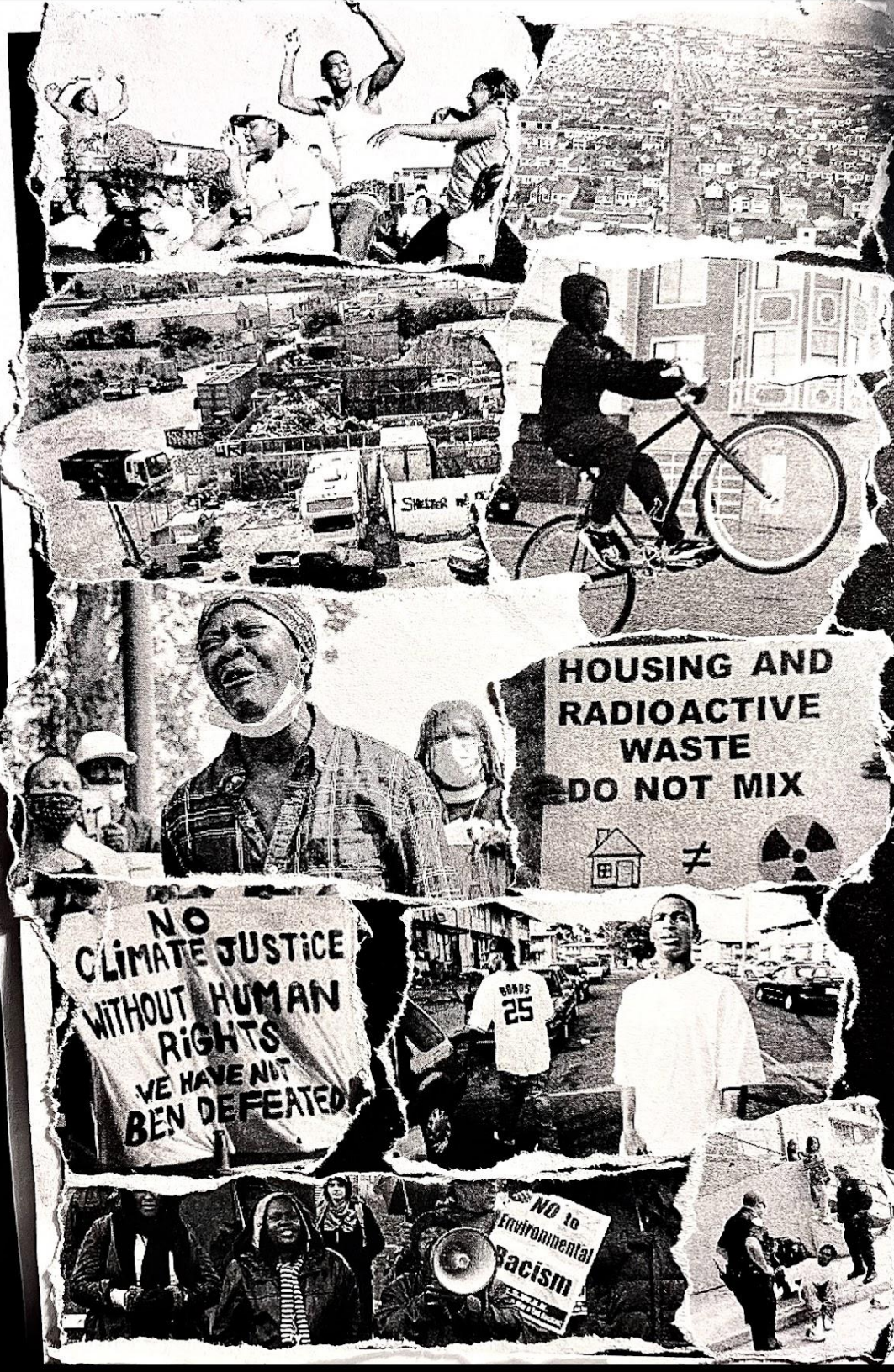




INJUSTICES in the BAY VIEW HUNTER'S POINT COMMUNITY

YVA is a group of
activists working to fight
against climate injustice.

The youth group responsible for
creating this booklet is a cohort
under YVA based in San Francisco.

They teach youth who wish to join
about the environmental

discrimination that is present
and ever growing in the Bay Area.
It is important that the newer
generations are aware of what is
going on where they live. So they
can learn to fight for their

community, and so they can pave a
new, just, way for the future.

YOUTH vs APOCALYPSE



WHAT IS GOING ON IN BAY VIEW HUNTER'S POINT?

Hunters Point is one of the more
neglected neighborhoods in SF. They
deal with a food desert, over policing
and pollution.

In 1939 the US Navy purchased the
Hunters Point commercial dock, and
became one of the US major shipyard.
This area was used to clean of ships
used for nuclear testing - essentially
blowing all the radioactive remains
on the ships into San Francisco.
Now, the naval shipyard has yet to be
cleaned and the residents continue to
be affected negatively.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Dr. Sumchai is a doctor from SF currently testing BVHP residents for toxic metal and radiation to gather enough data to prove that there is a significant cancer cluster in the area. She has found correlation with those who have tumors with exposure to arsenic, and vanadium- along with other health concerns.

If you want to help her continue her testing. Please consider donating to her gofundme!

<https://gofund.me/1dd826c7>



WHO IS BEING AFFECTED AND HOW?

When it comes to climate change, and environmental discrimination those affected are predominantly black and brown people of low income. They are systematically oppressed, making them easy to abuse and neglect. Children are being impacted by the pollution in their neighborhoods, and scarcity of healthy food, which in turn can affect future quality of life. *86% of children in the BVHP area develop severe asthma before kindergarten.*

This government neglect is a form of oppression- because they specifically target these people with problems out of their control.

When you grow up with health issues from a young age, no accessible healthy food, and a unsafe and un-upkept neighborhood this affects you. Your ability to learn and thrive in school, which can be an important key to having a good life.



ACTIVISTS FIGHTING FOR BVHP

Marie Harrison was a black activist living in BVHP. She had fought for decades for the people and children being affected by the pollution in her neighborhood. Not coincidentally she ended up dying because of the conditions in BVHP.

At 71 she died of an inoperable lung condition, she had never smoked in her life. Her daughter, Arleann Harrison is keeping her mother's fight alive, and continues to advocate for her community. She has opened up a clean air center, a safe space in their local library. She is planning on opening up more soon. She is also the founder of the Marie Harrison Foundation, opened up to help strengthen the community in her mother's name.

If you are curious search up her name on YouTube to hear her speak about the issues affecting her community – or visit the website for the foundation.

<https://www.canwellive.org/>



WHO NEEDS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE?

A company named, *Tetra Tech*, was hired to clean out the old radioactive shipyard. 2 Tetra Tech employees were caught, and charged for falsifying results. The US army was thereafter brought in to investigate the levels of radioactive remnants for the previous ship decontamination. They found signs of Strontium, Sr 90. Which was previously used in paints, to make ship equipment luminescent.

The Navy later dismissed the elevated levels of Sr 90, saying that the data is "unreliable". They said they would "review the process to improve better data quality." They then created falsified documents and stated that there was "no indicated risk to human health".

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), emailed the Navy telling them "it reads as if the Navy is suppressing data results it doesn't like".



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