

Address of Note

Staff addresses me problem
First 23 person address
Note is not address

As per us a problem
Being noticed
Proof of who is problem
Is not noticed
Should be noted

I'm a problem?
How could I be the problem?
The problem is around

People have more communications
Than I do
With each other.

I get a check, SSI
I've been on 2 appointments
I go to laundry once a week
Sometimes twice
Esteem worker
And I communicate
With staff

Brandon B.

After 20 yrs of living? Or
Should I say existing, I am now in a
Position of having a place of my own.
Am I ready? I hope so, but if I feel
That I have an adjustment issue, I do
Have a support system to help me
Re-adjust to self-supporting living

It is not as easy as it seems,
It is a big step from "street life" to
Having a "real life".

It is a chance to re-establish my
Direction as far as self esteem, and
Self respect. This is not an easy
Time and requires a lot of self evaluation
Not an easy thing to do after not
Caring about ones self.

Patrick O.

The Ocean

I've been in it
But those waves take you
Way out
I only stick my feet in it
I don't let it go to my
Waist.
If you let it go to your
Waist
Those big tidal waves
They'll kick your butt
There
Not even a lifeguard'll
Save you.

Clarence M.

Some Shelters

Some shelters you can't even
Shut your eyes
I went to Bedford Avenue
With my brother
Then went out to get some
Chinese food
They took my brother
Threw him off a terrace
And stuck a knife in him
Was he dead?
Yeah.

Johnny P.

Coney Island

It's good to a certain
Point
Now there's a big organization
Coming in
They're coming in and
Taking everything
Aquator is supposed to
Be taking over
Coney Island
I go to the board meetings
They are trying to change
The zoning
To build houses where
The rides are
They can't do that
Now they're taking Astroland
There's trailer
There's going to be a lot
Of things nobody
Wants
They're taking about charging
To be on the boardwalk
The board said no way
They can't take the cyclone
Because it's a landmark
There's rides they can't
Take down
The Cyclone, the Wonder Wheel, and the
Parachute.
You won't see Astroland
No more.

August C.

Down on Beaver Street

I was down on Beaver Street. Coming out
of the shelter with a guy.

The guy was seeking information. He
wanted someone he could trust.

All I know the police showed up. They
took our ID and checked our pockets.

The police wanted to know how long I
knew this guy.

They said this guy is wanted for robbery
and burglary.

Police told me I was walking with a
criminal.

He had a gun on him. Police wanted to
know did I know about it.

I told them no. Police put the guy in a car.
He had pocketful of money. At least two
or three thousand dollars.

He had given me a jacket. But I let the
police go. And I went on with the jacket.

Later I checked the pocket there was
\$8,900 in it.

The guy tried to send somebody for a
murphy game. His buddy came to see me.
Tried to take the jacket. I didn't give it to
him.

Later the first guy called me. He said it
was okay. Said he was never going to see
the street again. I could keep the jacket.

Herbert S.

Get High

A lady gave me \$100 one time
I was sleeping

Covers over me and everything

A lady came by

She said "here" and

Gave me \$100.

"What'd I do?"

"I went out and got high"

The next day I still had

\$20 in one pocket

And \$20 in another.

Ruben Vega

Gotta see the Doctor

Alexia is taking me to

Red Lobster

I gotta go take a shower

I'll be five minutes

That's it?

More?

Darrell A.

Homeless

The reason I got homeless
Was my mother had passed
She died in my arms
In the hospital
She had this boyfriend
And the apartment was
In his name.
He said he didn't love me
And I had to go.
He told me I
Had to move out
My aunt and all of them told
Me to take everything
Move it around in the family
I was waiting on SSI
So I couldn't pay the rent.
He told me I had to go
I tried to barricade myself
In the apartment.
I left at some point
Came back and there was a
Bolt on the door
That's since 1972
I've been homeless since.

John P.

New Television

Tomorrow I am buying a television
Sometimes I listen to the radio
But I want something I
Can watch
The radios okay
But I'd rather have TV
I can watch shows
I can watch movies
I watch channel 4
I like to see Friends
It's funny
It makes me laugh
I like being alone sometimes
I'm very quiet
But I live to laugh
I have a lot of
Fun when I laugh.

Thomas S.

What's the first thing a Southerner makes
on New Years Eve?
Hopping John – Black eyed peas,
Collared Greens and Pork shanks

Patrick O.

3 Card Money

I watched a woman
Lose her earrings
Her necklace
And a wedding ring
All inside 10 minutes
Not to mention about
\$300 in cash.

Herbert L.

Cooking

I worked in the South
Street Seaport
I could make Chicken
Fried Steak. I had a recipe published in
The New York Times.
I made chicken Gabrielle
These was a Bernaise sauce on
It

I cover myself without a blanket

I cover myself without a blanket
When immigration took me
To the terminal and
They left me there
With a flat tire
Between this and that
The airplane flew already
And that's a U
I can't talk without putting
The news on
Without reading the paper

God loves me
He left me stay in New York
It came from the sky
It means God loves me
Whatever happens
I believe in God.

Yeoda Y.

IT'S HARD OUT THERE

It is hard out there man
Looking for family
You can't find anybody
I was shocked that my
Sister was looking for
Me, I lived with her for 4 years.
1 year moved in with my brother
By September I left.
Last September it was 1 year
Years on the street
Sometimes I write it
Down on a paper, when I go such place
When they asked me
I sometimes feel ashamed.
It seem I have to get my own place
My own apartment
The longer you spend in the
Street
The harder it is
Can't get a good job
Especially if you have no
Place to stay.

Jean A.

SHELTER – Suggestion Box #3

We are in a shelter
We have to be happy
About what we
Get
Remember where you come
From
You have to be satisfied
They give you enough
But they ask if you want
More
Don't make a problem
From something
When you have nothing
To do.

Kareem H.

No Big Deal

I was crossing the street
10 or 11 in the morning
the guy was coming out of
a parking spot
he just, he hit me
I was trying to beat the
Light.
I'm fast
But I wasn't that fast that
Day
I could've got killed
Right?

Carlos S.

Darrell

One time I was in Madison Square
Garden
And this lady came by
She was dressed nice
She asked me if I was homeless
This lady took me to a restaurant
Then she went to an ATM
And handed me an envelope
She told me she knew how it
Was to be homeless
Because her brother was on the
Street
She gave me an envelope with
3 \$100 bills.
I wasn't getting high so
I spent that money
Little bit by little bit
Even now that I'm not homeless
People still want
To give me food.

Darrell A.

OPEN DOOR

I go in at 12
I work until 2
On Thursday I work 11 to 1
Because I attend employment
Meetings
I do maintenance
I hangout in a different
Atmosphere for a few hours
And it's fine.

The kitchen is inside
Residents don't go in it
There serve more people
There's a waiting list
They have more then just
Residents for meals
Probably 60 people.

There are activity planners
Right how they are
Participating on Halloween
They also have housing meetings.

They have activity planners
They have decorations
I'll probably get candy.

For Christmas it would be
Gifts
For Thanksgiving it might
Be a dinner.

And it's co-ed
There's no bed
There are chains
At night
It's a drop in center.

Brandon B.

Second Opinion

Whatever is bothering you
It's all right
Talking to him
But if you don't get
What you
Need
Seek someone else's advice
I had an appointment
I missed it because I
Was sick
But I came back and
Asked for another
Appointment
Some of the time people
They act like they're
Your friends
But they may not be
If you help me
I'll help you
If you cant help me
Get my business
Straight
You can't be my friend
You're not
They always want a dollar.

Robert R.