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# GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

By Linda Lera-Randle El

—Founder of Straight From the Streets

*Someone once said: "No one is truly dead until they are forgotten." "Do you ever get afraid of death? Death is your friend. When this long hard journey is over, and I'm too tired to go on, Death will say, "I understand." "Then there'll be no more trouble, no more pain." Conversation between Junior and Nanny from the show Lackawanna Blues*

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# THE FREEHUNT EXPERIENCE

By DL Burch

Today, the year of 2007 at the Fremont Experience, located between Main Street and Las Vegas Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada, many locals and homeless people have a different voice of what they are experiencing.

There are buildings, hotels, casinos and much more attractive establishments that are being erected and restored for Las Vegas incoming tourist. Yet, locals and others who have temporarily fallen into destitution and despair are being preyed upon unconscious and incompassionate beings, who make it their daily routine to unlawfully hunt down anyone not fitting their description of a tourist. And with the backing of downtown Metro police, it has become an achievable goal.

In other words, the "Fremont Experience," has become a "Freehunt Experience." Everyday, the Fremont Experience security guards make it their daily routine to profile, stalk, humiliate and assassinate some locals and homeless person's character to keep them from rising out of terrible conditions and extenuating circumstances that have caused them to fall.

Unorthodox as it may appear, there are at least 50% of Fremont Experience workers, who are homeless security guards, porters, line servers, bus boys, hotel attendants and much more, who leave their jobs to find a grassy spot, a parking lot or some place to lie their head for rest.

Yet, because of the wrong information and awareness of the truth, most people couldn't even perceive this picture.

And those who work at the "Fremont Experience," that are homeless, they are afraid to release their "identity" or "status quo", for fear of losing their jobs, and even

more, having to endure the ill treatment that they see locals and homeless persons endure. The security guards illegally take the rights away of anyone on their hunt list. These illicit and degraded plans are strategically thought out in their secret dungeons located around the Neonopolis of Fremont Experience, where there exists no real activity, because of the constant fear of the Fremont security guards.

Instead of providing safety measurements and place of security where everyone can enjoy themselves, they invite and incite fear, intimidation, threats, illegal searches and seizures, open disrespect and distrust among their own within the city.

It is necessary to understand that all homeless people are not in their situation because of conditions and circumstances that are within their control. Many fall into categories of:

- illegal eviction (courts & law enforcements not enforcing laws)
- shelters full/not accepting certain individuals and/or charging for beds
- no family support
- home burned down
- domestic violence/shelters won't accept homeless victims
- medical (no support from family to maintain home/bills/employment)
- law suits (victims of lawsuits against certain entities/individuals)
- no affordable housing (eligibility requirements are incomprehensibly unachievable)
- Loss of employment
- credit problems (working only to build up credit)
- wrongful conviction (convicted of crimes not committed)
- defamation of character
- out-of-towners, trying to make a new start

- loss of assets through difficult divorce

And out of all the above categories, everyone of them have been considered as outcasts and treated as rejects. They have been stripped from their dignity, integrity and their rights to even be protected by security guards, and other law enforcements and authorities who condone such behaviors. And their 1st and 4th Amendment Rights have been take away unlawfully to where this literary paper is the only sound voice that may be heard by individuals who truly care to hear and make changes.

The Honorable Mayor Oscar Goodman has acclaimed to be an integral part of making sure that homeless persons make a smooth transition back into the community. But, is he in fact, aware of what the locals and homeless persons experiencing, one block away from his dwelling place.

When humanity is blatantly being taken away from certain individuals, because of their temporary situations, someone needs to stand up, and say, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!" Someone needs to change the saying, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas," to "What happens in Vegas negatively that affects Vegas, affects Everyone!"

These ill treatments are so contagious, that most employees of some establishments on the "Experience" and throughout Las Vegas have adapted these ways also.

When homeless persons can't peacefully walk down the street and come in a restaurant to eat or go to the Postal Service to get their mail, or give directions to a tourist or go to the park and meditate on their life experiences, without being constantly harassed,

threatened, humiliated in front of thousands of tourists, it's hard to see whether the Mayor's vision for homeless persons are mere words or real actions that provide real growth.

Because of the Fremont's security guards personal prejudices against homeless persons, they commit hate crimes that even they are unconsciously aware of.

Some homeless persons have voiced their experiences of having to leave restaurants in certain casinos while eating and reading for no apparent or visible reason. And many are told to never come back and are slandered to other casinos and security guard workers. Some are so widespread slandered, that the Fremont Experience security guards have defamed and inflamed their character so irreputably, that security guards on the strip have been informed of their presence when they see them, and are trained to confront them with the same prejudices and hatred because of their status.

