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INFRASTRUCTURE BILLS:

Does Congress Have the Will to Address Human Needs?



Rally at Detroit police station protesting the 2020 pre-christmas eviction of a mother and her three children.

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PROTESTS: THE PEOPLE vs FOSSIL FUELS



Climate march to White House led by indigenous leaders to demand Biden act.

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► **Infrastructure Bills: Does Congress Have the Will to Address Human Needs?**

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A call for everyone to speak up and insist that the rights of the most vulnerable are not negotiated away in a mad rush to “compromise.” The people need the full \$3.5 trillion bill to pass, at a minimum.

► **Congress: Don’t water down the voting rights bills**

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The central battlefield where the struggle between democracy and dictatorship is being waged is the electoral arena, including around the right to vote. Passing these bills won’t mark the end of the struggle, but it will be a needed victory in the long fight that lies ahead.

► **People vs. Fossil Fuels protests**

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Climate protests took place over a five-day period beginning on October 11 in Washington, D.C., to demand that President Biden declare a climate emergency and stop approving fossil fuel projects.

► **‘We will not back down! We will stop Line 3,’ says indigenous youth leader**

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Silas Neeland from the White Earth Reservation speaks at the People vs. Fossil Fuels protest about the fight to shut down Line 3 and urges the fighters to not back down to police.

► **Alaska activist arrested during occupation of Bureau of Indian Affairs at climate protests: Interview by Democracy Now!**

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Democracy, Now interviews activist from Alaska arrested during occupation of Bureau of Indian Affairs at climate protests.

► **People vs. Fossil Fuels Mobilization Concludes with Youth-Led Civil Disobedience at the Capitol, 90 Arrests**

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Voices from the youth-led civil disobedience at the climate protests at the capitol in October.

► **Black Town with Toxic Water Demands Government Act Now!**

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A reverend reports on his city’s 3 year old lead water crisis and why nothing was done until now.

▶ **Flint, Michigan: High Water Rates for 10 years**

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The poisoned city of Flint is still paying the price for the decisions officials made which resulted in their poisoning.

▶ **Connect with Your Spiritual Home, says Hopi Chief**

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Hopi chief talks about the spiritual connection and learning from the resistance of Indian and African peoples.

▶ **Louisianans in dire need in Hurricane Ida's wake**

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The People's Tribune's Bob Lee interviews Belden "Noonie Man" Batiste, a New Orleans activist and mayoral candidate, about the situation in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Ida.

▶ **US has never forgiven Haiti for being a beacon of freedom**

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Why the US keeps punishing Haiti.

▶ **Sister Norma urges Biden to end remain in Mexico policy for migrants**

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An appeal to President Biden's sense of morality, human dignity and as a fellow Catholic regarding the urgency of treating migrants at the border humanely.

▶ **'Strange Fruit' hanging from trees in Texas**

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Law enforcement officials in Texas found the remains of a man assumed to be a migrant who was found hanging from a tree 80 miles from the state's border with Mexico.

▶ **Immigrant organizer targeted by ICE is granted prosecutorial discretion**

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After four years of being targeted by Immigration Custom Enforcement (ICE) for her work to dismantle the enforcement agency, immigrant rights defender and organizer Maru Mora Villalpando has been granted prosecutorial discretion by the Department of Homeland Security.

▶ **Chicago Public Schools: Give Us the Best COVID Safety!**

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Antonio, an 11-year-old Chicago Public School student reports his personal story of what happened inside his school during the COVID pandemic, what it felt like to him and a common-sense call to action that is needed today to save lives.

▶ **House Everyone as a Human Right!**

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Read some of the stories of how people are organizing to defend themselves and their fellows.' We must support all efforts. House everyone as a human right.

▶ **RIP 'Lil Bit': Chicago homeless rights community mourns one of its own**

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Chicago homeless rights community mourns one of its own. The story and poem of a great woman who cared about all people, especially homeless people.

▶ **'With no apology': Homeless sweeps 'courtesy city of Salinas'**

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The documentation of yet another city's sweep of the homeless from their Salinas, CA camp.

▶ **Camping vs. Living in Idaho: What's the Difference?**

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An acclaimed author on homelessness raises the alarm about Idaho, a state with not only record Covid deaths and infections, but also with a brutal housing crisis.

▶ **National Union of the Homeless mandates a winter offensive**

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Read about the demands of the Oakland, CA homeless who are organizing a winter offensive, which will be taking place in cities nationally.

▶ **Houseless artist's heart was always filled with love**

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A remembrance of a beautiful houseless woman and artist, from a friend.

▶ **Give her a chance; give her a choice!**

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Four million march to support abortion rights. Eighty-five percent of the marches were organized by new grassroots activists that have been true for every Women's March. Organizers are activated and they aren't going away! Women's right to choose is a fundamental right and central to any democracy.

▶ **Jack Hirschman (December 13, 1933 - August 22, 2021)**

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The world and the movement for social transformation has suffered the loss of one of its great lights and souls with the passing of the revolutionary visionary poet and organizer Jack Hirschman.

▶ **Kellogg's Workers Strike Over Two-Tier System**

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Members of the Bakery Workers Local 3G in Battle Creek, Michigan picket the Kellogg cereal plant. Workers at all four U.S. cereal plants are on strike.

▶ **Help us make the People's Tribune available in print, too**

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Our reader's thoughts are needed to help the People's Tribune get back in print.

▶ **The Bear**

Capitalism is a bear
with gnarled claws
and a terrible smile.
Capitalism hides its teeth
when it walks up to you
and grabs your wallet.

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▶ **Poem by
Ayat Bryant-Jalal**

Humanity lay dismembered
In knitted satchels
Strewn along pavement
Thrown from the buildings
Families kicked out,
their apartments removed

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▶ **The Devil is
Dancing in Texas**

Last night they pushed away hope
They slapped decency in the face
Deep oh deep in the heart of Texas
They opened the door
They struck up
The rotting band of death

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