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Twice a Month in 1997

Real Change Needs Your Help to Go Bi-Weekly

Over the last year, *Real Change* has done a better job than ever, creating employment for the poor and homeless while providing an alternative voice that is unique in Seattle.

Timothy Harris

Sales of our paper are up more than 22% over last year, from an average of 635 papers a day to 818. Each paper sold represents a dollar earned by someone working to help themselves.

We have done this while keeping our expenses to the minimum. *Real Change* still only employs two staff people, and one of us is only part-time. We calculate that for every dollar of our budget, this project has put about \$5 in the pockets of poor and homeless people.

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Twice a month in 1997

The one request we hear most often, both from our vendors and readers, is that you want to see more of us. Beginning in February, you will. *Real Change* will begin publishing every two weeks, but we need your help to make this happen.

Up till now, *Real Change* has been able to keep our doors open 49 hours a week, produce our paper, and manage more than 150 vendors a month with just our skeleton staff.

With bi-weekly publication, this will be impossible. Our goal for 1997 is to double our staffing to publish twice as often and expand our political program. Without grassroots support from our readers this will not be possible.

To accomplish our goal of bi-weekly publication by February, we need to hire another part-time staffer this January. Over this Holiday Season, we need to raise \$15,000 to fund this position and make 1997 the year we hit our stride.

But more frequent publication will not be all that 1997 brings. We will also continue as leaders in a growing national movement, and expand our political program right here in the Puget Sound

A Model for Social Change

Last summer, *Real Change* helped to organize a North American gathering of street newspapers in Chicago. This was the first time such a gathering has taken place on this continent, and reflects the growing momentum street papers have taken on as a movement.

A commitment was made to form a North American Street Newspaper Association, and *Real Change* is in the leadership. I'll be going to London late this November to attend an international gathering of street papers and report on developments on this continent.

While I'm certainly looking forward to meeting our friends across the

Atlantic, what excites me most is the prospect of helping to organize this new movement, and working toward my goal of "a street newspaper in every major city by the year 2000."

heck of a lot of people who want to work for economic justice but often are not sure how. They draw in those who are most affected to work for social change.

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Papers like *Real Change*, which combine self-help and political advocacy, can form the backbone of a revitalized poor people's movement. By helping the poor and homeless to help themselves, and building bridges to thousands of people who want to get involved, street newspapers are a powerful force that has only begun to grow. We are playing a leadership role in making that happen.

Organizing and Advocacy

Over the next year we will also expand our own efforts at political advocacy. Our Homeless Speakers Bureau will continue to grow as a public education effort that destigmatizes homelessness, and our Citizen's Participation Project will continue to target the issues that need action most.

Both of these projects capitalize on our strength as a project: we reach a

Both these projects need more attention to reach their potential. Our tiny staff just can't do it all, and needs to expand. Over the next year we anticipate raising the foundation funding we need to be more effective political advocates.

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We need to raise \$15,000 this holiday season to start 1997 off with the resources we need. As always, *Real Change* does a lot with very little. Please use the coupon on this page to make a generous contribution today.

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Real CHANGE

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He and Sherry got together in Vancouver, WA, and started back to his home state of Iowa on the bus. The money ran out in Tacoma, where they stopped to pull things together. They decided to stay when it started to work out for them here.

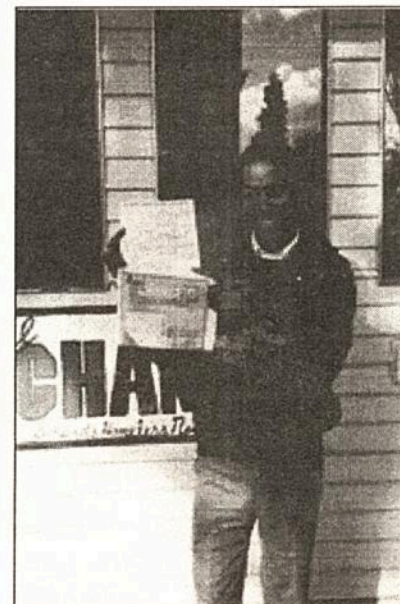
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Carl says, "Selling the paper, I talk to a lot of people. Talking about being homeless and getting advice and moral support helped me keep going. I talked to doctors and lawyers who'd been pretty close to where I was—wondering how they were

gonna get out of their predicament—and they're doctors and lawyers now.

"My dad always told me, 'It doesn't matter what you do to earn your money as long as it's honest. You're not a failure unless you stop trying to succeed."

"And one more thing," says Carl. "God bless the residents of Tacoma."



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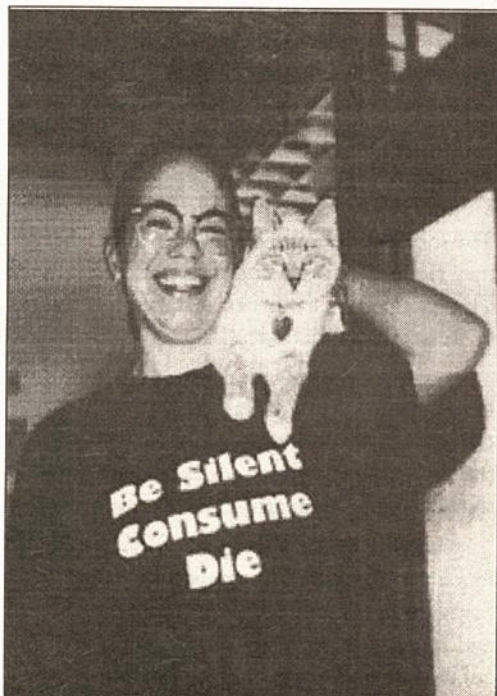
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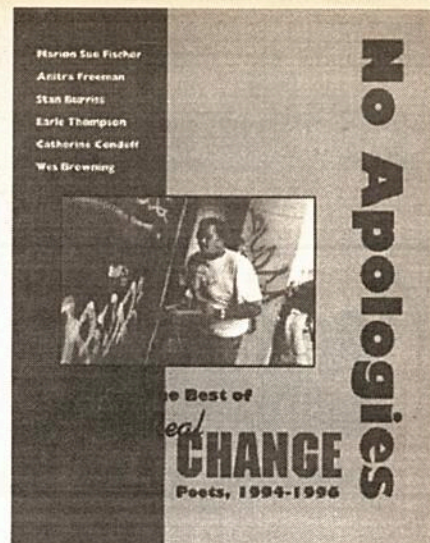
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Still No Apologies

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Seattle's homeless newspaper has released its first poetry anthology, entitled "No Apologies, Best of Real Change Poets 1994-1996."

The 36-page chapbook features the work of six homeless and formerly homeless poets who have been regular contributors to the paper.



"I've never claimed to be an expert on modern poetry, but this is the Real Thing with a capital RT. It's not grad students sympathizing with (or slumming among) down-and-outers, it's down-and-outers talking for themselves, with pride, anger, humor, wistfulness, nostalgia, and not a speck of malaise."
 - Clark Humphrey, *The Stranger*

All proceeds from the sales of "No Apologies" benefit Real Change. The chapbook is available through Real Change for \$6.95. Either stop by our Belltown office or mail us a check at 2129 2nd Ave., Seattle, WA 98121

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The NIMBY Challenge

A Special Issue of Real Change

This issue of *Real Change* is dedicated to a phenomenon that has become a major hindrance to the development of affordable housing and services for the poor in Seattle. I am referring to neighborhood-based opposition to the location of a new project, a.k.a. NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard).

Jon Gould

While the reality of diminishing government resources is the biggest current obstacle to the production of affordable housing, opposition from would-be neighbors is running a close second. Unless we understand and diffuse community opposition, we will never solve Seattle's shortage of affordable housing and meet the housing needs of low income individuals and families.

All too frequently, opposition to subsidized housing springs from unfounded concerns and fears. Some opponents categorically allege that subsidized housing will bring lower property values, an increased crime rate, and neighborhood instability. In reality, these fears often have little to do with the proposed project, and are based on misinformation and false assumptions. When groundless fears go unchallenged, prejudice against the feared population is too often the tragic result. This phenomenon, false assumptions that prove to be unfounded in fact, is the

subject of this issue of *Real Change*.

Hardly a new syndrome, housing-related NIMBY attitudes have surfaced throughout the recent history of the United States. In the early 1900's, many U.S. cities adopted "beautification" laws to prevent the encroachment of slums into affluent neighborhoods. After World War II, homogeneous suburbs were developed as the destination of choice for the white middle class. The early Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. encountered NIMBY attitudes in restrictive covenants that forbade the sale of homes to people of color and ethnic minorities. Successful court battles against covenants laid the legal groundwork for the 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision that desegregated public schools.

In this issue, we feature several current hotly debated efforts to site housing and services for the poor in Seattle: the Urban Reststop hygiene center, affordable housing at Sand Point, and replacement housing for the Waldorf Towers Apartments. In each case, the nonprofit providers completed a thorough community notification process mandated by the City of Seattle. Neighborhood input was sought, valued, and acted upon.

Each project has experienced broad-based community support and vocal and strident opposition. While hostile opposition grabs headlines, the vast support for each project is evidenced by the thousands of volunteer hours spent

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by people who want to improve their communities and make their ideas reality. Reading these articles, you will meet individuals and organizations who welcome those who need housing and essential services into their neighborhood.

Probing to the heart of most NIMBY debates, *Real Change* asks: "Does subsidized housing have a neighborhood impact? If so, is it positive or negative?" Data from a recently released academic study offers what may be surprising results. Proximity to subsidized affordable housing has in fact had a positive impact on surrounding property values. Details regarding this study may be found in *Just Say Yes*, also on this page.

Finally, in what may be the first local article of its kind, *Yes In My Backyard* takes a retrospective look at three local NIMBY debates. Each housing project featured in this article was the subject of vehement opposition when proposed by local nonprofit organizations. Now, each is embraced by its community. The projects are successful and are good

neighbors to the nearby residents and businesses. Some initial critics are now avid supporters. This instructive look back gives hope to efforts to increase the acceptance of affordable housing into all of Seattle's neighborhoods.

The moral fiber of a city can be measured by how well it protects its most vulnerable citizens. With more and more people in need of affordable housing and less of it available, we cannot afford to let unfounded fears stop local efforts to provide housing and services.

Jon Gould is a member of the Real Change Board of Directors and is the Housing Policy Coordinator at the Low Income Housing Institute.

Just Say Yes

What is the usual response to the location of subsidized multi-family projects developed by nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs)?

NIMBY, Not In My Backyard.

The nerves pinched by the possibility of CDC projects being located in a neighborhood include a fear that property values will lower, that crime rates will increase, and that subsidized housing will create neighborhood instability due to transience and the addition of newcomers. Are these fears accurate?

A study published this year by Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization and the Center of Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA), delves into these complaints. The focus sites were 23 CDC projects in the Minneapolis-St. Paul urban center—and the results call into question opponents' fears.

In the area of economics, property value was found to increase by \$.86 per foot when close to a non-profit-developed subsidized housing project. In other words, two properties, A and B, which are identical in all aspects except property A is 100 ft. closer to a CDC project, the value of A was \$.86 more than B.

As far as crime, 14 of the 23 properties involved in the study

showed a significant decrease in crime calls after their rehabilitation into CDC projects. In 8 properties, there was no statistical change due to rehabilitation, and, in 2 buildings, a slight increase occurred.

