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We remember Grace Lee Boggs who died at 100. She was a long-time Detroit revolutionary thinker and writer. Her work and the work of the Boggs Center occupy an important place in the education of a new generation of revolutionaries. She was (and is) part of a heritage, a tradition of profound revolutionary thought springing from the experiences of the Detroit working class. She joins General Baker, CLR James, James Boggs, Marty Glaberman, Milton Henry, Dave Moore, Art Fox, Rev. Albert Claige, even Malcolm X (Detroit Red) all of whom made important and unique contributions to revolutionary thought – revealing the inhumane contradictions of modern capitalist society and the revolutionary solutions that emerge from these contradictions. See the Boggs Center for more information.

The Flint water crisis – public water poisoned with lead – has led to a small victory. The city will be reconnected to Detroit’s public water system from which Flint had been getting its water. The city is still going ahead with the construction of a new pipeline and treatment system separate from Detroit. Why tear up the environment and create new infrastructure? Why not maintain, improve and modernize the current water system to the benefit of all? When the Emergency Manager changed the public water source from the Detroit system to the Flint River, it caused many health problems. Only community activists, who were ignored, were speaking out. They reached out to Detroit water activists fighting against tens of thousands of shutoffs of low-income people.

Full Editor's Note

Why Strict Federal Oversight is Needed to Safeguard Flint's Water

October 5, In the past few weeks, the problem of lead in Flint's drinking water has quickly gone from being a story largely ignored by the mainstream media to a scandal that's making headlines nationally. Faced with overwhelming evidence, state and local officials who adamantly insisted for months that there was no problem have been forced to admit that their unequivocal assurances were completely false.

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By Fred Vitale

Detroit to Flint March for Clean Affordable Water. July 3 through July 10. Pictures from July 10 March in Flint.

Critical Point of Struggle: *Water*



By Fred Vitale

'We were Paying to Poison our Kids': Lead in Michigan City's Water hits Children

Flint declared a public health emergency this week after a dangerous spike in its water's lead levels. But par-ents say they've been 'scream-ing' about the issue for months in an area where water prices are among the country's highest.

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Exploring the Public Health Consequences of Detroit's Water Shutoffs

Drew Walker knows what it's like not to have running water. The young African American woman stood up at a recent gathering of concerned citizens and told her story of living through multiple water shutoffs as a teenager. She said she often didn't bathe before school, had body odor, and sometimes had to shower in the homes of neighbors, friends or family, an experience she says was degrading. Walker is poised and soft spoken and tells her story with feeling and detail. Her experience is not an isolated one. Since May of this year, The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department shutoff water to more than 13,000 delinquent accounts, many of which are Detroit families experiencing financial hardship.

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Highland Park Residents Protest \$20M Tab for Water

Highland Park — A group of residents rallied Thursday to protest a court order that will force residents to pay millions to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department for past unpaid bills.

They blame city leaders for failing to make timely payments after Detroit began supplying water to Highland Park in 2012.

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Important Groups:

D- REM,
Michigan Welfare Rights
Organization,
PWBC
&
We the People, Detroit

Sierra Club Helps Launch New Michigan Climate Initiative

DETROIT, MI—Michigan's first statewide coalition of citizens to advance climate change solutions was announced today with the new Michigan Climate Action Network preparing to kick off its first organizing drive at Saturday's Detroit March for Justice event.

"Michiganders want action on climate change. By coming together we will build a stronger movement in Michigan to confront the defining issue of our time," said Kate Madigan, Michigan Climate Action Network Coordinator. "Climate change solutions mean cleaner air, cleaner energy, and community-based efforts to prepare for the impacts of climate disruption. Our future is at stake.

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The Continued Persecution of Social Justice Activist Rev. Pinkney

I am now in Marquette prison over 15 hours from wife and family, sitting in prison for a crime that was never committed. Judge Schrock and Mike Sepic both admitted there was no evidence against me but now I sit in prison facing 30 months.

Schrock actually stated that he wanted to make an example out of me. (to scare Benton Harbor residents even more...) ONLY IN AMERICA. I now have an army to help fight Berrien County.

When I arrived at Jackson state prison on Dec. 15, I met several hundred people from Detroit, Flint, Kalamazoo, and Grand Rapids. Some people recognized me. There was an outstanding amount of support given by the prison inmates.

When I was transported to Marquette Prison it took 2 days. The prisoners knew who I was. One of the guards looked me up on the internet and said, "who would believe Berrien County is this racist."

New Court Date on 4 Motions for Rev. Pinkney:

Tuesday, February 24, 1pm . Berrien County Court

Follow Rev. Pinkney's case and make a contribution

Or send a check to BANCO, 1940 Union Street. Benton Harbor, MI 49022

News: Michigan



The U.S. Must Aid and Admit Syrian Refugees, End Regime-Change Policies that Cause Displacement

The Green Party calls for an expanded U.S. role in offering aid and new homes for Middle Eastern refugees and an end to interventionist “regime change” policies that continue to provoke violent conflict and displacement of civilians.

