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Part-time jobs, no benefits: The real state of the working class

By Gary Wilson

In his March 6 State of the Union address, President Joe Biden declared, "We have the best economy in the world." He said millions of new jobs had been created in the last three years and that unemployment was at record lows.

Fact-checking is not required for presidential speech writers, so exaggerations are acceptable. Biden was maybe speaking loosely. The morning after, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported a rise in unemployment in February, including a full percentage point increase for Black and Latinx workers.

But last month, Biden tried to back up his claims with a BLS report showing that over the 12 months ending in January 2024, average weekly wages increased by 3%, while the average price of consumer goods rose by 3.1%. So they are saying wages have almost, but not entirely, caught up with inflation.

Actually, the BLS report is like a trickster's sleight of hand.

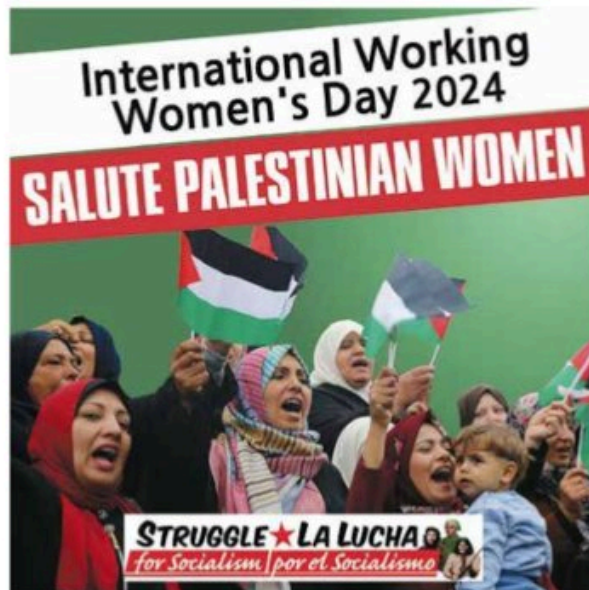
While the government reports a 3% wage increase, this figure is only for full-time workers, excluding a significant section of the workforce, such as part-time and contract workers. The full-time data includes "earnings" by management and corporate officers.

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**Nex Benedict's death:
a turning point in the
fight for trans lives!**

▶ A trans woman
reflects on Int'l
Women's Day



On International Women's Day, we salute Palestinian women and women worldwide struggling against U.S. imperialism and capitalist oppression.

It is imperative that we amplify the resistance of Palestinian women during the current genocide perpetrated by Israel and its puppet master, the U.S.

Their heroic resistance and sacrifice remains foremost in our hearts and minds this Int'l Women's Day 2024.

▶ PFLP on starvation massacre

▶ San Diego flood victims

▶ 'Exploring the Police State'

▶ Ukraine continues attacks on civilians

**March for
GAZA**

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International Women's Day salute to Palestinian women

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International Working Women's Day 2024

SALUTE PALESTINIAN WOMEN



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New York City: Memorial Tribute for Ralph Poynter, March 21

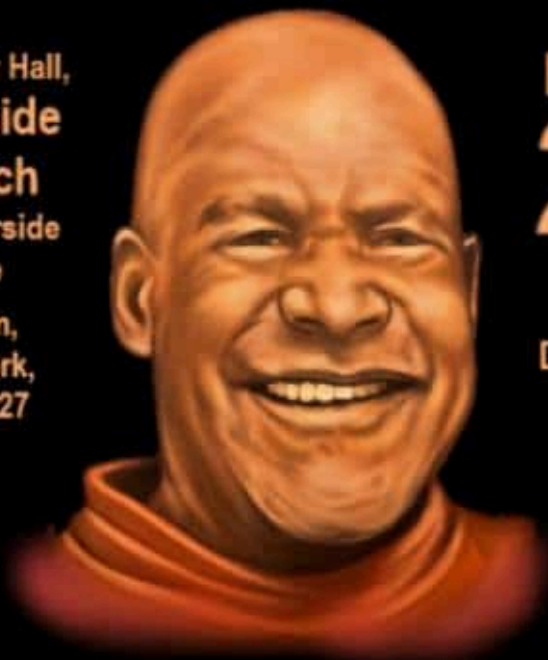
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A memorial tribute to a revolutionary warrior