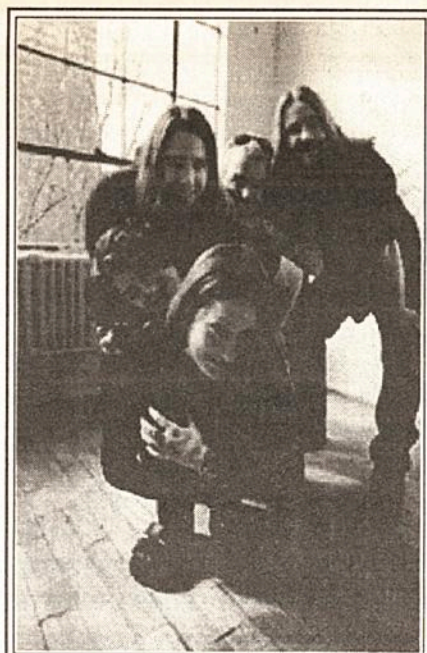
Finally, in the area of economic and ethnic diversity, and length of residency, the study showed that on 23.2% of the CDC project residents had lived in their units for less than a year—in contrast to the 47.7% for all tenants in the surrounding neighborhoods. Interestingly, the study also found that there is little support for the belief that subsidized housing attracts more low-income residents to the city. Eighty eight percent of the current residents in the projects had lived in the city before moving to the subsidized units—4 out of 10 had actually lived in the same neighborhood.

With this current research, the response to CDC projects should be YIMBY.

Yes In My Back Yard.

Copies of "There Goes the Neighborhood?" may be ordered from the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, (602) 625-1551

—article by Susan Forschey



Thank Goodness for friends like these

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First Hill Improvement Assn. Fights Relocation

By CHUCK VAN WEY

You have seen the images many times on the evening news. An old apartment house burns down, and the dazed, terrified former residents stare uncomprehendingly into the camera, clutching a cherished photograph or a singed pet, maybe a coat or a pair of shoes.

Maybe they are doctors or lawyers, retired pipefitters or cops; maybe this one is your widowed mom or that one your disabled brother, but in the eye of disaster, bereft of home and dignity, standing there trembling in their pajamas, they are all equal. After such a catastrophe, the community rallies round the innocent victims.

Unless, that is, the catastrophe stems from the relentless corporatization of downtown Seattle and its innocent victims are the low income, retired and disabled. Such would seem to be the case with the residents of the Waldorf Towers, a fine, old residential building on the corner of Seventh and Pike, that is slated for destruction to make way for an expanded Convention Center.

Many of the people to be displaced are longtime residents of the downtown/First Hill area, people who should have a reasonable expectation of being relocated in the neighborhood that they know and love. But thanks to the opposition of some First Hill residents and groups, primarily the First Hill Improvement Association, this may not be possible.

According to Jon Gould, the Housing Policy Coordinator at the Low Income Housing Institute, two sites have been suggested for replacement housing. One, at 1214 Boylston on Capitol Hill, is unopposed by local residents. The other, at 1100 Minor Avenue on First Hill, is strenuously opposed.

The latter has already received a waiver to be designated as a seniors-only, federally subsidized apartment building.

Both sites will be needed to house all of those displaced. The relocation is scheduled for February, 1998, but may be delayed due to local opposition and a commitment from the Convention Center to rehouse tenants before the Waldorf is torn down.

"The Minor Avenue site appears to meet the needs of the Waldorf tenants. The pros of it are location, location, and location," said Gould, "The site is near to hospitals, services and shopping. It is also close to bus lines. It is several blocks from the new Harvard Market."

But Joanne Coombs, vice president of the First Hill Improvement Association, said that First Hill has already absorbed a disproportionate share, more than ten percent, of the city's subsidized housing. "The proposed hundred units of subsidized housing will sit right across the street from another hundred units of subsidized housing.

"There's no parking here now, and we've had so many accidents at the corner of Spring and Minor that the city has offered to put in a circle. They say they'll put in parking, but at this point we just don't trust anything they say. There's a methadone clinic less than half a block from there. How do those people (Waldorf residents) feel, being told that they have to live here or there? Why can't they have more choice?" said Coombs.

Coombs, a retired, eight-year resident of First Hill, said that she spoke for many of her neighbors in voicing her total opposition to further placement of subsidized units in the area, citing the stated and apparently abrogated assurances from the city that subsidized housing would be spread equitably among Seattle's neighborhoods.

"The policy isn't bad. They just don't follow it," said Coombs. "Mayor Rice just kicked out 50 homeless from Sand Point. How come? Because people in Laurelhurst want their park. Why can't we have a park for a change? They're just shoving this through for the

Convention Center."

Other opponents are focused more on the Minor Avenue site itself. Brent Butler, secretary of the First Hill Community Council, thinks that there are better locations on First Hill, and that the Minor Avenue site should be set aside as open space.

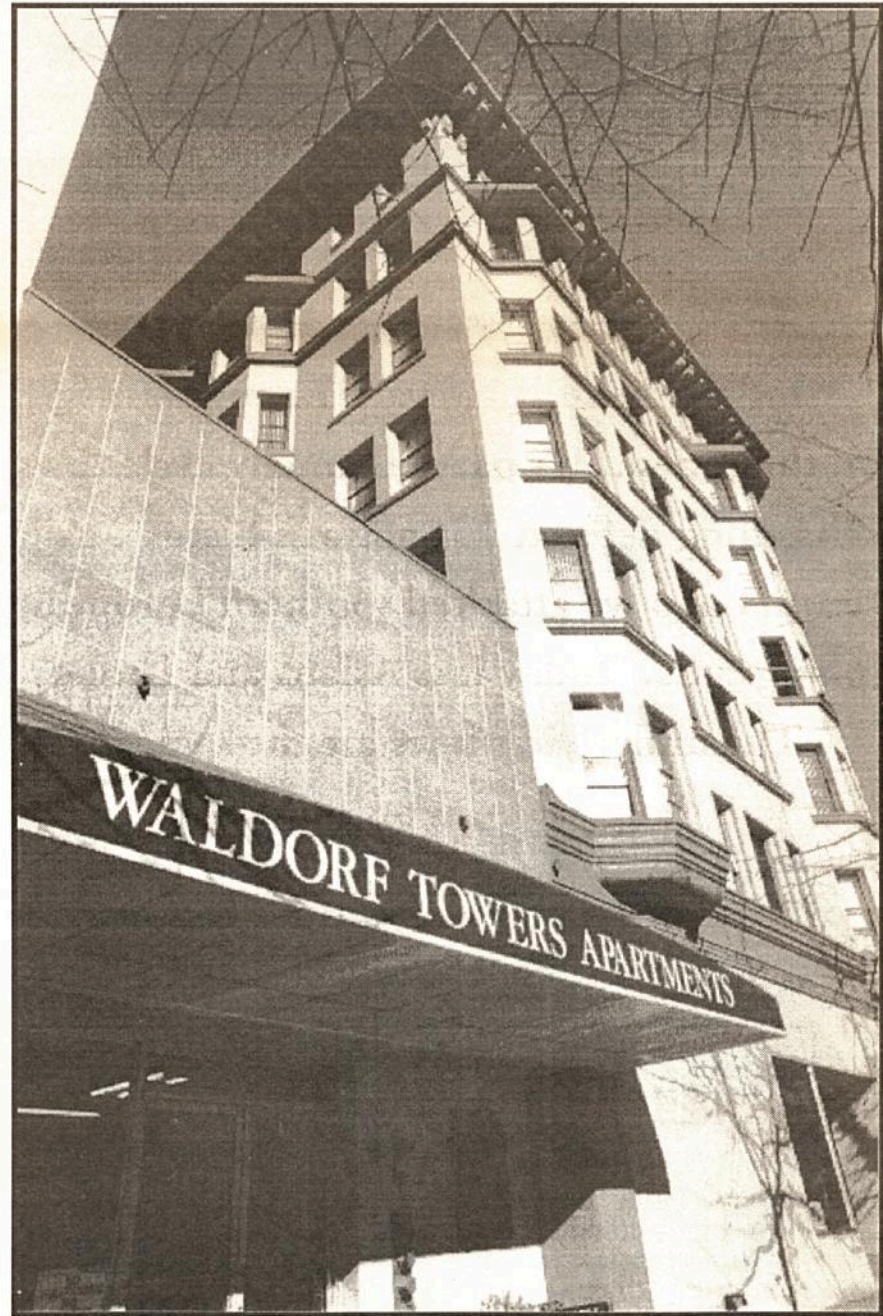
"We already have a very diverse population. We are willing to welcome more subsidized renters if only we're provided with the additional public amenities the neighborhood will need - open spaces and parking," said Butler. "More than \$150 million will be spent on this project. Why can't a little of that go to improving the neighborhood and the lives of its residents?"

Butler said that the focus should still remain on keeping the residents of Waldorf Towers in their present homes. The residents have obtained legal counsel and are planning to fight relocation.

"The building itself is of historical significance," said Butler, "It could be designated as a landmark and even entered on the National Register." He added that the residents, in conjunction with several community groups, are planning a rally at 3 p.m. on November 22 in front of the Waldorf to save their current homes.

Jon Gould agrees that the best solution would be to spare the Waldorf residents the stress and insecurity they are now experiencing, but, barring that, the only fair outcome would be to relocate them as close to familiar streets and stores as possible.

"The seniors forced to move from the Waldorf have a right to remain in their neighborhood. Imagine telling residents of 30 or 40 years that 'we don't want you here anymore,'" said Gould. "Suggestions that these residents are not desirable neighbors are shameful."



THE VENERABLE WALDORF. OLD AND IN THE WAY? PHOTO BY DANA SCHUERHOLZ

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Immigrant's and Labor Unions Find Common Cause

By CATHERINE GAINEY

Friday October 11, 6 p.m.
Malcolm X Park, Washington DC: A caravan of approximately 500 demonstrators roll into the nation's capitol. It is an eclectic group, made up of students, labor organizers and workers, all of whom have come to protest what Republican President Wannabe Bob Dole has called, "Bill Clinton's election year conversion."

The Welfare Reform Act will end Social Welfare Programs as we know them. Congress expects to hack about \$60 billion from the budget over the next six years. Practically all federal aid to immigrants - food stamps, disability support, Medicaid and welfare and public housing - will be cut off, even though legal immigrants pay \$90 billion a year in taxes and are eligible for the draft. Although immigrants make up less than five percent of those on the public dole, they constitute about 35 percent of the cuts.

In California alone, undocumented workers pay about \$ 1.8 billion a year in taxes. This population have always been ineligible for most social programs, including welfare programs like Aid to Families With Dependent Children and

Food Stamps. Yet each year undocumented immigrants pay \$7 billion for SSI and \$168 million for unemployment - benefits they cannot use.

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It is a typical autumn Saturday in Seattle; cloudy and cold, with more than a mild threat of a shower. In less than two hours, another group of assorted activists, organizers and social reform-minded progressives will gather at Victor Steinbreuck Park, joining the protest scheduled to coincide others around the nation.

Both rallies are part of "Coordinadora '96, a national immigrants civil rights campaign, "...committed to the rights for immigrants and all working people." Made up of twenty or more offices nation-wide, Coordinadora seeks to improve the standard of living for the working class, regardless of race, gender or sexual preference.

Soya Jung, one of the organizers for the event, arrives, carrying an armload of information she has yet to put together for the media. She appears frazzled. Jung is working two jobs in addition to the time she puts in at WAIRJ. Washington Alliance For Immigrant and Refugee Justice is an

alliance of organizations and individuals dedicated to upholding human and civil rights for immigrants and refugees.

Jung has devoted her free time to phone banking, putting together the finishing touches on the campaign, and connecting with labor organizers for Saturday's demonstration.

