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The STREET SHEET is a project of the Coalition on Homelessness. The Coalition on Homelessness organizes poor and homeless people to create permanent solutions to poverty while protecting the civil and human rights of those forced to remain on the streets.

Our organizing is based on extensive peer outreach, and the information gathered directly drives the Coalition's work. We do not bring our agenda to poor and homeless people: They bring their agenda to us.

STREET SHEET STAFF

The Street Sheet is a publication of the Coalition on Homelessness. Some stories are collectively written, and some stories have individual authors. But whoever sets fingers to keyboard, all stories are formed by the collective work of dozens of volunteers, and our outreach to hundreds of homeless people.

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WORKGROUP MEETINGS

AT 468 TURK STREET

HOUSING JUSTICE WORK GROUP

Every Tuesday at noon
The Housing Justice Workgroup is working toward a San Francisco in which every human being can have and maintain decent, habitable, safe, and secure housing. This meeting is in English and Spanish and open to everyone!

HUMAN RIGHTS WORK GROUP

Every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.
The Human Rights Workgroup has been doing some serious heavy lifting on these issues: conducting direct research, outreach to people on the streets, running multiple campaigns, developing policy, staging direct actions, capturing media attention, and so much more. All those down for the cause are welcome to join!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO OUR WORK GROUP MEETINGS.

To learn more about COH workgroup meetings, contact us at: 415-346-3740. or go at: www.cohsf.org



"Since I've been in office, one of the things that has been hardest for me to deal with is what is going on in the Castro," Sheehy said, referencing the issues of homelessness in the area. "Our response is always to call the police or the DPW (Department of Public Works) to find them a place to stay. We cannot solve the problem until we find places."

— Supervisor Jeff Sheehy, in a March 26, 2018 SF Examiner article, "City officials take firsthand look at Castro District public safety issues."

Dear Supervisor Sheehy,

First of all, a first response to homelessness should never be the Dept. of Public Works or the police. Neither of those agencies are equipped to provide the services or care to homeless people. Instead, they often place people in further crisis: DPW has repeatedly cleared homeless encampments and displaced homeless people, while also destroying people's personal property, including important medical items (like walkers!) and sentimental belongings (like the last existing photograph of someone's child). SFPD harasses homeless people on a daily

basis. They have slashed people's tents, given people citations for simply existing in public space, and been verbally/physically abusive. With the violence that homeless people face from both of these agencies, why would we ask them to allocate shelter to people? Social workers, not the police, should be the first responders to homelessness.

Second of all, "finding someone a place to stay" is near impossible under the current restraints of the system. Yes, there are Navigation Center beds (which are wildly expensive at \$95 per night per person), but there are an insufficient

number of beds and the length of stay at the Navigation Center is only 30 to 60 days— and most folks are right back out onto the street! The adult shelters have a waitlist of over 1,000 people long.

End the police response to homelessness.

End the DPW response to homelessness.

Yours truly,
Don't Deploy DPW ■

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HANNAH CUNNINGHAM

Sitting on the corner
As people pass me,
They ignorantly toss me a coin,
Out of Garage comes a baby and
his entourage,
AKA his parents,
3 teenage girls walk out of Price-
line,
Giggling up a storm,
This all happens while I'm sit-
ting on the corner,

An older woman walks by and
in hope of a coin or two,
I say "how do you do?",
She replies "Gilbert?" And I walk
briskly away,
I walk into Coles,
My coins jingling in my jeans,
I search for a box of potato chips,
I find them in the packaged
foods isle,
And walk to the check out,
I try to buy my chips,
But the cashier gave me a sneer
and said \$6 was not enough,
I asked if we could make a deal,
But the cashier said "are you for
real?",
So I settled for a spread and
bread deal,
And I had jam sandwiches for a
week,
Then I went back to sitting on
the corner,

The banker came and said to me
"Get off the street",
He held his nose,
"And clean your feet!",
I shuffled away and went to
Feast,
"Oh" I huffed "I could do with
some meat",
All I had left was \$2,
Enough to buy myself some fries,
As I crunch the fries in my teeth,
The salt stings my lips,
When I'm done I go back to sit-
ting on the corner.

