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HUNGER STRIKE FOR DEMOCRACY



Students fight for passage of voting right bills.
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STARBUCKS UNION VICTORY



CHIAPAS: MIGRANT GENOCIDE?



HOMELESS FIGHT FOR LIFE

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▶ **Join the movement to defend democracy!**

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There is a growing, far-right movement that is committed to destroying what is left of American democracy and imposing a dictatorship, but there is another movement now in the streets defending democracy, and it must be expanded so it can win.

▶ **Build Back Better and Voting Rights Bills: Only pressure from below can get it done**

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The majority of the people want and need the Build Back Better and Voting Rights bills passed, but the agendas of the corporate Democrats and Republicans are dictated by billionaires. Massive popular pressure is needed to get these bills pushed through.

▶ **Youth go on hunger strike to save democracy**

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On December 6 Arizona college students began a hunger strike, demanding that Congress pass the voting rights bills as part of the fight for democracy. As word got out, young people from many other states joined their White House protest. Hear their voices.

▶ **Donate to help the People's Tribune restart a print edition!**

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We stopped printing temporarily because of the pandemic and focused on further developing our online presence. Some readers are now asking that the People's Tribune resume printing so they can get a print paper out at public events. Your donation is needed to help in this effort.

▶ **Where Would Jesus Sleep in Santa Cruz?**

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A campsite of unhoused people by the San Lorenzo River was flooded by torrential rains. The city of Santa Cruz pushed people out of the city to the camp site, and then later had police block them from moving to a safer location to escape the flood.

▶ **Unhoused face towing of vehicle homes in Sacramento**

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Sacramento coalitions and homeless union protested the devastating destruction of the only homes many unhoused people have. Tagging hundreds of vehicles, the City then towed cars and RV's that stayed parked because their unhoused owners did not have the money to get them running, even as storms brought freezing rain.

▶ **Panhandling Bans Struck Down: In Miami area cities, resistance to laws that attack free speech**

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Responding to a mean and unconstitutional ban against panhandling by the city of West Palm Beach, homeless people and their supporters rallied to protest and defy the law, which was struck down as a violation of free speech.

▶ **Poems by Karen Melander-Magoon & Eric Allen Yankee**

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Death in the City

Nearly 600 people have died this year
On the streets of San Francisco
Pandemic, fentanyl and other drug overdoses
Simple neglect, mental illness, abandonment
Even tragically been set on fire while sleeping
On the streets of San Francisco

Unknown man

No one knew him.
He scoured the streets
daily in search of money
to buy food.
He spoke to everyone
with a plaintive cry.

▶ **Chiapas: Migrant Genocide?**

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This statement on behalf of the International Tribunal of Conscience of Peoples in Movement notes that the tragedy that occurred in Chiapas, Mexico, Dec. 9, reflects a general pattern of vulnerability and persecution of migrants in transit through Mexican territory. The statement also refers to an upcoming virtual forum planned for January 2022.

▶ **What President Biden Should Say About Omicron, but Won't**

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Chicago medical doctor and community activist discusses what President Biden needs to say and do about the pandemic but won't. This includes the urgent need for a massive emergency increase in federal funding to health departments, schools, etc., increased production of safe masks and billions in international aid.

▶ **Massive Tornado Outbreaks Not a 'Natural Disaster'**

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Discussion with Michael Mann, distinguished professor and director of Earth System Science Center, about why we see an increase in massive tornado outbreaks, and why they will continue and become more extreme examples of climate change.

▶ **Lessons from hunger strike to keep industrial polluter out of Chicago neighborhoods**

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A story and lessons of a month-long hunger strike to stop General Iron (metal scrapper and polluter) from moving into Chicago southside neighborhoods.

▶ **The amassing of great wealth is stealing our home**

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The rich are buying up the housing and working class people can't afford to buy houses anymore. The wealthiest 10% of Americans now hold more than 13 times the wealth of half of the nation. The pandemic saw the steepest increase in billionaires' wealth in history.

▶ **Starbucks workers win first ever organizing victory in New York**

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tory highlights the first successful union organizing victory at a Starbucks store, in Buffalo, New York, along with information about the profits and union busting tactics of giant corporations that fight to keep unions out.

▶ **Reader calls People's Tribune a powerful tool to help people unite**

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A beautiful message from a leader and long-time friend and contributor to the People's Tribune about why the paper is a powerful organizing tool.

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