RALPH POYNTER

March 21, 1934 - December 25, 2023

Assembly Hall,
Riverside
Church
490 Riverside
Drive
Harlem,
New York,
NY 10027



March
21
2024

Doors open
5:00 PM

An evening of solidarity among friends, family & comrades who will celebrate the life of Ralph Poynter and the many contributions he made to the struggle for human emancipation.

This will also be a solidarity event for political prisoners
Mumia Abu-Jamal and Leonard Peltier.

Live music entertainment, poets, food & refreshments!

For more information please call: 917-603-6160

C. Rovira

Memorial Tribute for a Revolutionary Warrior - Ralph Poynter

Come join us at The Riverside Church on Riverside Drive in New York, NY, USA to honor the life and legacy of the remarkable Ralph Poynter. This event is a heartfelt tribute to a true revolutionary warrior who dedicated his life to social justice and activism. Let's come together to celebrate his impact and remember the passion he brought to every cause he championed. Don't miss this opportunity to pay homage to a remarkable individual who made a difference in the world. All donations will go to the Mumia Abdul Jamal and Leonard Peltier defense funds.

See you there!

Memorial is free and donations are appreciated. Thank you.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/memorial-tribute-for-a-revolutionary-warrior-ralph-poynter-tickets-847585118907>



Saturday, March 2: Rally for Palestine!

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MARCH 2 RALLY FOR PALESTINE

NEW ORLEANS



**HANDS OFF RAFAH
CEASEFIRE NOW!
STOP THE GENOCIDE**

MARCH 2 • 4 PM • JACKSON SQUARE

Rally for Palestine!

Saturday, March 2, 4 PM

Jackson Square, New Orleans

Join us and millions of people across the world on Saturday, March 2, as we take to the streets to demand liberation for Palestine.

Rally for Palestine!

End the Genocide

Lift the Siege on Gaza Now

Cut All US Funding of Fascist Israel

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!



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Palestinians barred from Al-Aqsa Mosque

Zionist regime targets Ramadan

By Lev Koufax

Every year during Ramadan, Muslim people from around the world travel to the occupied city of Jerusalem to make a pilgrimage to the Mosque Al-Aqsa. This sprawling religious site includes the iconic Dome of the Rock. Al-Aqsa is one of the most revered and significant sites in the Muslim faith.

This pilgrimage is viscerally sacred for all those who adhere to the Islamic faith. The journey should be peaceful, solemn, and bound in love. Unfortunately, the Zionist entity has for decades criminalized this pilgrimage for many Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza.

For years, Zionist shock troops
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New York City protest on Feb. 16. See page 3.

SLL photo: Stephen Millies

Crawfish in the coal mine: Climate disruption is here

By Gregory E. Williams

Last weekend, my partner and I ate at a local restaurant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Crawfish season had clearly begun. People were crowded at the bar with trays piled with these “mud bugs.”

It's a typical Louisiana scene. Crawfish boils are part of the

culture here, a time-honored ritual. From the rural parishes to New Orleans, people gather in backyards to cook and dine on crawfish – like at a barbecue. It's part of the Cajun, Creole, and even Vietnamese cuisine here.

But this year, scenes like the one at that Baton Rouge restaurant will no doubt be less com-

mon and more expensive. LSU AgCenter experts have been making the rounds explaining the ongoing shortage.

The combination of winter cold fronts and summer heat and drought took a toll on crawfish, which are mostly grown in water-logged rice fields. 2023 was the hottest

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Los Angeles: Vigil and march for Nex Benedict, Feb. 25

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Sunday, February 25 - 6:00 p.m.
7350 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL & MARCH

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF

NEX BENEDICT



Join the trans community in remembering the life of Nex Benedict, a 16-year-old non binary student who tragically passed away following a brutal assault in their school restroom in Oklahoma.

