

Tour '89 RFK wrong date to present day marriage

by Shannon Waif

The sun blushing on the arid desert plateau
The smell of dry musty and visible
rising dust with mirages speaking;
filling the sky from where it reaches
the earth

No communication, but the favorite ambience
laundry drying outside the invisible
the barbershop quartet laughs in the distance
the frequency of time
witches, elves, fairies, hippies, trolls, shamen,
plain folk and nerds;
caught in the mud footstomp and madness
Laughter in the showers
Laughter in the wind
Laughter during the wee hours of midnight

A woman adorned with a fruit basket,
worn just like a hat; she is strapped to
her brother's shoulders

Almost lost, but always there, two dog
whistle calls for you

Arguing in awe; inspirational reactions
sleeping in the sun
Every spoken utter realizes the truth
with the philosophies of love and kindness
don't know; or know everything
Remember your brother, sister, and even family
to give you a helping hand

See ya at the next drum fest
it's the only word around today

Some guys outside can recall
and say "I hate his girlfriends"
the real truth is ... throughout
the shadows of maypole dancing
of real women-
all of them, some of them, not any at all
will throw you roses
take note please
the sparkle in her eyes
and the fairness in her face.
The inner aura that speaks to you and me
always taken by somebody, her
true love and God:
please absorb this and
respect their analogies
perpetual love between him and her
she can tell him more graces at supertime
we ran into each other at some dumb show

its true, it breaks their hearts
love is blind we got our last all at our favorite
dive; we took the cab ride home

Dumb ass crap; more than a thought
overstated for a lifetime of bliss

I got lost again; I find you asleep
realizing your dreams are at a true
aspect and at peace- referring
our lives together and starting our
lives over everyday
in a refined bonded recluse
way of life;
not trapped- but with the
freedoms of the slurring of everyday life
- love is for ever
your mother gives you birth everyday.
even at a Dead show

Camping lawsuit plods on in executive session

The Portland City Council met in executive session on Wednesday, Sept. 29, to discuss the Oregon Law Center's lawsuit against the city over the Portland's anti-camping ordinance. The ordinance prohibits camping in public spaces, and the lawsuit claims that the law effectively criminalizes homeless people and violates their 8th Amendment constitutional right to not be cruelly or unusually punished.

Journalists are allowed to attend executive sessions, but are prohibited by law to publish what occurred. Mayor Sam Adams, Commissioner Nick Fish, and City Attorney Linda Meng declined to give any comments on the record.

The executive session is the first significant event related to the lawsuit since settlement negotiations between city attorneys and Oregon Law Center attorney Monica Goracke stalled earlier this year.

In December, it looked all but certain that a settlement would be reached. An ordinance surfaced on Dec. 16 and would have been heard during the City Council's Jan. 6 meeting would have established a new set of camping guidelines for the estimated 2,000 Portlanders left to sleep outdoors after the shelters are full. It would also have paid \$30,000 to the case's plaintiffs, as well as attorney's fees to the Oregon Law Center. The ordinance was withdrawn before it reached City Council.

The lawsuit was filed nearly two years ago, and exhaustive settlement talks have focused on allowing camping in public spaces owned by the city, along with a specific set of guidelines regarding the size of camps and times of the day camps could exist. The guidelines would have been a significant shift away from current policy, which make it illegal for any person to camp on public property.

There was also an effort, led by Fish, to create a program modeled after a Eugene program that would allow homeless people with cars or campers to camp in the parking lots of participating churches and businesses. Fish, who oversees the Portland Housing Bureau, in February said he planned on introducing an ordinance to City Council to create such a program. The ordinance was never introduced.

There is currently no active attempt to settle the lawsuit. If the lawsuit proceeds toward litigation, the next step in the process is conducting discovery, or a sharing of documents between both legal teams. A trial date has not yet been set, but the case has been assigned to United States District Court Judge Ann Aiken.

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