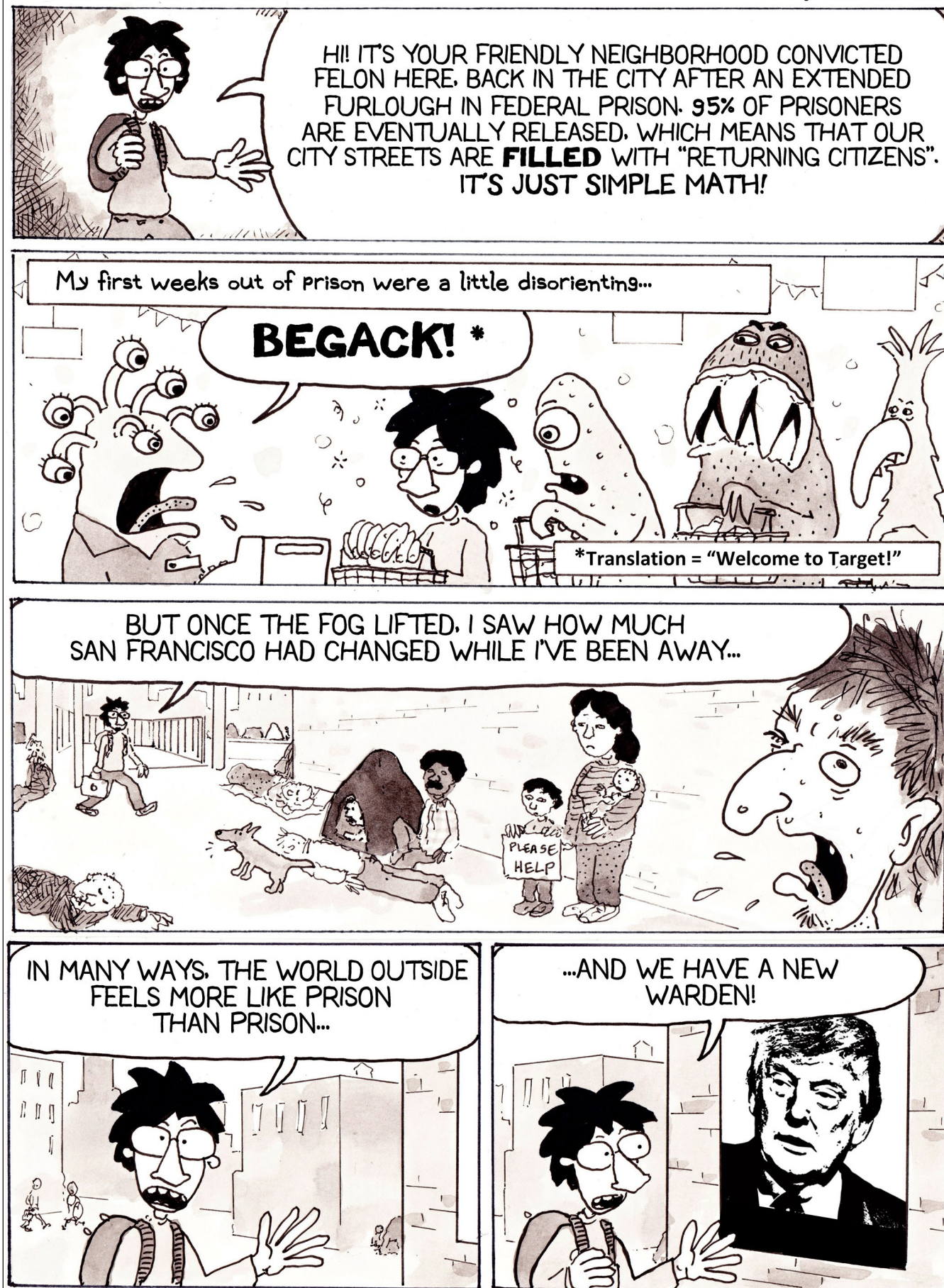
The words Feast, Garage and Coles
are shops on Carlisle street.

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TECHIE SPENDS NIGHT OUTSIDE, SOLVES HOMELESSNESS

SATIRE

Chad Mitchell, a young tech transplant from Boise, Iowa was cruelly forced to spend Saturday night wandering the streets of San Francisco with no way home, and suddenly understood what it is likely to experience chronic homelessness in the city.

Chad had one too many Manhattans at the cocktail bar on Valencia Street and stumbled out at closing, ready to head home to his condo and his girlfriend Rebecca. As he bent at the waist to hurl he noticed a sticker on the pavement that read "Queers Hate Techies" and, outraged, reached for his phone to post an thoughtful and

well-informed response on Twitter, only to realize that his iPhone X was dead. He checked his iPad, his Google Glass, and his Apple Watch - all dead - and with horror realized he had no way to get home. He sat down on the curb to collect himself but was rudely interrupted by a security guard, threatening to call the police if he didn't move along.

