

WHERE THEY WORK



By Jeremy Dean **People and their Workplaces**

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A small, framed hand drawing shows the word "chaos" transitioning into the word "order". This quite sums up how Anita Monoian came about being in her present office, the newly-restored Richey House.

A former home of pigeons and American graffiti, this 1901 structure now holds the office of the C.E.O of Yakima Neighborhood Health Services, with offices, and patient rooms on the second and third floors.

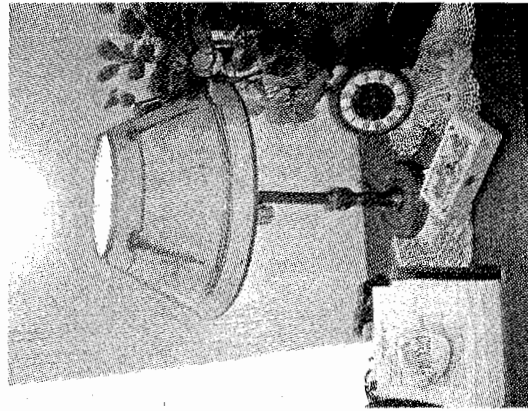
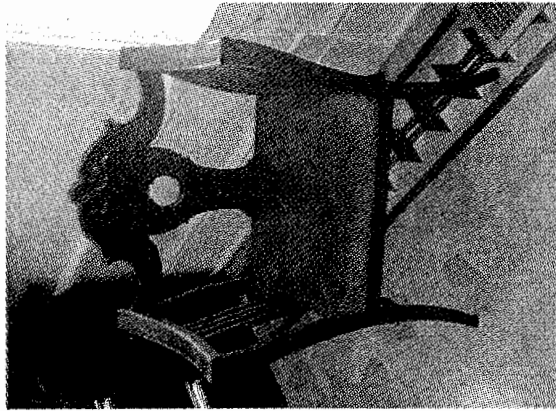
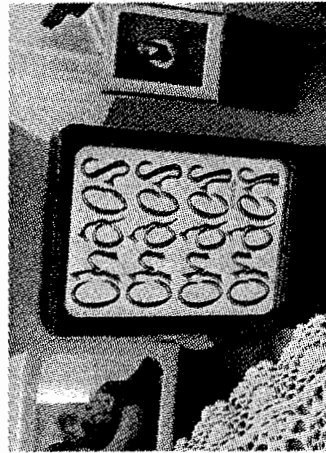
The floor and ceiling are a highly-detailed reflection of the past, with its ceramic cherubs, and hand-cut hardwoods.

Despite of its antiquity, the house is predicated by a pre-Civil War chair, that uncomfortably encourages good posture. It is a wallflower in among more noticeable relics such as the painted rock that serves as a paperweight, or the crystal jar full of bit size candy bars waiting for a little hand.

There are some unique lamps, one from the 20's having been rewired several times, while another, shaped like a tree, has a swinging pixie.

Monoian holds to the philosophy that beauty should be enjoyed by people of all economic classes. How appropriate, then, that it serves as a hub for low-income families seeking medical attention.

Slated to be demolished more than once, this is truly the office that almost wasn't.



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