Is there any disclaimer in Vegas that will hold up to its words without breach? This I wonder!

Many of the reasons some casinos are coming up with their own vices to get rid of homeless persons are: "this is private property, and we can do what we want." So, with that alone, they scornfully kick them off their premises or threaten to call metro police to put them in jail. And, metro policemen lack of investigative skills and righteousness of the law fail to do what is right and go along with the majority of all merchants and authority: therefore, taking away the right from vulnerable and helpless individuals. They pervert justice and sit back devising more

oppressive plans to attack the homeless people with. They take up their vocation only to receive and rely upon their benefits and their 501(k) retirement plan.

Yes, the hunt is on! And its starts at the "Fremont or Freehunt Experience." It's a "free" hunt where everyone's invited. All you have to do is have a heart that hates, and your anger will do the rest.

Unfortunately, its a hunt towards innocent individuals who are down on their luck. And those individuals that are hunting them are also seeking to destroy them. They don't want to see them arise: they don't want to see them do better. They fail to realize that when they are home in their comfortable beds, someone in the night that's desperate, are preying on a helpless homeless person, who may not ever receive protection, because the eyes of those who are assigned to protect them, look away as though they are blind and take away the security and protection of those who cannot protect themselves, because of their own personal prejudices.

## ***THE REALITY OF LIFE***

**By Launa Wilson, MSW**

The reality of life in many metropolitan cities is that most people don't care about the homeless. In a society where individualism and capitalism are rewarded with huge paychecks, and charity and selflessness are rewarded with plaques and ribbons, it's more important to most people to worry about themselves than people who are living on the streets. This is the truth in my cynical yet realistic view, and this truth applies to the average citizen in this place I've called home for almost fifteen years. Unfortunately, it also applies to the people we elect to represent and serve us in public office.

This is why I think it's so important for everyone, including homeless individuals, to vote. Elected officials are accountable to the voters, and being a part of the voting population can give the homeless the power to be heard. Otherwise, all the complaining, screaming, yelling, and protesting in the world would mean nothing, and would fall on deaf ears.

Many people have called me crazy when I talk about homeless people going to the polls. They may say that the homeless are not worthy of voting because they aren't contributing members of society. Or they may point out the plethora of other, more pressing issues: shelter, food, clothing, access to health care, etc. But these other issues are the precise reason why homeless individuals should register and vote. It's so easy to complain about what's wrong with the system. I know there are many systemic problems and gaps in every social welfare system, not just the one that's supposed to assist the homeless. But how can any of these problems be fixed without the voices of the people most affected?

Our elected officials need to hear from every side when making decisions that affect one of our most vulnerable populations. But for too long, the most important characters in this story have been ignored because everyone knows that they are voiceless in the eyes of the elected. Thus, they continue to get shuffled along from inadequate service to inadequate service. Advocates think they know what's needed, and work hard to be the voice of reason; social service agencies think they know what's needed, and work even harder to modify behaviors; and most voters continue to be oblivious as long as the homeless are "not in my back yard". Meanwhile, the "solutions" are nothing more than band aids on terminal wounds, and the homeless continue to die on the streets.

Despite my cynicism, I truly believe that there's hope with the ballot box. If there's someone in office who doesn't meet our needs, we have the power to vote them out. If there's a measure on the ballot that doesn't make sense, we have the power to vote it down. If there's something that we need to make our community better, we have the power to speak up to those who can make it happen. Voting may not be on the top three list of basic needs; but for the homeless, voting can certainly affect access to each and every one of those needs. Voting is the way to gain a voice as a citizen, a way to have a say over things that affect our lives. It's our only recourse of accountability for the people charged with caring for all citizens, including the ones who live on the streets.

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# THOSE VOICES OUTSIDE YOUR EARBUDS

By Bill Goldberg

There's something about this city. It's a tough place. Most of the people who work here work hard for their money. Robert Putnam in his book *Bowling Alone* describes Nevada as low in social capital with one of its characteristics being pugnaciousness. Las Vegas is an aggressive city. People work, drive and play with an angry aggressiveness that I have only seen and felt in this city.

This is also reflected in how people treat the homeless. This is the home of the "bumfight" videos where homeless people who are not considered human are paid a small amount of money to fight each other. Pugnacious comes from the word "pugilist," which is the Latin word for a boxer, so it fits.

One of my first impressions of Las Vegas occurred down on Fremont Street. I was crossing the street when a homeless man asked me for money. I gave him some change. A woman crossing with me saw this and told me in a very angry and self-righteous way that I should not do that because she worked for her money.

Her anger at me was real. I offended her by giving and I didn't understand her reaction for a long time. I have gradually come to understand this anger. Another incident helped me get it.