Stumbling off he suddenly noticed he desperately needed to take a piss, and tried several public porta-potties only to find they were locked. Horrified by the city's lack of public restrooms, Chad stepped over to a discreet wall and unzipped his

fly. At that moment a red and blue light flashed behind him and a cop approached, sternly admonishing him for public indecency. The cop began to write a citation, but Chad smoothly reassured the cop that he was not actually homeless, and the cop suddenly became very friendly and crumpled the citation, flinging it into some nearby bushes.

"For a moment I almost lost faith in the integrity of our police force," Chad Mitchell opined. "But fortunately once he realized I wasn't one of them the cop gave me the preferential treatment I deserve."

After the harrowing experience of nearly being mistaken as genuinely homeless, Chad realized he needed to sleep, and proceeded to the only park he had ever been to in San Francisco: a parklet outside of Whole Foods. When he arrived he tried to make himself comfy by stretching out on one of the benches, but found himself squirming as the spikes poked into his back. Chad wondered why there were spikes in the benches.

It was at that moment that Chad had an epiphany that could be the sole solution to homelessness in San Francisco. Chad realized that more than 20,000 San Franciscans were in liter

RE ARE MANY UNWRITTEN RULES...
ON! FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN'T
HOOT UP IN BERNAL HEIGHTS...



Y RESEMBLES A REFUGEE CAMP.



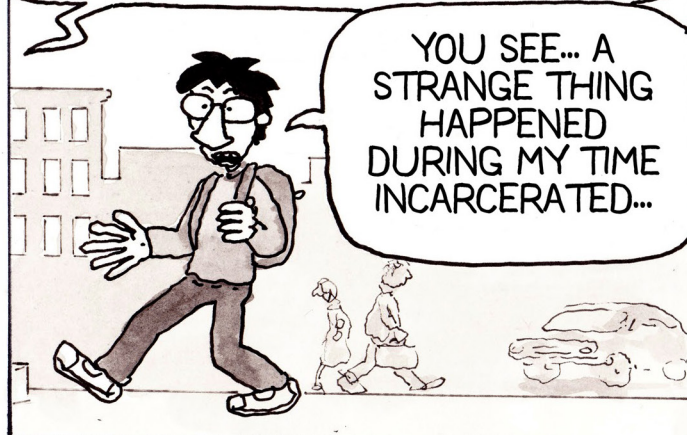
YOU'RE STANDING
ON MY NECK!
OW!

OUR CORRECTIONS... I MEAN...
NTAIN ORDER WITHOUT THE
D BARBED-WIRE FENCES.

OUR PRISONS DON'T HAVE
A HOUSING CRISIS. THEY
JUST KEEP BUILDING MORE!

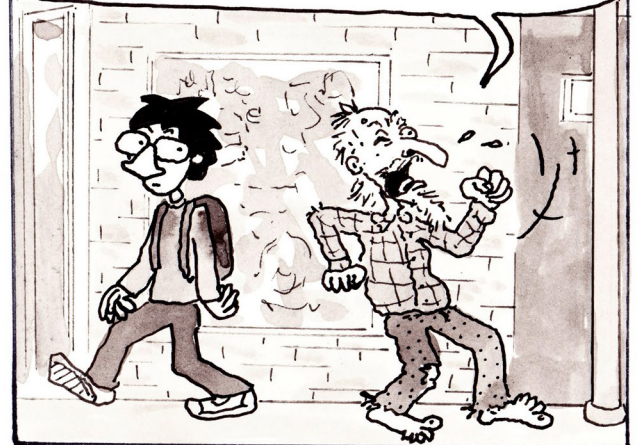


MOTHER F---ING B---
SUCKING ASSHOLES...



YOU SEE... A
STRANGE THING
HAPPENED
DURING MY TIME
INCARCERATED...

GOVERNMENT F---ING
FUNDED TERRORISM...



I USED TO BE
ONE OF "US"...



MOTHER F---ING
B---TARDS...



WATER?

OH... HEY, THANKS!
GOD BLESS YOU!



GLUG, GLUG, GLUG...



SCUM-F---ING
MOTHER ...



NOW I'M ONE
OF "THEM".

SCUM-SUCKING
BASTARDS!



END

ally the exact same situation he was
currently in, and he felt the crushing
weight of empathy, an emotion he
had never before experienced.

