISKS?

- Risks exist, floating in the air, they will often land on the most marginalized and attacked person, the more we step up and actively take risks, the less they land on others shoulders.
- If you're worried about losing a job (ie: your stable 9-5 with benefits, for example); the fact that you have a 'good job' with some security may put you in a place where you are more pro-
- it's only by taking risks that we can understand our true capabilities
- taking risks is fun and opens up the potential space for possibilities that would otherwise not be presented
- crime for crime sake; if you don't believe in the rule of law, and you don't agree with the state's control of our everyday life, then for his killing, after four and a half years of community criminality is crucial to actualizing the way in which you want to live
- the more we take risks the more we realize what we can get away with. building up communities and net-works of criminality builds trust and autonomy in direct conflict with the state. the cops understand this. that's why broken windows policing is so important to them.

FREEDOM ISN'T SOMETHING TO BE FOUND IN A FUTURE VICTORY IN WHICH WE INSTALL SOME NEW PROGRAM FREE FROM DOMINATION AND CONTROL, IT IS THE ACT OF DEFYING AND ATTACKING DOMINATION. FREEDOM IS FELT WHEN OUR FEAR DISAPPEARS

THIS MONTH IN "HISTORY"

On October 6th 1985, following the police murder of Cynthia Jarrett, riots broke out in the North London neighborhood of Tottenham. Cynthia was a resident of the Broadwater Farm Estate when police raided her home in search of stolen goods related to her son, who was not a resident (and whose charges were later dropped). No stolen items were found, but Cynthia suffered heart failure and died after four officers broke into her home the night of October 5th. The next night tensions escalated from a protest outside the precinct to tected from the possibility of penalization after the consequences of said risk

a battle at Broadwater, a large building containing roughly 3,000 residents. The police were fought by mostly black youth wielding bricks and petrol bombs and igniting cars to use as barricades. Sometime after 9.30pm a group of officers and firefighters were retreating from a group of rioters when PC Blakelock tripped. He was attacked with knifes and machetes and was stabbed in the neck, later dying from these injuries. He was the first officer killed during a riot since 1833. While 3 community members were tried and convicted defense campaigns, the verdicts were all overturned by the Court of Appeal.

We Look Out For Eachother

The MTA is doing their best to stop fare evasion while raising prices and making our daily lives more costly. By holding open the gates and warning eachother about fare enforcement we can reduce the impact on our communities.

Check out @unfarenyc on Twitter for alerts about fare enforcement in NYC's subways and busses.



Bullet hole in I.C.E. /GEO Group office in San Antonio

An excerpt from the zine END COPS END RAPE

BEYOND PRISONS AND SAFE SPACES: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

We are confronted with a multifaceted problem inherent to the culture of oppression and violence we live in: prisons cannot rehabilitate perpetrators of violence, and police use rape as a tactic to quiet survivors of violence and harm our communities. On the other end of the spectrum, we are faced with the impossibility of truly safe spaces within the power structures that dominate our everyday routines at work, in our relationships, and in our communities. While the abolition of prisons and the police are a means to achieving a society free of sexual violence, we must create alternative structures that meet the needs of survivors now.

One solution to this problem can be found in restorative justice, which is an approach to mediation that prioritizes the needs of the survivor of violence by emphasizing accountability and making amends on their own terms. This method to restoring survivor autonomy necessitates the involvement of the community rather than the hierarchical and abusive structures that reinforce our oppression (because we believe that violence to one person in the community causes harm not only to the victim, but also to the offender and the community at large).

Contrary to the state's conception of incarceration as "justice," restorative justice proposes that the people most affected by the crime should participate in its eventual resolution. At first glance this may seem like a vague solution. However, by individualizing the needs of the survivor, they are able to: confront their abuser without being confined to judicial limitations, safety plan with friends and community members to preserve their own physical and emotional wellbeing, dictate whether they want to make amends with their abuser (and to what degree), and to receive support from their mobilized community who can help rehabilitate the abuser and prevent further harm.

