

First Coast **Tiger Bay Tracks**



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Columnist A.G. Gancarski & Andrew Pantazi **March 17, 2023**



A.G. Gancarski has covered Jacksonville for eight years for **Florida Politics** and also has a recurring column in **Jacksonville Today**. He is a frequent guest on local and national outlets discussing local politics and state affairs. He lives in Avondale and has lived in Jacksonville for nearly four decades.



For eight years, **Andrew Pantazi** reported for his hometown newspaper before helping found Jacksonville's first digital-only nonprofit news site, **The Tributary**. He specializes in using data to tell stories about why things go wrong and has exposed corrupt and incompetent public officials. He has taken the time to tell detailed narratives, and has

handled the newspaper's lead write-through duties when major breaking news, like a hurricane, hit. He revealed how a public defender used state salaries to pay political allies and friends, all while his attorneys had the lowest pay in the state.

Andrew exposed jail rapes by compiling county records from across the state, highlighting how bad policies - pairing accused predators with the mentally ill and stripping them naked - put inmates in harm's way. He developed a database on racial disparities in drug prosecutions by examining two years of drug convictions, opening every arrest report, sentencing score sheet, plea deals and judgments.

We hope you can join us on **March 17th**: Democracies thrive only when citizens participate.

2023 **Tiger Bay** **Officers**

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Reservations are required: E-Mail: fctigerbay@gmail.com

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