“The crisis of displacement has been caused in large measure by U.S. policies in the Middle East, north Africa, and western Asia. When the U.S. invaded Afghanistan and Iraq in the last decade and ousted Qaddafi in Libya in 2011, the result was an era of regional instability and violence in countries between Pakistan and Nigeria. Greens warned that this would happen and opposed all of these actions,” said Bahram Zandi, co-chair of the Green Party of the United States and co-chair of the party’s International Committee.

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News:
Green Party

Restore the Voting Rights Act, Enact Proportional Representation, Repeal Voter ID Laws

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Green Party leaders said that the closing of 31 driver’s license offices in Alabama, hindering Black residents from obtaining the identification necessary to vote, proves the need for full restoration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as well as other election reforms.

“The government of Alabama made the case for Voting Rights Act when it shut down 31 driver’s license offices, mostly in counties with Black majority populations,” said Thomas Muhammad, co-chair of the Green Party Black Caucus and executive board member of the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute located at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

“Alabama’s restrictive ID law was a blatant attempt to obstruct Blacks from voting. States are still vulnerable to the kind of abuses that the Voting Rights Act is designed to correct,” said Mr. Muhammad.

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Green Party
Candidates

The Real Difference

US	THEM
Abortion	
Support full access to abortion, with funding, for all women in the U.S. and around the world.	Republicans: Oppose abortion Democrats: Support abortion rights. Sometimes.
Banking	
Bail out the people	Republicans: No Bailouts Democrats: Bail out the banks
Jail for Banksters	Republicans: Reject Democrats: Will Not Act
Campaign Finance	
Refuse to accept corporate contributions. Demand an end to special rights for corporations & an end to big money elections	Republicans & Democrats: Accepts donations from corporations, including defense contractors, oil companies, insurance and drug firms, etc. Republican officials indicted or under investigation of bribery, perjury, etc.
Corporations	
Oppose Corporations as Persons	Republicans: Support Democrats: Support
Refuse Corporate Campaign Contributions	Republicans: Support with open hands Democrats: Support with open hands
Support labeling of genetically modified organism	Republicans: Oppose Democrats: Thinking, Thinking ...
Death Penalty	
Oppose the death penalty citing racial bias, failure to deter crime, widespread errors, and humanitarian objections.	Republicans: Overwhelmingly support it Democrats: Lukewarm support for it
Electoral Reform	
Support electoral reform including Instant Runoff Voting and public financing of elections. Open debates.	Republicans & Democrats: Works for us, why change anything
Global Warming	
Oppose Keystone XL Pipeline	Republicans: Support Democrats: Lukewarm opposition
Reduce emissions NOW	Republicans: Bush withdrew the U.S. from the Kyoto Treaty to reduce greenhouse gases and fossil fuel use (oil, coal). Wants to lower emissions standards to try to reduce gas prices.
Convert to renewable energy sources such as low-cost wind and solar power.	Democrats: Willing to weaken emissions standards to lower gas prices. Promotes subsidies to corporate agriculture as a way to reduce petroleum consumption.

Military	
Oppose Drone Warfare & Assassinations	Republicans: Support Democrats: Support
Oppose Israeli takeover of Palestine	Republicans: Support Democrats: Support
Reduce the military budget	Republicans: Increase the budget Democrats: Increase the budget
Social Security	
Fully support the Social Security system	Republicans: Cut it to the bone Democrats: Will accept cuts
Students	
Support a Jubilee for Student Debt	Republicans: Oppose Democrats: Oppose
Unions	
Support a living wage and the right to organize	Republicans: Oppose Democrats: Weak support
Universal Health Care	
Demand real universal health care: Single-payer national health insurance, with guaranteed treatment and medicine regardless of age, ability to pay, employment, prior medical condition, including choice of doctors and hospitals	Republicans: Oppose guaranteed universal health care; Support health policy based on corporate profits for insurance, HMO, and drug companies instead of human need. Democrats: Support health policy based on corporate profits; Deleted plans for universal health care from the Democratic platform.

From the new national website! [Click here to go there!](#)

Other Updates:

Enbridge Pipeline No. 5, the old pipeline under the Mackinac Bridge was the subject of a recent Sierra Club press release. Found [here](#).

What is Enbridge Pipeline No. 5? See Michigan Coalition Against Tar Sands.

The Anti-fracking petition campaign is moving along. Here is the latest press release.

The legalization of marihuana petition update can be found by clicking [here](#).

Green Party of Michigan Meetings

Next State Membership Meeting

March 19, Lapeer

2016 Nominating Convention

July 30-31, Lansing

Green Party of
the United States

Go to gp.org to see who is running for office in 2016. Also, check out the new national logo and t-shirts in the store.

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