This is a cursory look at a long term, community based, survivorcentric practice that takes immense care, commitment, and preparation. We need to support survivors as we move towards the abolition of prisons, police, and all oppressive structures.

COPS THE NYPD BOTCHES RAPE CASES AND LOSES RAPE KITS THE NYPD LETS DON'T RAPISTS WALK FREE THE NYPD SENDS PEOPLE TO RIKERS WHERE THEY ARE STOP NYPD THE PROTECTS THEIR RAPIST BROTHERS RAPISTS THE NYPD RAPES US THEMSELVES BECAUSE THE COPS HARM US COPS WE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE **FEMINISTS SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH** no more rapist police ARE no more racist police no more police RAPISTS



July 14th Willem Van Spronsen was shot and killed while attacking ice vehicles with molotov cocktails, the above photo is from his attack.

Tuesday Aug 13th: multiple rounds shatter the windows of I.C.E. and Geo group offices in San Antonio. No one has been caught.

Friday Aug 30th Cellicia Hunt allegedly threw a lit Molotov cocktail into the lobby of a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Oakland Park, Florida. write her at:

> Cellicia Hunt 901900617 PO Box 407037 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33340

FROM NYC TO MEXICO CITY; FUCK COPS, FUCK RAPE

The following page is a poster which we encourage you to duplicate and post up.

IN MEXICO CITY RIOTS, led by collectives of infuriated young women, broke out in August 16th in response to two separate occasions in which cops raped teenage girls. The first, involved a 17 year-old who was abducted by four police officers and raped in a patrol car in Azcapotzalco. The other, occurring within the same week, involved an officer who raped a 16 year-old girl. Protesters convened to yell and march together shouldering shared rage and fury. They demolished and spray painted symbols of authority, including the Angel of Independence monument, successfully defacing its base with anti-rape and anti-cop slogans. They attacked a bus depot, smashing out window after window while fires burned around them, and set fire to a police station. Protests retained momentum and continued on through the night. The actions are being referred to as the "glitter protests", as protesters covered the city's police chief in pink glitter. As general levels of distrust and distaste for cops are on the rise internationally, Mexican anarchist crew Féminas Brujas e Insurreccionalistas (F.B.I.) aided in turning the protest into an active anti-authoritarian, anti-state, and anti-system demonstration, 'waking up' the feminist masses, and proving that nonviolence is no longer the necessary tactic. F.B.I. are not feminists fighting for feminism's sake; They have stated that they are explicitly anarchists, fighting against Patriarchy and the 'feminist' leaders and those who oblige to work within the system whilst still in cahoots with men in power. Their actions demand autonomy. Their actions are a direct call out to the systems that perpetuate violence on their bodies and those who do not support and back their anger, and thus "lick the boots and suck the eggs of The President".