"What I realized was that, if we could
install device charging stations
all over San Francisco, then no one
would be stranded without a way to
call their Uber ride!" Chad recounted
excitedly. "So as soon as I got back to
my condo I quickly started a crowd-
funding campaign promising to end
homelessness forever, which now has
\$300 million to launch our project,
which is more than the city's budget
for addressing homelessness."

Chad was very disappointed to note
that community groups that had
spent decades pushing progressive
policies to create low-income hous-
ing, prevent evictions, pass rent con-
trol policies, and stop criminalizing
poor people did not understand the
genius of his new campaign. He says
he thinks it's because the advocates
don't understand what it's like to be
homeless in San Francisco, seemingly
genuinely unaware of the fact that
these community groups are led by
people who, unlike him, have experi-
enced genuine homelessness. ■



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Thank you to ABO Comix for this submission.

GABRIEL WYATT

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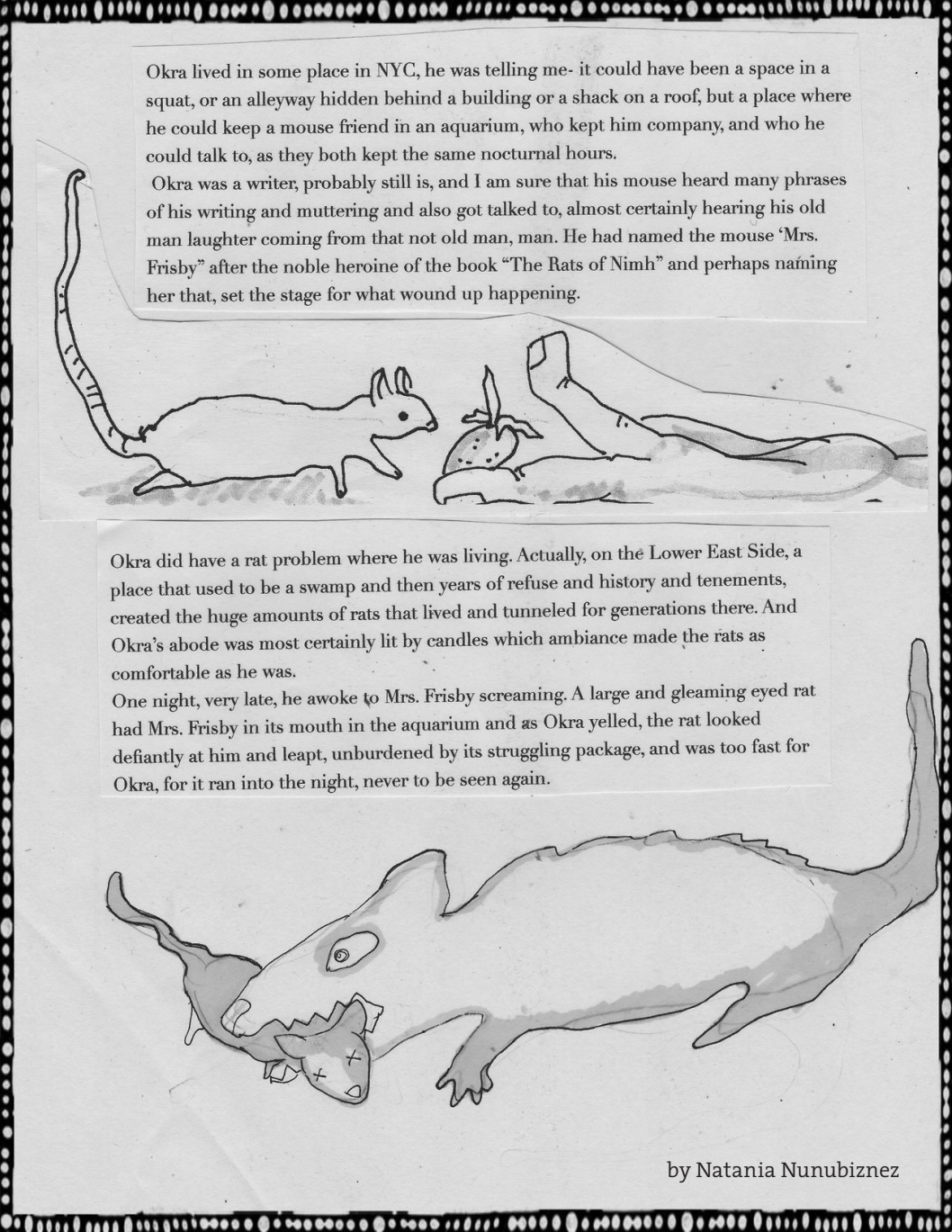
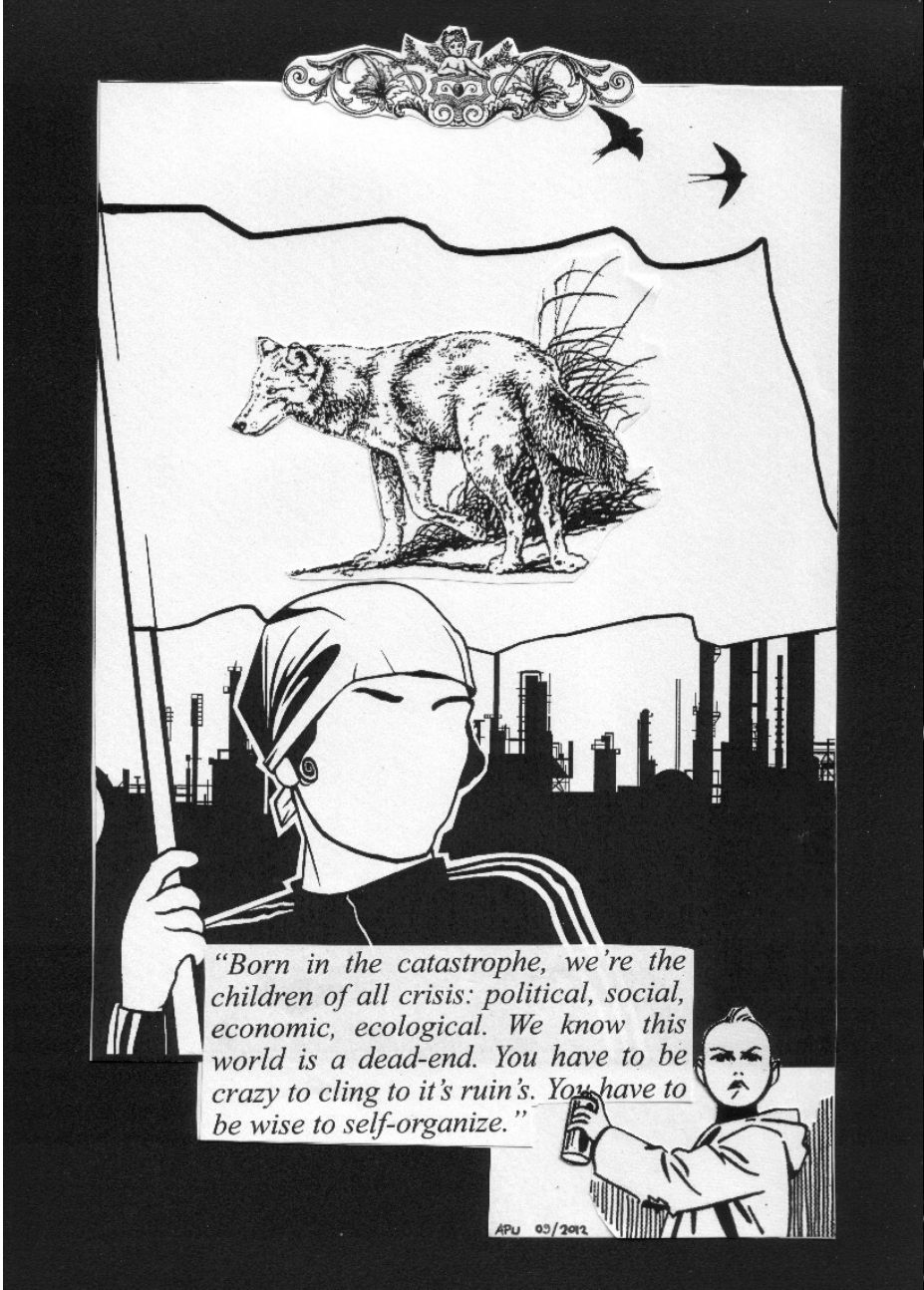
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SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR

<p>APRIL 2</p> <p>COUNTERPULSE COMMUNITY CHECK-IN</p> <p>WHERE: 80 TURK ST @4:30-5:30PM</p> <p>At this CounterPulse Community Check-in we'll be talking about the Turk & Taylor Project, a multiyear public art project CounterPulse is managing on Turk Street</p>	<p>APRIL 2</p> <p>TOWARD REAL SANCTUARY CITIES/ HACIA UNA VERDADERA CIUDADSANTUARIO</p> <p>WHERE: 518 VALENCIA ST @5:30-7:30</p> <p>A Conversation With: Corrina Gould, Gerald Lenoir, Bilal Mafundi Ali and Maria Zamudio, facilitated by Leslie Dreyer, with artwork by Melanie Cervantes</p>	<p>APRIL 3</p> <p>UNDOCUMENTED: IMMIGRATION IN AMERICA</p> <p>WHERE: ROXIE THEATER 3117 16TH ST @7-9PM</p> <p>Join us for a special benefit screening and conversation about immigration reform moderated by the Dreamer Fund!Featuring three powerful short films which provide a powerful glimpse into the lives of people affected by DACA.</p>	<p>APRIL 5</p> <p>LIFE AFTER LIFE OAKLAND FILM FESTIVAL</p> <p>WHERE: REGAL CINEMAS JACK LONDON 9 100 WASHINGTON ST OAKLAND @5:30</p> <p>After decades behind bars, three men set out to prove success can lie on the other side of tragedy.</p>
<p>APRIL 14</p> <p>SATURDAY SOCIAL WITH PROJECT OPEN HAND</p> <p>WHERE: CLEOPHUS QUEALY BEER COMPANY 448 HESTER ST, SAN LEANDRO @12PM-6PM</p> <p>A day of great beer for a great cause. A portion of the day's proceeds will go to Project Open Hand's ongoing efforts to keep senior and chronically ill members of our communities healthy by providing meals with love.</p>	<p>APRIL 16</p> <p>BEN CORT: SURPRISING TRUTHS ABOUT LEGALIZING CANNABIS</p> <p>WHERE: CHRISTOPHER B. SMITH RAFAEL FILM CENTER 1118 4TH ST, SAN RAFAEL @6-8PM</p> <p>He has recently written Weed, INC: The Truth About the Pot Lobby, THC, and the Commercial Marijuana Industry. Tickets \$7</p>	<p>APRIL 17</p> <p>COLOMBIA: THE STRUGGLE FOR LASTING PEACE</p> <p>WHERE: 2969 MISSION ST @7PM</p> <p>A tour featuring Nidia Quintero, General Secretary of FENSUAGRO, Colombia's largest federation of agricultural workers unions. \$5 to \$20 donation requested. No one turned away for lack of funds.</p>	<p>MAY 12</p> <p>BOCCE BALL</p> <p>WHERE: AQUATIC PARK BOCCE COURTS, SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Annual COH fundraiser. Stay tuned for more information</p>

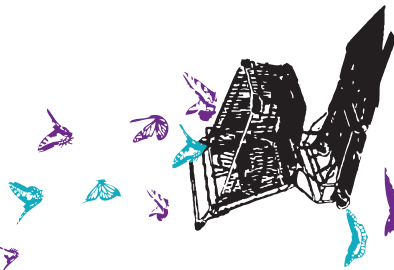




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Home

Shy Brown: Home is where the heart is. Pretty much wherever you make your home, is your home. Be it in a house, in a tent, in a box, or just plainly out on the street, that's home.

Devontaye Peevy: Home means relaxation, peace, comfort, family. It means everything to you. You're trying to protect it, you're trying to keep it, not get it took and you're trying to live in it. Home is where friends, family, everybody enjoys themselves.

Shy Brown: Don't judge me just because I'm living out here on the streets. I'm human just like anybody else, you know. I have feelings like anybody else and for a person who may own a company to look down on us, my saying is you're just one pay check away from being where I'm at.

Devontaye Peevy: Oh my gosh, to me, get to know me, you feel me, before you judge me. Get to know my personality, not where I'm at. It seems society doesn't want people to thrive, or to get better. They think ill will of the homeless because they're homeless. But take them out of their situation and put them in our shoes and see how'd they feel about that. I had an actual brother that was like them until he had to come out here. Now he's inside. He feels a little better but he says the problems inside are worse. Treat me as your equal, as you see yourself. If you treat me in a different way then I react in a different way, but come respectfully and I'll respect you too.

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Name: Shyhyene Brown and Devontaye Peevy

Age: 35 and 23

Date: 6 April 2017

Place: Alameda between San Bruno Ave and Vermont Street San Francisco, CA

Length of time without a home: Shyhyene, 6 years off and on; Devontaye, 2 years