"Today's hostility toward immigrants is nothing new," Jung said. "It's part of an ugly cycle that has long defined our nation's history. A century ago we attacked southern European immigrants. Today it is Asians and Latinos.

"The underlying fears are the same. People are worried about keeping their jobs and feeding their families. These new laws that turn away valid asylum claims and deny benefits to tax-paying immigrants will hurt a lot of people without solving our economic problems."

About 13,000 immigrants will lose SSI benefits in Washington State under the new welfare laws. Immigrants currently receiving SSI or food stamps will technically be allowed to do so for up to one year. Individual cut-off dates will depend on when they undergo annual reviews for benefits. Those now receiving cash welfare, Medicaid or Title XX services cannot be denied those benefits until Jan. 1.

The laws have some minor exceptions: legal immigrants who are veterans, in the military or who have worked at least 10 years without receiving federal benefits will be entitled to the same assistance as American citizens. Refugees granted asylum will also be exempt from restrictions on legal immigrants, but only during their first five years in the US.

States will be allowed but not required to deny non-citizens cash welfare, Medicaid, Title XX block grant benefits and other state and local public assistance.

An estimated 1 million adults and 9 million children are expected to be thrown into poverty as a result of welfare reforms. The average level of food

stamp assistance will drop from 80 cents to 66 cents, per person, per meal. Some 477,000 people depend on food stamps in Washington State.

Clinton says that he does not condone the restrictions these reforms will place on immigrants, and that he will try to change these in the next legislative session. However, insiders say these changes will be difficult if not impossible to make since immigration provisions constitute major savings to the nation's budget.

Dole expressed surprise at Clinton's apparent 180' political turnaround. "While I cannot applaud the rationale behind the president's swiftly changing positions, I commend him for finally climbing on board the Dole Welfare Proposal."

Strong Labor Turnout

Angela Robinson, an intern at Jobs with Justice, worked with Jung and David Yao to put the Seattle demonstration together. Formerly a student at Portland's Reed College, Robinson became interested in immigrant's rights during her involvement the AFL-CIO's Union Summer campaign. Robinson left Reed to attend the University of Washington.

"We are uniting in a long-standing tradition to make our demands heard. Some of us are outraged over recent anti-immigrant legislation," she said. "While others do not know all the ins and outs of this legislation, we do know that it is unjust and racist to blame the brown skinned immigrants of our country for its economic ills."

The scene down at Steinbreuck Park just before noon that Saturday resembled something like a cross between a Labor rally and a human rights demonstration. Which it was. Delegates representing every leftist political organization, labor organizers and workers from the orchards from Yakima to Wenatchee were there to lend their experience and support to the day's events.

Andrew Barnes from Teamsters for Change says that companies and bosses are taking advantage of immigrants newly vulnerable positions. "The workers in the apple houses are Mexican immigrants. There's a lot of fear the companies and packing houses are

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Yes In My Backyard

NIMBY's of the Past are Successes of the Present

BY TIMOTHY HARRIS

NIMBY. Not In My Backyard. People fearing the unknown and perhaps different. If YUPPIE was the acronym of the 80s, then NIMBY is its hard-nosed successor.

The arguments against siting services for the poor vary little from case to case: Crime rates will rise and property values fall. Parking will become scarce and trash abundant. Women and children won't be safe. Things will change, and people won't like it. Not at all.

Lawsuits get filed and meetings held. Tempers flare. More meetings. Finally, compromises are made. Feathers get smoothed. Projects usually get sited. After awhile, non-profit developments settle in and become part of the neighborhood. They add value, and are embraced as a community asset.

Real Change looked at three different examples of non-profit housing developments that were once strongly opposed by their neighborhoods. In some cases, like the Aloha Inn in Queen Anne, and to a lesser extent, Capitol Hill's Wintonia, community opposition was widespread. In others, like the Bailey-Boushay House in Madison Valley, opposition came from a very determined minority.

In each case, the programs were eventually sited, and became valued by their communities. In the clear light of day-to-day relations, fears tend to fade.

The Aloha Inn

When some residents of Queen Anne first heard that the Aloha Inn down at 1911 Aurora Ave. North would become transitional housing for the homeless, their words were anything but kind. The Aloha's preceding history did not help.

The Aloha fight, which began in May, 1991, came out of a nearly two year history of struggle led by Seattle Housing and Resources Effort (SHARE), a brand new organization with a confrontational style and a way of making things happen.

During Seattle's 1990 Goodwill Games, SHARE seized the moment and erected a Tent City near the Kingdome. Seattle's homeless, they said, had been overlooked, and would not be swept aside and endangered by the spectacle of the Games. Two tents quickly grew to more than twenty, and the City had a serious public relations problem. A Salvation Army shelter closed, placing even more people on the street, and the

pressure was on to site something, anything, quickly.

The solution, as December weather turned freezing, was to move Tent City's homeless into an abandoned metro bus barn in Queen Anne, a structure with one large room and two bathrooms. City contractors made rudimentary renovations, and ninety-nine people from Tent City moved in. There was no real neighborhood notification.

A Queen Anne Community Council member was quoted in the P-I saying, "You are going to bring in this population, and it's going to affect our lifestyle, our quality of life, our safety, our real estate prices, and at the end of three months, these people are not going to be any better off."

Queen Anne merchants reported a rise in panhandling and crime. There was a murder downtown. The perpetrator was said to have spent a few days at the bus barn.

Screening of applicants was minimal, and SHARE's philosophy of self-management hardly put the community at ease. In March of 1991, the bus barn contract was up for renewal. The community asked that the shelter be scaled down to 66 people, a full-time coordinator hired, and that traffic from sign-ups be moved downtown. SHARE agreed and the extension was granted, but the bus barn was clearly a stop gap solution to Seattle's lack of shelter space.

One month later, Mayor Rice surprised the Queen Anne community by announcing the purchase of the Aloha Motor Inn, a 60-room motel, with \$1.9 million in housing levy funds and giving Catholic Community Services (CCS) the contract. For the homeless people who had fought their way through from Tent City, this was nirvana. For a shocked Queen Anne community, it was betrayal.

The vision for the Aloha was that the motel would be self-managed transitional housing for the working poor. While veterans of Tent City were first in line, there would be an interview process to determine eligibility and strictly enforced rules against drugs, drinking, and violence. It would be a launch pad from homelessness to stability; a 3-month shot at getting one's life together.

Queen Anne was suspicious at best.

A series of twelve meetings began at the Seattle Center. One activist who was there described them as "bloody." A law suit was filed to restrain the City from proceeding. Many Queen Anne residents perceived the struggle as a fight against an "underhanded" Rice administration for control of their community.

The suit charged that use of the Aloha for transitional housing violated zoning ordinances, and that the development would "attract persons, both residents and visitors, who have emotional and mental problems, alcohol and drug abuse problems, and histories of violent and sometimes criminal activity."

Jim Reitz, a senior manager at CCS, remembers those meetings clearly. "There was lots of anger. I was personally threatened; both me and my family," he recalled. "People had real fears that children would be grabbed, women raped, and that the neighborhood would go to hell. They were absolutely convinced of this."

"Their fears were unfounded, but were very real. They were scared to death. The problem we face is that many people hold very different perceptions of the poor than those of us who know these people better."

The Seattle Center meetings created an opportunity to discuss program concerns, and deal with the community's fears one by one. It helped that CCS had an established track record of running programs responsible. "I think that when they got to know us, and saw we cared about their concerns," said Reitz, "it made a big difference."

As concerns were alleviated, the law suit was dropped, allowing the development to proceed. The Aloha opened, under the watchful eye of a Community Relations Committee whose members included some of those who had most

strongly opposed the program.

Last summer, more than 200 people attended the Aloha's 5th Anniversary Celebration. The facility is home to up to 70 people at a time. Over a typical 12-month period, 300 people graduate from the Aloha. 68% of last year's graduates moved into permanent housing.

Program Manager Flo Beaumon credits the program's success to the Aloha's self-management philosophy. "People feel ownership of this program. There's almost no vandalism to the building. People take pride, and know it's their own responsibility to make this the kind of place they want to live."

Residents are required to work a minimum of 15 hours a week at the facility. Some participate in the grounds crew, which cleans their neighborhood twice a week.

"Residents know we have to prove ourselves here," said Beaumon. "People will suspect us because we're poor, and people know they have to be twice as good to counter that."

While Beaumon says that residents do contribute to the local economy by spending money in Queen Anne, mostly, she says, "People just go about their business." The fact is, after 5 years, the Aloha has fallen somewhat out of sight and mind.

Irv Israel, owner of the Cascade Market across the street, says he has "no problems" with the Aloha. "They are

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Jim Reitz, Catholic Community Services



THE WINTONIA. PHOTO BY EMMA QUINN

Third and Long for Hygiene Center

Political Football Continues Downtown

By BOB REDMOND

As the effort to locate public hygiene facilities downtown enters its fourth year, a compromise that may actually satisfy all parties appears to be in the making.

But don't believe it until you see it, say staffers from the Low Income Housing Authority. LIHI first proposed the Urban Reststop to the city in 1993, following the city's own findings in 1984, 1987, and 1990 that the downtown area needed public hygiene facilities.

The Urban Reststop proposed restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities at the Glen Hotel, on 3rd Avenue between Pike and Union. Delays to that proposal came after wealthy developers and landowners in the area objected to the idea of sharing a block with poor people.

The scenario this month puts a new facility at 9th and Lenora in the northeast Regrade, while some public restrooms would still be located at the Glen.

This is the result of intense negotiations by LIHI, city officials, and downtown businesses. Not least in consideration must be a public forum LIHI hosted on October 14th, attended by 75 people. Enough public support was generated there and through phone calls and letters that the Mayor's office, after offering one unsatisfactory alternative, asked LIHI to "call off the dogs" and came up with the current compromise.

A Torrid September

September 30th, 1996 was the deadline for an alternate to the Glen to be identified, controlled, and fully-funded, according to an out-of-court settlement. Otherwise, the city would release funding and the Urban Reststop would open, after having sat

vacant for months. As the 30th approached, however, the Mayor's office was at work on an 11th-hour deal to keep hygiene facilities out of the downtown.

On September 26th the Mayor's office announced that the downtown business community had come up with \$350,000 to fund two sites. One of these would be for women, located in Belltown near Noel House, a homeless shelter for women. The other would be in the parking garage of the Municipal Building at 5th and Cherry, and would be used by men.

Several objections were raised by LIHI and others. First, the court settlement was not satisfied, as the control of the Belltown property was questionable, and the money for the whole proposal was only speculatively committed.

Furthermore, the Mayor had ignored his own committee process and previous recommendations. Still further, long-term siting at the alternative locations was doubtful, meaning the whole excruciating process would happen again in five years.

The proposed use of City property was by no means supported by other City officials, namely Council members. And to add insult to injury, what first seemed like a predictable buy-out from unhappy business interests was in fact the Mayor's offer, again suggesting bad faith.

Yet for all its shortcomings, the alternative was something. Was it enough?

October Rally

Was the Glen dead? "No!" said Sharon Lee, Executive Director of LIHI, after a public forum held downtown. "The First Annual Report to the Public," held October 14th by the Urban Reststop Advisory Committee, drew about 75 members of the public.

"The Mayor's proposal, favorable *Seattle Times* editorial notwithstanding, had little support from anyone outside a few landowners on the Glen block ... the Mayor's office was hounded with phone calls, and the city council summarily rejected the municipal building site as an alternative."

Speakers from various agencies and advisory boards all gave testimony about the history of the project and the current need.

