

# PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE

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UN-NYC Climate Week 2020 kicked off with a March For Climate Justice.

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## NEW CLIMATE REPORT PAINTS DIRE PICTURE: MOVEMENT GEARS UP TO FORCE ACTION



Activists and homeless gather near a Los Angeles homeless encampment prior to the city evicting all park encampments last March.

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### IN THIS ISSUE

#### ► New climate report paints dire picture: movement gears up to force action

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The new IPCC Climate report concludes that there is no avoiding ongoing dramatic consequences from the climate change that has already occurred. The report also contains some dire predictions for humanity and the Earth if the world's governments don't act immediately to rein in any further human contribution to climate change.

CONTINUES

## ▶ ‘We have chosen resistance’

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Pipeline fighters from diverse backgrounds are putting their bodies on the line to Stop Line 3— and all pipelines — to defend the soil, water and air that we all depend on to survive.

## ▶ Water Webinar: The fight to keep our water public, not corporate

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Speakers from groups fighting to keep our water public, and away from corporate interests, share their perspectives, difficulties and victories in educating communities and bringing more communities into this fight.

## ▶ More Quench Water Webinars Coming Up in September!

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In September, we have two more water webinars scheduled. *Water Affordability vs Assistance* on September 15 coordinated by Detroit and Philadelphia water activists and on the 30th we will hear from BarbiAnn Maynard and others about the fight for clean water in one of the poorest areas of the nation, Martin County, KY.

## ▶ Benton Harbor, MI event: ‘Learn the Dangers of Lead in Your Water’

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A small African American Michigan town finds out about the dangers of lead in their water, how local leaders and others covered it up, and the need for communities to fight together for clean, affordable water as a human right.

## ▶ No Water Privatization in the Infrastructure Plan

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218 groups sign letter to key Senate leaders opposing public-private partnership in the infrastructure bill that promotes a Wall Street takeover of essentials like public water.

## ▶ Stop the Evictions! Make housing a guaranteed right

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Groups across the country are organizing to protect tenants from abuse and evictions, while pushing for policies and laws that recognize housing as a human right and a social priority.

## ▶ Cori Bush shows the way - A sit-in blocks eviction of 11 million (for now)

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Congresswoman Cori Bush’s sit-in and brave stand for government to block evictions of millions forced the issue into the public consciousness and produced results. More such boldness will be needed.

▶ **Icelander says their govt would never allow homelessness**

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Read comments about a government that would never allow people to suffer from homelessness.

▶ **San Jose Residents and Supporters Protest ‘Destination Nowhere’**

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Residents of those building community in a San Jose encampment unify in a fight against their eviction by the City.

▶ **A Meditation on the Homeless at Banks of Los Angeles River**

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**A trifecta of sanctioned encampments, scornful NIMBYs and cruel ordinances**

Gay, disabled senior, artist, dancer and educator speaks out against the destruction of independent tent communities, and the prison-like facilities people are forced to live in.

▶ **Delight**

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my friends were  
enjoying some ramen  
though it could have been spicier  
  
I told them I saw a man  
squatting at the Drumm St curb . . .

▶ **‘Election Promises’**

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A prayer/poem for today by  
Unitarian Universalist Minister Mark Belletini  
from Columbus.

▶ **Homeless Union Denounces Steinberg’s ‘Master Plan’:  
A Dangerous Con Job**

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California Homeless Union denounces Sacramento mayor’s plan as a multi-million-dollar subsidy to the contractors, the homeless industrial complex and the City itself. And it will not end homelessness.

▶ **‘Humanity in general is re-evaluating everything . . .’**

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Elena Herrada of Detroit describes the worsening situation for workers, their lack of tolerance for their condition, and a hopeful comment about humanity today “evaluating everything.”

▶ **Flint School Board and community resists big foundation’s  
bully tactics**

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Angry Flint parents and staff pack a July school board meeting to protest the move of a big foundation to remove beloved school programs by strong-arming the local school board.



## ▶ **Return to School: Catch COVID-19?**

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The dangers of the ‘everybody back to school’ policies are discussed, along with practical solutions.

## ▶ **Help Circulate Report on Border Human Rights Violations**

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In 2020, the People’s Tribune and our sister bilingual publication, El Tribuno del Pueblo launched “The People-to-People Fact-Finding Delegation to the Border” in collaboration with a group of activists, researchers, and independent journalists to investigate human rights violations at the U.S.-Mexico border. The group convened five virtual panels (via Zoom) of 27 experts who gave testimony regarding the situation on the border. A summation of their testimony has been compiled into a 64-page report, posted on our website, that we are asking our readers to help circulate.

## ▶ **New US-Mexico migration agreement violates the right to asylum**

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In August, people were expelled under Title 42 from Texas to Tapachula, Chiapas —mainly women and families with children and abandoned at the Guatemalan border. These were the first flights to arrive there after the Biden administration announced they would accelerate expulsions under Title 42, a measure established by the Trump administration that allows the immediate expulsion of people under the pretext of the COVID-19 public health emergency, despite the complete lack of scientific evidence showing this measure to be effective. Reuters reported the initiation of these flights as part of a strategy to deter border crossings and avoid the accumulation of people at the northern border of Mexico and in US detention centers.

## ▶ **Fight against voter suppression continues in Texas**

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The fight against voter suppression in Texas escalated recently with Republican House members pushing to arrest Democrats who had fled the House chamber to prevent Republicans from passing a voter suppression bill.

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