ANNA CHAMBERS was 18 years old on September 17, 2017 when two NYPD officers, Eddie Martins and Richard Hall, approached her in Calvert Vaux Park in Gravesend, detained her for possession of a small amount of weed and klonopin, and took her to their police van where they raped her. Handcuffed, in police custody, they told the then-teenaged Chambers to "shut the fuck up" and forced her to have sex with them. They forced her to take a klonopin, told her again to "keep her mouth shut", and dropped her on a corner. Hospital rape kits immediately found the DNA of both officers, who had attempted to claim that they were bribed into having sex with Chambers so as to let her off the hook for possession. Officers Martins and Hall resigned in 2018. All charges against them have been dropped. They admitted to having sex with Chambers. They weren't fired. They weren't arrested. In 2017, there was no law protecting victims of sexual assault by police officers. Though there now is (for what it's worth), the law can not retroactively be applied to the Anna Chambers case. The revision to the penal law, in early 2018, states that a person is incapable of consent when they are "under arrest, in detention or otherwise in the actual custody of a police officer, peace officer or other law enforcement official and the actor is a police officer, peace officer, or other law enforcement official who either: (i) is responsible for effecting the arrest of such person or maintaining such person in detention or actual custody; or (ii) knows, or reasonably should know, that such person is under such arrest, detention or actual custody." Since 2009, 2,200 US cops have been arrested for sexual assault. Half of the victims were under 18. Sexual assault is the second most common form of reported police misconduct (after excessive force). So let us ask the real question that is burning inside of so many of us: Why the fuck do cops keep assaulting and raping teenage girls? This is an issue that is not only specific to the NYPD or the US, but is an issue specific to police - wherever they exist. This is clearly an international issue (see: article on glitter protests in Mexico). A new law is all well and good on paper. But what about all the victims that aren't in a position with the privilege of coming forward? What about all the girls who were "asking for it" like judge Danny Chun said of Chambers? Anna Chambers' attorney, Michael David, said "If you're arrested and kidnapped in a van with two large officers with guns, there's no consent. They're getting away with rape." It is often the case that cops and other men in power prey on people they know they can get away with preying on - choosing victims they know will have a hard time representing themselves, for reasons such as a previous record, photos and posts online that courts deem "provocative"... the list goes on. If the cops aren't going to stop assaulting and raping people, and those that are supposed to hold them accountable have zero desire to do so - as it doesn't satisfy and benefit their interests - what can WE do to put an end to it?

COMMUNITY ALERT:





THESE 2 COPS RAPED 18 YEAR OLD ANNA CHAMBERS. THEY ARE STILL FREE IN NYC AFTER BEING LET OFF WITH A SLAP ON THE WRIST. BE ALERT THESE PREDATORS MAY LIVE OR WORK IN YOUR AREA. THESE COPS REMIND US ONCE MORE THAT WE CAN NOT RELY ON THE POLICE. THEY KILL, BEAT AND RAPE WHO EVER THEY WANT, WITH NO REPRISAL. EACH TIME A COP MURDERS, RAPES OR HURTS SOMEONE AND WE DO NOTHING OUR INACTION CONFIRMS THAT THE POLICE CAN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO OUR BODIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND GET AWAY WITH IT. HOW MUCH LONGER AREWE GOING TO TAKE THIS SHIT?

FÉMINAS BRUJAS E INSURRECCIONALISTAS (F.B.I)

We don't want dialogue, so we don't set limits on the revolt. Our desires for destruction and our longing for freedom will not remain stuck in a dream catcher: we will be your worst nightmare!

If one day we don't return home:
Don't light candles, light barricades!
No God, no State, no master, no husband!
State-Capital, with AMLO OR WITHOUT
AMLO, patriarchy is what it weaves!
Let's destroy everything that dominates
and conditions us!
Anarchic solidarity with all imprisoned
comrades around the world!
Against the patriarchal civilization!
For the control of our lives!
For the destruction of gender!
For the insurrectionary anarchic tension!
For Anarchy!
Fire to the existent!

Nosotras no queremos diálogo, por eso no ponemos límites a la revuelta. Nuestros deseos de destrucción y nuestras ansias de libertad no se quedarán atorados en los atrapasueños: seremos su peor pesadilla!

Si algún día no volvemos a casa:
No prendan velas, prendan barricadas!
¡Ni Dios, ni Estado, ni Amo, ni Marido!
¡El Estado-Capital, con AMLO o sin AMLO,
patriarcado es lo que teje!
¡Destruyamos todo lo que nos domina
y condiciona!
¡Solidaridad anárquica con todas las
compañeras y compañeros presos alrededor
del mundo!
¡Contra la civilización patriarcal!
¡Por el control de nuestras vidas!
¡Por la destrucción del género!
¡Por la tensión anárquica insurreccional!
¡Por la Anarquía!
¡Fuego a todo lo existente!