Joe Martin of the Pike Market Clinic cited the lack of affordable housing as the root of the current problem, saying that since 1980 a supply of 10,000 units of affordable housing downtown has nearly been cut in half, and, not surprisingly, the city has seen a proportionate rise in homelessness and related emergencies.

Dan Merkle, a member of the Urban Reststop Advisory Committee described workable mixed-income usage areas such as the Pike Market and urged public participation.

"It's a sad day for democracy when the government puts the democratic process up for sale to the highest

bidder," said John Shaw of the Seattle-King County Coalition for the Homeless and the Mayor's Hygiene Services Task Force.

While LIHI issued a statement of support for the Belltown women's site and multiple hygiene facilities in

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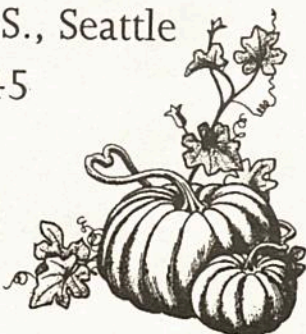
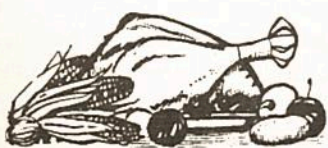
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fine neighbors," he said. "Five years ago, I was one of the leaders against them, but now I've turned completely around. Flo has done a wonderful job."

Directly next door to the Aloha is the Aurora Saw and Knife Company, a small business owned by Gary Simpson. Simpson was born in Queen Anne and has lived and worked there most of his life. He, too, characterizes the Aloha as a "good neighbor." "I see them everyday," said Simpson. "I guess I was a little apprehensive at first, but there really hasn't been much of a change. A few more people walkin' by. That's about it."

Community Relations Committee member Gordon Jackins, who lives and works in Queen Anne, says the Aloha has been "a very positive thing in the community."

"Even those who opposed it are now on board," said Jackins. "I think every community needs to make a contribution, and this is something Queen Anne can do. I haven't heard anything negative from business or the community I live in."

Jackins enjoys being connected to the program through his committee work. "It gives me a real sense of what's going on in the city, and gives me a chance to help if there's an issue that needs attention. It's a great program, and people need to know more about it."

The Aloha publishes a newsletter called "In Our Backyard," and hand delivers 400 copies to their neighbors. The newsletter, says Beaumon, goes all the way back "to the bus barn days."

"Mostly, we just want to remind people we're here," said Beaumon. "People have forgotten. We've faded into the neighborhood, but we still need community support. Our program couldn't exist without it."

The Wintonia

Capitol Hill's Wintonia, at 1431 Minor, is an attractive building that has sparked a renaissance in what was a somewhat underdeveloped neighborhood. But when the project was first proposed in 1992, the Pine/Pike Business Corridor Association was, to say the least, less than supportive.

As it was first proposed by social worker Mike Tretton, the abandoned

Wintonia would be rehabilitated into permanent housing for people with alcohol addiction. There would be on-site services and case management to help people get their lives back on track. According to Jim Reitz, the initial community meetings were "real rocky," even comparable to the opposition seen by the Aloha.

The City invited CCS to get involved in developing the site as Trenton's partner. CCS Program Manager Joe McDonald began by holding a series of individual meetings with everyone who had concerns with the development.

The model was altered to meet community concerns. Only half the building's 93 residents would be alcohol addicted, with the rest made up of what current Program Director Joe Thompson terms the "working poor." While there were initially problems caused by mixing those who can drink and those who cannot, these have by now been mostly resolved.

The Wintonia recently celebrated its second anniversary, and nearly half the original residents remain housed. "The reason people usually move out is that they've become stabilized and want housing with more independence and autonomy. Our rooms are just that," said Thompson. "They're rooms. We're lucky that most of our move-outs are successful ones."

"Our whole idea is to get at some of the root causes of homelessness," said Thompson. Alcohol addicted residents receive "intensive case management." There is a visiting nurse, and alcohol and drug counselors on-site. Residents are provided 3 meals a day, 7 days a week.

The 6th floor of the building is reserved for women residents, and a women's advocate from the YWCA visits twice a week to offer counseling. "Many of these women have become homeless through domestic violence or divorce, and need an advocate to help with these issues," explained Thompson.

Despite the program's difficult beginnings in the neighborhood, the Wintonia now enjoys what Thompson describes as "strong" community relations.

"One of the things that has greatly endeared us to those who were opposed is that we've really revitalized the few

blocks surrounding us," explains Thompson.

Before the development began, the Wintonia was an abandoned eyesore surrounded mainly by economic blight. Now the development leases to two successful businesses in its ground floor commercial space, Portage Bay and Wrinkled Bohemia, both of which were recently named in the *Seattle's Best* listings. Over the past two years three antique stores have moved into the neighborhood as well.

"We've kind of been the seed corn for a neighborhood rejuvenation," says Thompson. The Pine/Pike Neighborhood Association, which first opposed the development, now uses the Wintonia's space for their monthly meetings.

"We really try to make ourselves available to the neighborhood for meetings," explained Thompson. It's great for people to see the place working."

Bailey-Boushay House

To many people, this 35-bed residential care facility in the Madison Valley is the jewel of the neighborhood, an attractive, modern building with an important mission that brings life to the area. Bailey-Boushay house is staffed 'round the clock. There are 150 paid staff, and an army of 400 volunteers. And then there are the residents, their visitors, and the 200 people served by the facility's day programs. All of this adds up to lots of customers for local business.

But this facility for people with AIDS, run by AIDS Housing of Washington and Virginia Mason, was not always welcomed with open arms. According to Bailey-Boushay's published history, when construction of the facility was announced in the fall of 1988, a petition listing 20 "concerns" circulated the neighborhood. Letters were sent to the city, and on the final day of the appeal process, a lawsuit was filed by four people, including two nearby property owners, to block construction.

According to AIDS Housing of Washington Director Betsy Lieberman, the facility's founder, the support for the project was "huge," despite NIMBY objections from "a small handful of people."

"Remember, this was 8 years ago,"

she explained. "There were lots of concerns about AIDS. People were afraid of transmission, of people having sex, of mosquitoes biting people with AIDS and then biting children, things you wouldn't hear now."

Monthly public meetings were held for a year, said Lieberman. These featured a large number of supporters and "a handful of angry people raising questions."

"People were conscious of being called homophobic," remembered Lieberman, "so concerns were usually couched in terms of traffic, economic impact, parking and such."

But opponents were not always so careful. In a letter to City officials, one of the men who sued to stop development wrote, "Like it or not, most people do not wish to be around ill people often, and here we may be adding the sorts of behavior sometimes associated with AIDS—overt homosexuality, dementia, and drug abuse."

While that statement succeeded in mobilizing organizations like ACT-UP and the Radical Faeries, as well as drawing much negative press to the project's opponents, AIDS Housing of Washington kept a low profile, regularly meeting with the appellants to hear their concerns for 2 years.

As negotiations dragged on, AIDS Housing of Washington considered filing a countersuit, charging the appellants with discrimination against people with AIDS. An advisory board of high profile community leaders was formed to demonstrate the project's broad support.

Finally, in May 1990, the suit blocking development was dropped in exchange for an agreement to add street level commercial space to the building and more landscaping to hide the facility from immediate neighbors. The facility was built for \$5.3 million, with construction completed in October, 1991.

In 1996, it is hard, if not impossible, to find someone who opposes the project. "I've never had anybody in this neighborhood be anything other than warm, welcoming, and gracious," said Bailey-Boushay Director Chris Hurley.

Scott Glascock, co-owner and general manager of the nearby Cafe Flora, has hosted an annual fundraiser for the facility every year since Bailey-Boushay opened. Last year the event, which is a joint effort organized by neighborhood merchants, raised \$15,000.

"We feel very close to them. Some of us have been involved in Bailey-Boushay since long before it existed," said Glascock. "There were people who were afraid, but now that it's here, they've turned around. Most, or all, of the merchants are very supportive. It's a real prize to have in our community, and helps anchor the neighborhood."

Judith Gille, owner of City People's Garden Store, agrees. "Bailey-Boushay has had a real positive impact. The building is very attractive, and there is quite a bit of service staff who add commerce to the neighborhood."

According to Betsy Lieberman, who lives 4 blocks from the facility herself, many of Bailey-Boushay's donors come from the immediate area. "Things are booming here, and Bailey-Boushay's kind of the baby of the neighborhood," she said. "It's been good for business."



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Colors of Autumn

She stands like a pillar of stone
 Then crumbles like a pillar of salt
 Every heart beat one less heartbeat
 Every breath one breath closer to her last
 All the while she remembers to embrace the day
 In all of nature's glory to live
 Gone.

The world that she should fit into was broken long ago
 It is frosty cold sullen and old
 If there is no solace to this heartfelt grievance
 Then we live in blindness
 Hidden in silence to wallow in fear
 Forever in your head.
 So from underneath the security of closed eyes
 She sees herself, and it scares her.
 She whispers, "Catch me when I fall ... please?"
 And like a leaf that falls in autumn
 So did she fall to her pavement grave
 Drifting away to be forgotten
 Like so many other golden and red and brown colors that drift in
 To be a land's held feast
 On the hill her grave was decorated with
 The colors of Autumn.

—Elaine

Foodstamp Blues

I wait for monthly allotment
 of food stamps by the government,
 this a particular cruel month
 with the eighth falling on Sunday
 and a holiday on Monday.
 Blast that damn postal service to
 keep food from my empty belly
 and full shop-cart dreams left untrue.

—David Quesnel Glasby

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The evil ones
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 For WHO they ARE
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REVEALED

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THEY who ENSLAVE
 and
 SQUEEZE the blood Monay
 out of my Children

Who KILL
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FALL UPON THE DEAD CORPSE

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—Marion Sue Fischer

Aurora, Avenue Of Fallen Stars

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for this is the street of the fallen stars
 where runaway kids give blowjobs in cars

where the cold little whore stands alone on the corner
 as the sleazy businessman waves her over

from the expensive car in which he hides
 where his cock gets hard as he watches this child

and what he can buy he can make disappear
 and no one will know and no one will care

for this is the street of the poor and nameless
 the null and void unwanted and blameless

the hunted the hiding the hopeless the hurt
 the trash of the city the herded the dirt

where lust is love and money is blood
 where dreams are crushed beneath the flood

of freezing rain and sadistic johns
 and frightened cops with vengeful batons

and parking lots and cheap motels
 where kids grow up playing in hell

and fast food dives and dark dank bars
 for this is the street of the fallen stars

fallen stars innocent meteorites
 that just for a moment flame cross the nite

as we sit in our comfort and talk and debate
 it behooves us to stop and consider their fate

for just outside the doors to this bar
 above us the viaduct groans full of cars

back and forth on Aurora they speed
 from north to south full of pain full of need

across the soot thick sky they roar
 the nameless the homeless and the cold little whore

home we proudly call this city
 but for fallen stars there is no pity

only concrete graveyards sexual slavery and scars
 down along Aurora ... avenue of fallen stars

—Todd Steven Davis

New on the Net

Labor Campaign Fails Anti-Worker Congress

The 104th Congress that roared like a dangerous lion when it came to Washington last year armed with a "Contract on America" left town meekly after passing an omnibus spending bill that left worker programs with funds and anti-worker riders on the shelf.

"This was a major victory," said AFL-CIO Legislative Director Peggy Taylor, who credited the federation's persistent, high-profile grass-roots campaign that kept the pressure on members of Congress in their home districts throughout the year.