I was with some friends and we had just finished a meal at a good restaurant in a more run down section of the city. We were standing outside talking when a homeless woman came up to me and asked for some money.

She said, "Please don't yell at me, but if you have some money you could give me, it would be appreciated."

I asked her why she thought I would yell at her and she said that a lot of the time when she asks for

money people do that. I said that was crazy and gave her some money. I'm usually grateful for the chance that homeless people give me to do something good for another human being, even though I know that it's never enough to really help a lot, so I feel bad at the same time that I give.

My friends kept talking to each other and didn't even acknowledge that I was interacting with this woman. They are all compassionate, caring people, and I suddenly realized that if they took notice of my interaction with the woman, they would have to confront a moral dilemma: choosing either to give something or to rationalize not giving. Their best choice was to not even acknowledge the event.

I think this happens a lot. That might explain some of the anger felt toward the homeless and why they are somewhat invisible to the general population. Also, people in Las Vegas are not used to talking to people on the street. We are a mobile community.

When I lived in Seattle, the average citizen had some street contact with homeless people. Some people were afraid of the homeless, but many understood that we all could be homeless given the right circumstances. Also, face-to-face interactions make all people more real to each other. So it was not uncommon for homeless people to talk to other people.

In Las Vegas, the only contact many people have with the homeless is as they drive by in their cars. I have even found it hard to give to the homeless in this situation. It has to be quickly coordinated, with the homeless person seeing you at the same time that you can get your money out and motion them over. This all has to happen before the light changes

and the people around you in the other cars are either angry at you for slowing up traffic, angry at you for making them feel bad, self-righteous and angry at you for giving to the less fortunate, or just indifferent. It's a lot harder to help in this situation.

Many people now see the homeless from behind a wall of culture. Seeing the world in an abstract way while watching television and movies has now moved to every part of life. The prevalence of iPods and cell phones makes it possible for people no longer to have contact with anybody around them, even while they're in public places. This can only make the homeless even more invisible.

I hope that I'm wrong about this, but I see it every day. It's a strange feeling seeing people walk and drive around in a self-absorbed daze. That iPod/cell phone daze has become an everyday occurrence, at least in my world. Alienation is the new togetherness.

It's tough to be homeless anywhere and it's even harder in a place like Las Vegas. Money rules everything. Speed is king. But, please, just for one minute try to understand what it's like to have to struggle every day just to make it to the next day. I've never been homeless, but I have tried to understand. If you can give something, it will help someone else who really does exist, and it will also help you.

Give it a try. You might be surprised at the result.

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# A BEST FRIEND

By Kurt Borchard

—author and associate professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska-Kearney

Bruce and I stand in a field across from Jerry's Nugget. He describes what he's seen since he began camping here three months ago.

"I know [drug addicted] girls who come here after working at the Palomino Club. No amount of money [they make] is enough. She will give you a blow job for five dollars if she doesn't have any money left."

Bruce is 35. He has been in the U.S. thirteen years since coming from Ethiopia. He lived in Chicago for a few years when a friend talked him into moving to Minnesota. There his drinking increased. He moved to Las Vegas eight years ago. He has worked many jobs in town—a bar back, a runner, a dealer, but he found his last job to be too difficult to perform while he was hung over. He said he preferred the swing shift because he could start drinking at midnight and continue until six a.m. Eventually, he says, "I started drinking twenty-four hours."

He said most of the guys in the field are alcoholics. He said drug addicts don't stay in the field much, because they become paranoid, and they need a better area to hide.

"Out here, you can't hide," he told me.

Bruce said there were a lot of different ways people made money while living in the field. Some people worked jobs. Others made ends meet with the help of nearby recycling companies.

"Some collect cans, and make a quick thirty dollars for their efforts."

He wanted to reflect on homelessness. He had been thinking about it a lot while sitting

out here in the field. But his thoughts seemed to overlap with how he might be feeling about himself.

"The more you are homeless, you feel yourself less. You feel society has abandoned you—you stop caring. If you've been a long time homeless, you just give up."

I asked him if he worried that his few worldly possessions in his camp might get stolen. He didn't. He said that by the time you were living out on this lot, you knew that everyone around you is destitute.

He explained that the area was safe, "because you have nothing to lose."

We walked to Rite Aid a few blocks away.

"Alcoholics know where to buy alcohol cheap," he says. "Here [at Rite Aid], it's a dollar-nine. At the 7-11 across from the camp it's a dollar-forty-nine."

Inside the store he showed me the can of Steel Reserve, a malt liquor. He pointed out that it is eight-and-a-half percent alcohol, and twenty-four ounces. He clarified how much alcohol that really was: "That's about three Miller cans."