FEB 25 • 6PM • LOS ANGELES

Community
Partners:



ryan
cassata

Location: WeHo UCC
7350 Sunset Blvd



Boston vigil for Nex Benedict, Feb. 24

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BOSTON VIGIL FOR NEX BENEDICT

Saturday 2/24 at 6 pm

Boston Common Bandstand (Gazebo)

Come out, come out!



March 2: Global day of action. Hands off Rafah!

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MARCH 2:
GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION

HANDS OFF RAFAH



CEASEFIRE NOW!
STOP THE
GENOCIDE

SAT. MARCH 2 • 1 PM • WASH SQ. PARK

MILLIONS MARCH FOR PALESTINE

SHUT IT DOWN 4 PALESTINE COALITION

SHUTITDOWN4PALESTINE.ORG





Bitter Cane, newly re-mastered, at Anthology Archives on Sat. Feb. 24 & Mon. Feb. 26, 2024

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IndieCollect presents its 4K remastering of
the timeless documentary classic *Bitter Cane* (*Canne Amère*)
at Anthology Film Archives 32 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10003

Two Screenings

Saturday, February 24 4:45 PM

Monday, February 26 7:30 PM

Screenings will be followed by discussion with the filmmakers.



Tickets available online at anthologyfilmarchives.org BITTER CANE Directed by Benjamin Dupuy & Kim Ives 1983, 75 min, 16mm-to-digital.
In English and Haitian Creole with English subtitles. This screening is part of: STRUGGLE OF MEMORY: FORGETTING HAITI, REMEMBERING AYITI film series

Produced by the Mouvement haïtien de libération (MHL) in conjunction with Haiti Films The new 4K restoration was created with support from the Golden Globe Foundation. "Filmed clandestinely under the Duvalier dictatorship, BITTER CANE is a documentary classic about the exploitation and foreign domination of the Haitian people. From peasant coffee farms in the rugged tropical mountains to steamy U.S.-leased or -owned sweatshops in the teeming capital, the film takes the viewer on a journey through Haitian history to a deeper grasp of the country's political economy. Shot on 16mm, it was produced by Haiti Films, a collective of Haitian and North American filmmakers, who worked in close collaboration with the MHL, an underground revolutionary organization. [...] After the fall of Jean-Claude 'Baby Doc' Duvalier's regime in 1986, students and popular organizations projected the film on movie screens, walls, and bed-sheets in Haiti's countryside and cities to raise political consciousness and understanding of the difficult anti-imperialist struggle that lay ahead." — HAÏTI LIBERTÉ

"Excellent and provocative... exceptionally well-crafted."

— LOS ANGELES TIMES

"Powerful"

— BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE

"An outstanding analytical documentary... laid out with impressive clarity, organized with the utmost intelligence."

— VARIETY

"Cogently argued... The complex human exploitation involved is made so vivid that the film becomes an especially instructive case history of U.S.-Third World relations."

— LIBRARY JOURNAL

2nd Prize, Cannes Film Festival (Documentary, 1983) 1st Prize, Antwerp Film Festival (1983)



South Africa: Gaza genocide is in the hands of the countries that supply Israel with money and weapons

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South Africa Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor's Official Statement, Feb. 14, 2024

"Israel was not deterred by the decisions of the Court of Justice, and the evidence is to continue its war in Rafah.

The decision to stop the fighting in Gaza is in the hands of the countries that supply Israel with money and weapons.

What concerns us is that Israel is allowed to ignore the ruling of the Court of Justice and not protect civilians.

The actions of the Israeli government prove what we submitted to the Court of Justice regarding genocide.

We condemn the targeting of journalists in general and Al Jazeera journalists in particular, and this is a criminal act.”