Workers not only beat back assaults on programs important to working families and insidious attacks on unions, but they came away with a minimum wage increase that no one thought this Congress would pass.

The spending bill, with Labor/HHS appropriations and five other unfinished spending measures for fiscal 1997

wrapped into it, sailed through as the budget cutters kept their knives in check.

House Republicans earlier had passed a Labor/HHS bill that cut funding for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the National Labor Relations Board, education and training and wage enforcement services, as well as several anti-worker riders.

House and Senate Democrats and the Clinton administration vowed to restore cuts in vital spending programs and fight the anti-worker provisions.

With campaigns beckoning, the end of the fiscal year approaching and still scarred from their government shut-downs when they refused to compromise on fiscal 1996 spending, GOP leaders backed down and dealt.

Taylor noted that Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.), the ranking Democratic member on the Appropriations Committee, played a key role in securing the

increased Dept. of Labor (DOL), National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and education and training funding.

Overall DOL funding was increased 9 percent over House levels. In addition, according to a DOL analysis, worker protections, including workplace health and safety, pension security and wage and hour enforcement jumped \$78 million over House figures.

The extra \$26 million for the Employment Standards Administration over fiscal 1996 means "efforts to eradicate garment sweatshops will be expanded; efforts to enforce the minimum wage and to protect workers' newly won family and medical leave rights will be enhanced and an initiative will be undertaken to improve the integrity of and accuracy of Davis-Bacon wage determinations," the Labor Department said.

The NLRB, a favorite target of the GOP, was slated for a 15 percent cut under the House bill. Instead, the omnibus bill increased its budget almost \$5 million over the previous year. In addition, a favorite Republican rider that would have excluded all but larger companies from NLRB jurisdiction was dropped.

Employment Services also was fully funded — \$58 million more than House Republicans wanted to provide in assistance for unemployed job seekers.

A program to assist dislocated workers with training and re-employment services received \$193 million over House levels. Funds for the Joint Training and Partnership Act were protected from a GOP attempt to transfer most of the monies to other

programs. Funding for summer jobs, school-to-work programs, adult training and the Job Corps also was raised over Republican House figures.

Education also benefited greatly from the White House and Democrats' strong insistence that vital programs receive adequate funds.

"The public is well aware of the fact, even if the Republican caucus originally was not, that enrollments are rising," Obey said. "College costs are rising and local property taxpayers want relief."

Funding for nearly every major education program — many slashed in the GOP House budget — will be increased. Overall, spending is slated to be 22 percent more than fiscal 1996.

Goals 2000, eliminated in the House version, will receive \$141 million above last year's level. Other education programs that received increases over Republican levels included Head Start and Healthy Start, remedial education for low-income students, programs to improve teachers skills, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, safe and drug-free schools, and such college loan programs as Pell grants and Perkins A vote to end a filibuster against the bill passed 66-31, and it was approved by a 92-2 vote.

—from AFL-CIO News On-Line, <http://www.aflcio.org/newsonline/news.html>

Hungry Kids

The U.S. has more poor, hungry children than other industrialized nations - and it does less to help them, according to latest report on world hunger by Bread for the World, HN1543@handsnet.org.

After government assistance and benefits, the U.S. child poverty rate dropped only 15% as compared to Ireland and France, where the poverty rates dropped 60% and 72%, respectively, after government efforts. The report estimates that 4 million American children under age 12 are hungry and 9.6 million more are at risk of hunger. For copies of the report call 301/608-2400.

—from Handsnet Digest, <http://www.handsnet.org/handsnet/>

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I have a hand in it, the bright sides,
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—Stan Burriss

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The Real Change Bowling Allstars bowled to raise money for the Tenants Union last October. As Editorial Committee member Anitra Freeman put it, "If they'd given prizes for the most gall being at a bowling alley, we'd a won." From left to right, the bowlers and their average scores: Madeline Lewis (57), Timothy Harris (109) Zelda DeMilo (is a mannequin), Anitra Freeman (73), Dr. Wes Browning (78), ozula sioux (82), Carol Frisell (67), J Workman-Purvine (88), and Walter Massey (95).



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threatening to call immigration authorities if they organize.”
Barnes acted as an interpreter while one woman related her experience and her fears for the future.

“We are already feeling the impact. If we don't unite, it will become more drastic. It affects all people if they are Latino workers. They end up doing heavier work. We are exploited by companies and bosses. Many do not know their rights.”

At noon the assembled protesters made their way south on 1st Ave., carrying picket signs, banners and chanting pro-labor slogans. Jonathan Rosenblum from Jobs With Justice says the Welfare Reform Act is just another way that corporate America is undermining the rights of the poor and the rapidly vanishing middle class.

“It's another example of how corporate America is trying to divide working people. We all want the same thing, whether we come from another country or the United States,” he said. “We want health care, decent jobs, good education and housing.”

“There are plenty of jobs to go around, it's just that corporate America is moving them away and busting unions.”

Althea Burton-Lute, Vice-President of the Labor Council was one of the speakers. Burton-Lute announced that the Council had unanimously voted to support the Oct. 12 demonstration. “I've come to tell you that organized labor is one hundred percent behind you. The King County Labor Council is behind you!”

After the demonstration, she railed about how the government is slowly undermining the underrepresented masses with the dismantling of Affirmative Action. “The Welfare Reform Act (and how it impacts immigrant workers) is a prime example of going around the back door to do dismantle affirmative action. The group who did that have bigotry and hatred in their hearts, but those are the people we elected and those are the people who make the laws.”

Maria Mendez of the Yakima chapter of the United Farm Workers and Teamster's Union says she sees first-hand how companies and bosses are openly discriminatory towards workers. Immigrants who come to the US and find work right away face incredible prejudice and unfair labor practices, yet if they are to gain admittance and remain here they must tolerate these conditions. Mendez has organized to help workers in warehouses from Wenatchee to Yakima be successful in gaining contracts with companies.

“More than 40,000 legal immigrants worked in the apple industry,” said Mendez. “When one employee was injured on the job, she sought to get medical assistance. When the company she worked for would not provide medical coverage, she sought out representation for the Union. She was fired from her job for trying to organize.”

“She must work two jobs because her wages are below poverty level. She works 16 hours a day so that she can pay all her household expenses. When she asked to make changes, she was fired from one of them. This is just one example of the conditions that workers in the apple industry face.”

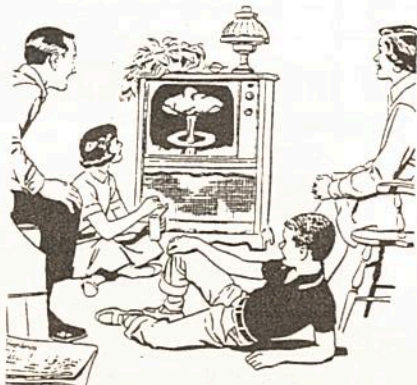


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At the recent Urban Rest Stop Panel Discussion, it was asked, “How may we bring the homeless ... spiritually into the general community?” Being homeless myself this is a little out of my jurisdiction. But if you ask “How may we bring the NON-homeless spiritually into the general human community (including the homeless community)?” I would have an answer. I could call upon all the homeless to take part in the ‘ADOPT A NIMBY!’ program.

The idea of ‘ADOPT A NIMBY!’ is simple but effective. As wayward NIMBYs are identified each becomes eligible for ‘adoption’ by a volunteer homeless sponsor. The sponsor only commits to writing ‘their’ NIMBY at least once a month. Personal visits are encouraged but not required; we at ‘ADOPT A NIMBY!’ understand that not every homeless sponsor can comfortably meet with NIMBYs. But it has been shown that as little as one letter a month from a homeless person enables most NIMBYs to identify spiritually with the homeless, and thus rejoin the human race as a whole.

Due to high demand, certain eligible NIMBYs on our list can not be exclusively adopted. For example, everyone wants a piece of Norm Rice these days.

Speaking of NIMBYism: Mark Sidran, Seattle's City Attorney of No-Sitting Ordinance notoriety, reportedly now wants 40-ouncers of beer banned from the shelves of some city stores. One morning, as I drank my 1st coffee of the day at the Counter Culture Cafe in Belltown, they were playing a Johnny Cash CD. This is the result:

**So You'll Ban My 40-Ouncers, Mark?
(Look for it on Johnny Cash's next album!)**

NOTE: I do not personally drink 40-ouncers in public nor do I endorse such behavior. Like most people I drink 40-ouncers indoors.

So you'll ban my 40-ouncers, Mark?

So I can't drink them in the park?

Then you oughta get this into your head -

I know what I'll be doin' instead:

I'll just get me two 22's Mark

and I'll name them each after you.

I'll just buy me two 22's

that's what I'll do.

Before I go on, let me clarify, that that's BEER not GUNS - I don't want to be your next Jason Sprinkle, thank you.

So then you'd ban my 22's, Mark?

So I can't drink them in the park?

Well there's something you need to hear, Mark -

I'm not as helpless as I appear

I'll just get me a 6-pack of beer, Mark

that's 6 twelves for 72.

I'll just buy me a 6-pack of beer

that's what I'll do.

So you'd ban my 6-packs of beer, Mark?

So I can't drink them in the park?

Well there's something you need to get straight

- and next election'll be too late -

When the homeowners can't buy beer, Mark

they're gonna blame it all on you.

And they'll cheer as they vote you out

that's what they'll do.

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Goodwill Gathering '96

Stan Burriss On the History of Goodwill Gatherings

It could be seen. In that first year (1990), though the summer is what I remember. The very first Goodwill Gathering!

This year at Cascade Park, again, I helped set up the largest tent. The first year, that same tent (I believe) was up, there at Myrtle Edwards Park ... a fish fry, I believe. And always the long lines. What I remember best is the stage.

But it rained! The way it rained on so many more Goodwill Gathering through the years.

Still...on that first stage (Myrtle Edwards Park, summer '90) I read some poems that I'd been writing on napkins at coffee shops, on styrofoam cups at the low-income AA meetings that always feel so warm to me.

Though at Goodwill Gathering '90, Myrtle Edwards Park...it rained. Often it poured. And the sun was roused, in small pieces, while we put the tents up to stop rainfall while the lines moved toward more meals. Always more meals.

While, that first summer...so many people could see us! (That first Goodwill Gathering, summer 1990, led to Tent City and SHARE's now-nine self-managed shelters).

No Time to Plan

SHARE's fifth Goodwill Gathering started as usual with a lot of hard work—getting the support of volunteers and the wider community, organizing through numerous meetings, working with the City for permits. After lots of letter-writing and phone calls we managed to gather the support we needed to start the Gathering on October 3rd. The Gathering took place at Cascade Playfield and lasted through October 6th.

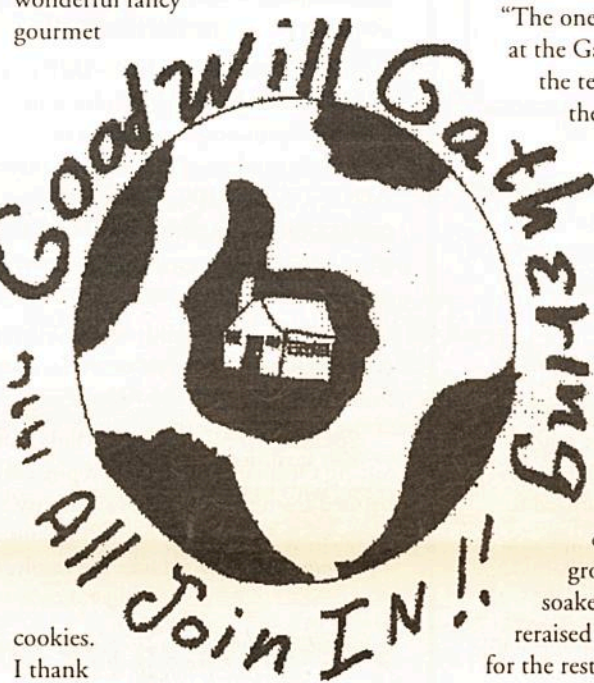
All in all it was a good get-together with plenty of food, certificates of appreciation, and community outreach. We, the homeless community, came together in a show of solidarity to place a face on homelessness, asking the community for a hand up, not a handout.