He seemed to know that he had reached a stage of alcoholism where he needed it just to function.

"When you have a few beers, everything feels normal. You don't feel angry or bad anymore."

He liked hypothesizing about homelessness. He often returned to the themes that there were many reasons for homelessness, that people's preconceptions of homeless people don't always stand up to closer scrutiny, and that addictions are important contributing factors.

"A lot of homeless people, they

gamble and can't help it. If homeless people tell you they don't drink or gamble, they're lying. For some, nothing else exists except that pipe. Crack and meth are on every corner [here]. This lot is mostly alcoholics. About thirty-five people crash here. Some of them keep working. They work during the day."

We eventually return through a hole in the fence to his campsite.

He pulls out a plastic milk crate, and tells me to have a seat while he sits on the ground. He showed me his identification cards for various casinos that had employed him around town. At some point Bruce realized, though, that his commitment to alcohol made full-time work impossible.

"Right now I can't work casino, just day labor. It has to be a temporary job, not a steady job." "I used to work full time. When you drink, you can't wait to cash out that [pay]check."

Thinking about Bruce, I note that Las Vegas both attracts individuals with uncontrollable vices, but then offers those individuals little help when they lose control. He seems to be able to objectively assess his drinking and the problems it is causing him, but utterly incapable of stopping.

He seems to be constructing his life the best he can now based on his alcoholism, like it is a disease he's learned to live with. His alcoholism is not discussed as a problem, but more like a fact defining his life, even while he hides it from others.

Then Bruce made perhaps the most edifying statement of our interview, looking at the beer in his hand.

"This is the best friend I have."

# A BROKEN SHELL

By Bruce (E.D.) Feaster

*I am a broken shell, on this harsh earth in which I dwell. I sail through life in my own hell, from my own soul I sin so well. It's hard for me to love myself so caught up in self hate and death. So how can one such as he, truly love me 'til his last breath.*

*Oh My Lord I pray to thee, for I know, in my heart the pain you see. Which weeps so soundlessly, so in need. On bended knees, eyes wide shut, so open, please hear my pleas. My loneliness consumes me, like a fire consumes it's fuel. Slowly, ever so slowly, until the darkness is like a tomb.*

*My sorrow sinks to depths unknown, please don't keep this soul so all alone. Bring me home, bring me home, to heaven above where the garden has grown. From these struggles I am a broken shell. Am I the cause of my own hell? I can't tell because I feel I've failed. Until a mission was placed in the path in which I dwelled.*

*Can I be saved, can I behave? I could have been amongst the lost enslaved. The answer is it could not be, for it's God's will for us to be free. So I stop fighting and cease to struggle. There is no more pain for God has done away with all my troubles.*

*I feel his peace so to sin I say farewell. I am complete, no longer a broken shell.*

Bruce (E.D.) Feaster

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Goodbye Amanda!

Forgotten Voice Founder, Amanda Haymond has shown us what hard work and dedication can accomplish. She had a dream to give a voice to the homeless and saw to it that it became a reality with the birth of the Forgotten Voice newspaper. Goodbye Amanda, and we wish you the best with all of your future endeavors!

## City Council Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month except on holidays.

City Hall: 400 Stewart Ave., Las Vegas, NV

Council Chambers

Morning session begins at 9:00 am

Afternoon session begins at 1:00 pm

(public comment is at the end)

## Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition's Committee on Homelessness

Meets every third Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm at the Clark County Government Center Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV.

## Meet the Mayor!

Generally, every month Mayor Oscar Goodman has a "Coffee with the Mayor" followed by an open door meeting. These meetings are open to all and participation is encouraged.

"Coffee With the Mayor" events will resume in January 2008. Tentative date for the next meeting is January 18, 2008. Place has not yet been determined. Call the mayor's office for more information: 229-6241



**Nevada Homeless Alliance includes service providers and consumers in the region working together as resources and advocates for the homeless.**

**For more information and a schedule of upcoming meetings, please contact**

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For more information or to volunteer, please contact Help Hope Home by phone at (702) 455-5832, email at [caw@co.clark.nv.us](mailto:caw@co.clark.nv.us) or visit [www.helphopehome.org](http://www.helphopehome.org)



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**Founded in 1989 in Southern California, HomeAid partners with homeless housing providers and the building industry to build housing for America's homeless.**

### MISSION

to build housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives

### VISION

to be a vital force in eliminating homelessness

### CURRENT PROJECTS

- st. jude's ranch for children renovation of 40-acre campus equal to 56 shelter beds
- women's development center renovation of 5 apartment buildings equal to 74 shelter beds
- boys hope girls hope new construction of an 8 bed home for girls
- girls and boys town new construction of 2 homes for 12 youth

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