"The Goodwill Gathering was a new and learning experience for me," said Bob Rodell of SHARE. "My experience

at the Gathering was surprising and enjoyable. The efforts of SHARE, volunteers, community businesses and the community at large to make this Gathering a success was an inspiration to me, and, I hope, to others. The local community and the homeless can and are able to work together toward a communal goal, which I hope will lead to bigger and better projects."

Good Food, Good Poetry

"I joined in on the poetry reading Friday," said Anitra "Many Affiliations" Freeman. "We held it indoors at Immanuel Lutheran Church, because it was raining. We had an indoors site ready in case of rain, because this is Seattle. Besides other SHARE members, two of our new neighbors from REI were there. They brought boxes of wonderful fancy gourmet



cookies. I thank them. My doctor doesn't, but I thank them."

Anitra, Stan Burriss and Dr. Wes Browning were the main readers, but there were several other poets from SHARE who were great. The food also was great—especially Chauncy's fried chicken.

Tentfalls, Tentraising, and Lots of Rain

"After the poetry reading, I went over to Cascade Park to help put the tent back up," Anitra continued. "I don't know if this was the second raising or the third; I was only there for one.

"It is my hope that the future Goodwill Gatherings will include increased community support, larger groups of community service providers and homeless men and women coming together to end homelessness in whatever way possible."

Caesar Bernard

While a group of us stood around holding up tent poles, waiting for the tie-downs to be stakes, we filled in the boredom by telling jokes and stories."

"The one most surprising experience at the Gathering was the reraising of the tent," said Bob Rodell. On the second day of the Gathering the tent collapsed due to the onslaught of wind and rain. An announcement was made at the luncheon asking for volunteers to help erect the small disaster.

As soon as lunch was over people came to help. Bob said, "The efforts of these volunteers should be applauded." With soaked canvas, moisture-soaked ground and thoroughly soaked volunteers, the tent was reraised to withstand the elements for the rest of the Gathering.

Thanks to SHARE Shelter and Other Sponsors

On Saturday we had a thank you lunch and celebration for our shelter sponsors. State Senator Jeanne Kohl, King County Councilman Larry Gossett and Jim Hammond from the Mayor's Office expressed their gratitude for widespread community support of SHARE.

"I came back Saturday morning with a display of art from the Streetlife Gallery, and found myself the designated PC—Person of Ceremonies. This was great, because the ceremonies

consisted of thanking all our hosts for that year, and I was very happy to participate in that," said Anitra Freeman.

Individuals were there from almost every location that hosts a SHARE shelter—including Maple Leaf Lutheran, First United Methodist (home of SHARE's Winter Response Shelter this season), First Presbyterian, Our Redeemers Lutheran and Woodland Park Presbyterian Churches.

The Aloha Inn expressed gratitude for the work of SHARE, and WHEEL expressed their thanks for the support that the men of SHARE gave WHEEL marchers during the Take Back the Night.

Helping to make the day a celebration was Irish music from Joe Martin from the Pike Market Clinic and Father Tony Haycock of the Catholic Seaman's Club.

The Future for SHARE ... More Goodwill Gatherings!

On the last day of the Gathering folks discussed the next steps for SHARE in our work toward ending homelessness. People have energy to work on a self-managed bunkhouse for workers.

"It is my hope that the future Goodwill Gatherings will include increased community support, larger groups of community service providers and homeless men and women coming together to end homelessness in whatever way possible. And more time to plan, invite and organize...No rain, no tents falling down and lots of city and community officials," said Caesar Bernard.

As Bob Rodell said, "The efforts and cooperation of everyone involved with SHARE's fifth Goodwill Gathering should be an inspiration to each and every one of us."

—by Anitra Freeman, John D. Huff, Chauncy Wilson, Stan Burriss, Caesar Bernard, and Bob Rodell of SHARE

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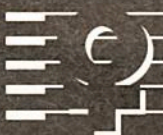
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It's Columbus Day

Do You Know Where Your Political Prisoners Are?

By KELLY PAYNE

A freezing wind swept down on a group of protesters circled in front of the Federal Building in downtown Seattle for the Columbus Day rally sponsored by the Leonard Peltier Support Network (NLPSN). But NLPSN spokesman Mark Teo, of the Skokomish tribe, seemed inspired by the weather. "There is a wind out there. The wind is making our voices and ideas move. Traditional people, move with the wind!"

NLPSN chair Lauren Tozzi explained that though the rally's primary focus was on freeing Leonard Peltier, they wanted to emphasize the need for solidarity between all people repressed by the same system that keeps Peltier behind bars.

Speakers from a variety of organizations attacked the federal government's policies regarding Native and human rights issues. The rally also featured readings from Native poets Chrystos and Jean Nicole Jackson and music by singers Jim Page and Mark Teo.

Teo spoke of the parallels between Leonard Peltier's plight and that of all Native Americans. "We have become prisoners in our own lands. I see structures, buildings, society, programs pulling Indians away from Indian people."

He cited some of the many different mechanisms tearing tribes apart, including alcohol, drugs, the 1950's policy of adopting out Indian babies to non-Indian families, and the separation of Indian people from their sacred ancestral lands and resources. He

believes these problems result in homelessness, poverty and a loss of spiritual power for First Nations peoples.

Speakers, poets, musicians, and petitions called for the release of Native American leader Leonard Peltier, imprisoned for over 20 years for the murder of two FBI agents in a stand-off at the Pine Ridge reservation despite what activists and investigators claim is overwhelming proof that the prosecution's evidence was fabricated. NLPSN activist Arthur Miller asked that people send letters, faxes, and e-mail and make calls to the White House on a daily basis urging clemency for Peltier.

Mike Lee, member of NLPSN prisoner's rights group Raze the Walls indicted the penal system as a continuing remnant of the racist colonial attitudes of Columbus' time masquerading as justice. "Remember, the reason Leonard Peltier is still being held is because he has become a symbol of the 504 years of Native American resistance...All marginalized people in America are fighting the same monster that continues to imprison Leonard Peltier."

Two speakers addressed abuse of Native Americans in the penal system. Debora O'Gara, a Tlingit member of Radical Women and the Freedom Socialist Party recounted the story of Norma Jean Croy, another Native American prisoner. Croy is still in jail 17 years after allegedly aiding her brother in the shooting death of a police officer, even though her brother was

later acquitted of the charge on the grounds of self defense.

O'Gara called for assistance in gaining freedom for Croy and all other political prisoners, including Leonard Peltier, Geronimo Pratt, and Mumia Abu Jamal.

Snoqualmie tribal member Shelley Means announced that right now there is a federal process evaluating the Snoqualmie Falls hydroelectric plant's application for restoration and relicensing, costing over 30 million dollars. Her group, the Snoqualmie Falls Preservation Project, is lobbying for decommission of the plant and appealing to state and King County agencies to buy and preserve the sacred land immediately surrounding the Falls which was recently sold to developers. "We want to preserve the Falls for all people." proclaimed Means.

"We are not celebrating Columbus Day. We are celebrating 504 years of resistance!" declared Juan Bocanegra of the Downtown Human Services Council. He noted that Hispanic people are also indigenous people of the Americas, that there was no border between the U.S. and Mexico before the arrival of Columbus. Bocanegra expressed solidarity with the Zapatistas, and made an appeal for the strength provided by coalition between all people concerned with indigenous and civil rights.

For more information on these issues you may contact:

Northwest Leonard Peltier Support Network - 5201 Capital Blvd Ste 119, Tumwater, WA 98501 (360) 943-3274

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Rude Awakenings

Sand Point Community Up In Arms Over Housing

It was no surprise at a recent City Council hearing on the Reuse Plan for the former Sand Point naval base that opponents of the homeless housing outnumbered supporters. What was surprising was the angry and belligerent mood of the overflow crowd that packed the NOAA auditorium.

The crowd booed a representative of the League of Women Voters when she called the City's plan balanced and fair. The crowd jeered a grandmotherly veteran's housing activist who spoke in favor of housing homeless veterans.

The plan calls for using 20 acres of the 151 acre former base for 200 units of transitional housing for homeless families, individuals and youths. Half the units would be new construction and half are former military residences that simply need renovation.

The ugly mood of the hearing did not change until a brave young woman testified that she had grown up in a neighborhood near Sand Point until she herself had become homeless.

Until recent leaders from the Sand Point Community Liaison Committee were quietly supporting up to 200 units of transitional housing primarily for homeless families. In fact, the Seattle-King County Coalition for the Homeless had been an active member of the planning group during the last four years. Now as the housing is about to become a reality—renovation is scheduled to begin this winter—the fragile alliance appears to have broken down.

Neighbors are most upset about the plan to house 22 homeless youth and 50 single men and women. They fear that crime rates will soar in their neighborhoods and in the adjacent Magnusen Park. Some opponents are convinced that property values in North Seattle will decline. Others simply want all 151 acres for a park.

Ironically, 30 of the single men and women will be members of the Seattle Conservation Corps who will be employed in making improvements to the park facilities at Sand Point.

Some community leaders argue that they accepted the idea of 200 units of homeless housing only because, under the terms of the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, they had no choice. When they learned that the City of Seattle actually applied for the residential property under the Base Closure Redevelopment and Homeless assistance act of 1994, they felt betrayed. Both Acts, however, make homeless housing a priority for the reuse of former military bases.

Recently Mayor Rice proposed dropping 50 units of affordable housing from the plan. He also asked the Sand Point Community Housing Association, the nonprofit organization that will develop and manage the housing, not to build new units on several choice parcels of open space. The housing association

is willing to concede on both points. Mayor Rice actively supports the association's plan for creating 200 units of homeless housing at Sand Point serving families, youths, and single adults.

In September, HUD approved the City's application for the residential portion of the base. The housing association has funds in hand for renovating and operating the first 103 units. The first homes could be ready by fall of 1997.

The City Council is expected to vote of the Reuse Plan in mid-November. If you agree that a portion of Sand Point ought to be shared to help homeless families and individuals, write the City Council and urge them to support the Mayor's Reuse Plan.

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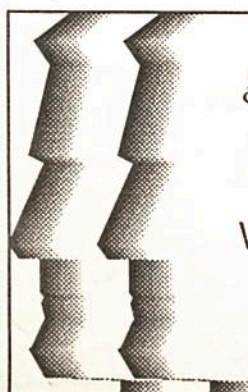
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"The Partnership Against Youth" U-District Organizer Questions His Allies

Anyone who spends time on the street in the University District knows that businesses and property owners are planning to put a police storefront on the "Ave," to be paid for by a "self tax" mechanism called a BIA (Business Improvement Area, translate Bureau of Indigent Affairs).

Benjamin Wojcik

Under the plan, devised by the U-District Chamber of Commerce, the cop shop will house both on-duty police and off-duty uniformed just-as-good-as-the-real-thing police rented by the BIA, and possibly the Chamber itself.

Back in 1993, U-District Chamber president Neil Heiman opined "The homeless, the hungry, the ill and the lazy" needed to be "reduced" in the U-District. Seeking a "tool to help reduce the population of loiterers," Heiman advocated for the passage of the No-Sitting ordinance, targeting homeless youth.

The "tool" didn't prove effective in sweeping the homeless out of the District, so the Chamber with its BIA plan has sought a more effective "tool." Although the plans were supposedly constructed in "public meetings," no public announcements of the meetings were made.

The majority of youth service providers and advocates learned of the plan just months before it was to have been presented to the City Council. Some of them quickly organized opposition to the plan as written, calling for more community input and issues of accountability to be addressed before the plan moved forward. The Chamber refused to cooperate.

In order to stem concerns, Chamber representatives including Heiman met with the Partnership For Youth, a group of U-District youth service providers. They assured attendees that "a commercial area is no place to congregate," and that they are not concerned about the harassment of youth that providers cited as daily occurrences. One of them even said that when he sees homeless people sleeping on the sidewalk in the morning he calls 911!

Most people were outraged by the Chamber's disdain for youth as expressed in their callous disregard for the youths safety and welfare. The Chambers "assurances," however, did convince a few leading members of the Partnership, including its coordinator Nancy Amidei, to withdraw their opposition to the both the copshop and the rented cops. *Why were they so ready to ignore their own experience in order to make a partnership with the Chamber? A partnership against youth!*

The betrayal of street people was subsequently amplified. On Sept. 19th in a meeting held at the Wilsonian Apts., fifteen business owners met with 20+ uniformed police officers(!), a few city bureaucrats and some youth service providers.

The businesses angrily called on the police to eliminate the presence of homeless youth on the "Ave." Capt. Bryant of the North Precinct responded

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by saying "unfortunately standing is not a crime" and "We can't do what we used to do twenty years ago and beat the crap out of them... sometimes I miss those days."

Bryant let down his guard. He lent credence to the youth advocates who had already described the intimidation, threats and physical abuse that happen when cops with Bryant's attitude are not behind desks but walking the street. These cops know their Captain is behind them.

When the story became known guess what happened? Some service providers who heard it did not seem to care. They expressed indifference and even refused to confirm to the press that it actually had been said. Others tried to explain away his comments. A city bureaucrat "couldn't remember" the statement. Another city bureaucrat did remember the statement, saying that it was only "inappropriate." Lastly is the member of the Police Dept. who privately (not publicly) acknowledged the statement as nonchalantly as she might have observed the weather. Each of them are members of the "Partnership For Youth."

I think what they heard is strong proof that police harassment is prevalent and even encouraged. These people would claim they would never turn their backs on youth being abused, never perpetrate our society's denial of its battered victims. *Why were they so ready to ignore, even defend the guy who made these statements?*

"We don't want to polarize" they say convincing themselves that by taking the pole out of political they can make the world temperate. But they are neither naive nor ignorant. They are, consciously and not, afraid of losing their funding or their jobs. They exist in a position of relative powerlessness for which they can't be faulted, but they also can't be excused for accepting what is at the expense of the absolutely powerless.

They need to learn from the "social work" model of the Industrial Workers of the World, who at the beginning of this century successfully brought together unskilled, unemployed and homeless workers, forming one of the most powerful forces for economic justice and political freedom this country has seen.

The success of the IWW depended on their determination to uncompromisingly fight along with the poorest in society for their interests. By "bridging" the lowest sectors of working people and not allowing their leaders to make "deals" for everyone else, the IWW made "An injury to one is an injury to all" their foundation for organizing.

The Seattle Displacement Coalition has


filed an official complaint against Capt. Bryant and continues to coordinate a coalition of area churches, youth service providers, high school and homeless youth and sympathetic businesses in an effort to prevent further "injuries" of street people by the "tools" of the Chamber.

On Nov. 8th at the University Heights Playfield there will be a demonstration against the proposed BIA. On Nov. 14th at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, the City Council will hold a hearing on whether to approve the plan or not. We urge everyone to come and show your support. Also call city council members Tina Podlowdowski (684-8808), Jan Drago (684-8801), Cheryl Chow (684-8804), and Martha Choe (684-8802).

—Benjamin Wojcik is a youth organizer for the Seattle Displacement Coalition

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general, they maintained that the real need was downtown. Besides the vast majority of those attending the forum, many others agreed, for in the next two weeks public outcry was instrumental in changing the stakes yet again.

Public Pressure Gets Results

It became evident that the Mayor's proposal, favorable Seattle Times editorial notwithstanding, had little support from anyone outside a few landowners on the Glen block. According to insider reports, the Mayor's office was hounded with phone calls, and the city council summarily rejected the municipal building site as an alternative.

Would the Mayor change his mind? "I can't answer that in the abstract," said Deputy Mayor Bruce Brooks at the time. He denied that this was a class issue, saying, "we do have poor individuals downtown, and we have a duty to make sure we do what we can to help people meet their basic needs."

No vote was necessary to ratify the Mayor's proposal to meet those needs, but, said Brooks, "anything is possible."

Indeed it was, for during the last week of October, the city had apparently scrapped its dual-alternative site for a brand new plan.

The Great Pink Hope?

A big pink building stands partially empty at 9th and Lenora at the edge of the Regrade. For now, this building, behind car dealerships and busy Westlake Avenue, will tell the next chapter of the Hygiene Center saga.

LIHI and a city architect are currently surveying the building for its ability to house a full hygiene center. The city is talking with the business players, and setting accountants to task.

Because the 9th and Lenora site is out of the downtown, LIHI still advocates for public restrooms at the

Glen. This may be the crux of the current debate, LIHI suggesting six each for men and women, while Rick Yoder of the Wild Ginger Restaurant reportedly advocating for one apiece.

The Belltown women's facility is reportedly running into difficulties with its lease agreement, while the Municipal Building site is all but dead, for the time being. The only options seem to be the Glen, owned by LIHI and ready to do business, and the 9th and Lenora site. Between the two, it may be that a workable compromise is finally under-way.

Ishbel Dickens of LIHI counsels caution, and continued pressure on the Mayor's office. "The problem is not

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Ishbel Dickens, LIHI

going away," says Dickens. "LIHI would love to do (the Urban Reststop) at the Glen. If you choke at that idea, then you absolutely have to commit to

the alternative, and 12 toilets at the Glen." She asks that supporters call the Downtown Seattle Association and tell them what you think.



INDIAN SUMMER GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, OCT. 6, 1996. PROTESTERS EXPOSE NIKE CORPORATE PRACTICES AT THE NIKE GOLF OPEN. PHOTO BY DANA SCHUERHOLZ

Our Seattle Heritage**The Wobbly Menace****The Everett Free Speech Fight**

"Here's to mud on the stick of the boss."
— *Wobbly salutation.*

The Wobbly menace" - a threat to national security - the public enemy - a group of unionists who fought for the dignity of man. Their battles were often fierce and historically familiar, yet they represented a new class revolution and raised levels of intolerance against the oppressive labor industries, referred to as "the iron heel."

The I.W.W. entered the Northwest in 1907, bringing national attention to striking shingle weavers in Everett who were protesting employer's failures to raise wages from a level previously decreased 18 months earlier during the recession.

"We understand that Everett is the only union town in the State," said one lumber man. The I.W.W. had a stronghold there with several hundred members. They agitated with outdoor

oratories. Conflicts broke-out on the streets where soap-box Wobblies preached First Amendment rights while typically being beaten and deported by police.

Employers fought to break the union efforts, claiming "open-shop" policies through their ability "to hire whoever they please" and keep a majority of non-union employees. Termination was threatened to anyone affiliated with the I.W.W. Private investigators were hired to identify Wobbly infiltrators. Professional strike-breakers were employed in the city to cross picket lines and disrupt strike efforts.

Street meetings in Everett were soon disallowed. An ordinance was passed prohibiting public speaking. It was war.

On behalf of the city, Snohomish County Sheriff McRae organized a vigilante squad of 500 men and deputized them - *the Citizen's Committee* - "to enforce law and order."

The Wobblies countered with "a

drastic dose of direct action"; partly to persist in breaking ground in the lumber men's struggles, as well as redeem the dignity of 41 Wobblies who had recently been beaten and jailed in Everett, then taken to a park, stripped naked, and forced to run a gauntlet by several hundred deputies on horseback, armed with guns and clubs.

Wobbly leaders planned an invasion to take Everett with open declarations of free-speech and justice.

On a chartered steamship, the *Verona*, 250 men sailed from Seattle Sunday morning, November 5, 1916, bound for Everett. They were a jovial crew.

Sheriff McRae was prepared. With 200 volunteers, "motivated by civic pride and respect for the law," they gathered at the municipal port and concealed themselves in tug boats and a nearby warehouse.

At 1:40 in the afternoon, as the *Verona* approached, a shotgun was fired. No one knew by whom; yet suddenly a

barrage of bullets flew through the air. For ten minutes, the battle continued. The *Verona* reversed. At 2:00, the city coroner revealed 6 deaths and 51 wounded.

In Seattle, local authorities ordered all police to report to the pier and receive and escort the Wobblies to their prison cells, charged with murder, rioting, and unlawful assemblage. 19 existing prisoners were prematurely released to accommodate the 294 men and 3 arrested women.

Mayor Gill, of Seattle, reacted severely, stating that Everett had committed the worst of all crimes - acting illegally in the name of the law.

By the following spring, all murder charges were dismissed due to circumstantial evidence. Despite the bloodshed and their failure to make progress for the lumber men, the Everett incident brought national attention to the Wobbly efforts and illustrated the power they possessed to create a threat to national security.

Seattle's Mayor Gill said Everett had committed the worst of all crimes - acting illegally in the name of the law.

Citizens' Participation Project

The Citizens' Participation Project seeks to present a sampling of some the views and concerns that advocacy organizations have toward pending legislation, both local and national. Our hope is that you will use this information to make your voice heard and to affect the outcome of the legislative process. For more detailed information on the following legislative issues, please visit our Web Site at <http://www.speakeasy.org/realchange/>.

Seattle Downtown Housing Fund at Risk

Legislative Issue: Mayor Rice has put forward a FY 1997-99 budget request that eliminates the Downtown Growth Related Housing Fund, proposing that it instead be folded into a newly created Families and Jobs Opportunities Fund. The fund targeted for elimination provides approximately \$1 million per year for city housing, which is especially crucial at a time of Federal cutbacks in this area.

The need for local housing assistance has never been greater than it is today. In Seattle, approximately 45,000 renter households have incomes below 80% of median family

income and pay more than 30% of their incomes for housing. There are also 15,000 people on the waiting list for assistance from the Seattle Housing Authority. Specific housing programs, therefore, should not be cut from the budget.

Recommended Action: The Mayor's proposed budget is now being reviewed by the City Council, which has the authority to make changes. Call the Council members at 684-8888 and ask them to refund the Growth Related Housing Fund.

Advocating Organization: Low Income Housing Institute.

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Homeless Women's Forum: Reflections and Visions

I have slept on the street, in an abandoned car, under bridges, in a deserted warehouse, in a shelter, in parks, at the airport, outside the bus depot, in an alley on a grate for warmth, and in one of hundreds of other places throughout Seattle on any given night or day. I am all races, ethnicities, creeds, religions, ages, sexual orientations, abilities/disabilities, classes and backgrounds. I am a homeless woman. Does anyone hear me or care about my situation?

Yes, we hear and care about your plight! And in support of you, WHEEL (homeless and formerly homeless women), along with a cross-section of individuals, organizations and public officials throughout the community are coming together at the second annual Homeless Women's Forum: Reflections and Visions, to be held Wednesday, November 20th, from 12 noon to 1:30 PM at the Carpenters Hall (2512 Second Avenue in Belltown).

Last Year's First-Ever Forum a Success

Last year's Homeless Women's Forum: Through the Looking Glass began the unique and transformative process of bringing homeless and formerly homeless women off the streets, out of the nooks and crannies and edges of our community and onto center stage where they can voice their hopes, fears and opinions.

It was a much-needed and long overdue opportunity for women to share the truth of their existence as homeless women, the most vulnerable segment of the homeless population.

Thanks to those courageous women, it was an afternoon blessed with inspiration and rich in sisterhood and profound goodwill. The women expressed themselves through storytelling, songs, speeches, poetry and informal discussions. They shattered myths and stereotypes. They put faces on the anonymous term—homeless woman. And in doing so, they revealed themselves as human beings who are as fully capable of an incredible kaleidoscope of feelings, thoughts and strengths as others in more fortunate circumstances.

Equally important, the women were able to unite with the larger community of politicians, human service providers, benevolent/charitable organizations and many other interested individuals who witnessed and participated in the function.

The discussion's rich interplay generated several positive ideas which became concrete projects and Task Forces. Each Task Force focuses

specifically on a different issue pertinent to homelessness: Housing, Safety, Health and De-Stigmatization. The Task Forces have successfully produced invaluable resource guides to assist women in need of various services in downtown Seattle.

All who attended "Through the Looking Glass" were genuinely moved to continue the work that must be done to eradicate homelessness.

Reflections and Visions to Build on that Success

This year's Forum: Reflections and Visions is again sponsored by WHEEL (the Women's Housing, Equality and Enhancement League, a non-hierarchical grassroots organizing effort of homeless and formerly homeless women), and promises to be an equally vital, exciting event. Attendance is expected to well exceed the approximately 320 who attended last year.

As the name implies, this is an opportunity to reflect on the visions inspired by "Through the Looking Glass." This year's Forum will consist of a stimulating program of speakers and informal participatory discussions.

Updates are to be given regarding various projects begun last year. And several new proposals/efforts are to be unveiled.

Some Forum Nuts and Bolts

Admission to this year's Forum is free, and a complimentary luncheon is offered. Also, "Reflections and Visions," a chapbook of poetry and art by homeless and formerly homeless women

will be distributed.

Space is extremely limited, and early RSVP's from all invited parties is required. Although this is a free event, donations are welcome. There is also an urgent need for volunteers to assist in all areas.

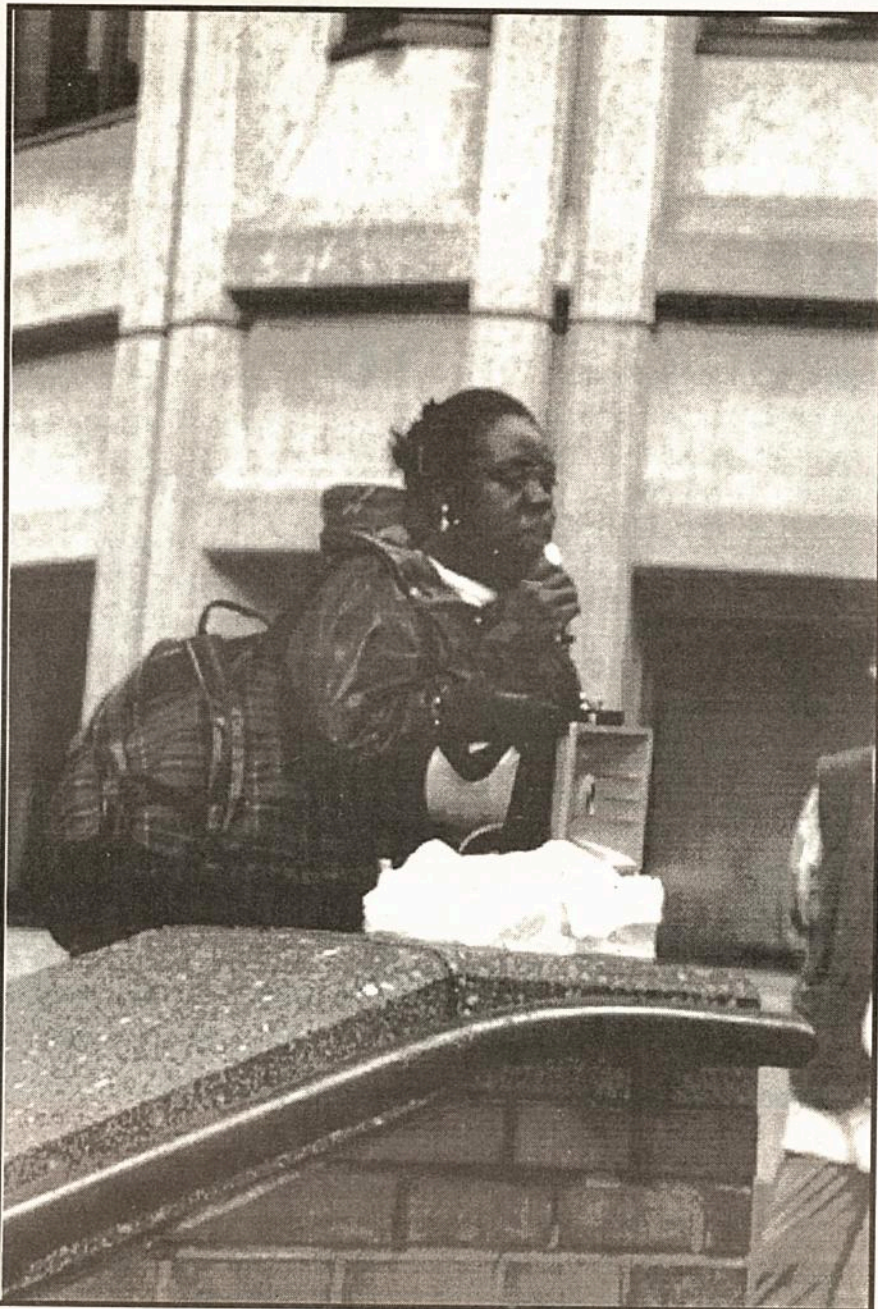
We want to strongly encourage and welcome homeless and formerly homeless women to attend, because YOU are what this is all about. We should let folks know that although this is a women-sponsored and women-

focused event, some men will be attending by special invitation.

We urge all who attend the second annual Homeless Women's Forum: Reflections and Visions to do so with open hearts and minds to make this a truly effective event for everyone.

Anyone needing further information or wishing to help may contact WHEEL at #448-7889 by phone or #448-2389 by FAX.

—Janice D. Shivers for WHEEL



JANICE SHIVERS OF WHEEL AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING RALLY/CELEBRATION FOR THE SUMMER WOMEN'S SHELTER. PHOTO BY SHARON LEE

November

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Saturday, 4pm, Concert for Church of Mary Magdalene for homeless women. Performers include Total Experience Gospel Choir and peace activist Ester "Little Dove" John of the mission for Music and Healing, info Francyl Streano 232-1158.

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Sunday, 10am, The Integrity of Creation forum by Michael Schut of Earth Ministry, also reporting on Nov. 1-2 "Visions of Justice" conference bringing together issues of economic justice, racism, peace, and environment, info Peter Strimer 323-0300.

3pm-5pm, "Peace, Love and Justice" public screening presented by Fellowship of Reconciliation. A 51 minute video with 17 local activists sharing their stories and words of wisdom. The editor-writer, narrator and other volunteers in this project will be present, copies of video will be available to purchase, refreshments, 225 North 70th near Greenwood, info 789-5565.

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Tuesday, 7am-8pm, Local and National Elections. Remember to vote!

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Wednesday, 7pm, Asian American Experience, reading by author, Univ. of Washington English professor Shawn Wong, author of novels, Homebase and AmericanKnees. Wing Luke Asian Museum.

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Thursday, 3:30pm-4:30pm, "Sex on the Streets: The Perspective of Homeless

Adolescent Females"

Northwest Center for Research on Women, Feminist Research Forum, a series of informal presentation and discussions, Josephine Ensign, Assistant Professor of Psychosocial and Community Health. Free and open to all, UW Cunningham Hall Conference Room. Disability accommodations 10 days in advance 543-6450 (voice), 543-6452 (TDD). Info 543-9531 or email nwcrow@u.washington.edu.

7 pm, Global Economy Working Group,

join others to work against inhumane policies of International Monetary Fund and World Bank. St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Library, enter through Main Office door, 1245 10th Ave. E. Info, Angela Ford, 525-1213.

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Friday, 7:30pm, Denise Levertov, poet, reads her works as a benefit for Books for Prisoners project, \$7, \$5 with paperback dictionary, info 622-0195.

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Saturday, 10am-noon, Blanket Drive for homeless people, bring blankets, gloves, warm socks, or warm coats to Husky Stadium. Items may also be brought to St. Vincent de Paul, 5940 4th Ave S, Seattle, 98108, or any Sleep Country USA store. Cash donations also accepted, info 767-5462.

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Sunday, 10:30am, "Building Peaceful Communities: The Road to Istanbul" A documentary by Steve Beaumont, an inspirational account fo the recent UN Conference on Human Settlements in Istanbul and the global civic movement for Human Rights and Sustainable Development. Enjoy a

home cooked breakfast and reaffirm your commitment to build a peaceful and sustainable world. 5411 Ravenna Ave NE, Seattle, Seattle Women Act for Peace. Info and carpooling, 329-3666.

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Witness for Peace Delegation to Haiti, see impact of international economic policy, meet with women's and labor organizations. Info, Rev. Anne Hall, 324-0159.

children 5 and under are free. Reservations required. Sponsored by Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation. Olympia Center, 222 N. Columbia, Olympia. Info 360 491 9093.

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Wednesday, noon-1:30pm, Homeless Women's Forum "Reflections and Visions" sponsored by WHEEL, Women's Housing Equality and Enhancement League. All women welcome to work together to End Homelessness for Women.

Location TBA. Info 448-7889.

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Tuesday, 10am-noon, Celebrate Native American Heritage Month. Make your own

Dream Catcher—10am, supplies are provided. Traditional Salmon Lunch and Music—11am. The Women and Family Center 113 1st Ave. N. Sign-up 301-0833

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Thursday, 8am-4pm, Domestic Violence conference, \$20 includes snacks, lunch can be purchased on site. Open to public, limited parking—please carpool. Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center, 19010 1st Ave S. Info, Lynn Gordon 206-296-7864.

Noon-2:30pm, "Healing the Emotional Pain that Binds You" meet Self Esteem & Personal Development instructor Carla Keyes Jeffery. A bag lunch, and writing journal will be provided. Free, at The Women & Family Center, 113 1st Ave. N, call 301-0833 to register.

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Saturday, 6:30pm, Bosnian Student Project 3rd Annual Benefit Mediterranean Dinner, raising money for tuition and expenses of Bosnian student refugees living with families and enrolled in local schools. \$15 per person, \$12 each for families of 3 or more,

December

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Monday, "Starlit Evening: Multifaith AIDS Benefit" sponsored by Church Council of Greater Seattle. Info 525-1213.

Ongoing

After 20 years, funding by Department of Housing and Human Services for Tenants Union's tenants' rights hotline may be eliminated, providing info about evictions, deposits, repairs, harassment, discrimination, lockouts, utility shut offs, and privacy, call Mayor Rice and 684-4000 and tell him to support funding for the Tenants' Rights Hotline. Info Lisa Herbold, Tenants Union, 722-6948 #103.

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